



## From the Desk of Rev. Chuck

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I pray this letter finds you well and looking forward to the many blessings that await you this year.

I wish to extend a personal invitation for everyone to attend the annual meeting of members on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> following the service. As we head into 2009 your input is greatly appreciated so that the board of trustees and I can move Unity Church of Bakersfield in a direction that will continue to serve the needs of all who come through our doors.

The following is what we are currently offering our spiritual community of members and friends:

### ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Our webmaster, Eric Foss, has worked hard to give us a user friendly website: [www.ucob.org](http://www.ucob.org) where you can log on at any time to see what's going on here at the church. We will be looking at adding a page for sharing your poems, stories, and spiritual insights.

### ONLINE MEDITATIONS & LESSONS

If you missed any of the Sunday lessons or wish to sit with a guided meditation you can access this service at anytime from anywhere you have a computer.

### ONLINE PURCHASES and DONATIONS

We have placed links on our website to help you find what you are looking for and make purchases through our web-partners. It's a win-win situation. There is even a link to PayPal for donations to Unity Church of Bakersfield.

### SERVICES

Sunday services and youth educational activities are held @ 10 am. Wednesday night prayer services start @ 6:30 pm followed by classes @ 6:45 pm on how to transform your life to have a greater sense of well-being.

### CLASSES & SELF HELP

Rev. Dr. Ruinese Sheard continues her Tuesday class @ 10 am. Rev. Chuck teaches on Wednesday nights. Our community groups offer all kinds of self-help and healing every day of the week!

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

KD Vargo-Courneyea has done great wonders with the children's church using the Association's Children's Curriculum. Kid's Camp is held twice a year as a service project for the Youth of Unity teens and is always a success. The Y.O.U. continues to be a spiritually empowering, enrichment activity. Your kids will be given spiritual tools that will help them in this fast-paced and changing world.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, had this to say about prayer: *We must pray believing that we shall receive. Prayer is both invocation and affirmation. Through prayer we develop the highest phrase of character.* (Dynamics of Living/pg92) Whatever your prayer need we are here to hold the high watch for you. Every month we join Silent Unity on a daily basis. It is our desire that you use the enclosed prayer card and join us as we pray for the highest and best for all.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For over 16 years now our doors have been open to all who seek to have a greater relationship with God while healing their lives. We also go out into the community. I personally have been involved with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Kern County, and I am happy to say that several members of our spiritual community are also involved. We have a prayer blanket program run by Margaret Smith and Char Wallace. We also collect items for the Jamison Center for the abused and neglected kids that are taken from dangerous environments with just the clothes on their backs. We are currently collecting clothing for all ages. Please bring gently used or new items to the church and we'll make sure they get to the kids. New items for babies are always in great demand.

### THANKS FOR THE BLESSING

This year has brought many changes and opportunities to us. I want to say *thank you* to all of you who have shared your gifts of time, talents, and treasures to help create a loving spiritual environment for people needing help, assurance, and guidance during the year. The Ada I. Davis room has been a blessing for all who have used it. It is my prayer that each of you come to realize how important you are to this ministry. It has been said, "God can only do for us that which He does through us." We are the hands and feet of divine manifestation here on the physical plane. So, in keeping with God's gift to us, let us continue to be a gift in expression wherever we go, whatever we do.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Chuck*