

# The Spire

June 2026

*As for me, I will always have hope; I will  
praise you more and more*

*Psalm 71:14*



"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

We will be celebrating Baptism on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Come share the excitement and remember your own baptism.

A reception will be held in the Chapel after the worship service.

## Father's Day ~ June 21, 2026

"A good father is one the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society" Billy Graham

Blessings to the fathers and father figures in our church. You inspire us to be better people, to go after our dreams, and to walk with pride. We learn to appreciate and value who we are, what we have and where we come from. So glad God chose you to be in our lives.

Lots of love on Father's Day.



## Upland Baptist Church Turns 175!

Our congregation is celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> year of *Loving God and Loving Others*. Mark your calendars for the weekend of **September 11-13, 2026**. We are enhancing our *Friends and Family* weekend to include events to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you know any vendors who would like to participate on Saturday, spaces will again be \$10, no table provided.

Sunday, September 13 there will be a church picnic following worship.

There are still exciting plans in the works as we think about this wonderful celebration.

Our next planning meeting is Monday, June 1, 2026, 7pm in the Chapel.



## Memorial Gifts

We pause and give thanks for the Memorial Gifts given in the past year (June 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026). We remember the names of those who have gone before us and have made a difference as they shared the love of God with us. Memorial Gifts were given in their names.

### In Memoriam:

Stephanie Abbonizio  
Kim Buffington  
Jack Cook  
Jean Cook  
John Cook, Jr.  
Maryanne and Joe Dalton  
Hans Geveke  
Dorothy Hobaugh  
Ethel Jaworsky  
Elinore Ottey  
Helen Rhoads  
Anna Taylor



Join us the second Tuesday of every month for craft night. Bring whatever project you are working on and enjoy a time of fellowship.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
7 to 8:30 pm**

**[www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org)**

There is always a great deal of information on our church website. Not only can you find a church calendar, but the directory and important updates are also found on the website.

When you need to access the Menu on the website and you are using a Tablet or Phone rotate the device into Landscape mode. The Menu works better than when you are in Portrait mode.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and July

### June Birthdays

7 Steve Weber  
12 Molly Thompson  
18 Lynda Miller  
27 Mark Minchak  
28 Lori Furniss

### June Anniversaries

11 John & Rev. Brenda Shaw  
13 Monnarae Fraim & Ken Eicholtz  
15 Doug & Marsha Scott  
22 Darlene & David Pysher  
30 Frank & Sue Kulp



### July Birthdays

6 David Rietz  
7 Judy Armstrong  
Linda Cook  
10 Karen Johnston  
11 Steve Waltman  
16 Betty Vandergriff  
Christy Mason  
30 Stephen Shaw  
31 Charlene Miller

### July Anniversaries

16 Mark & Rebecca Minchak

## Thank You, First Responders

During the month of May we provided meals to the Upland Fire Company, the EMS workers and the Upland Police Department as a way to say thank you for all they do for our community.



## Worship in the Chapel

On Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be moving Sunday morning worship to the Chapel for the summer. Worship will continue to be both in person and virtual.



## Food Bank

The item of the month for June is **Syrup and Jelly**



Donations are accepted any time throughout the month. Thank you!

**Plastic bottles are appreciated.**



A Sunday school teacher was instructing her class. Just before she dismissed them to go to church she asked them, "Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Little Johnny was quick to blurt out what he was certain was the correct answer, "Because people are sleeping!"

## Devotional Thought...

Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is within the home that we first learn love, patience, forgiveness, and grace. While no family is perfect, God uses our relationships to shape our character and draw us closer to Him.

At times, family life can be challenging misunderstandings arise, responsibilities feel heavy, and emotions run deep. Yet, these moments are opportunities to practice Christ-like love. Choosing kindness over frustration, forgiveness over resentment, and unity over division reflects God's heart.

The Bible reminds us of the foundation family should stand on:

*"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* — Joshua 24:15

When a family chooses to center their lives on God—through prayer, encouragement, and shared faith—they build a lasting foundation that can weather any storm.

Take time today to appreciate your family. Reach out with a word of encouragement, offer forgiveness where it's needed, and seek God together. Even small acts of love can strengthen the bonds that matter most.

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Love God  Love Others

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