From the Pastor’s Pen...

I am pleased to announce that online giving is now up and running. You can access it through the link on our website, or you can go directly to www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/utica. Here are some simple instructions:

1. Click on “Give Now” (to give without registering) or on “Sign In” (to create an account)
2. Click on “Make this gift recurring” if you want to repeat the gift automatically
3. Choose your payment method (bank account or credit card) and enter the information.
4. Click on “Submit”

In my early communication about online giving, I have been unclear about the transaction fees. Every transaction includes a 39-cent surcharge, plus 3% of the gift for credit cards or 1% of the gift for bank drafts. This transaction fee is paid by the church, NOT the giver. (You have the option to add a 3% “Convenience Fee” to your cost to cover the transaction fee, but that is not required.) Most banks offer a “Bill Pay” service to send a check to the church (one-time or as a recurring gift), and this service typically has no cost for the giver or the church. That’s a great way to give your offering regularly. Then there’s the tried-and-true method of writing a check, putting it in an offering envelope, and dropping it in the offering plate during worship. That’s still a great way to give, and it reminds us that giving is an act of worship!

We are now making monthly payments of $13,147 on our construction loan. We budgeted $170,000 for loan payments in 2019, so the mortgage payment is made possible by your generous giving to the general budget. If the Stewardship God’s Way series has helped lead you to increase your giving, we encourage you to be faithful and generous in your giving to the General Budget before you consider a designation gift to the Building Fund. We will gratefully receive additional offerings to the Building Fund as you have opportunity to do so. Our goal (if we stay on target with our giving) is to be able to use 100% of Building Fund gifts to reduce the principal of the loan and pay it off early. If you made a pledge to the Building Fund, thank you for your continued faithfulness to fulfill that pledge. (My family recently began a recurring monthly gift through “Bill Pay” that will carry us through to completion of our pledge.)

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Sincerely, His,
Pastor Ryan

Wednesday Night Meals
Feb. 6 - Low country shrimp and grits
Feb. 13 - Chicken parmesan, buttered pasta, garlic bread
Feb. 20 - Beef tacos and Mexican rice
Feb. 27 - BBQ pork, baked beans, and cole slaw

Building Fund Statistics (as of January 27)
Number of pledges: 79
Total amount pledged: $557,284.08
Total amount received: $480,008.32

The “Building Fund” envelopes located in the chair pockets are to be used for building fund contributions. Please do not include building fund contributions or pledge payments with your regular offerings.

Statistics for January 2019
Bible Study Average 324
AM Worship Average 432
PM Worship Average 150
Goal To Date: $88,137.40
Given To Date: $92,892.73

Women’s Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, February 7 at 9:00 am in Dining Hall #1.
Women’s Bible Study Lunch Bunch
We meet on Mondays, February 11 and 27 at noon at Sweet Shop in Clemson. Call Sheron Hayes (888-0815) for more information or just come and join us!

Women’s Retreat, March 22–24
We will be going to Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa for our retreat. Brenda Blankenship will lead the retreat. The theme is “Between a Rock and a Hard Place.” Room assignment sign ups have begun. The total cost for the trip is $100 per person.

Spring Bible Study Starts February 26
We will be using a Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild on Psalm 23. Deadline to signup is February 10. We will meet in the lobby at 6:30 pm.

More events are in the planning stages.
Look for details on these events in the newsletter, on the bulletin board, or on our Facebook page (Utica Baptist Women’s Ministry).

Men’s Ministry Prayer Breakfasts
All men are invited to join us in Dining Hall #1 to share breakfast and a devotional on the first Thursday (9:00 am), Tuesdays (7:00 am), and Saturdays (8:00 am). Contact Jim Hayes (888-0815) or ojimhayes@gmail.com for more info.

Utica Library
New audio books in the library are:
* Waking Up Slowly by Dave Burchett
* How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit by A. W. Tozer
* Lessons From a Hospital Bed by John Piper
* The Watchmaker’s Daughter (Corrie ten Boom) by Jean Watson
* Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
* God’s High Calling for Women by John MacArthur
* Answers to Your Questions About Heaven by David Jeremiah
* America at the Crossroads by George Barna

Gail Sartain will host the Ladies Book Club meeting in her home on February 18 at 1:30 pm. We will review the mission book Hearts of Mercy. For more information or to attend, contact Gail Sartain at 973-9418.

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Women's Winter Women's Bible Study
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Sunday Nights in February
February 3 – Evening Worship
February 10 – Evening Worship
February 17 – Evening Worship
February 24 – No PM Service/Family Night

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: thank you for your great support of International Missions by donating a total of $66,009.92 toward our goal of $75,000.

Serve it out with our LAMPS (Local Area Ministry Partners)

Collins Children’s Home—Contact: Andrea Goodroe (938-2488)
Foothills Care Center—Contact: Sarah Pyle (501-551-4388)
Golden Corner Food Pantry—Contact: Bryan Simmons (280-0454)
Our Daily Bread—Contact: Sherry Smith (247-7316)

Thank you to all of the team leaders and volunteers for serving lunch during January.

Our Daily Rest—Contact: Gerrit Harper (330-418-3976)
Safe Harbor—Contact: Cynthia Ivey (506-1151)

U.T.I.C.A.—Contact: John Borycki (985-8141)

Indianapolis Mission Trip
Save the week of June 22–29 for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana to work with church planters. We are encouraging families to use this trip to create a heart for missions in their family. Contact John Borycki or Kerry Sartain if you are interested in going on this trip.

SC Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
Next Disaster Relief training will be April 27 at South Main Baptist Church, Greenwood. Contact Mark Johnston if you are interested in attending the training.

Children’s Ministry Day, February 16
The Beaverdam Mission Center will be hosting a “Go Tell” ministry day from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on February 16. Families are encouraged to bring scarves, hats, socks, and gloves (for Pre-K through 12th grade) for Grace’s Closet. Lunch will be provided. Let Ms. Karen know if you plan to attend.

Volunteer Appreciation Month
February is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Stay tuned for ways we can celebrate Utica Volunteers.

Utica’s prayer team meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am in room #13 (senior adult wing). Everyone is invited to come pray!

We are excited about our growing prayer ministry. James 5:16 says, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” We want to put God’s power to work in the hearts and lives of His people. We have a trained group of “prayer servants” who are ready to pray with people after our morning services. If God is stirring in your heart, if you are burdened about a particular need, or just want to pray with someone, please find one of our prayer servants in the main lobby near the entrance to the prayer garden.

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Our Weekly Schedule

Sunday
8:30 am Orchestra Rehearsal
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
4:00 pm Eveniing Worship

Tuesday
10:00 am Morning Prayer Time

Wednesday
5:00 pm Evening Meal
6:00 pm Awana
6:15 pm Bible Study, Youth, Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
(check your calendar for other activities)

Church Staff

Ministers
Ryan Goodroe, Pastor
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Karen Bennett, Children & Families
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G.R.O.W. NIGHTS

Generations Rounding Out Our Walk

Join us February 10th as we begin an interactive study of Ephesians 4-6 in a multigenerational small group format!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!
You are making a difference for the Kingdom!