



September 15, 2024



Repent, then, and turn to God,
so that your sins may be wiped

out, that times of

Refreshing

may come from the Lord.

Acts 3:19

Church Cleaner Recommendations

The building and grounds team is seeking recommendations for consideration of individuals or businesses that might be interested in cleaning our church building on a regular basis.



Please submit your suggestions along with their contact information to the church office, Ray Greene, or Leigh Ann Elsey by Sunday, September 22nd. Thank you for helping us with the process of filling this important position!



FREE for
County Residents

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Union County Agriculture Center - 3230 Presson Road, Monroe



Union County residents are invited to dispose of hazardous household materials at this free event. Bring up to 5 gallons each of any of these materials: paints, pesticides, herbicides, household cleaners, oil, or gasoline. Bring up to 3 propane or helium tanks (grill size only). All materials must be in their original labeled containers. We'll also have a document shredding service available on-site; bring up to five boxes.

Bring expired or unneeded medications (over-the-counter, prescription, or unknown) to dispose of them safely through Operation Medicine Drop, a service of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

NOT ACCEPTED: business waste (household waste only), electronics, ammunition, gun powder, explosives, radioactive materials, bio-medical waste

Visit our website or contact us to learn how to dispose of unwanted items properly and safely.

For more details, visit ucgov.info/HHW
call 704.296.4260, email solidwaste@unioncountync.gov
or scan the QR code.



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Purpose Restored

Acts 3:14-26

The Point: Through Jesus, we can be forgiven and restored to the purpose for which He created us.

The Bible Meets Life: Paint doesn't last. It fades. It cracks. It peels. Live in a house long enough, and you will find yourself needing to repaint any exterior wood. I've had to do that twice over the years.

When I paint, though, I'm only dealing with one color. Wash the wall, scrape away anything that's peeling, and slap on a new coat. Manageable. But dealing with hundreds of colors that have faded and been covered with years of grime is something altogether different. Art restoration is a monumental task best not left to people like me. Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper," the fresco painted on a wall at the refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie, began to deteriorate shortly after da Vinci put his brushes away. Since its completion in 1948, the painting has undergone seven attempts at restoration, and the last one took twenty years.

We need restoration too. We've lost our way, wandered from God, and painted over the abundant life and purpose God created us for with the dull color of self and the grime of sin. No DIY effort will do. We need the Master Restorer.

Live It Out: Repent. Restoration begins by coming to Christ in repentance and faith. If you've never made a commitment of your life to Christ, you can do so now. Talk to someone in your Bible study group about your desire to follow Christ. **Refresh.** Even as a Christian, life can be challenging. Thankfully, you're not alone. Spend some focused and unhurried time with Jesus by praying and reading His Word. Let His Spirit wash over you to keep you strong. **Restore.** Let others see Jesus in you as you live out a renewed and restored purpose. You can't restore others to their purpose in Christ, but you can be a testimony to them of how Christ restores. Be ready to tell your story to all who are willing to hear.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Thrive: Living on Purpose

Sunday, September 22 Purpose Lived
(Galatians 5:16-26)

Sunday, September 29 Purpose Expressed
(Galatians 6:1-10)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Tuesday

6:30 PM NO Ladies Bible Study 9/17

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 9/18

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be
Wednesday, September 18th
at 7:45 PM.

Service Attendance

Sunday, September 8

Indoor: 42

Online: 121



Wednesday, September 11

Online: 43

Youth: 13

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

September Offering

To Date:

\$6,675.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Jean Granger

Ray Greene

Christine Hinson

Rodney Johnson

(Renee Helms' Son)

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)

Wellspring Prep

Youth Litter Pick Up

The youth group picked up
litter around Oakland's campus
& down Oakland Road.

