

Lexington Christmas Parade

(Dec. 14th, 2009)

We won again! Can you hear the pride? For the second time this season we have won first place in the religious category with our float!! I am so proud of all the hard work of those who designed and put together this float! I know this effort took many hours and the hard work definitely paid off. We have some very talented individuals in our church. As someone who actually rode the float with the kids, it was a magical experience. The Lexington parade was incredibly long and the turnout was great. We saw lots of excited faces as we passed by. I loved looking at the kids and adults when they saw the smoke coming from the train.

Holly Moore and I rode with the kids, followed by Bob Wadley and Amy Warren in the Unity van. They were there to pick up any strays who fell off the float! HA! Jimmy & Brenda Reddin pulled the float with Chris Moore working the generator in the back. I was pleased to see lots of familiar Unity faces in the crowd as we drove by. Thanks to everyone who supported us, in one way or the other. I was touched the most by the number of people who sang along with the music as we passed by them. Especially when "Go Tell It On The Mountain" was played. I hope that we all "Go Tell It" everywhere we can in 2010. Tell everyone what a wonderful Saviour we have! May God bless our church this year.

Lisa Hopper



Youth Road Trip to Nashville

On Monday, Dec. 21 a group of twelve from Unity Baptist Church travelled up I-40 to take in the Christmas lights at Opryland. The group of nine youth and three adults (2 chaperones plus Bob, the bus driver) stopped first to shop at Opry Mills and then to fill up at the world famous Rainforest Café, a unique, first-time dining experience for most of the teens in the group. Following the meal, the group walked over to the Opryland Hotel to check out their elaborate holiday decorations, stopping at the Delta area and then proceeding to the Conservatory and the Cascades with every inch planted in red and white poinsettias. A few had brought along their cameras and took pictures of the giant ornaments hanging from the ceiling and the enormous Christmas trees that were breathtakingly beautiful. Since the group had already expended their budget at the Rain Forest Café, a tour of the ICE exhibit was postponed for possible future excursions. Those who participated were Bob and Mary Frances Wadley, Patricia and Chase Ross, Taylor Ross, Brittany Bailey, Savannah and Katie Warren, Alex and Sydney Kennedy, Brandy Shrewsbury and Shelby Johnson. They stuck together like glue (even on frequent trips to the bathroom facilities) and behaved extremely well according to Mrs. Mary, who did not have to use her "teacher voice" or her "teacher look" to keep the group in line.

What a wonderful way to beat the "after-Christmas blues" while our youth were out of school!

Christmas Play

The Story of Jesus birth was portrayed in somewhat of a different way on Sunday night, December 20 in the Fellowship Hall at Unity Baptist. The youth and their puppet friends told the story while the children sang traditional Christmas hymns. The youth met several Wednesday and Sunday nights before regular church services to practice for the play. The play was written by and directed by Bob Wadley, youth director. Lisa Hopper, children's director, and Lisa Bell worked with the children's choir many hours also. Thank you to Beth Hurst for puppet costumes and Anita Ross for the art work that helped make it a success. The service closed with the congregation helping the children sing, "Joy to the World" by candlelight. Afterwards, there was plenty of food and fellowship.

Cathy Huggins

Praying in the New Year

Well, 2009 is over and the youth finished it in style. We did things a little different this year. We invited Grace Baptist Church of Henderson to join us in praying in the New Year. Youth and adults started arriving at 6 pm and we enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs and chips. After the meal the youth enjoyed free time and several of the adults headed to the TV for the TN vs. Florida game. It was so wonderful seeing our gym used on New Years. On one end of the court there was a volleyball game going on with members of every generation and both churches playing. On the other end there was a game of cone ball for the more daring to play. In the youth room there was a Wii set up for playing interactive sports games. A basketball duel and air hockey game reigned in the old office. Everywhere you went there were young and old having fun!

At 9 pm Scott Laster from Grace introduced a game called Underground Church. He started by talking about persecution of the church in countries like China. Then he told them that we had hidden 24 hymnals in the church. They had to go and try to find them without being caught by the police. If they were caught they were sent to jail to be tortured (or the nursery to do push-ups and math problems-ha ha!). After this game everyone went back to free time until 11pm when we met in the fellowship hall for a game of Apples to Apples. At 11:30 pm our new youth director Bob Wadley led us in a devotional about getting rid of the junk we carry around and how Jesus is the glue that holds everything together. We discovered Laminin.

(Google laminin pictures and figure that one out! Simply amazing!) At midnight he led us in a prayer and offered for anyone who wanted to come up to the altar and pray.

I counted early in the night and we had 35 youth and 15 adults but we had several adults come and go throughout the night. This was a great way of bringing in the New Year, fellowshiping with other Christians from another church and at midnight thinking about Jesus and praying. I thank everyone who made this year's New Year event a success.

MSW

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Deacon's Meeting 8:00AM	4	5	6 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Business Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Shower for Wes & Kim Murphy 10:00 AM (Brunch/bring a dish) Acteens Japanese Tea Party Union Univ. 9 AM-12 PM
17 Deacons/Yokefellow Meeting 8:30 AM	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Children's Outing T.B.A.	19	20 Missions Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24 4 th Sunday Meal	25	26	27 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	28	29	30 Family Night Potluck 5:00 PM
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Birthdays

Carolyn Mayfield..... 1/01
 Kelly Hicks.....1/12
 Linda Burk.....1/24
 Beth Hurst.....1/26
 Nickolas Mayfield.....1/27
 Madelyn Wilson.....1/28
 Norris Frank.....1/31



But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

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The arguments surrounding creation vs evolution are not likely to end soon but, as your pastor and a biologist that believes God created just as he said He did, I would like for you to consider the case of the Venus flytrap. As you are probably aware, this is one of the few carnivorous plants found on planet earth. When an insect touches a trigger hair on the trap leaf it causes an action potential, much like a nervous impulse in humans, to close the trap. Digestive juices are secreted to kill and digest the unfortunate insect (which is probably more often an ant than a fly). The insect's struggle and death will result in the release of sodium and ammonium ions from its body and the trap closes even tighter. Carnivory is a remarkable innovation for a plant and has been touted as something that developed in plants that "evolved" in areas low in the essential nutrients required for the their growth, metabolism and reproduction. However, flytraps have been found to grow, flower, produce seed, and propagate without the need for an insect meal. In a flytrap to capture the first insect it must have developed digestive enzymes. Why would it develop

such a mechanism if it is able to take nutrients from the soil and use the sun for solar energy making this "evolution" unnecessary? Why would it develop a trap leaf and trigger hairs unless there was a "plan" for their use? Since there is no significant advantage to the trap forming by itself, I would rather believe that God created it to regulate some aspect of nature that we have not yet fathomed. We can trust god's Word when it says in Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth".

Your Pastor

Dr. H



I was reading John 4:6-29. This is where Jesus is in Samaria at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman comes up and Jesus asks her for some water. I was reading and thinking how does this apply to modern evangelism today? First in vs. 7 Jesus starts a conversation with a sinner. The Jews felt the Samaritans were not right with God plus Jesus had a little insider information on her life. Regardless, Jesus decided to talk with a sinner. Notice the woman's response in vs. 9. She can't believe He is even talking to her. Many non-christians are so used to the dirty looks and lack of care from Christians that they would never expect a Christian to start a conversation unless it was one where the Christian just goes up with guns blazing yelling "you are going to hell."

That isn't what Jesus is doing, He is starting a non-aggressive conversation and then introduces God into it in vs.

10 and 14. The woman still isn't on the same wavelength yet. How could this possibly play out today? Start a conversation and mention how you were thirsty until God changed your life. Now instead of Jesus staying there and trying to drill religion in her head, He turns the conversation to her in verse 16. He says, "Go call your husband and come here."

I worked with a woman once and she didn't like me at all. I never knew why, but anytime I talked to her it would be a one word response. One day I decided to ask about her family.

The floodgates opened up and we had a meaningful conversation about her family and problems that were there. Afterwards we talked often about her family and children. Sometimes we just have to find a link or a bridge that can start a conversation and build trust.

So the woman responds in vs.17, "I have no husband." This is where most Christians blow it. This is the part where most Christians slap the sinner in the head with a bible, yell, "That's right you adulteress and you are going to hell if you don't repent", and then shake our heads as the other person walks off in anger talking about how stupid and hypocritical Christians are. Jesus does not take that approach. He compliments her twice on her truthfulness in vs. 17-18. Then He talks about worshiping God. The end result of Jesus' compassionate way of talking to this woman in sin is that she comes to Christ and brings others (John 4:29).

Yes, sinners, as we all do, have to come to the knowledge that they are a sinner and deserve the punishment of hell, and the only way to heaven is Jesus. However, they have to be prepared to receive that knowledge. We must deliver it in a compassionate way. After all, Peter told us when we explain the hope we have, do it with gentleness (1 Peter 3:15).

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Unity Baptist Church



SBC

Schedule of Ministries

Sunday

9:45 a.m. . . . Sunday School

11:00 a.m. . . . Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. . . . Discipleship Training

6:30 p.m. . . . Evening Worship

*Sunday services broadcast on 106.1 FM

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. . . . Prayer Meeting

Business Meet. Wed. after 2nd Sunday

Missions is Wed. following the Business Meeting

Outreach/Visitation is the 1st Tuesday each month

Dr. Huggins's Office Hours

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Prayer list

Brenda Brown, Darryn Busby, Bro. Joe McCallahan,
Kyle Huggins family, Marsheila Lott,
David and Robert McMahn, Jazz Wadley,
Shawn Daniel Brown, Gloria Ross,
Harold and Charles Wallace, Joe Arnold, Linda Seltzer,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Amy Warren, Jane Rhodes,
David Tignor, James Vaughan, Susie Koverman,
Joe Russell, Nancy Rogers, Dorothy Wadley,
Danny Record, Murdell Barker, J.P. Huggins,
Nick Phillips, Andrea Holland, Arvil Blankenship,
Pam Priddy, Kurt Durham, Randy Hunt, Donna Latham,
Joe Stanfill, Robert Mayfield, Dennis Jackson,
Wanda Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cooper,
Steven Bailey, Perry Mullins, Jeremy and CeCe Snider,
Danny Goodwin

Homebound Members

Marie Coady, Jean Rhodes

In the Nursing Home

Dorothy Young

Troops

Hunt Lott, Dustin Pusser, Raymond Mitchell, Tim Berry,
Jay Bickings, Andy Bickings

January Deacons of the Month

Chester Co..... Lance Bailey989-4436
Henderson Co..... Bob Wadley968-7208