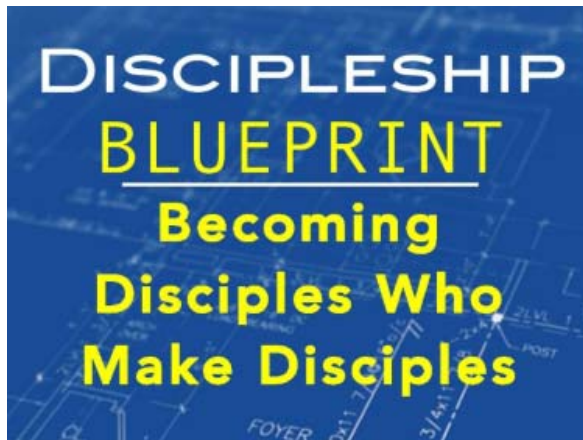


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Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 20, 2019



UBA WINTER SESSION

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Fellowship & Refreshments: 6 pm
Session: 7 pm

Shiloh Baptist Church
2301 Rocky River Road North
Monroe NC 28110

Doctrinal Sermon:
Rev. Terry Smith (Silver Star Cowboy)

All visitors and messengers
are invited to attend.



85th
Baptist Men's Day

Sunday,
January 27, 2019

Theme: **"Known By Love"**

Scripture: **John 13:35**

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."



DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Dr. Eric D. Cook

Be Still

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah..... Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:1-3, 10

The new year is upon us. Only the Lord knows what this year will hold. This could be the year that God rends the heavens and bears the strength of His arm in glorious revival and spiritual awakening in our land. This could be the year that He brings restoration and renewal and spiritual blessing beyond measure to the Church. This could be the year. But if not, *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in a time of trouble.* Should the skies darken, and calamity and destruction be loosed to pillage and plunder our lives, and if our dreams and desires become like sand in our hands, we *should not fear*. The Scripture says, “even if the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea,” and “though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.....Be still, and know that I am God.” There is a peace that God offers that goes beyond our understanding. It is a peace that is complete and perfect because it is based on God and His perfection and power. Even if your world is spiraling down around you, there is a rest in Christ that will anchor your mind and soul to the unmovable, unchanging, unending glory and power of the Almighty. Even if “the earth be removed”, God shall prevail, and His proffered peace will flow forth as a mighty river to still our inmost being. “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3 “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (Col. 3:15), and “seek peace and pursue it”(1 Peter 3:11). “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7). ‘Being still’ in God’s presence is established through resting in the perfect peace of knowing God is always in control. Regardless of what the new year brings, God promises us that we can **‘be still’** and rest in the great assurance of His presence, power, and provision for everything we may face.

Serving the King Together,

Eric



Missions: It's not just a project; it's a way of life.

Happy New Year! Have you made your New Year's resolutions?

Just about everyone is going to make some promise to themselves to do something in the New Year: lose a few pounds, break a bad habit, cut down on social media...and most resolutions fail by February.

There's nothing wrong with setting goals. But this year, resolve to do something with a higher purpose. Something that has eternal weight and significance.

Christians are saved by grace through faith, not by works so that no one can boast. But the Bible uses active imagery to describe the Christian life as a race, a fight, a pursuit, a war, and training in godliness. We strive for spiritual growth *because* we've been freed through the blood of Jesus from striving for worldly, selfish gain. Therefore, resolutions, when grounded in Scripture, can be tools for our spiritual growth.

Only by the gift of God's grace poured out through the Gospel can we do anything of eternal value.

Whether you journal your ideas, write them on a napkin, or talk through them with another person, this year resolve to...

- ◆ make real, noticeable progress in your walk with Christ
- ◆ find peace in God's sovereign will
- ◆ overcome strongholds that enslave you
- ◆ become who you already are in Christ
- ◆ know Jesus more intimately

Not by our own desire will we resolve to pursue Christ this year, and certainly not by our own strength. Only by the gift of God's grace poured out through the Gospel of Christ can we do anything of eternal value or effectiveness. Only by the help, guidance, and power of the Holy Spirit can we take up our crosses and follow Him this year and every year until He appears in fullness of glory.

What other biblical resolutions will you pursue this year?

In His Service,

Betsy Ross, WMU Director

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3	Mrs. Richard (Nicole) Myers	Oak Grove
11	Mrs. Mel (Heather) Winstead	Mt. Moriah
11	Rev. Jeremy Hood	Ebenezer
12	Mrs. Tony (Dottie) Medlin	GracePointe
13	Rev. Eddie Barbee	Mt. Zion
14	Dr. Mel Winstead	Mt. Moriah
16	Mrs. Donnie (Judy) Gamble	Retired
18	Mrs. Roy (Freeda) Helms	Retired
19	Rev. Chris Justice	Lee Park
25	Mrs. Lamar (Irene) Price	Retired
27	Dr. Chris Baucom	Benton's Cross Roads
27	Rev. George Hunnicutt	Mill Creek
28	Dr. David Richardson	Faulks
30	Mrs. John (Pearl) Wood	Retired



7	Rev. & Mrs. Darrin Deese	Invitation
8	Rev. & Mrs. Ted Riedel	Supply
10	Rev. & Mrs. Curtis Laney	Mary Elizabeth
13	Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Price	Calvary
17	Rev. & Mrs. Dallas Pressley	Westend
20	Rev. & Mrs. Randy Davis	Bethel



Souper Bowl Sunday
February 3, 2019

Your congregation can contribute to a special "Souper Bowl" offering to help the homeless and hungry right here at home. The Union County Community Shelter greatly depends on the support they receive from this once-a-year fundraiser. Every dollar donated goes to the Union County Community Shelter. More information in the February UBA newsletter.

We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA December Messenger*. **Mary Autry and Bob & Bonnie Oster** from **Philadelphia Baptist Church**. If your group is interested in helping, please call the UBA office at 704-283-8383. Thank you for giving your time and making the day so enjoyable.



Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:

**Centerview, Fairfield Community, Freedom Biker,
Hamilton Cross Roads, Lakeview, Shiloh**



Include in your prayers the "Churches of the Week" and their leaders listed below:

Jan. 6-12	Waxhaw	Rev. Chris Whittaker
Jan. 13-19	West Monroe	Rev. Eric Nixon
Jan. 20-26	Westend	Rev. Dallas Pressley
Jan. 27-Feb. 2	Wingate	Rev. David M. Oakley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Union County Elementary Schools is in need of Good News Club volunteers for the Spring Semester! There will be a training at Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte on Saturday,

January 26, 2019, 9 am – 2 pm and a local training in January (dates to be determined). For more information, on being a volunteer or any training, please contact Penny Tomberlin at pennytomberlin@gmail.com or 704-254-9236.

HELP Crisis Annual Golf Tournament **Spring 2019**



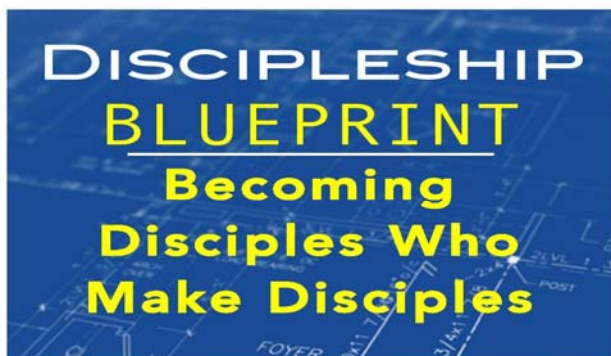
Don't forget to sign up for our annual Golf Tournament! Businesses, churches, and other various groups are all welcome to be a part of this exciting event. It is a great opportunity to support our organization, while also having

a fun-filled day with your family or coworkers. Contact HELP Pregnancy Center at 704-289-5133 or go to www.monroehelp.com to sign-up for the tournament. If you would like to sponsor this event and have your business advertised, contact Brandy Colson, our Development Coordinator, for more details. If your business would like to donate a prize for the golfers, contact Brandy for more information.

UPCOMING Events

Ebenezer: Our Student Ministry will sponsor a food drive for "Bookbags of Love" to benefit families at Porter Ridge Elementary during the month of January and will conclude on our Souper Bowl Day of Caring, Sunday, Feb. 2. For a list of suggested food

items from the "Bookbags of Love" list, please contact Sarah Easter at s.easter@meyebenezerbaptist.org or 704-289-2632. We will also collect monetary donations for the "Feeding Children Everywhere" food-packing event which will be held later in April at our Souper Bowl Day of Caring soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday, Feb. 2. The Youth Souper Bowl Party will be Sunday, Feb. 2, at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends to watch the big game on the big screen, enjoy free food, and hear a Gospel presentation from NFL players during half-time!



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Is your church on the Discipleship Pathway? Are you and your members experiencing spiritual and numerical growth? Jesus taught His followers to be disciples. He set the pattern as He called the original Twelve and spent time with them. He taught them the basics of the Christian life and with the exception of Judas these men took the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

You are invited to attend a Discipleship Blueprint meeting at the Union Baptist Association Resource Center on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce D-Groups to you as a method of doing discipleship with groups of 3-5 individuals. Please come to this gathering. It should be a very informative time. In a single meeting you can take the necessary materials back to your church to start implementing D-Groups.

A light snack will be served, so you are asked to call Bessie at the UBA office and tell her how many folks will be attending this meeting from your church. Please let us know this number by January 3. Thank you!

Donnie Gamble, UBA Discipleship Supporter



Trips to East Coast for Disaster Relief

NC BAPTIST MEN If Churches are going down East, let us know, so if individuals want to join a group, they can contact you. Call the UBA Office, 704-283-8383 with your contact information.



**Union Baptist Association
Sunday School Workshop
with
Allan Taylor
Lakeview Baptist Church
4602 Concord Highway
Monroe, NC
(\$50 fee per church)
Saturday, February 23, 2019
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Bring Sunday School leaders and all other
interested members
Please call 704-283-8383 to RSVP before Feb. 1**

Opportunities & Positions

Centerview: is in search of a **full-time or bi-vocational Pastor**. Please mail resumes to Centerview Baptist Church, Attn: Search Committee, 2711 Old Pageland Marshville Rd., Marshville, NC 28103.

First Baptist Marshville is seeking a **part-time Music Minister** to lead congregational singing and church choir. The candidate should have a heart for God and a passion for music that honors God and stirs the heart for worship. The primary work of the music leader will be done on Sunday mornings with choir practice from 9 – 10am and worship at 11am. The music minister will also work alongside the Pastor and Worship committee with scheduling and planning. The salary for this position is negotiable. For more information please contact the church office at 704-624-2710.

Waxhaw: is seeking a part-time Youth Director. Please see requirements at: <http://union-baptist-association.twenty28cms.co/opportunities-positions>. Submit resume to: employment@waxhawbaptist.org



- 1 New Year's Day—UBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 8 Discipleship Blueprint – UBA MRC 6:30-8:30
- 20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 21 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm UBA MRC
- 22 UBA Winter Session, Shiloh Baptist Church
Fellowship: 6 pm Session: 7 pm
- 27 85th Baptist Men's Day Theme: "Known By Love"
Scripture: John 13:35



- 3 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 11-17 Focus on WMU/Heck-Jones Offering & Week of Prayer
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm
- 23 Sunday School Conference with Allen Taylor
Please RSVP before Friday, February 1, 2019.

STATE CONFERENCES

Contact the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102.

**2019 Vocational Evangelists Retreat
January 10-11, 2019**

Caraway Conference Center

The Vocational Evangelists Retreat is a conference for those whose ministry vocation is focused primarily on evangelism and sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching or in creative ways, such as illusions, comedy, music, drama or art.

Registration is required for this event. The conference fee includes lodging and four meals.

To register visit <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/2019-vocational-evangelists-retreat/>.

NC Youth Ministry Ski Retreat

February 1-3, 2019

Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV

www.winterplace.com

Make plans now to join us for the 15th Annual NC Youth Ministry Winter Ski Retreat. Hundreds of youth from the state will converge in Beckley, WV, for their annual Winter Retreat; a weekend packed with fun, fellowship and worship.

To register and receive pricing information, Contact Tim Wilson with Nexstep Travel, 800-275-2095 or 828-244-7814 or tim@nexsteptravel.com. Please let Tim know you are calling about the NC Baptist Ski Retreat. **Limited space is available, so make your reservations as soon as possible.**

(State Conference Cont.)

Spiritual Awakening

February 9, 2019

Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton, NC

This conference will address the role of Scripture, repentance, judgment and prayer in spiritual awakening. Through seasons of worship, focused prayer, the preaching of God's Word and dialogue with speakers and leaders, participants will be challenged to return to their churches with a renewed passion to seek God for the next great revival and spiritual awakening in their community, North Carolina, America and beyond.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration and conference fee is \$30 per person and includes registration,

Chick-fil-A lunch, a book and prayer resources.

Call 252-221-4133 to register.

Disciple Making Conference

February 23, 2019

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Green Street Baptist Church

High Point, NC

Visit www.disciplemakingconference.org

for more information and to register.

Chosen Ministry

1 Peter 2:9

Ministry of Union Baptist Association

"A place for Young Adults can come to pray, praise, and play."



Chosen is a ministry that gives young adults an opportunity to meet other young adults to pray, praise and play together without leaving their home churches. There will be a meal, praise teams, and dynamic speakers to lead our worship and grow in scriptures. The first worship service will be Monday, January 14, 2019 at the UBA Missions Resource Center. Meal will begin at 6:30 and service at 7. Contact Glenn Shelton @ 704-242-3632 or grshelton3@gmail.com for more details.

Dolls on Mission is in need of warehouse space in Monroe. If anyone has any space or knows someone who can help, please call Joanne Mucci, 704-283-6784.

MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	250.00	2,750.00	Oak Grove	0.00	7,082.48
Austin Grove	354.17	3,895.87	Oakland	400.00	4,400.00
Benton Heights	0.00	1,000.00	Olive Branch	0.00	800.00
Benton's Cross Roads	366.67	3,669.01	Philadelphia	840.33	10,935.72
Bethel	0.00	3,500.00	Pleasant Hill	208.34	2,291.74
Calvary	0.00	9,197.23	Providence	0.00	0.00
Centerview	260.94	3,155.81	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	600.00	Sandy Ridge	352.41	4,062.36
Christ	0.00	0.00	Sardis	532.79	5,975.14
Corinth	100.00	1,100.00	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	0.00	7,313.50
Ebenezer	357.69	4,640.65	Silver Star Cowboy	0.00	1,525.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	108.00	540.00	Solid Rock	50.00	550.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	1,100.00	South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	0.00	2,376.46	Trinity	0.00	3,000.00
Euto	2,783.83	20,802.12	Union	0.00	2,000.00
*Fairfield Community	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	1,500.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	Waxhaw	0.00	1,100.00
Faulks	0.00	1,200.00	Weddington First	0.00	12,579.94
Fellowship	100.00	600.00	West Monroe	473.00	3,927.00
Forest Hills	0.00	400.00	Westend	0.00	1,000.00
Foundation	0.00	0.00	Wingate	<u>241.00</u>	<u>2,651.00</u>
Freedom Biker	0.00	2,279.73			
Friendly	0.00	800.00	Total	\$15,781.92	\$231,005.95
*GracePointe	0.00	2,000.00			
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	750.00			
Hermon	715.00	7,865.00			
Hopewell	0.00	6,000.00			
Howie	0.00	0.00			
Iglesia Camino	0.00	300.00			
Indian Trail First	1,250.00	13,750.00			
Invitation	578.00	5,185.00			
King Memorial	0.00	0.00			
Korean Global Msn.	100.00	1,100.00			
Lakeview	0.00	5,000.00			
Lanes Creek	0.00	300.00			
Lee Park	0.00	5,000.00			
LifePoint Monroe	0.00	0.00			
Love	0.00	500.00			
Macedonia	388.75	2,891.85			
Marshville-First	0.00	2,500.00			
Mary Elizabeth	161.22	732.43			
Midway	0.00	2,932.11			
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00			
Monroe-First	100.00	816.68			
Mount Harmony	416.67	4,166.70			
Mountain Springs	867.00	9,533.00			
Mt. Moriah	194.72	2,227.61			
Mt. Olive	0.00	2,000.00			
Mt. Pleasant	2,006.39	7,533.82			
Mt. Zion	1,125.00	4,125.00			
New Covenant of Ind.Trail	0.00	0.00			
New Hope	0.00	6,295.99			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
*New Life Brazilian	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	0.00	1,200.00			

Total **\$15,781.92** **\$231,005.95**

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

* Denotes Mission/Watchcare Status

Account Balances November 30, 2018
 Petty Cash \$100.00
 BB&T Checking Account \$6,198.52
 5th 3rd Checking Account \$33,358.48
Total \$39,657.00



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North Carolina Offering
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February 3-10, 2019
Goal: \$600,000



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019



WINGATE

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wingate University
Health & Wellness Fair
An Affair of the Heart

Union County Agricultural Center
3230 Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112
For details, email Dr. Carolyn Ford at
cford@wingate.edu.



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