

The Vision

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
UNIVERSITY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

What A Joy It Was To See You Again!

I can't express the joy it was to see so many of you again this past Sunday! It was such a special time as we participated in worship together! Some gathered in the parking lot and others were engaged in worship with us through the livestream. However you participated, I trust the Spirit of the Lord met with you and stirred up your affections for our great God!

It couldn't have happened apart from the ministry of so many people who served last week. Music, sound, video, parking, greeters, deacons, security, and so many more: THANK YOU!

The Ministry Development Team (MDT) met this week to evaluate the outdoor service and we were encouraged by so many things. We also looked back at Sunday's experience and shared some things we learned. It may be worth noting some of those lessons learned here so that we are better prepared as a church to gather in the parking lot for worship.

Please remember on Sunday:

- The **lyrics and order of worship** can be found on the Church App (download the app [HERE](#)) and at universityhills.org/sing. If you would like a printed copy, **please print at home** and bring with you on Sunday. You may also use your mobile device to view the lyrics.
- Social distancing is very important. We ask that you please **remain at least 6' apart** from those who are not in your household. We recommend that you wear a mask if possible.
- **Places for your household to sit** will be marked off on the pavement. These pavement markings will be bigger and clearer this Sunday to help us better distance from one another.
- Please remember to **bring a chair** for yourself and those in your household.
- Please remember that the **building will not be opened** and there will be no access to restrooms.
- We are planning to **extend the outdoor worship services through the end of May** and possibly beyond. We will keep you updated on progress as we gradually make our way back to normal gatherings and activities.
- The **start time will remain at 9:30am** to beat the heat.
- The worship service will continue to be **livestreamed on Facebook**.

We are looking forward to worshipping with you! Please plan to join us in the parking lot or online at **9:30am on Sunday May 24 and May 31!**

See you Sunday!

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Spiritual Gifts Test

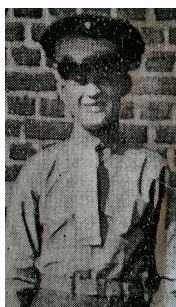
Discover your spiritual gifts and take a step towards
joining a ministry team today!
Take the Spiritual Gifts Test at universityhills.org/sgt.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was established May 30, 1868. Earlier that year, copying an already established southern annual observance, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. Communities in the southern states had already begun such observances immediately following the War Between the States. By the 20th century, various Union and Confederate memorial traditions, celebrated on different dates, merged and Memorial Day was established. Following World War I, the observance extended to honor the memory of all Americans who died while in the military service, back to the American Revolution.

Now officially observed as a federal holiday in the United States on the last Monday of May, the original May 30th observance was held from 1868 through 1970.

We remember with love and appreciation five young men of our church family who died in the line of duty fighting to protect the freedoms we all enjoy today. May we never take these for granted.



Corporal James Hugh Clemons

October 8, 1922 – November 20, 1943

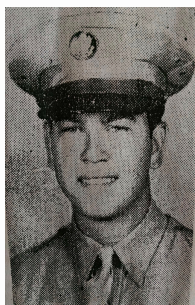
James was born in Madison County in the North Carolina mountains, eldest child of Willie Leo Clemons and Robbie Mae Freeman Clemons. His family moved to western Mecklenburg County near Charlotte around 1925 and he grew up in what became known as the Enderly Park Community. He was baptized into the membership of Enderly Park Baptist Church June 3, 1934. He worked in Charlotte at Postal Telegraph Company before entering the United States Marine Corps at age 17. He was killed in the battle of Tarawa and is remembered in a memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Lieutenant Keith Hobbs Taylor

October 1, 1923 – September 21, 1944

Born in Maiden, NC, Keith was one of three sons of Doras Edgar Taylor and Lillian Elsie Hobbs Taylor. He also was reared in the west Charlotte area and was baptized into the membership of Enderly Park Baptist Church on July 18, 1937. He served with the United States Army Air Corps and was based at Malden Army Air Base in Malden, Missouri. He received his wings on May 23, 1944 at Lubbock, Texas. While on a routine training flight, he was killed when his plane crashed near Memphis, Tennessee. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte with his parents and siblings.



Staff Sergeant Otto Robey Riddle

December 24, 1922 – January 15, 1945

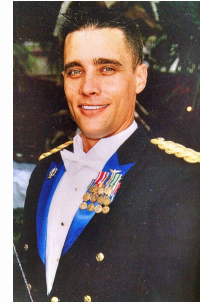
Robey was born and reared in west Charlotte, one of four children of Dempster Wallace Riddle and Nancy Flora Hasty Riddle. Before entering the United States Army Air Corps, he was employed with Lance, Inc. and then Westinghouse Electric Company in Charlotte. He was baptized into membership at Enderly Park Baptist Church July 18, 1937. In the Army Air Corps he served as engineer-gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber and completed 27 missions before perishing in a crash in Italy. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte with his parents and other family members.



Corporal Robert Edward Caldwell

April 23, 1947 – February 28, 1968

Eddie was born in Charlotte and lived all of his life in the Enderly Park Community until entering the United States Marine Corps. He was one of three sons born to Charles William Caldwell and Clara Lucille Black Caldwell. Before entering the Marines in August 1966 he had been employed with the Charlotte Ambulance Service. He was baptized into membership of Enderly Park Baptist Church April 26, 1959 and had planned to study for the ministry upon completion of this military service. He was assistant to the chaplain of the Third Battalion, 26th Marine Division. He and 23 other Marines died when their helicopter was shot down by enemy fire at Khe Sanh, Vietnam. He was scheduled to return home in just 14 days. Eddie is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte with his parents and two brothers.



Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell Kyle Carver, Jr.

March 10, 1974 – January 13, 2006

Mitch was born in Buncombe County in the North Carolina mountains and grew up in Leicester near Asheville. One of two sons, his parents are Mitchell Kyle Carver, Sr. and Judy Ruth Cable Carver. Mitch came to Charlotte to attend the University of North Carolina where he studied for three years and later studied criminal justice at the University of Colorado before joining the United States Army in March 1995. While in Charlotte he was active at University Hills Baptist Church, joining July 18, 1993. He was also an active member of Newfound Baptist Church in his home community. Mitch served with the Bravo Company 1st Battalion 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. Highly decorated for his dedicated service and bravery, he died when his helicopter crashed under fire in Mosul, Iraq. Following funeral services in his home town, he was buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

We also remember on this Memorial Day,
family members of our church members who paid the ultimate price in service of our country.

(Father of Vernon Allen)

Woodrow Garrison "Garry" Allen

January 2, 1917 – March 12, 1945

Private, United States Marine Corps

Killed in action at Iwo Jima, Tokyo Metropolis, Japan

(Paternal uncle of Avery and Candy Phillips)

Harry Dewitte Phillips

September 27, 1916 – February 14, 1945

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Killed in action Luzon Island, the Philippines

(Paternal uncle of Miriam Dye)

James Watta Crawford

November 3, 1919 – September 8, 1944

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Killed in action in France

(Brother of Ray Teague)

Charles Edward Teague, Sr.

January 19, 1918 – September 16, 1944

Private, United States Army

Killed in action in Germany



WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

The University Hills Family extends our love and deepest sympathy to the family of our dear brother,

Charlie Ross Kerr

November 12, 1923 – May 13, 2020

Charlie was born in Cabarrus County, NC in a house at the intersection of Hickory Ridge and Rocky River Church Roads near Harrisburg. He was the youngest of four children, and only son, of Charlie Marshall Kerr and Fannie Estelle Morrison Kerr. When he was 11 years old his family moved to a farm in Cabarrus County where he grew up. Educated in the county's schools, he graduated from Harrisburg High School with the Class of 1941. Charlie continued his education at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, NC, attending for one year, then decided to join the United States Army. He was inducted at Camp Croft, SC on January 13, 1944. He served with the 444th Heavy Automotive Company, achieving the rank of Tech Sergeant. Charlie saw duty in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Following the end of World War II, he continued to serve active duty in Okinawa until his honorable discharge May 19, 1946. For meritorious service in a combat zone, he was awarded the Bronze Star. For a number of years he has been a member of the Earp-Williams Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mint Hill, NC.

After the war, Charlie worked for several years with Faires Trailers, Inc., a firm owned and operated by his brother-in-law and sister. He met his future wife, Betty Lou Teeter, at the Charlotte Carousel Thanksgiving Day Parade. She was a nursing student at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Betty was a native of West End (Moore County), NC, daughter of Fred Wilson Teeter and Jennie Lynn Barnette Teeter. They were united in marriage October 15, 1950 and enjoyed 49 years together before her passing August 30, 2000 at the age of 69.

For 53 years, Charlie was a mail carrier for the United States Post Office. He worked at the Freedom Station, General Mail Facility of Charlotte and the Idlewild Station. He was awarded the "Million Mile Award" from the Post Office at age 70. His final route was a mixed curb line and dismount route off Monroe Road in Charlotte. He finally retired in 2003 at the age of 80!

Throughout his life, he enjoyed planting and caring for his vegetable garden. In retirement, Charlie enjoyed spending time in his rocking chair on his back porch, listening to and watching birds, squirrels, rabbits, deer and wild turkeys. He definitely knew how to value the simple things in life. Charlie was reared in Bethel Methodist Church in Cabarrus County near Midland, NC. He joined Rocky River Presbyterian Church in Cabarrus County in October 1946 and served there as Deacon. He and his wife, along with their three sons, joined Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Mint Hill, NC in April 1968 and his membership remains there today. After his wife died, Charlie began in September 2000 attending University Hills Baptist Church where he has remained active for over 19 years. He was active in the Men's A Sunday School Class and participated in the activities of the Spice of Life Senior Adults Group.

Charlie Ross Kerr passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, May 13, 2020 after an illness of a couple of weeks, battling pneumonia.

He was 96 years old.

In addition to his wife, Charlie was preceded in death by his father who died at age 75 on December 22, 1961 and his mother who passed away at the age of 94 on July 17, 1992. He was also preceded in death by his three older sisters, Alice Frances Kerr Lewis who died March 24, 2007 at 88 years of age; Carrie Louise Kerr Faires who died January 28, 2012, age 94; and Ruth Marshall Kerr Breon who died December 12, 2016, also age 94.

Survivors include his three sons and daughters-in-law, Ret. Lt. Col. Michael Ross Kerr, United States Air Force, and Harriet Elizabeth East Kerr of Midland, NC; Rev. Rodney Steven Kerr and Robin Kathlene Sims Kerr of Salisbury, NC; Dr. Daryl Lynn Kerr and Cynthia Anne Deal Kerr of Charlotte; seven grandchildren and spouses, Andrew William Kerr and Jessica Sluder Kerr of Midland, Katherine Jean Kerr Tullis and Robert William Tullis of Concord, NC, Rev. Kristopher Ross Kerr and Casey Carpenter Kerr of Taylors, SC, Blair McKenzie Kerr Owens and Thomas Andrew Owens of Simpsonville, SC, Rev. Amanda Lynn Kerr and Megan Nonie Cates of Raleigh, NC, Jessica Anne Kerr James and Justin Tyler James of Mooresville, NC and Kristina Elizabeth Kerr of Charlotte; nine great-grandchildren, Wesley William Kerr, Hunter Scott Kerr, Elizabeth Grace Tullis, Abigail Ross Tullis, Evangeline Brielle Kerr, Skylar MacKenzie Kerr, Bryce Kathlene Owens, Bailey Grace Owens, and Walker Tyler James. Also surviving are a large number of nieces, nephews and their families.

Given the current situation with the Coronavirus Pandemic, a private family service will be held for Charlie at 2:30 on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the Sharon Memorial Park Mausoleum Garden in Charlotte. Officiating will be his son, Rodney of First Baptist Church in Salisbury, grandson, Kris, granddaughter, Amanda of St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh and Dr. Michael Gene Toney, Pastor of Worship at Music at University Hills Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to University Hills Baptist Church, 1500 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213.

Congratulations

The UHBC Family extends our love and best wishes to **Robert Lawrence “Bob” Webber, Jr. and Carole Ann Gurley Webber** who are celebrating their **55th** (Emerald) Wedding Anniversary this week. Bob and Carole were married May 22, 1965 in Cocoa (Brevard County), FL. The ceremony was held at the home of the pastor of Clearlake Baptist Church in Cocoa, Carole's home church. They actually met attending that church.

Bob is a native of Richmond, VA. His father was in the construction business, so the family moved often and Bob grew up in Virginia, Maryland and Florida before settling in Florida. A veteran of the United States Army, he served three years in France. Like his father, he is a master carpenter and conducts a carpentry business in this area.

Carole was born in Milan, TN. Her family moved to Florida when she was 12 years old.

She and Bob reared their family in Cocoa and later Orlando (Orange County) Florida. Both Bob and Carole were employed with Disney World in Orlando until retiring and moving to Charlotte in December 2009. Bob was a carpenter for the company for 17 years and Carole worked for 15 years in Accounts Payable at the telephone company owned by Disney.

The Webbers were blessed with three daughters: Debra Jean Webber Higgins of Canton, GA; the late Elizabeth Lee “Beth” Webber Gatlin of Charlotte (Beth was also a UHBC member at her death) and Susan Carole Webber Ellett of Apoka, FL. Their family grew to include three sons-in-law; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild with another on the way.

Bob and Carole joined University Hills July 17, 2016 and are members of the Adult H Connect Group led by C. L. Chappell.



CONNECT GROUP Leaders of the Week

Young Married: Barry & Laurin Austin

Student Connect Group Director: Erin Price

We are so grateful for these Connect Group Leaders! Pray that the Lord continue to use them to grow Gospel centered community in their Connect Groups and to multiply Connect Groups by raising up and sending out new leaders.

Do you want to experience a Connect Group? Jump in any Sunday at 9:15 a.m.!

Check out universityhills.org for a complete list of Connect Groups.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

If you know a date you would like to reserve for altar flowers, please contact **Avery Phillips** by phone or text at **704-773-2908**.

Sundays currently available are:

May 31

July 5, 12

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

September 6, 20

October 4, 25

November 22, 29

December 27

Father's Day is June 21st and the poinsettias will grace the sanctuary on December 20th.