

Union Hill Baptist Church

Newsletter

May, 2008

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making our "Farewell Fellowship" for Brother and Sister Elliott a huge success! They were very impressed and I was very proud of our church! Thank you to the ladies who worked the kitchen, those who brought food and everyone who had a part. You did good!

Thank God for bringing our bikers back to us! They had a long and tiring trip, but they did receive many blessings. God watched over them every mile.

I've had a lot of questions about my shoulder. I am scheduled for another MRI on the 7th, and then will see the orthopedic surgeon a few days later. Please pray for good results. I'm not used to being limited.

We are entering a busy month. May 11th is Mother's Day, May 18th is Homecoming and May 25th is graduates' day, and you don't want to miss any of them! There are many activities planned for the whole month and you don't want to miss any of them.

I am so grateful for the people who came and helped Charlie and me with our deck! You truly blessed our hearts! Every time we sit out there, we think of you.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! You made it! Soon, many of you will be going to college. All of you will be entering the next phase of your life. I encourage you to always make God the very center of your plans and your life. He will walk with you every step of the way.

I pray all of you will enjoy and appreciate the blessings of God!

Your Pastor,
Brother Bill

Congratulations to our Graduates

Kelsey Masters
Ethan Newell
Amber Strickland
Magan York

Money Matters

First of all, let me say how much my family and I appreciate the prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and love from our church family in the passing of my dad. Words cannot express the impact it had on my family and the witness it presented to them. Thank you so much.

I missed the business meeting but if you reviewed the financial reports, you know that money wise it has been very tight so far this year. Everything seems to be fuel related from natural gas to supplies we buy at Sam's. So, the staff is challenged daily to keep expenses balanced to income. We ask that you pray earnestly for God to guide us as we conduct the business of the church and to guide you as you support the day to day operation with your tithe and offerings. We are blessed to have a great church family that is supportive and committed to God and UHBC.

Steve

Homecoming!!

It is that time again! Homecoming! Plan to be here Sunday, May 18th for our annual event. Sunday School will end at 10:30 and the worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. The singing group "Route 7" will be with us during the worship time followed by a message from Bro. Bill. Then, of course, it will be time to eat, so bring your favorite food to share and stay for lunch. There will be no evening service.

Calendar of Events

May 8 – Ladies Dinner
May 11 – Mothers Day
May 18 – Homecoming
May 28 – Family Fellowship
June 5 – Senior Moments

Adult Night Out

UHBC will have an “Adult Night Outing” on the evening of Friday, May 23rd. (Of course your children are welcome if accompanied by their parents). We will load up from the church at 5:30 pm and head to Mesquite for the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. The rodeo starts at 8:00 pm so we will have plenty of time to fellowship on the ride there and to have supper at the rodeo arena.

The ticket prices are \$12. for the rodeo and there is a BBQ buffet for \$10.95 for adults and \$7.00 for children. The buffet has your favorites – BBQ brisket, smoked sausage, rodeo beans, country style potato salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler and iced tea or lemonade. If this isn’t your fancy, they also have your traditional hot dogs, nachos, French fries, popcorn, cotton candy, and soft drinks.

So sign up now and come join us for a fun night out and fellowship with your church family and friends. If you need more information, please call the church office.

Danny

Just a Kid

Who says that I am just a kid,
Too young to know what Jesus did
When He hung there on Calvary
For Mom and Dad and kids like me?
Why, didn’t He say, as plain as could be,
“Suffer the little ones to come unto me.”
While on their heads He laid His dear hand,
For He knew, that somehow they’d understand.
Don’t children know when they’re naughty and bad,
When they grieve Mom and worry Dad?
Well, that shows how early they learn about sin.
‘Tis then they should open their hearts and let Jesus in.
So it’s up to you BIG folks to show us the way
How to live for Jesus in school and at play,
To tell us the story, how He died on the tree
To save everyone, even **a kid like me.**

(This will be a great poem to remember when we start asking for Vacation Bible School workers).



We are in the last month of this school year. We have four students who will be graduating high school and will start another part of their life as college students or in the work force. Our high school graduating seniors are Ethan Newell, Amber Strickland, Kelsey Masters, and Magan York. On May 31st they will take that walk across the stage at TJC Wagstaff Gym at 7:00 p.m. I pray that our church family will be in prayer for these students as this is a time they will be making some difficult decisions in their lives that can and will make a direct impact on their lives. These decisions will start molding them into the young adults that God has made plans for them to be. I pray for these students to draw closer in their relationships with God and to listen to God and what His will is for them.

This upcoming summer will be a busy time for the youth with fundraisers, camps, Texas Rangers Baseball, Vacation Bible School, and all types of other student outings. Please be in prayer for the youth and student ministries. I would like to thank all of you who support our ministry and I pray for continued growth in our students.

Upcoming events

- May 10 – Mesquite rodeo, \$12. + dinner, leave at 4pm
- May 21 - Texas Ranger tickets must be paid today
- May 25 – Honor graduating seniors
BHS Baccalaureate service
- May 31 – BHS graduation at 7 pm at TJC
- June 2 – Texas Rangers Baseball, leave at 3:30 pm
- June 8 - Tyler State Park after the morning service
- June 22 – Youth BBQ sandwich lunch & bake auction

Happy
Mother's Day