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**C O U N S E L O R ' S  
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Attention High School students and parents:  
 The deadline for registering to take the ACT is March 7th; and the deadline for the June 14th date is May 9th. If you are a Sophomore or Junior you need to be taking the test as often as possible. If you have any questions, please ask.

In Him,  
 Miss Bradley

**SCHOOL  
 RE-ENROLLMENT  
 DEADLINE: MARCH 7**

Your re-enrollment forms need to be submitted by Friday, March 7, along with the registration fee. The first child is \$150 plus \$100 for each additional child. Any past due balances must be paid in full before the student can re-enroll. There is a waiting list for several grades, so please get your forms and fees turned in as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Registration forms are also available on our website [www.unionchristianacademy.org/228528.ihtml](http://www.unionchristianacademy.org/228528.ihtml). If you have questions, please contact Paul Murray or Sharon Mashaw.



**KRISPY KREME  
 DOUGHNUTS!!!**

**ON SALE NOW  
 UNTIL MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

The 11th grade is selling Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts and four varieties of coffee - smooth, rich, bold, and robust decaf.

**\$5 per dozen  
 \$8 coffee (12-ounce bag)**

The money is due at the time of ordering. The proceeds will go toward the Class of 2009 Fine Arts tour next year. Please contact Christa Wade if you have questions.

Please submit news to [kristy.scharf@centurytel.com](mailto:kristy.scharf@centurytel.com)

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# COMING UP!

## OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

### MONDAY, MARCH 17, 7 p.m.

There are three open seats on the Board of Directors that are to be filled. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. The candidates are listed below. Biographies of each one are included in this newsletter to assist you in making an informed decision.

- Lyndon Carpenter
- Kay Hicks (incumbent)
- Steve Langley
- Robbie Lawson (incumbent)

I would like to extend special thanks to our nominating committee for their work, faithfulness and diligence: Dee Coates, Casey Halley, Jeff Hurst and Shelley Norris.

Please pray and seek God's will for our Board and our school. Each vote counts on March 17, so please make every effort to attend the meeting.

Thank you,  
Chuck Kinnison, Committee Chair

#### LYNDON CARPENTER

**Hometown:** Farmerville, LA

**Affiliation with UCA:**  
Children Enrolled

#### **Biographical Information:**

I am Lyndon Carpenter, married to Jeanie P. Carpenter for the past 10 years. The Lord has blessed us with two boys, Landon-Bain and Joe-Chandler who attend UCA. I graduated from Texas Chiropractic College in May of 1999. I went on and established my practice in Farmerville in November of that same year and have been practicing here ever since then. My hobbies are golfing, fishing and hunting. I am a member of the D'Arbonne Church of Christ (Farmerville) and serve as a deacon, church treasurer, and group leader of the benevolence and care committee. I am also involved in the nursing home ministry at the Farmerville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the past 2 years.

#### **Salvation Experience/Testimony:**

My salvation experience began early in life, because I was raised by two Christian parents. I made a commitment to the Lord at an early age, but strayed away during my early twenties. Then I met Jeanie and she led me back to the Lord. The Lord started working on me, after I started going to church with her for a year. In 1995 after a gospel meeting I decided to follow Jesus all my life. Jesus changed my life that year and I have made a commitment to be His disciple for the rest of my life. My mission in life is to have a heart like Jesus. I try to let others see Him in me every day as I work at the clinic. I pray that I can guide my boys and they will see Him in me and they will someday make Him their Lord and Savior.

#### **Reasons for my Desire to Serve on the UCA Board of Directors:**

One of (the) main reasons for wanting to serve is for my two boys. I want to help the school carry on the Christian background that the school already has. I believe God will help me use my experience in running a small business to help the school handle its finances, which in the end ensures the school will be here for a long time. I believe God has blessed me with good communication skills that will help the school grow internally and numerically. I believe I have a quality of dedication. This will help me to be there for the school in good times and bad.

#### KAY HICKS

**Hometown:** Farmerville, LA

**Affiliation with UCA:**  
Children enrolled at UCA  
Secretary of UCA Board of Directors 2000-Present

#### **Biographical Information:**

I am married to Tim Hicks and have two children, Jessica and Hannah. I have a Bachelor's of Business Degree with a CIS major from NLU and will finish my Master's Degree in Education from NSU this May (if all goes well). I enjoy boating, water skiing, scuba diving, and camping with my family. I attend Farmerville First Assembly of God Church where I teach a Wednesday night and a Sunday morning class.

#### **Salvation Experience/Testimony:**

I was saved when I was about 9 years old but strayed from the lord in my early adulthood life. Through problems in my marriage I realized that God needed to be in my life once again. I rededicated my life to the Lord when I was 25 and have not wanted to look back since. God has done great things in me and my family. First he saved my marriage to a wonderful man and second he brought me two beautiful daughters who love the Lord. God has also done great things for me through this school. I have seen miracles happen in people's lives that I would never had been exposed to without being involved in UCA. Situations in our school have stretched me to grow in the Lord in ways that I never dreamed I could grow in. God has always been faithful and I am so thankful to be a part of such an awesome place as UCA. God is also working in my life personally through calling me to study my Bible more, pray more, and to seek Him in all areas of my life.

#### **Reasons for my Desire to Serve on the UCA Board of Directors:**

I believe that prior experiences as a board member in board meetings, meetings with parents, and meetings with other Christian schools have prepared me to continue to work effectively as a member of the Union Christian Academy School Board. I believe I have good oral and written communication skills that are needed to successfully work with other members of the board and with members of the school. I believe one of my main strengths is that of a team builder and a peace maker. I like to hear input from all involved in a decision and use that input to make the best decision for our students and parents of the school.

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## STEVE LANGLEY

**Hometown:** Spearsville, LA

### **Affiliation with UCA:**

Children Enrolled

### **Biographical Information:**

I am employed as Maintenance Planner @ El Dorado Chemical Co. in El Dorado, AR. I have worked at this site for 27 years. I am Married to Donna Langley, and the father of 4 children, the youngest of which is Morgan, who attends UCA. We have 3 grandchildren. I attend Mt. Union Baptist Church in Spearsville, LA. 1974 Graduate of Smackover (AR) High School, and attended some college classes, but no degree. I also have taken many Management and Leadership training courses through my current employer. My family also raises poultry for Pilgrim's Pride. I enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing and golf. I have in years past coached various youth ball teams.

### **Salvation Experience/Testimony:**

At the age of 5 I was severely burned with hot grease. My mother asked God to let me live, she would see that children would be raised in church. At age 15, I made a profession of faith while attending Louann Assembly of God. In 1981, however, is when I truly dedicated my life to God. While there have been trying times in my life, God has always guided me through. I have done some lay speaking in my church. I have also taught the youth at various times at Mt. Union. I currently teach Sunday School every other Sunday in the Middle Adult class. God has been gracious enough to teach me to communicate and mediate with others. I feel I learn more preparing for class than those I teach actually get out of the lesson.

### **Reasons for My Desire to Serve on the UCA Board of**

#### **Directors:**

I believe that with God's guidance I can be a part of a stable leadership in guiding UCA forward to be a shining light and example to the surrounding community and associated schools in which we compete. I believe I have the ability to communicate and listen to others. I believe I have the ability to be objective. Yet I desire to not be hasty when decisions do not warrant it. I believe we need to use the Word of God in instructing, teaching, and leading our young people to grow and be a positive impact to further the kingdom of God! UCA needs to be a true light to all we contact.

I believe that my strengths would be that I am able to be objective, able to communicate, and work through problems. I am a mediator and good listener. I can speak as needed. Personally I am tender-hearted and slow to react negatively. I believe that when situation warrants or tends to upset, back off and think and pray about what is going on. I just want to be a part of making a difference through Christ, with Christ, impacting these young peoples' lives.

## ROBBIE LAWSON

**Hometown:** Farmerville, LA

### **Affiliation with UCA:**

Children enrolled at UCA

Vice-President of UCA Board of Directors 2000-Present

### **Biographical Information:**

I have been a resident of Union Parish for 35 years.

#### Education

Graduate of Farmerville High School in 1983.

Attended Northeast Louisiana University from 1983-1984.

Berean University (Seminary Graduate Studies) 2000-2004; received license of ministry in 2004 through the General Council of the Assembly of God.

#### Secular employment

(1984-2001) Highway and Bridge superintendent with Con-Trux Construction Co.

(2001-Current) Claiborne Electric Cooperative, 5 years as Director of Member Services and for the past two years as Farmerville District Manager.

#### Church affiliation

Farmerville First Assembly of God member since 1999.

(2001-Current) Youth/Children's Pastor

#### Civic

(1983-Current) member of the Farmerville Fire Department

(1999-Current) President of the Farmerville Area Fire Protection District

(2001-Current) Union Christian Academy Board member

#### Hobbies

Hunting, fishing, and camping

### **Salvation Experience/Testimony:**

I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior in September of 1999. Immediately following my salvation I felt the call to full time ministry. Since that time I have received all seminary college credits needed to become a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God. I have been on staff with Farmerville First Assembly since 2001. My family and I have been active in serving our Lord through children's and youth ministry for the past eight years. We have also been blessed with many opportunities to preach God's word in several local and state wide churches.

### **Reasons for My Desire to Serve on the UCA Board of**

#### **Directors:**

My desire to continue to serve our school comes from a deep burden God purposed in me to see our young people challenged and directed through a Christ centered education. What a blessing it is to see the educational growth of our children without compromise of our biblical values. In a society that offers our children so many alternatives, why can't UCA be one of them? Why do I want to serve? Because I truly believe our children can and will change the society we live in through Godly role models, high moral standards, and an education that is centered around Jesus Christ.

Through the worlds eyes I am not qualified to be a school board member, but through Christ's direction I do feel as if I could be used to serve the school.