

# Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Church-Wide

## *Pastor O. Wendell and First Lady Davis's 35th Pastoral Celebration.*

Please join the Union Chapel M.B. Church family as we celebrate.

This event will be held on **Sunday, April 21, 2024**, at Union Chapel M.B. Church, Huntsville, Alabama. The theme for this celebration is *"Celebrating the Laborer That Dwells Among Us."*

*(I Thessalonians 5:12-13b).* Our celebration will include a musical tribute honoring

**Mother Dora Davis starting at 8:45am. The Worship Service will begin at 9:00am.**

**Pastor Leon Bell, Jr., pastor of St. Joseph Baptist Church in Mobile,** Alabama, will

lead the worship experience. We will conclude the celebration with a Fellowship Luncheon

immediately after the 9am Worship Service for family and friends in the Boone-Lacy

Fellowship Hall. To ensure an accurate head count for lunch, please sign the roster in the

Church foyer if you plan to attend. During this momentous occasion, we will honor our Pastor

and First Lady for their unwavering commitment, dedication, and sacrifice to the Union

Chapel Church family. We desire to glorify God in this celebration and hope you will consider

sharing the experience with us.

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

As we prepare to celebrate Pastor and Sister Davis'

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Union Chapel Music Ministry is encouraging

**ALL** music ministry members (past and present) to participate with

us as a combined Anniversary Choir. The Anniversary Choir will

provide the song service for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship. Rehearsals are

scheduled for **Tuesday and Thursday, April 16 and 18, 6:00 PM.**

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*"From the Grove to the Hollow to Hollow to the Hill" –  
Have you seen the Historical Marker at the Winchester Road  
Campus? Union Chapel was blessed to acquire a duplicate  
second marker to tell the history of our Church. You may now  
view the marker on "The Hill" with the scenic view of  
Union Chapel Church in the background. We Praise God!*

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Union Chapel Girl Scout Cadette Troop #10729 of North Central Alabama would like to assist Women of Color battling cancer. If you are a Woman of Color conquering cancer, these young ladies would like to pamper you with a light brunch, supplies and provide relevant information. For additional details please **provide your name, cell**



**phone number and email address to any of the following GS Cadette Leaders:**

Annie Burton at [gscouts10729@gmail.com](mailto:gscouts10729@gmail.com) ; Renetta Williams at [armswill@yahoo.com](mailto:armswill@yahoo.com);

Zoe Burton at [zburton002@gmail.com](mailto:zburton002@gmail.com) ; or Melodie Morgan at [mmorgan@unionchapel-hsv.org](mailto:mmorgan@unionchapel-hsv.org)

We ask that you provide us with your contact information **no later than Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

**The event is scheduled for April 20, 2024.**

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**THE HERALD** The Publication Ministry is preparing to produce *The Herald –April Edition*.



This is the monthly publication of Union Chapel M.B. Church. **Information from the past three months (January - March) will be published in this edition.** Members are encouraged to submit your articles/information and photos to the email address listed below. Also, we would like to have a point of contact from each ministry. Please provide the name, phone number and email address to: [1newsletter24@gmail.com](mailto:1newsletter24@gmail.com). You may also leave your information in the Church Office. **The deadline for submitting articles/information is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

All articles/information are subject to editing for clarity and grammatical corrections. We reserve the right to not include all articles in the newsletter.

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**2024 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Regional Laymen Workshop**

The 2024 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen’s Workshop will be held July 26-28, 2024 in Little Rock, AR. If you plan to attend, Registration/Housing and Transportation forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. **The sign-up deadline is April 29, 2024.** Transportation will be provided by the church. For additional information, contact Deacon Ed White at [ed528@bellsouth.net](mailto:ed528@bellsouth.net) or Deacon Sampson Gholston at [gholsts@uah.edu](mailto:gholsts@uah.edu).

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**The 2024 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education**

This year’s Congress of Christian Education will be held June 16-21 in Memphis, Tennessee. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. **The sign-up deadline is May 20, 2024.** Transportation will be provided by the Church. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael Malone at [mdmalone04@yahoo.com](mailto:mdmalone04@yahoo.com).



**Ministry Meetings**



The GriefShare session **will not be held on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.** The next session entitled: Grief and Friendship **will be held Sunday, April 7, 2024,** at 2:00 p.m. in Room 17. For information about GriefShare, please contact Sister Georgia S. Valrie or Sister Monica Phipps.

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The **TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY** is seeking **volunteer drivers** to drive for the **12 NOON** Gospel Impact Service held at the **Orange Drive location.** Please contact Deacon Jerome Collins

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**High School Ministry:** Sis. Candice Howell, Sis. LaToya Dorsey, and Min. Marquis, would like to meet with **all** Union Chapel High School students on **Monday, April 1st, at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held in the basement of the church and will last approximately 1 hour. The objective of the meeting will be to continue with the ministry's mentoring sessions. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Candice Howell or Min. Marquis.

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**Missionary Ministry** monthly teleconference meetings at **6pm: April 8th** and May 13th . Contact: Mother Wilma Cooke. **Dial in info:** 978-990-5055 **Access code:** 6668148.

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The **Widows and Widowers Care Ministry ZOOM** meeting will be held **Monday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.** **Dial in number-**1-929-436-2866 **Zoom Meeting ID:** 842-0487-3189 **Pass Code:** 892774  
Coordinator - Sister Rosa Goston or Co-Coordinator - Sister Sadie Pleasure

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**Veterans' Ministry Monthly Meeting – April 8, 2024 meeting at 6:00pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The Veterans Ministry (veteran or spouse) will host a Chili Competition on **April 8, 2024, at 6:00pm**.



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**The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)**

SAM will meet at **1:00 PM on TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024** in the **Fellowship Hall, North End**. All Seniors are invited to attend. Come join an hour or so of fun fellowship with us. We are Aging in the Grace of God! **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!** Additional information, please contact Sister Sarah White or Mother Elizabeth Smith.

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The **Deaconess Ministry** will meet **April 16** and May 20th at **6pm in room 17**. Contact Sister Douglas with questions.

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**Union Chapel New Membership Database Realm**

Union Chapel has transitioned to a new membership database called **Realm**, effective **March 18th** **Please visit the church website at [www.unionchapel-hsv.org/unionchapel/give](http://www.unionchapel-hsv.org/unionchapel/give) to assist in giving and information on setup your online account.** Members are encouraged to contact the front office to update your email address in order to gain access to online giving. **\*\* Remember if you are giving via Cashapp, please ensure that your name is included so we can update our new system.** For additional information or to ask questions, please contact the church office.

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**Cub Scout Pack 7156** is looking for children in grade K-12 to join them in the Scouting Journey. Some of our upcoming events:

**\*Cub Scout Day - June**

If interested, please contact Bro. Carl Johnson. Thanks

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**Community Service Project:** Union Chapel members will serve 200 Hot Lunches to those in need of food on **Saturday, April 13, 2024, beginning at 12 p.m. at the 100 Orange Drive location.** Food will be given out on a first come first served basis. The Caring and Sharing Pantry will also be available to members of the community beginning 12 p.m. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Bro. Chase Harris or Bro. Sean Delisser no later than Monday, April 8, 2024.

**Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies**

**UNION CHAPEL INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (UCIBS)- EXPLORING THE NEXT CHAPTER...2024**

**THE UCIBS BOOK FAIR CONTINUES, GO...EVANGELISM! (Matt 28:18-20).**

Our Ministry wishes to thank the Church family for joining our evangelistic efforts during the Christmas 2023 Season! *We are not done yet and will continue this effort into 2024!* We embrace the “golden rule of evangelism” stated in Matthew 7:12, *“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”*. Please continue to consider helping **UCIBS** bring others to Christ for God’s glory. The book supply is *dwindling*, so hurry! Contact Sis. Donna Robinson, Registrar, 256-852-1150, M-F. **Because “Great is HE” ..., let’s GO ...!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*To all our members celebrating anniversaries in the month of **MARCH**  
Completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.  
Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV)*

*He Lives*

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Chorus

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thru' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!



### National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

This March, spread the word about the importance of getting regular colorectal cancer screenings, starting at age 45 years. Share the National Cancer Institute's [colorectal cancer resources](#) to help people learn about prevention, treatment, and more...

### Colorectal Cancer Screening

#### KEY POINTS

- Tests are used to screen for different types of cancer when a person does not have symptoms.
- Studies show that some screening tests for colorectal cancer help find cancer at an early stage and may decrease the number of deaths from the disease.
- The following types of tests are used to screen for colorectal cancer:
  - Fecal occult blood test
  - Sigmoidoscopy
  - Colonoscopy
  - Virtual colonoscopy
  - DNA stool test
- Studies have shown that screening for colorectal cancer using digital rectal exam does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease.
- Screening tests for colorectal cancer are being studied in clinical trials.

### Colorectal Cancer Rates Higher in African Americans, Rising in Younger People

**Published on:** September 3, 2020; **Written by:** [ACS Medical Content and News Staff](#)

The recent passing of Chadwick Boseman, the talented actor best known for his portrayal of the superhero Black Panther, at the age of 43 came as a surprise and shock to many. For a seemingly healthy, relatively young man to die from colorectal cancer seems almost incomprehensible.

But while colorectal cancer isn't as common in people under the age of 50 as it is in older people, it's not as uncommon as many people might think. In 2020, about 12% of colorectal cancers – about 18,000 cases – will be diagnosed in people under the age of 50 in the US. What's more, while rates of colorectal cancer have been falling in older age groups in recent years, they've actually been rising among younger people.

#### Risk is higher in African Americans

Colorectal cancer also disproportionately affects the Black community, where the rates are the highest of any racial/ethnic group in the US. African Americans are about 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from it than most other groups.

The reasons for the differences are complex, but they largely reflect differences in risk factors and in health care access, both of which are related to socioeconomic status. In fact, [African Americans are disproportionately burdened by cancer in general](#). They often experience greater obstacles to cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and survival, including systemic racial disparities that are complex and go beyond the obvious connection to cancer. These obstacles can include lower paying jobs and lack of (or less comprehensive) health insurance, lack of access to healthy and affordable foods, low-quality education and housing, and unsafe environments.

"Colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer in the country," said Durado Brooks, M.D. vice president of prevention and early detection at the American Cancer Society. "This disease is ravaging the Black community, and it is as important as ever that everyone has access to and is receiving the recommended screenings. Even during the coronavirus pandemic, necessary screening tests remain available to prevent the disease or find it at an early, more treatable stage."



## ***JOB ANNOUNCEMENT***

### Announcement – Human Resources Specialist

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has an immediate opening for a **Part-time Human Resources Specialist** Position. This position responsibilities include: formulating and executing human resources policies and procedures and a wide range of services for all paid and volunteer employees of the Church. Duties includes: recruiting, screening, interviewing and placing employees; handling employee records and benefits administration; ensuring compliance with all existing and pertinent governmental and legal reporting requirements; writing/ re-writing or updating job descriptions; administering the implementation of the performance management plans and evaluations; and performing other duties as required.

Candidate Requirements: Must be a good example of a godly servant gifted by God to fulfill this role. Must have Minimum of a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Human Resources, Business Administration, Organizational Management or related field; and Three to Five years of progressive leadership experience in Human Resources positions.

Must have a demonstrated ability to connect with people and communicate effectively both orally and written. Must have strong computer knowledge and skills and excellent organizational skills.

This Part-time position works approximately 25 hours.

Interested persons may apply in the Church Office weekdays between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm. Also, you may visit our website at [www.unionchapel-hsv.org](http://www.unionchapel-hsv.org) to obtain an application and view the Job descriptions for the position. All applications are due or must be postmarked by **April 16, 2024**.

*Condolences for Sunday, MARCH 31, 2024*

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**Sister Yvonne D. Craighead** passed on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Royal Funeral Home.

**NO OTHER DETAILS**

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**Mr. Lee Otis Johnson, the brother of Sis. Tammy Vaughn,** passed on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in Werner Robbins, GA. **NO OTHER DETAILS.**

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Tammy Vaughn and Family

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**Mrs. Patty Allen Mosley, the mother of Sis. Quennis Stevenson, and the grandmother of Miss Nia Stevenson and Mr. Nigel Stevenson,** passed on Sunday, March 24, 2024 in Courtland, AL. **The Funeral Service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1338 Co Rd 389, Courtland, AL** (TEL 256-637-2700). Reynolds Funeral Home, 103 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Decatur, AL 35601 has been entrusted with the final arrangements.

Condolence may be sent to:

Mrs. Quennis Stevenson (Deacon Michael) and Family  
Miss Nia Stevenson and Mr. Nigel Stevenson

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**Ms. Shelia M. Jones, the sister of Sis. Suranda Jones Battle,** passed on Sunday, March 24, 2024 in Athens, AL. **The Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Kings Memorial United Methodist Church, 702 McCartney St SW, Decatur, AL 35601 (TEL 256-353-9267). Inhumation will follow in Sterrs Cemetery.**  
**Public viewing: Monday April 1, 2024 from 1:00PM - 5:00PM**

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Suranda Jones Battle (Donald) and Family

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**Mr. Eddie Lee Lemons, the father of Sisters Deborah A. Baker and Barbara Baker,** passed on Friday, March 1, 2024 in Chicago, IL. **The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the Seals Funeral Home located at 8354 S. Marquette, Chicago, IL 60617.**

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Deborah A. Baker and Family  
Ms. Barbara Baker and Family

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## **Condolences con't**

**Ms. Belle Bone, the mother of Sister Pamela Donald, the grandmother of Savannah and Jarryd Donald, and the sister of Brother Harry Bone**, passed on March 21, 2024 in Huntsville, AL. **The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL.** Nelms Memorial Funeral Home will handle the final arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Pamela Donald (Billy) and Family  
Mr. Harry Bone and Family

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**Mr. Curtis Glenn Miller, the father of Sis. Brigitte S. Orr** passed on Saturday, March 23, 2024 in Decatur, AL. **The Homegoing Service was held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the St James C. P. C. A. Church, 920 West Moulton St, Decatur, AL 35601.** Reynolds Funeral, Decatur, AL has been entrusted with the final arrangements. **Inhumation** will follow in Decatur City Cemetery. **Public viewing:** Wednesday 1:00PM - 5:00PM at Reynolds Funeral Home.

**In lieu flowers**, the family request to please donate to

DNHS/Lakeside High Scholarship Fund

Contact - Carol Bankston Harris

412 7th Aveue NW, Decatur, Al 35601 TEL (256) 345-5593

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Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Brigitte S Orr (Tyrone) and Family

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**Mrs. Betty J. Fletcher, the sister of Minister Leo Robinson**, passed March 22, 2024 in Dayton, OH. **Funeral services will be held Friday, March 29, 2024 at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 27 N. Gettysburg Avenue, Dayton, OH 45417.** Final arrangements have been entrusted to Thomas Funeral Home & Crematory, 4520 Salem Avenue, Dayton, OH 45416.

Condolences may be sent to:

Minister Leo (Donna) Robinson & Family

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## **Prayer LIST**

- Bro. Stacy Bone and the entire “Bone” family in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Belle Bone
- Deacon Cleo & Sis. Phyllis Cromwell in the death of their brother-in-law, Mr. Ronnie Sutton of Chicago. IL
- Bro. James Mitchell
- Sis. Natasha “Tasha” LaRae Davis, Sis. Catherine Davis, Joshua Davis and the entire Davis Family
- Sis. Melody Abbott Malone
- Mr. Roosevelt Jefferson, husband of Sis. Kathy Jefferson
- Sis. Juanita Scruggs
- Sis. Cynthia Wiley
- Sis. Harriet Jeanette Green
- Mrs. Patsy Hawkins (wife of Bro. Anthony Hawkins)
- Bro. Knute R. Walker
- Mr. Willie Pinchon (father of Sis. Jackie Jefferson)
- Deacon John Butler
- Bro. Talmadge Crawford
- Sis. Yvonne Jefferson
- Bro. Archie Gurley
- Sis. Georgia Hewlett
- Mr. Andre Jackson (son of Bro. Onree Jackson)
- Bro. Michael Williams, Sr
- Min. Alton Richardson
- Mr. Thomas Drake (father of Sis. Sherri Drake)
- Miss Jennifer Clark (niece of Sis. Patricia Clark & Mother Linda Sanders)
- Mr. Caron Clark (brother of Sis. Patricia Clark & Mother Linda Sanders)
- Mr. Clifton Canady (father of Sis. Charlotte Canady-Slater)
- Ms. Charlie Storey (niece of Evonne Hubbard)
- Mrs. Katherine Acklin
- Mr. Charles Willis, Jr.

## **NURSING/REHAB**

**Sis. Mildred Pruitt**  
**Sis. Wanda Gholston**  
**Sis. Vernina Taylor**

Praying for **OUR SICK and SHUT-INS** [for SUNDAY, March 31, 2024]

Sis. Evonne Burns  
Sis. Elizabeth Thomas  
Deacon Eddie Thomas  
Sis. Geneva Purnell *POC: Sis. Sharon Walker*  
Mother Patsy Pope  
Sis. Jessie Booker *Son: Vincent Timmons*  
Bro. James Pope  
Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis *POC: Daughter*  
Sis. Georgia Hewlett  
Sis. Valerie Miller Copeland *POC: Verlinda Grant (dau*  
Sis. Cynthia Lockhart  
Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr  
Sis. Vivian Kelley  
Mother Hazel Hawk  
Sis. Linnie Gordon *POC: Ashlee Gordon (granddaughter)*  
Bro. Emery Brooks  
Bro. Robert Key  
Sis. Ethelen Evonne Hubbard  
Mother Annie Woods *POC: Carol Ford*  
Sis. Janice Fletcher  
Sis. Cassandra Townsend  
Bro. Thomas Burton *POC: Heaven*  
*Burton (Daughter)*  
Sis. Heidi Yarbrough  
Sis. Melody Malone  
Bro. Jeremy Pacillo  
Baby Elijah Burton  
*(Mother is Sis. Zoe Burton)*  
Bro. Curtis Chatman  
Sis. Annie Bradley  
Deacon Roy Brown  
Deacon Lawrence Scruggs

Sis. Marilyn Warren *POC: Donald Warren*  
Sis. Minnie Wilson  
Bro. Frank D. Wilson *POC: Letitia Walker (daughter)*  
Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele *POC: Joyce Hampton*  
Bro. Walter Kelley, Jr  
Sis. LaShaunda Hampton  
Sis. Louisiana Jordan *POC Ingrid Jordan (Daughter)*  
Sis. Ernestine Brazille  
Bro. Charley Cattage  
Mother Ernestine Sullivan  
Bro. Abraham McCall  
Deacon John Butler  
Mother Juanita Moore  
Minister Walter Kelley, Sr.  
Deacon Franklin Brandon  
Sis. Harriet J Green  
Sis. Annette Hawk-Rice  
Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa *POC: Evett Turner*  
Sis. Mary Lucille Malone *POC: Lola Malone*

**Hospitalizations**

**NO KNOWN MEMBERS**