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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
22	23	24	25	26	27 Volleyball – Lady Lions @ Mount Olive (Athens)  Football – UCA Lions @ Mount Olive (Athens)
29	30	31	1	2 Volleyball – Camden Christian @ Lady Lions (Farmerville)	3 Football – UCA Lions @ Abiding Faith (Crossett, AR)
5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6	7	8	9 Volleyball – Lady Lions @ Cornerstone (Tillar, AR)	10 Volleyball – Victory Christian @ Lady Lions (Farmerville)  Football – Victory Christian @ UCA Lions (homecoming)

*Please cut and post on your refrigerator!*

My goal is to produce the newsletter each Monday, so please look for it in your child's backpack. This is our source of communication for all teachers, students and parents. Our newsletter will include:

- School calendar
- Recognition of our students and teachers,
- Upcoming activities
- Athletic updates
- Fundraising events
- Renovation updates
- Prayer requests for our students, parents and faculty
- Classified ads

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let me know. You can also submit information to be printed in the newsletter by contacting me by email, phone or fax. Please submit information to share with the UCA staff and families. Let's stay connected!

Kristy Scharf

**WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!**

- K5 – Jodi Tucker
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Deborah Vestal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diona Phillips
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Catherine Boyd



Jr High:

Pat Bradley- English, Bible, Geography, Coach

Mandy Buffington - Science, Bible, Vocal Ensemble

Brad Post - Math, Bible, History

**ONGOING FUNDRAISERS!**

- Box tops
- Campbell Soup labels
- Black coke tops from 2 liter bottles
- Penny Drive
- Tyson Project A+ labels

**Please submit information as follows:**

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## Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What an incredible spring and summer this has been for all of us at UCA. After a full week of meeting and greeting, we concluded the final parent/teacher orientation last night with our Junior High classes. Being part of each session, and getting to meet so many of you were a blessing for me. And the school looked great. I was completely amazed at how beautiful the Junior High wing turned out. As most of you know, there was so much to do in that third wing to renovate, clean, reconstruct and prepare for August 19...most of you saw it *before*, I encourage you to take a peek at it NOW!

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, students and friends of the school who worked tirelessly this summer, not just to ready the Junior High wing, but also redesign rooms in the front wing to accommodate our growing numbers. Mrs. Faye REALLY appreciates the new phone/intercom system that was installed throughout the school this summer. Every classroom now has its own phone extension and intercom to help aid in communicating with the teachers during the day. Each teacher has his or her own voice mailbox. Technology is great, isn't it? And while we're on that subject, we have begun a feasibility study on bringing wireless high speed Internet to the school. Using "Wi-Fi" technology, every teacher and every class will have access to E-mail and special distance learning opportunities that the Internet can provide. It will also support enhancement to the [unionchristianacademy.org](http://unionchristianacademy.org) website.

Our campus continues to expand. While many of us were working diligently on the inside of the building, a transformation was occurring behind the school on "Pride Hill." The much anticipated PRIDE ASSEMBLY CENTER is scheduled to break ground in September, which will bring to UCA our High School classes, brand new cafeteria and special events center. Our families overwhelmingly supported our \$35 per month per student Building Fund Donation at last spring's Annual Meeting. 100% of the money collected will be used for constructing the Pride Assembly Center, which should be opening late August 2006, Lord willing.

*Hola! madre y padre, COMO ESTAS?* Don't be surprised if your elementary student greets you with this phrase during the year. We're very excited to have Christa Wade back teaching Spanish, (errrrr...ESPAÑOL) to our kindergarten and elementary grades. Christa is completing her final year at Louisiana Tech to gain her certification in Spanish Education. We are happy to announce the addition of Sister Kay Hicks as Assistant Administrator. Kay is an incredible sister in the Lord who possesses wonderful spiritual gifts of administration and helps that will be so valuable to the school. In her new role, she will be handling much of the day-to-day support of the teachers and faculty, while Mr. Ritz's position will begin to focus more on the overall direction and policies/procedures of the school. His focus will be to help develop our High School curriculum, recruit the specialized teachers needed to support the high school curriculum, and to work with Kay in implementing the requirements to secure state certification by end of this school year. This certification will enable UCA to be TOPS-eligible.

The Lord has continued to add to our numbers. In May, we ended the year with 199 students, and we started the new school year last Friday with 285, an increase of 45%. We give all the praise and honor to the Lord Jesus for His continued blessing on UCA. Thank you, parents, for being sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, as well as having confidence in each of us associated with Union Christian Academy. We continue to be humbled by your show of support, and we take your confidence in us very, very seriously. Our desire is to work along side YOU to raise up a generation of young people who will boldly proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to a lost and dying world. We pray for discernment for you as well as ourselves, that the reasons for entrusting UCA for a child's education is based on the desire to see our sons and daughters come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...and NO other reason. The leadership of the school, of which I'm so humbled to be associated, would rather not add a *single student more* IF the reason for adding that student is *anything* other than for the Lord Jesus Christ. Please understand we are very serious about this. We do not operate a "Private" school. "Private" indicates some type of exclusivity or that someone is purposely excluded. We are a *Christian* school. Jesus said "whosoever..." and we want to reflect that as well.

Don't forget, our volleyball Lady Lions, and our JV football Lions are gearing up for our first series on Saturday in Athens against Mount Olive, and we would love to have a big crowd dressed in Purple and Gold.

Please pray daily for our young people, educators, administration, and board...as we pray for you.  
Chuck Kinnison, President  
UCA School Board