

# BELL'S MESSENGER

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## **Bell's Messenger Submissions**

If anyone has anything they would like included in the monthly Bell's Messenger, please get it to Jeffrey by the last Sunday of each month.

---Jeffrey Smith

## **Kingdom Chronicles Vacation Bible School**

Kingdom Chronicles Vacation Bible School for ones who are potty trained through 18 will be Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper served at 5:30 pm.

Closing Program will be Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Registration is now open online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/oldunionchurch>



## **Baby Shower for Mark and Samantha**

### **Russell:**

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm until 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart under Mark and Samantha's baby registry and on Amazon under Samantha Russell. They are asking for Children's Books instead of Cards. It is a Boy!!



## **Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board) Meeting**

Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board) Meeting, Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary.



**From Pastor Robert**  
***DECEIVED***

In Deuteronomy Chapter 11:16 the bible says, Take heed to yourselves that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them. In this crazy busy world that we live in it is so easy to get side tracked from the the true things that really matter in this life .Wife, husband, children, family, etc., trying to keep everybody happy and everything going as it should sometimes seems almost impossible .Quite often GOD seems to get the least of our attention when in reality HE should get the most of our attention and should be our top priority. I believe we think because he is a forgiven GOD that we can just do as we please and HE will just forgive us and look over our shortcomings and sin. This is being deceived. In Galatians Chapter 6 verse 7 it says, Be not deceived GOD is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. When GOD says for us to not put other gods before HIM it's not a request, it's a commandment. When John said in I John Chapter 1:8, If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Now I know none of us are perfect in any way, but to use the excuse I'M not perfect is deception itself. The truth is what sets us free from the deception of the world and ourselves. So this 4th of July I hope that you truly will be free from your sins and also the deception of this world .LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

**Old Union Youth Ministry**

The Old Union Youth Ministry did not meet in the month of June. We would like to thank everyone that did stay after church on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Hot Dog Meal. We did raise \$381.

On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> we went to the High Point Rockers, see picture below.

We are selling T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the Church Name on it. You can now order Black, White or Gray Tshirts. Order Form and Samples are on a table under the

Bulletin Board. We also have Hats for sale for \$15.

Our Next meeting is Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>..



**Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser**

The Young Adult Class will have a Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser for the Community on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, House Salad, Dessert and Tea, Water or Coffee. Take outs will be Available (No Drinks with Take outs).

Price: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Ages 4 to 10, Ages 3 and under are Free.

**Hamburger Steak Meal**

Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Old Union Church

Fellowship Hall

5077 Walker Mill Road

Sophia, NC

Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, House Salad, Dessert and Tea, Water or Coffee

Take Out Available (Drinks Not Available with Take Outs)

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## End of Summer Party

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**Annual End of Summer Party**  
**FREE for Children and Adults**

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
3 pm until 7 pm

Old Union Church  
5077 Walker Mill Road  
Sophia, NC

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs  
and Homemade Ice Cream.

We will have a 19 foot Slippity Water Slide  
(Bring clothes you want to get wet in)  
and Sports Bounce House.



## Church Yard Clean-up Day

Church Yard Clean up Day will be Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 am. Bring your Yard Tools to clean up with.



## 238<sup>th</sup> Homecoming

In the January Board Meeting it was decided to have a 3 day weekend celebration of Homecoming this year. The dates are Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Homecoming Committee has decided the following so far:

- Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm will be History Night and will be under the Shelter and in the Fellowship Hall. A night to share stories, pictures, old bulletins, etc. from the past. There will be congregational singing out of the Green Broadman Hymnal. Subs and Finger foods will be served.
- Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: 10 am until 4 pm will be under the Shelter, Fellowship Hall and Church Grounds. We will have singing from different groups, individuals and churches. (There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wanting to sing on Saturday). There will be a service at 12 noon by a visiting pastor. There will be an inflatable for the children. We will be serving Hamburger and Hot Dogs from 10:30 am until 3 pm.
- Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: The day will be like a normal Homecoming with Sunday School and Worship Service. The S & D Singers of Old Union will sing during the Worship Service. There will be a Covered Dish meal in the Fellowship Hall after the benediction in the Cemetery.

Anyone that has pictures they would like to be on Slide Show please give to Jeffrey to



be scanned. Examples are Wedding Pictures or anything in Church or Fellowship Hal or Grounds over the years.



*Old Union Church  
238<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Weekend  
Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday: History Night, 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm under the Shelter  
Saturday: Worship and Singing under the Shelter and on the church grounds, 10 am until 4 pm  
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 am, Worship Service at 10:30 am  
Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall after Benediction in Cemetery  
Special Singing during Worship Service By the S & D Singers of Old Union*

**Homecoming Flowers in Sanctuary on Sunday**

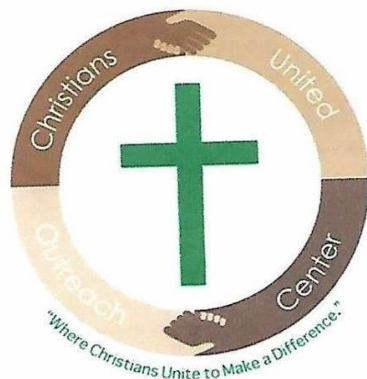
Anyone that would like to put flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday of Homecoming in Memory of someone, please let Sandy Stutts know.

**Food Collection for Christian’s United Outreach Center (CUOC) in Asheboro**

The Items to be collected for the next 6 months are:

- July: Cereal & Pasta Salad
- August: Peanut Butter & Jelly
- September: Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce (In Cans not Jars)
- October: Rice & Canned Beef Stew
- November: Canned Vegetables & Fruit
- December: Sloppy Joe Mix & Grits/Oatmeal

There is a container in the hall to put donations in for CUOC. They will take anything each month. It does not have to be the items listed for that month.



**Church Cleaning Schedule**

July: Gene Farlow  
August: Debbie Coggins



**Psalm Reader**

If there is anyone that wants to be added or deleted as a Psalm Reader for Worship Service let Jeffrey Smith know.

**Guidelines for Anyone from the Community Requesting Assistance**

At the July 22, 2018 Board Meeting it was voted that if anyone comes to the church wanting money, food, etc. that they be sent to CUOC to get help. There are information sheets about CUOC to hand out to anyone requesting assistance. They are on the desk in the hall in the folder titled CUOC Assistance.

**Old Union Women**

Old Union Women meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm by Zoom. No Meeting in July and August.

Old Union Women’s mission for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is Family Room in Greensboro (Store for Foster Parents).

We are taking applications for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vendor Event on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. They are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. You can go to the following link to print out application: [www.oldunionchurch.org/third-annual-fall-event-2024/](http://www.oldunionchurch.org/third-annual-fall-event-2024/)

**Old Union Men’s Club**

The Old Union Men’s Club Next Country Breakfast will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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- **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Old Union Women 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Vendor Event, 10 am until 3 pm.