



Let's face it, life is hard! Oh, I know there are days that you would like to frame and remember for a long time, even reminisce over, but many times those great days are the exception and not the rule. Being created by a loving and perfect Father, it is in our nature to want and desire the good days, but living in a fallen world things don't always work out. That is what sin did in the Garden. Just think about the weather for a moment. At Creation, before the Fall, the weather always worked out. There were meteorological high and low systems, rain and sun just as we have now, but the difference was that at Creation, the weather was just what was needed and never destructive as we have seen around us. When sin entered the world, the world fell apart and nothing worked as it was designed. And that includes our life. Each day there are things big and small that create in us a feeling of isolation, despair, fear and distrust. How can we face these days as Christ-Followers? Let me share a small acrostic that I read in a Max Lucado book. We face these unpredictable and difficult days with CALM:

C—Celebrate God's goodness

A—Ask God for help

L—Leave your concerns with Him

M—Meditate on good things

Even though sin has left things a mess that we have to get through, we have a Father who is always there for us. So stay CALM!

Pastor Larry

Save the Dates



May 7th is Student Sunday. We'll celebrate our graduates, Kimberly Fox, and Caroline Kent.. 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!



May 7th after Connection Groups

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- ◆ USA Group/Student Ministry
- ◆ Una Family Monthly Fellowship
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We know the date is May 9th and USA Group will meet at 11AM in the Connections Area. What we don't know is "what's happening".

Contact:

Ann Woods or Glenna Colbert
for more information.



- May 4 Katy McCombs
- May 6 Veda Malone
Kimberly Fox
- May 10 Jim Chitwood
- May 11 Wayne MacClure
- May 15 Aaron Holladay
- May 21 Rebekah Chitwood



Grades 7-12
Join us at
THE FOUNDRY!

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

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



- May 7 Chris Wurth & Need Volunteer
- May 14 Aaron Holladay & Caroline Kent
- May 21 Rachelle Schuerman & Emma Szostak
- May 28 Joy Brewer & Jody Rowland
- Sub: Kimberly Fox



B.L.A.S.T.
Jody Rowland

Crop and Craft

Please watch Social Media
for next date!



How Much?

As of April 26th we have collected \$901.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Last chance April 30th!



Please keep remembering our Child Care in your PRAYERS. They are working!

Una Family Monthly Fellowship



Fellowship

Combining Mother's Day and Mother May I

Do you remember playing "Mother May I" as a child? I do! It seems like I played it everyday with three older sisters always trying to boss me around. But, when I played with friends it was always fun. Well on May 13th from 10 AM to Noon we will have our Una Family Monthly Fellowship and it is called "Mother May I". Now with that said, that does not mean that it will be exactly like the game but, no matter what, it will be a great time fellowshiping with one another.

Brunch will be served as this will also be a celebration of our Women of the church in honor of Mother's Day. It's not a Mother's Day Breakfast. It's a Saturday Brunch in Honor of Mom's (Women) on May 13th. Bring your family, bring your friends, everyone is invited. If you have not had an opportunity to try one of the fellowships, your missing out and this should be a great one to try!



Recap of our 2023 Community Easter Egg Hunt



Our 2023 Community Easter Egg Hunt was a terrific success! We enjoyed great weather and between 185 à 207+ Children and Adults on Sunday, April 2nd. Thank You Lord! Many of the families who came were not involved in our church and they got to hear the Gospel and enjoy the fun and good food that our church provided. We also had a good turnout of the kids from our weekly Sunday Morning (Wee Worship and UnaKids) and JAM ministries. While we do not have an exact number of children and adults, 204 were counted at one time and every family told us they had a great time (or seemed too)!

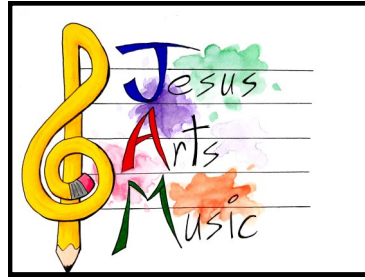
I really appreciate the many Volunteer Teams that played a valuable role in another successful Easter Egg Hunt. 18 Adults and teenagers, plus a few kids helped with the Kitchen meal prep, Registration, hiding the eggs, cleaning afterwards, and more. I truly appreciate everyone for coming back out on a beautiful

Sunday to help us welcome some of our community and known families back into Una Baptist Church. If you would like to help next year with an exact count of Kids (incl. regular families and other community families) or assisting in our Registration, prep work or talking with families, please let me know. Thanks.

Still Serving a Loving God,

Mark





MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Please, please come join us on: **Sunday, May 7th @ 6:00pm** in the sanctuary for our JAM CELEBRATION! Invite family, friends and neighbors. It is hard to believe that it has been since Spring of 2019... 4 years that we have not had a Spring program. We have been blessed in so many ways.

1. That we've been able to hold classes in our beautifully decorated and renovated basement. It took about 1 1/2 years to repair, paint and decorate.
2. We have had JAM leaders to cover all 3 classes. We obviously wouldn't be able to have JAM if we didn't have committed and faithful people. The leaders have displayed incredible attitudes of working/teaching wherever they were needed even if that meant they had to switch classes for a couple of weeks or just one Wednesday night. Grateful to those who have been subbing for us.
3. In the past 4-6 weeks, we have had around 6 new kids to join.
4. First time we have offered ESL (English as a Second Language). God provided us with certified and wonderful teachers in Lynn and Joy.

Starting totally over from scratch (post covid) has been very challenging to say the least, but God again provided us with just the right amount of kids with the right amount of leaders.

So, again, please come, see and support the children, leaders and families as to what is just a portion of the things we have been doing in JAM over these past months. It will be a fun time!

Thanks to our church family for seeing the value of this ministry by supporting us by your prayers and finances.



Blessings,

Brenda



first look

When given the opportunity, preschoolers are ready and willing to help because it shows the world they are big and can do things that matter. Need help stirring in the Kitchen? Preschoolers to the rescue! Need help carrying groceries? Preschoolers to the rescue!

Could it be that the real reason preschoolers want to help is that God made them to help? We think so! That is why we will be spending this month answering the question “Who made you to help?” God made me to help! That’s who! After all, God is the ultimate helper, and we are all made in God’s image.

Week One—God made me to help others. (Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37)

Week Two—God made me to help my friends. (The Four Friends, Mark 2:1-12)

Week Three—God made each of us to help in different ways. (Timothy and Tabitha, 1 Timothy 4:12, Acts 9:36-39)

Week Four—God made me to look for ways to help. (Rebekah Helps, Genesis 24:15-20)

Our Memory Verse is: “We have the LORD our God to help us.” 2 Chronicles 2:8, NLT



We might try to base our confidence on what we do well, or what someone might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something different. We think it’s found in understanding how God is both big enough to create the universe, but also close enough to be right here with us. We know that we can trust God no matter what. We are created in God’s image. And God loves us so much! Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And, when we trust Jesus with our life, the Holy Spirit is there to help us face whatever comes our way. We can respond to God’s love and care with confidence!

Week One—Share God’s love with others. (Great Commission and Ascension, Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11)

Week Two—God sent the Holy Spirit to help you. (The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost, Acts 2:1-41)

Week Three—God is with you no matter what. (Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin, Acts 3:1-4; 21)

Week Four—God is with you even when you have questions. (Philip and the Man from Ethiopia, Acts 8:26-40)

Our Memory Verse is: “So we say with confidence, ‘the Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.’” Hebrews 13:6A, NIV



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support of the ESL ministry. Lynn and I have enjoyed getting to know our students and have also learned ways to improve the classes these past few months. We are grateful to have gotten to know 6 students from 4 different countries - Dominican Republic, Honduras, Myanmar, and Egypt. Our church has also kindly welcomed a man and his wife from Turkey over the last few Sundays. Hopefully, they will continue to attend and will come to ESL when we start up again in September.

Just for fun, enjoy this joke about English - *Eight vowels, 11 consonants, an exclamation point, and a comma appeared in court today. They are due to be sentenced next week.*

Una Baptist High School Seniors



Caroline Kent
LaVergne High School
Austin Peay State University



Kimberly Fox
LaVergne High School



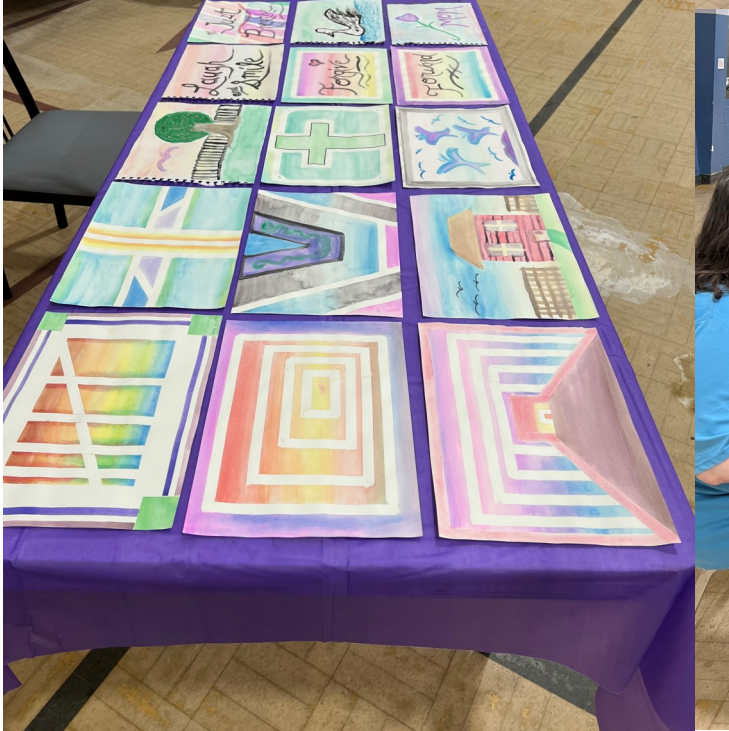
Studying History @ ETSU



Una Family Fellowship—Hobby Day



Hobby Day Continued



More Hobby Day



2023 Community Easter Egg Hunt



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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:

May 28th
June 25th



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