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To Our Church Members and Friends,

As I sit down and write this newsletter article 2018 is almost gone. As I reflect back on this past year, many things have been accomplished in our church. I thank God every day for the ministries that continues to go forth from this congregation. Thank you for your faithfulness, first and foremost to the Lord and secondly to this church. It is good to assembly together in God's house service after service and what a blessing to see God's hand at work in each of your lives.

Max Lucado states in a unique way how the world interacts with us. He says "there is a low grade fear, an edginess, a dread in this world. It's a wind that won't stop howling. It's not so much a storm as it is the certainly that a storm is coming. Always..... coming. So you don't sleep well. You don't laugh often. You don't enjoy the sun. You don't whistle as you walk. The anxiety has its reasons. They take on many different forms. There is misfortune to be had out there. And what about our personal challenges. You or someone you know is fighting cancer, dealing with family problems, battling addictions, or facing financial hardships." Take heart, my friends, we all encounter these year in and year out, but we don't have to give in or let them defeat us. God always has a path out of the valleys we face. God has a roadmap that is found in Philippians 4: 4-8. Things we can do: 1 – celebrate God's goodness, 2 - ask for God's help, 3 – leave your concerns with Him, 4 - meditate on the good things. If we take to heart these things, we can expect a better year than ever before. Trust in the Lord, lean not unto our own understanding, but lean unto God.

Thank you so much for allowing us the privilege to serve with you. We look forward to watching God at work in each of our lives and in our Church during 2019.

Leon and Cindy

*Thank
you*

Thank you, thank you, and thank you. On Sunday, December 23 you gave us an amazing gift. We have mixed feelings about being away for a month; however, when we think of the time of rest, reflection and rejuvenation, we feel very blessed. Then to top it off with a trip of a life-time, our hearts are overflowing. Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown us thru out these many years. Leon & Cindy

Welcome New Members

JV & Doris Walden

New Year, New You

New Year's is here! 2018 is in the books and 2019 is a blank canvas primed and ready for paint. You can't turn on the TV, open Facebook, Instagram, or Snap Chat without seeing the phrase "New Year, New You." This has got to be the most popular catchphrase of this time of year. I have pondered on this each year as I have made New Year's resolutions. These resolutions are sometimes related to health issues, weight reduction, or being more present in the everyday instead of head down into a smart (and I use that term loosely) device. But is there really ever a "New Me?" Does January 1 of any year transform the overweight into someone that is all the sudden a fit and healthy individual? Does it change anyone so dramatically that people they are around ask, "What happened to Michael?" I will say the answer is NO as it is now several days into January and I haven't gotten any calls from any of you to be their personal trainer because they see how fit I am after my resolutions to jump higher, run longer, and lift heavier weights. No, there is only one "New Me" transformation that I know of that has the power and authority to make such a dramatic change. That change can only come from God.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

He is the only one who can take the wretched and make them pure, the weak and make them strong in Him, the broken and create completeness, the sick and provide healing. He is the only one who can provide each of us with a "New You." In Christ is the only place we can find grace, mercy, and forgiveness of our sins. So, I challenge you to rethink "New Year, New You," and instead focus on the New You that we can find in Christ alone.

Michael Jordan
Youth Director

You can read all about Emily Oster's YWAM Missions on her Blog Link at: <https://thecalltogo.wordpress.com/>

Please make the following Changes/Corrections in your Pictorial Directory. Thank you.

Sandra Helms' new address and home phone number:
1437 Standish Drive, Monroe, NC 28110
Home Phone: 704-225-7781

Allen Edward's corrected cell phone number:
704-226-8078

Men/Boy's Meal at Mayfair in Monroe

DATE: Jan 12th TIME: 4:00 PM

We be having a guest speaker, and would like to invite all men and boys to attend.

Ida Mae James WMU Meeting

Monday, January 14th at 10:00 AM in the church.

Sisters in Christ Meeting

DATE: January 15th TIME: 6:30 PM PLACE: Fellowship Hall
Billy Riggins will be giving a demonstration on awareness, self-defense, and prevention.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE – Sunday, January 20, 2019

We will be participating in the Baby Bottle Drive to help raise money for the H.E.L.P. Crisis Pregnancy Center in Monroe. We will have Baby Bottles available for pick up at a later date. More details coming soon.



85th Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Theme: "Known By Love"

Scripture: John 13:35

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."



UBA WINTER SESSION

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Fellowship & Refreshments: 6 pm
Session: 7 pm

Shiloh Baptist Church
2301 Rocky River Road North
Monroe NC 28110

Doctrinal Sermon:
Rev. Terry Smith (Silver Star Cowboy)

All visitors and messengers
are invited to attend.



- 2-Brittany Crowe, Laura Ann Strickland, Shane Jordan
- 5-Matthew Oster, Calvin Hartis
- 6-Nathan Baucom, Chris Guffey
- 8-Delane Bennett, Billy Bennett, Cathy Lacroix
- 9-Anna Christine Edwards, Jacklyn Taylor Edwards, Eddie Rivers
- 10-Khoury Nassef, Kathy Hazelwood
- 11-Toni Riggins, Hunter Smith
- 12-Tommy Traywick
- 14-Barbara Faulkenberry
- 15-Pat Autry, Lindsey Nassef, Sarah Williams
- 17- Teresa Hilton
- 18-Benjamin Collins, Kyle Gordon, Lainey Preslar
- 19-Laikyn Nicole Newsome, Cary Preslar, Morgan Zambarda
- 21-Kaylan Haigler, Alexandria Miller
- 23-Sandra Helms, Jay Tiffany, Kris Tiffany
- 24-Brittany Edwards, Beverly Napier
- 25-Lisa Tarleton
- 26-Aiden Figueroa, Emily Oster
- 28-Michael Jordan
- 29-Amber Griffin
- 30-Pearl Wood
- 31-Cameron Williams



- 3-Mr. & Mrs. Morris Williams
- 3- Mr. & Mrs. Roger Long
- 7-Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Jordan
- 7-Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hartis
- 14-Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Walker
- 22-Mr. & Mrs. Cary Preslar
- 26-Mr. & Mrs. Don Post
- 26-Mr. & Mrs. Wade Haigler

January Fellowship Hall Clean-Up

Prophecy Class

East Union is collecting Box Tops.

If you have any to donate, please call Beverly Stewart at: 704-261-5321. Thank



you.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

- 6th: Bill & Carol Fowler
- 13th: Kerri Collins & Josh Fowler
- 20th: Michael & Alicia Jordan
- 27th: Christa L. & Julia G.

JANUARY NURSERY WORKERS

- 6th: Michael & Alicia Jordan
- 13th: Dustin & Dawn Marsh
- 20th: Lebron & Shirley Crowe
- 27th: Bill & Carol Fowler



- Sunday, March 10th • Blood Drive
- Saturday, May 4th • Churchwide Picnic at Cane Creek Park
- Saturday May 18th • Union County Churches United "Praise In The Park"

Sisters In Christ, please look over our bulletin board. The book study dates are up, when to order the books by and hopefully potential dates for our retreat. Thank you, Melissa Smith

♥ FEBRUARY EVENTS ♥



Valentine's Banquet at Rocky River Fish Camp

DATE: Thursday, February 14th

We will leave from the church at 5:15 PM and eat at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Region 6 Mission Conference

Kannapolis First Baptist Church

DATE: Tuesday, February 19th

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to go.