

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, February 18, 2024

CHURCHWIDE

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Union Chapel Unity Choir

The Union Chapel Unity Choir is now rehearsing for their upcoming Spring concert. **All February rehearsals are at 6 PM. Sopranos Monday, February 19th** — Tenors Monday, February 26th — ALL Monday March rehearsals are at 6PM. Monday, March 4th — Altos Monday, March 11th — Sopranos Monday, March 18th — Tenors Saturday, March 23rd @ 3 PM —

ALL Mandatory (Choir, Musicians, Audio, and Dance)
The concert will be held on Sunday March 24th at 3:00 PM.

Cultural Arts

Church Family,
This **February**, join the Journey Through Blackness:
3rd Sunday-To the streets-Civil Rights Movement -Attire 50's-70's
4th Sunday-Dream on-Youth Challenge – Wear HBCU paraphernalia

Stitching & Quilting Ministry

Quilt Exhibit in Fellowship Hall - The Stitching & Quilting Ministry invites everyone to join them after Worship Service today in the Boone Lacy Fellowship Hall for a “Walk Through“ Exhibit of quilts and crochet items. Stay a minute or browse for a while!
Enjoy the COLORS of the quilts and reminisce on the quilts in your life journey. The Ministry welcomes new members.
Classes are on Mondays from 11:00 AM. to 1:00 PM in the Charles L. Ray Family Life Center. Contact person is Sister Flora Ector at 256 852 3864.

Voter Information

Mark your calendar for **March 5, 2024**. This is the date for the State Primary Election. It is important for all citizens to stay informed of their voting status. To register to vote, find your polling place, get information on absentee voting or view a sample ballot, you may go to the following websites: alabamavotes.gov or madisoncountyvotes.com
Information on absentee voting may also be obtained by calling 256 532 3684.

MINISTRY MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grief Ministry

The third session of **GriefShare** will be held **Sunday, February 18, 2024, 2:00 PM. in Room 17.** Topic of discussion will be Loneliness and Sadness. The sessions are designed to assist individuals with healing from the death of a loved one. For additional information about GriefShare, please contact Sister Georgia S. Valrie at 256-656-4698 or Sister Monica Phipps at 256-682-0466.

Transportation Ministry

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 for additional information at (256) 759-4393

SAM

The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will meet at **1:00 PM on Monday, March 5th 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! Additional information, please contact Sister Sarah White (256) 714-1177 or Mother Elizabeth Smith (256) 859-4464.

Missionary Ministry

Monthly teleconference meetings at **6 PM: March 11th, April 8th and May 13th .**

Contact: Mother Wilma Cooke: 256-998-3919

Dial in info: 978-990-5055

Access code: 6668148.

The Widows and Widowers Care Ministry

ZOOM meeting will be held **Monday, MARCH 11th**

Time: 6:00 PM

Dial in number-1-929-436-2866

Zoom Meeting ID: 842-0487-3189

Pass Code: 892774

Coordinator - Sister Rosa Goston, 256-797-8785

Co-Coordinator - Sister Sadie Pleasure, 256-679-5338

Union Chapel Girl Scout Troops

Union Chapel Girl Scout Troops will collect non-perishable food items throughout the month of February. All donations can be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings or during normal business hours (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday-Friday). Just press the buzzer for entry and place items inside of one of the bins located in the foyer. All donations will be donated to Alabama A&M University's

Food Pantry. Please assist us with assisting college students with this much needed community service project.

Cub Scout Pack 7156

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

- * **ScoutReach Culture Day @ AAMU** February 24th
- * **Pinewood Derby** - April
- * **Cub Scout Day** - June

If interested please contact Bro. Carl Johnson (256) 701-5735 Thanks

Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies

EXPLORING THE NEXT CHAPTER...2024

UNION CHAPEL INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (UCIBS)

THE UCIBS BOOK FAIR CONTINUES, GO ...EVANGELISM! (Matthew 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 **February***

"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)

HEALTH AWARENESS-FEBRUARY

Men and Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States.

Women and Heart Disease

Almost as many women as men die each year of heart disease in the United States.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer for all U.S. adults, and stroke is the No. 5 killer and a leading cause of disability. As frightening as those statistics are, the risks of getting those diseases are even higher for Black people. Historical and systemic factors play a major role in these statistics. Among them are adverse social determinants of health, the conditions in which a person is born and lives. The determinants include lack of access to health care and healthy foods, and other societal issues. The good news is, Black people in the U.S. can improve their odds of preventing and beating these diseases by understanding the risks and taking simple steps to address them. It is important to have a checkup and work with a health care professional on your specific risk factors and the things that you need to do to take care of your health. **High blood pressure**, overweight and obesity and **diabetes** are common conditions that increase the risk of heart disease and stroke. Here's how they affect Black people and some tips to lower your risk.

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Author: James Weldon Johnson

James Weldon Johnson MA PhD USA 1871-1938. Born at Jacksonville, FL, he attended Clark University, Atlanta, GA, and also spent three months in the backwoods of Georgia., taking in the culture there. While in school he published a paper, "The daily American newspaper", which ran for a year until terminated for lack of funding. He graduated in 1894. He then taught at the largest school in Jacksonville, FL, eventually becoming principal and adding 9th & 10th grades there. While there he began preparing for the FL bar exam, taking it in 1897. In 1904 he became treasurer of the Colored Republican Club, becoming its president the following year. He became an author, activist, educator, lawyer, and diplomat.

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SICK & SHUT-IN

Sis. Evonne Burns
Sis. Elizabeth Thomas
Deacon Eddie Thomas
Sis. Geneva Purnell POC: Sis. Sharon Walker
Mother Patsy Pope
Sis. Jessie Booker POC: Son, Vincent Timmons
Bro. James Pope
Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis POC: Daughter
Sis. Georgia Hewlett
Sis. Valerie Miller Copeland POC: Verlinda Grant (Daughter)
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
Sis. Marilyn Warren POC: Donald Warren
Sis. Minnie Wilson
Bro. Frank D. Wilson
Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele POC: Joyce Hampton (daughter)
Bro. Walter Kelley, Jr
Sis. LaShaunda Hampton
Sis. Louisanna Jordan POC: Ingrid Jordan (daughter)
Sis. Ernestine Brazille
Bro. Charley Cattage
Mother Ernestine Sullivan
Bro. Abraham McCall
Deacon John Butler
Sis. Shirley Brown
Bro. Tony Nobles
Mother Juanita Moore
Minister Walter Kelley, Sr.
Deacon Franklin Brandon
Sis. Harriet J. Green
Sis. Anette Hawk-Rice
Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa
Sis. Mary Lucille Malone
Bro. Sidney Odum
Bro. Jeremy Pacillo

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Sis. Natasha "Tasha" L. Davis
Sis. Melody Malone

NURSING/REHAB

Sis. Heidi Yarbrough
Sis. Mildred Pruitt
Sis. Wanda Gholston
Sis. Vernina Taylor
Sis. Linnie Gordon

PRAYER LIST

- Sis. Natasha "Tasha" LaRae Davis, Sis. Catherine Davis and the entire Davis Family in your prayers.
- Sis. Melody Abbott Malone
- Mr. Roosevelt Jefferson, husband of Sis. Kathy Jefferson
- Bro. Jeremy Pacillo
- The family of Mr. Prince Preyer, who passed on Sunday, February 11th
- Bro. Sidney Oden (POC- Sis. Denielia Oden Turner)
- Sis. Meloney & Bro. Ralph Jones in the death of their niece, Melanie Samuel
- Sis. Mary Lucille Malone
- Sis. Juanita Scruggs
- Sis. Lucinda White
- Sis. Cynthia Wiley
- Sis. Harriet Jeanette Green
- Mrs. Patsy Hawkins (wife of Bro. Anthony Hawkins)
- Sis. Tasha Davis
- 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.

Condolences
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Mrs. Lucille Bone King, the mother of Sis. Donnie Stewart, passed on Saturday, February 10, 2024. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the Meridianville Primitive Baptist Church, 1173 Mount Lebanon Rd, Toney, AL 35773. Interment: Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Condolences may be sent:

Mrs. Donnie Stewart (Jarvis) and Family

Bro. Toby Jermaine Williams, the son of Sis. Barbara Williams-Gordon and the brother of Sis. Angie L. Cole, passed on Sunday, February 4, 2024 in Huntsville, AL. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Carter's Funeral Services, 602 14th St N, Columbus, MS 39701 TEL 602-327-1855) will handle the final arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Barbara A. Williams-Gordon and Family
Mrs. Angie L. Cole (Timothy) and Family