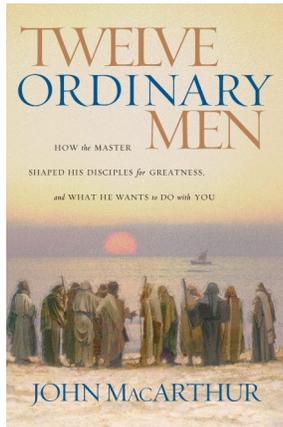




**March 8, 2026**



### Ladies Bible Study

You are invited to attend our  
Spring Ladies Bible Study  
Beginning Monday, March 9th

@ 6:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are available  
in the sanctuary, or you may  
call the church office.

Books available for  
purchase on Amazon.

### Union Academy Band Mattress Fundraiser

Sunday, March 22nd 11 AM-6 PM

Union Academy: 675 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Monroe

Every purchase supports the students.

Flyers with more info (and a coupon)

will be located in the foyer.



### Spring Yard Sale

**DATE CHANGE: Saturday, May 2**



We are now accepting donations  
(excluding larger items)! The drop-off  
room will be in the middle classroom on  
the left near the choir room. Signs are post-  
ed to help guide you. Please make sure  
your items are clean and in good working  
order. Please wait to bring larger items and  
furniture until the week before the sale.

### Online Worship

Keep sharing our live-streamed Sunday worship  
services & recorded Wednesday messages to  
further reach more people for Christ!



*In this is love, not  
that we loved  
God but that He  
loved us and sent  
His Son to be the  
atoning sacrifice  
for our sins.*

*1 John 4:10*

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**Sunday, March 8 2026**

God is Love

1 John 4:7-19

**The Point:** We can only truly know love by knowing God.

**The Bible Meets Life:** In 1970, the Beatles broke up. The band that famously sang “All You Need Is Love” couldn’t get along anymore. In the years that followed, a rivalry between John Lennon and Paul McCartney began to simmer. Lennon accused McCartney of writing lightweight, sappy songs lacking in depth. In response, McCartney wrote what would become one of his biggest post-Beatles hits. “Silly Love Songs” was at the number one position on the charts for five weeks and was named Billboard’s number one song of 1976. Decades later, the world is still full of love songs. Some are shallow; some are vulgar; some are sweet. Most of them are easily forgettable because most of them ignore the source of real love, God Himself.

Two thousand years before John Lennon, another man named John wrote the short letter of 1 John. In five chapters, John used a variation of the word love more than twenty-five times, more than any other book in the New Testament. And what John says about love is anything but silly.

**Live It Out: Read.** Read a chapter of 1 John each day this week and take note of all the times he used the word “love.” **Meditate.** Instead of listening to songs about love, listen to some of the great hymns of our faith, such as “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus,” or “Blessed Assurance.” Sing along, if you like! **Share.** Since love is expressed in relationship, find ways to show God’s love to someone else this week, either inside your family or outside.

**Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series**

**God Is: Understanding the Character of God**

Sunday, March 15 God is Just  
(Psalm 7:1-13)

Sunday, March 22 God is Omnipotent  
(Isaiah 44:6-9, 21-28)



**Opportunities for Ministry & Service**

**Sunday**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Indoor Worship  
10:00 AM Online Worship  
11:30 AM Living Streams  
Worship Center

**Monday**

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**

6:30 PM Online Worship  
6:30 PM Youth

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 3/11

**Thursday**

Jail Ministry

**Service Attendance**

Sunday, March 1



Indoor: 53

Online: 431

Wednesday, March 4

No Online

Youth: 8

**Monthly Budget & Offerings**

Budget

Needs:

\$17,299.09

March

Offering

To Date:

\$2,906.00



**Prayer Requests**

Eddie & Candy Anderson  
Dianne Avery  
George Browning (Irene’s Brother)  
Gary Clontz  
Marlene Crider  
Sam & Wanda Goodwin  
Mike & Renee Helms  
Lillian Lewis  
Pam Majewski  
Debbie McKnight  
Jennifer Price (Jeremy’s Mom)  
Kenny & Carolyn Street  
Irene Welch

**Choir Rehearsal**



The next practice will be Wednesday, March 11th at 7:30 PM. Interested in singing with us? No experience needed! Contact Taylor Price (704-490-3776)

**Bible App**

Follow along in today’s Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:

