

Church Business Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 PM to hear from the Pastor Search Team as they bring a recommendation to the church to extend a call to Pastor Austin Graham. Bring any comments or questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the details of this meeting, please reach out to the Church Office or to someone on the Pastor Search Team.

Girl Scouts Poinsettia Fundraiser

Renay's granddaughter is selling poinsettias as part of the Girl Scouts of Union County Fundraiser. If you would like to purchase a red, white, marbled or pink poinsettia, please reach out to Renay or Nikki Moore at 704-254-4550 by November 14th.

Church Work Day

The Building & Ground Team will be hosting a Fall Workday on Saturday, October 31st from 8 AM-12 Noon with a light lunch to follow.

There will be indoor and outdoor jobs. A sign-up sheet listing the various tasks is available at the back of the sanctuary. As always, thank you for your willingness to serve your church!

Bible Studies for Life

A new sermon series starts TODAY.

The BSFL unit is titled *The Beauty of Forgiveness*.

Youth Pumpkin Carving Night

The youth group will be carving pumpkins on Wednesday, October 28th. Doors will open at 5:55 PM. Please sign up or contact Leslie by 10/25.



October 18, 2026



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The Cry of Forgiveness

Psalm 51:1-13

In Focus: When we sin, we sin against God – so only He can forgive us.

Look at our World: The surveillance video of Sean “Diddy” Combs beating Casandra Ventura on March 5, 2016, was not only incriminating but a clear display of evil. Helpless, Ventura lay still on the ground as Combs, wearing a white towel, kicked her, and then dragged her by the arm down the hotel hallway.

During the trial, Security Office Eddy Garcia testified that Combs paid him, a coworker, and his supervisor \$100,000 for the footage, the assurance that there were no other copies, and that Garcia and his coworkers would not disclose what happened. Garcia, who testified under an immunity agreement, indicated that Combs attempted to hide evidence of his wrongdoing.

Cover-ups are nothing new. This kind of cover-up echoes the actions of King David after his affair with Bathsheba. David didn’t try to erase video evidence, but he did attempt to hide the truth. He summoned Uriah, her husband, from the front lines of battle so he could sleep with his wife, and everyone would think the coming child was Uriah’s. When his plan failed, David arranged for Uriah’s death.

Done – right? Not exactly. The cover-up did not work for Combs or for King David. How should we respond when we sin against God? We’ll find out in this session.

Live It Out: View of God. Reflect on your own walk with God. Are you close to Him, or have you drifted away? If you are out of fellowship with God, confess your sin to Him. Ask God to forgive you. **View of Self.** Has your personal sin affected your view of yourself? After repenting of your sin and being restored, remind yourself of who God says you are. Live in that truth.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Beauty of Forgiveness

Sunday, October 25 The Source of Forgiveness
(Psalm 103:1-13)

Sunday, November 1 The Picture of Forgiveness
(Leviticus 16:6-10, 15-22)

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

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
6:30 PM Youth
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal

The next practice will be
Wednesday, October 21st at
7:30 PM. Interested in
singing with us? No
experience needed! Contact
Taylor Price (704-490-3776)



Service Attendance

Sunday, October 11
Indoor: 44
Online: 103
Wednesday, October 14
No Online
Youth: 9

Prayer Requests

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

Bible App

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



Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs: \$17,299.09

October Offering
To Date: \$4,733.00