



October 3, 2021

UBA Feeding Event

Saturday, October 16th from 8 AM to Noon
1744 Williams Road in Monroe

Volunteer with a team, group, family, or on your own.

The UBA is excited to announce the Youth Feeding Event—please join the UBA to pack meals for hungry children in Haiti as well as in the Charlotte NC area. All ages are welcome!

Please contact the Church Office to sign up for this event.



Backpacks of Hope Ministry

The backpacks ministry for the Fall 2021 semester is underway! Please pray for this ministry and for the 10 Monroe Middle School students who will receive food each week.

Bags include a selection from the following items:

- Applesauce, Beanie Weenies, Canned Chicken & Tuna,
- Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Cups (Fruit Medley, Orange Slices, Peaches), Grits, Macaroni & Cheese,
- Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Pop Tarts, Pork & Beans, Pudding Cups, Raisins, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs,
- Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup

If you feel led to purchase food items, please drop them off in the Church Office!

BACKPACKS OF HOPE



**Dear friends,
let us love one another,
because love is from God,
and everyone who loves
has been born of God
and knows God.**

1 John 4:7

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Sunday, October 3 2021

Sure of God's Love (1 John 4:7-13, 19-21)

The Point: God's love is seen when we love others as He has loved us.

The Bible Meets Life: This may come as no surprise, but since COVID-19 rearranged so many of our schedules, we have changed how much time we look at a screen, whether it's a TV, smartphone, laptop, or computer. As a country, we're spending a significant amount of time on these devices. With that increased usage came an increase in exposure to hateful, divisive rhetoric. Anger, violence, and unrest posted to social media platforms only reflected the anger, violence, and unrest in our communities.

Some people may wonder where God is in all this. Others are tempted to question God's goodness. The presence of human hatred and violence, however, in no way negates God's goodness and love. Moreover, the world's concept of love cannot compare with God's love. I am referring to God's love that was on display when He gave His One and only Son to die on the cross for the sins of the world. We can do nothing to deserve His love, but He loves us anyway. God's love abides forever, and He wants us to be sure of His love for us.

Live It Out: Examine your life. Are there people in your life whom you have a difficult time loving? Make a list and begin to pray for them. **Align your life.** Following up on your prayer list, look for ways to demonstrate love by serving those individuals. Write an activity, a time, and a place. Then invite someone to hold you accountable for loving action. **Make a difference in someone's life.** Lead out this week in helping your group do something for someone in need. You could put together care packages for the homeless, volunteer at a local food pantry, or find a family in need and minister to them.

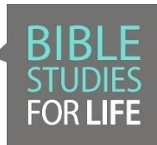
Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

No Doubt: Six Things We Can Know For Sure

Sunday, October 10 Sure of Salvation
(1 John 5:1-5, 11-13, 18-21)

Walking in Confidence

Sunday, October 17 The Basis for Confidence
(Genesis 12:1-8)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth
6:30 PM Online Worship

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, September 26
No Indoor
Online Reach: 144
Wednesday, September 29
Online Reach: 72 Youth: 7

Jail Ministry

Pray for the jail ministry team on Thursday evenings! Pray for the people who they will minister to; pray that the gospel will be spread and that lives will be changed.

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:
\$18,566.08
September Offering
To Date: \$12,801.00



Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson
Elise Byers
Kent Chapman
Brandy Eudy's Mother
Cindy French
Sam & Wanda Goodwin
Sadie Griffin
Nan Helms
Grady Hill
Renay Moore
Bob Murray
The Shauan's
Irene Welch



Pray for Schools

This week, let us pray for the SCHOOL STAFF (Principals, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, resource officers, custodians, etc.):

Pray for their safety and health.
Pray for them to have open hearts for the students.
Pray that they have wisdom and creativity.

