



Darkness. That's how I would describe our world, a place of darkness. Why am I thinking this? Today as I write this article is the day that a woman came into the Covenant Christian school and gunned down small children and several adults. Why? Darkness. Sin has such a destructive influence that ends in darkness. People that I talked with about the shooting were simply at a loss and could only say "I don't know what this world is coming too!" I understand. I don't know where the world is going. But as I was thinking about this terrible tragedy, a thought came to my mind: *Jesus came to redeem a sick and dark world like ours. What a sacrificial love, what a Savior!* When the Bible proclaims that He loved the world so much that He gave us His only Son, it is not referencing a nice and slightly out of shape world. It is talking about this *dark* world. With Easter upon us, I want to point you to the Cross where for a period of several hours, *darkness* descended on Calvary. It was the *darkness* of God's judgment for our sin laid upon Jesus. Yes, because of our sin Jesus suffered *darkness*. And then following His death, He was sealed up in a *dark* tomb. But on Easter morning, God rolled away the stone. Why? Couldn't Jesus simply transport through the rock and appear? Sure, but rolling the stone drove away the *darkness* and allowed the sunrise to enter into the *darkness* and drive it away. And now, there is nothing to fear about the darkness for Jesus IS the light of the world. O how He loves you and me!

Pastor Larry

Save the Dates



May 7th is Student Sunday. We'll celebrate our graduates, Kimberly Fox, Caroline Kent, and Gifty Kwaw-Mensah. We will have Student-Led Worship. You don't want to miss it!

June 4th is Happy Retirement Celebration for Pastor Larry and Brenda! We will celebrate in the Gym after Connections. If you want to help, ask a Fox or a Holladay!

Easter Egg Hunt



**April 2nd
In the Gym**

**Registration—3:30pm
Hunt begins—4:00pm**

Prizes and a supper snack for all.
Join us as we welcome our Community into our church through this Easter Egg Hunt.
(See Bro. Mark if you can help)

Annie Armstrong

For the month of April we will be taking a special offering for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering helps our North American Missions to spread the word of Jesus Christ. Please be in prayer as you consider this offering above and beyond your tithe.



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Join us as we take another adventure on April 11th. We will be taking the bus to eat at “5 Chefs” in Portland, TN. There will also be a few minutes of shopping. It is about a forty-five minute drive, so check with Ann or Glenna to see what time to meet at the church. There is sure to be some laughs on the drive up and maybe a little snoring on the way back. You can look the menu up online (there is some really good food on it).



- Apr 3 Betty Bellar
- Apr 5 Mary Coleman
- Apr 8 Carrie Holladay
- Apr 9 Geraldine Vinson
- Apr 13 Lynn Cox
Rick Mastin
- Apr 14 Jody Hume-Rowland
- Apr 16 Louie Bourland
- Apr 17 Sue Maynard
Audrey Holladay
- Apr 20 Henry Baah
- Apr 22 Jeremiah Griffith



Grades 7-12
Join us at
THE FOUNDRY!

Wednesdays
Beginning at 6:00PM till 7:15PM
We're now meeting in the Basement

April 15—Hobby Day
@ Una
May 7—Student-led
Worship

Sunday morning Connections Group, 10:45-11:45
Bible study with Aaron Holladay and Cereal bar

Please watch Group Me and social media for updates and upcoming events!

Wee Worship

- Apr 2 Aaron Holladay & Caroline Kent
- Apr 9 Chris Wurth & Kimberly Fox
- Apr 16 Rachelle Schuerman & Emma Szostak
- Apr 23 Joy Brewer & Jody Rowland
- Apr 30 Rachelle Schuerman & (Need a helper)



B.L.A.S.T.
Brenda Floyd

Crop and Craft

Please watch Social Media
for next date!



Welcome to the Una Family!

Carson Schuerman made his profession of faith public on March 19, 2023 after accepting Christ in his heart as his Savior. Bro. Mark had the honor of baptizing his son immediately following the invitation.

(Pictured with Carson is his niece, Aurora Dream.)

THANK YOU, to everyone who helped Una have another successful year of Room in the Inn. For five months we welcomed 12 men one Saturday a month into our Gym. The teams fed them, gave them a place to shower, a clean set of clothes, toiletries, and a warm, safe place to sleep. In the morning before they returned a wonderful breakfast was served and a sack lunch was given to each man. So, again THANK YOU for everything and anything you did for our season of Room in the Inn.



Potato Palooza Fun (Continued)

F O O D



FUN





For the past few month, we have been highlighting our different age groups in JAM. As you will see, we are busy on **Wednesday** nights in preparation for our **Sunday, May 7th** Celebration. In Grades 4-6th, we are currently learning a fun skit with a wonderful message on faith and trust. (They crack me up every week.) We also are getting the opportunity to learn about puppetry. What fun! And that is not all. We are rehearsing two songs with incredible words of truth about who Jesus is and how that can make a difference in our lives everyday. Last, but not least, we have opened back up the handbell cases and are learning to play a handbell piece. YAY! It is great to hear all the various sounds of music, singing, laughter and teaching about God all taking place down in the hallways of the basement. This group of 4-6th graders have been such a joy. Be sure and take a look at our JAM pictures and see the students hard at work and having fun all at the same time!



first look

As we celebrate Easter, we want our preschoolers to know Jesus is alive and wants to be our friend.

Lessons for April are:

- Week 1 – We celebrate Jesus because He is special.
- Week 2 – Jesus is alive.
- Week 3 – Jesus wants to be our friend forever.
- Week 4 – Jesus wants me to tell others He is alive.
- Week 5 – Jesus taught us how to love one another.

Our April verse is taken from Revelation 1:18 NIV as “I am alive forever and ever.”



HUMILITY: All through the month of April in Una kids, we are looking at what being humble means and how Jesus is the perfect example of humility. Life can never be just about you. We live in a world that often feels like it is all about “me” all the time and how everything impacts our personal life. The world really doesn’t work that way. We need each other. We can’t live the life God wants for us when all we think about is ourselves. We need to see the needs of others. Figure out how we can help. So what exactly is humility? Glad you asked. **HUMILITY** is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. Jesus was the ultimate example of humility. Throughout the gospels, we see how Jesus did just that. We will study on:

Week 1: Palm Sunday—How Jesus came in on a humble donkey and how he served his disciples. He did the unexpected. Jesus put others first.

Week 2: Jesus is alive! Jesus chose to lay down his life and put others first by dying on the cross. Celebrate cause Jesus is ALIVE!

Week 3: In Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi, he talked about how Jesus is the Son of God and how He thought of us first by laying down his life on the cross. Jesus put others first cause Jesus put you first.

Week 4: Road to Emmaus—Jesus met them where they were to help them understand that He truly had risen from the dead. It was all in God’s plan. Put others first by helping people understand.

Week 5: Sea of Galilee Peter and several other disciples were out fishing. Peter had previously denied Jesus. Jesus humbles himself again. He chose love and forgiveness. Put others first by making things right. Jesus flipped the world upside down. Jesus, the rightful King of everything and everyone chose over and over to put others first. Jesus let go of what he deserved.

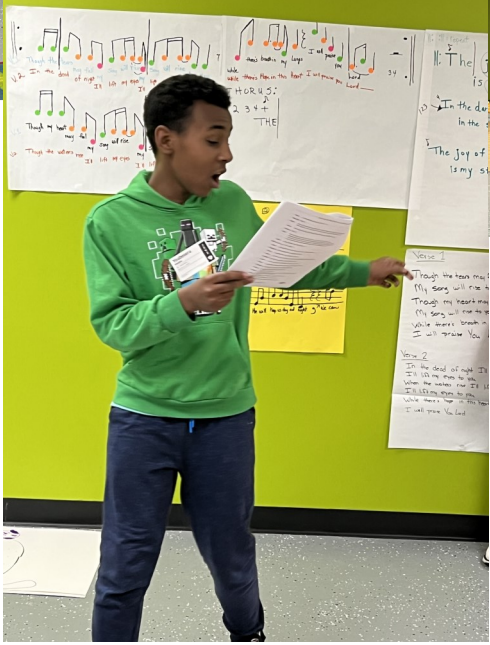
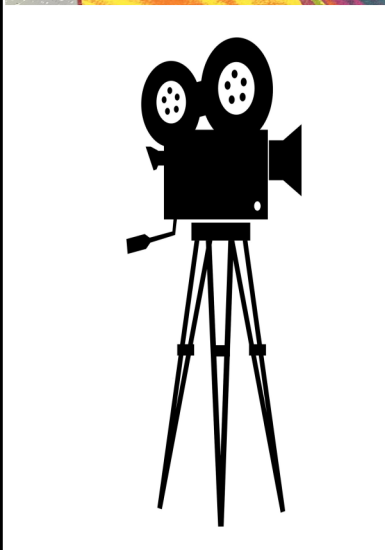
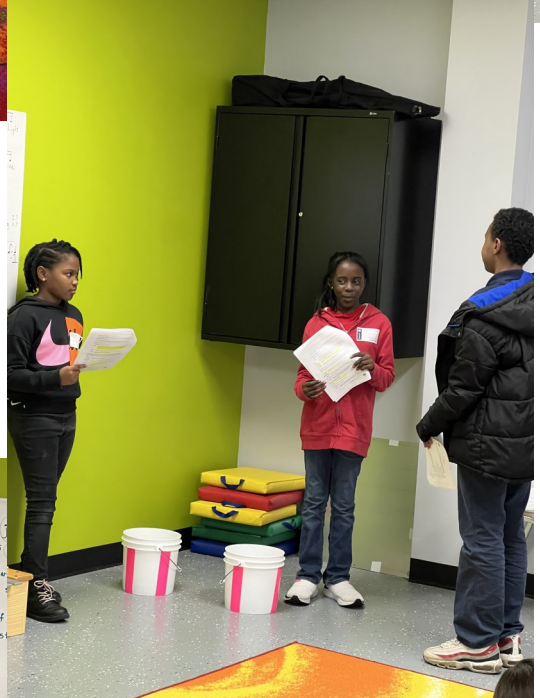
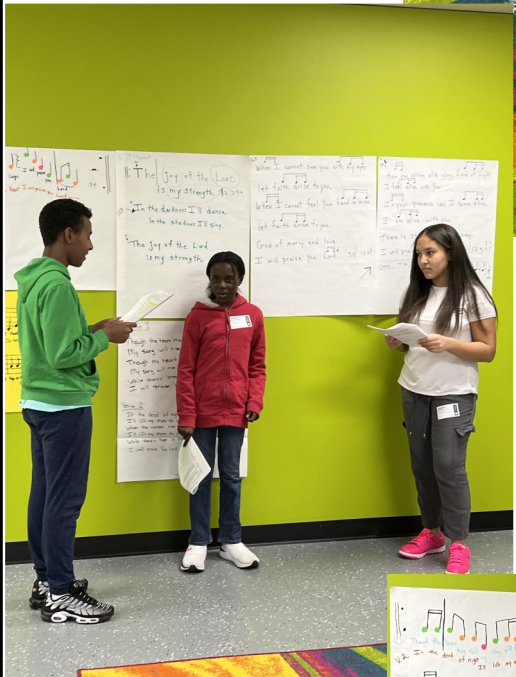
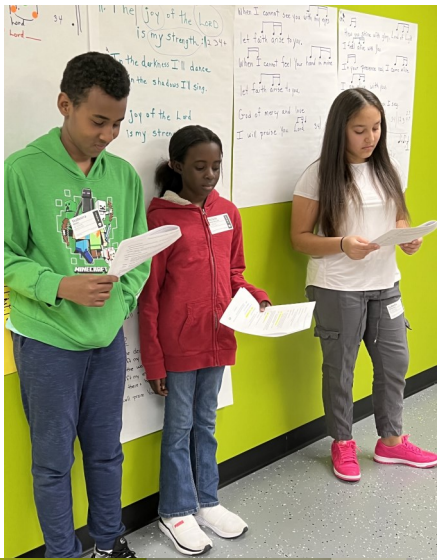
Our **MEMORY VERSE:** Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3, NIV

Please be in prayer as we choose humility and how it can impact us, our families and our community. **We can choose to put others first by giving up what we think we deserve.**



English classes have continued to go well. Our attendance is up and down, but we have continued relationships with our students. We also have a new student! Her English is at an upper intermediate level. Please pray that our students will bring themselves and their families to the church egg hunt on April 2nd. Also pray that attendance will improve as warmer weather rolls in.

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Puppet Theatre

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SUNDAYS

Morning Worship 9:30 am
Connection Groups 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS—6:00 pm

Prayer Service
JAM (Children 4 yrs. old-6th grade)
Foundry (teenagers)

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:00-4:00



Our Purpose at Una Baptist is to Make Disciples who...



Connect with God

Connect with God's Word

Connect with God's World

Deacon of the Month



Aaron Holladay, wife Carrie

Food Pantry Day

We collect can goods the last Sunday of every month for those who are in need. Some of our visitors do not have a place to cook and others do. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you for sharing and caring!

Next collection dates:

April 30th
May 28th



Our Prayer Concerns



***Remember to pray when
starting your day!***

Our Pastors, Church & Ministries

Una Senior Adults and Our Homebound Members

Our Military Men and Women
(serving at home and away)

Missionaries
(Home and International)

Homeless Population

Our Church Family with health issues

Our Nation , Elected Leaders

Una Baptist Childcare

JAM, Children's Ministry & Youth

Ukraine & the World

The Covenant School-Everyone Involved
Safety for ALL Schools