



The Spire

July/August 2026

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Psalm 95:1



Friends and Family Weekend Sept. 11-13, 2026 Schedule

Friday, September 11

7:00 pm Come Celebrate our 175th
Anniversary at the Cross Dedication
Prayer Service

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am until 2:00 pm
8:00 am Vendor set-up
9:00 am Community is welcome
Activities throughout the day include
music, vendors, bounce house,
magician, face painting, food and
more
9:00 am Car Show Registration begins
10:00 am Car and Bike Show Begins

Menu for the Day

Walking Tacos, Bacon Wrapped
Hotdogs, Pulled Chicken, Baked Goods

Sunday, September 13

10:00 am 175th Anniversary Worship
Followed by a barbeque picnic, fun,
games, and music

Friends and Family Weekend

We invite you to join us for Friends and Family Weekend. It is a time to connect with old friends, support community small businesses through our vendors, see some great cars and enjoy some wonderful food.

This year we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary as Upland Baptist Church during the weekend. You can join in by sponsoring a cross that will be installed on the fence for the fall and participating in our worship service.

We believe God is calling us to continue to *Love God!* and *Love Others!* We hope you will join us in fulfilling this mission.

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Please check the church website for the latest information on Friends and Family Weekend.

Sponsor a Cross

To commemorate Upland Baptist Church's 175th Anniversary

Each cross is available to sponsor for \$50.00. You may decorate the cross yourself or we will write a simple message on it for you. Crosses can be in memory of someone, could be in honor of someone, could simply have your family name on it to be a part of the celebration.

A wooden cross will be hung on the fence in front of the church beginning on September 11. The installation will remain until November 22. The crosses will be available for sponsors to claim after that date. We will hold a prayer service on Friday, September 11 at 7 pm to dedicate the crosses.

Please fill out one form per cross.

Name of person sponsoring cross _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

- I will be decorating the cross myself.
- I would like the church to write a simple message on my cross.
The message is (please print clearly):

You can stop by the church on Tuesday, August 11 from 7 – 8:30 pm to decorate your cross or you can pick it up, take it with you and return it by September 6, 2026.

Please return payment with this form or go to www.uplandbaptist.org and fill out the google form and pay through venmo or paypal.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August and September

July Birthdays

6 Dave Rietz
7 Judy Armstrong
Linda Cook
10 Karen Johnston
11 Steve Waltman
16 Betty Vandergrift
Christy Mason
18 Jesse Kulp
30 Stephen Shaw
31 Charlene Miller

August Birthdays

1 John Kofroth
6 Carol Arscott
15 Doris Fraim
21 Cameron Klimek
24 Barbara Phillips



September Birthdays

11 Nancy Roccia
13 Betty Singley
15 Monica Manerchia
Rosemary Richardson
Marsha Scott
16 Colin Levi
18 Dave Miskowic
21 Rocky Thompson
25 Brigid Levi

September Anniversaries

14 Charlene and Dan Miller
21 Stephen and Kimberlee
Kalichak

Vacation

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation July 13-31. During this time if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Dave Geveke at 330-322-5769.

Church Secretary

We do not currently have a church secretary. Pastor Brenda has been filling in for us. Please be patient. You can still email uplandbaptist@verizon.net or call the office. If you have computer skills and want to volunteer, please see Pastor Brenda.

We would like to extend a special thank you to John Kofroth for his work on the church website and providing office support during this time. His help has been invaluable.

Food Bank

What's a peanut butter sandwich without jelly? We have peanut butter, but are almost out of jelly. The food bank is need of **Jelly**.



Church Grounds

This summer we are very grateful to Jason Tarbutton and Mel Tarbutton along with Frank Kulp, Dave Rietz, Mark Kirby and Gary Timmes for taking care of the grounds and the cemetery. This is a BIG job, and we are grateful for their hours of service.

Looking Ahead

September 13th we will return to the Sanctuary in the church and share Communion together.



Everyone returning to school should bring along their school backpack for a special Backpack Blessings Event on **Sunday, August 23, 2026** during worship. Let's send our kids back to school with a blessing!

Ushers and Communion Servers

Please sign up to collect the offering as well as preparing and serving communion. These important aspects of worship are a great way to serve the Lord.

If you haven't participated yet, see Priscilla Mills and she will help you find an experienced partner to show you the ropes.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

Devotional Thought...

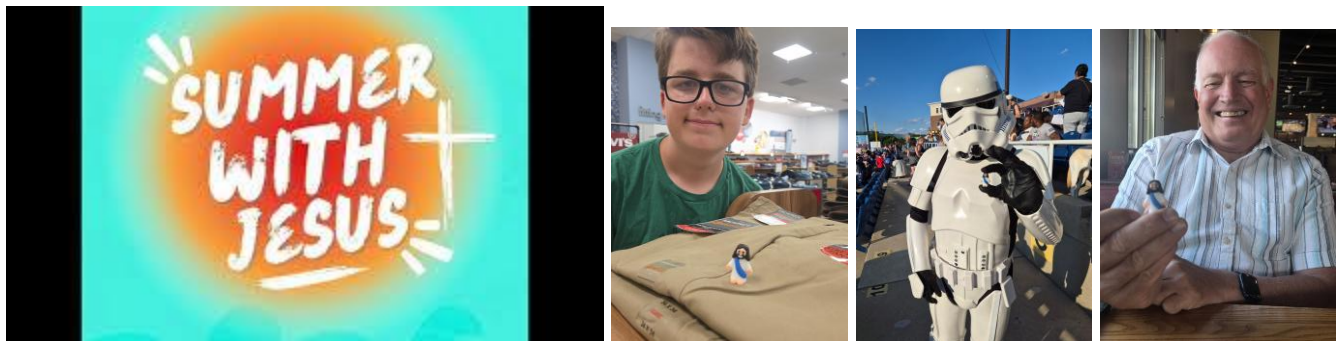


Amazing Grace will always be my song of praise. It brings tears to my eyes and fills my heart with love. Written by poet and clergyman, John Newton after he had a spiritual awakening, surviving a deadly sea storm.

It's theme of pain and yearning for relief made it a comfort during immense tragedies. We face many storms in life, especially the death of loved ones. Played at funerals, its message of comfort, forgiveness and redemption offers peace to the grieving families. It is a reminder that our deceased are at peace and beginning a new journey.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Rosie Richardson



Simply go to the church website: www.uplandbaptist.org and click the *Summer with Jesus* picture to upload your pictures with tiny Jesus. All pictures need to be approved before you can see them on the website.

Everywhere we go, we want to be aware of Jesus being with us. The tiny Jesus in our pocket reminds us that having Jesus in our hearts makes all the difference.

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