

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, February 25, 2024

CHURCHWIDE

Please join us in **Celebrating our very own First Lady, Mother Doris Davis for her Birthday today, Sunday Feb 25, 2024 immediately following the 9:00 AM morning service** in the fellowship hall. You will be able to pick up a to go lunch box (one per person please) and make memorable moments in time through pictures. We hope that you join us for this joyous occasion.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be available today for children ages 5 to 11. After the Altar Call Prayer, a sign will appear on the screens for parents to meet youth leaders in the foyer of the church. Parents are asked to come to the basement immediately following the worship service to pick up children. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sis. Doris Taylor or Sis. Janika Crum.

Community Service Project

Union Chapel members will serve 200 Hot Lunches to those in need of food on Saturday, March 9, 2024, beginning at 12:00 PM 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 12:00 PM. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Bro. Chase Harris or Bro. Sean Delisser no later than Monday, March 4, 2024.

High School Ministry

Sis. Candice Howell, Min. Marquis, and leaders would like to meet with all Union Chapel High School students for the quarterly fellowship on Monday, March 4th, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The fellowship will be held at Dave & Busters, located in Mid-City. If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Candice Howell or Min. Marquis.

Union Chapel Unity Choir

The Union Chapel Unity Choir is now rehearsing for their upcoming Spring concert. **All February rehearsals are at 6 PM. ALL on Monday, February 26th** — ALL Monday March rehearsals are at 6 PM. 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:
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 fourth session of GriefShare will be held **Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 PM in Room 17**. Topic of discussion will be Self Care, special guest Dr. Michael Johnson. The sessions are designed to assist individuals with healing from the death of a loved one. For additional information about **GriefShare**, please contact Sis. Georgia S. Valrie at 256-656-4698 or Sis. 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 4th 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

Veterans' Ministry Meeting

Mr Alex Taylor Veteran Advocate in helping Veterans receive all the benefits promised them will be the guest speaker in our **March 11, 2024 meeting at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please make plans to attend this meeting to discuss your Veteran Healthcare benefits.

The Deaconess Ministry

Meeting **March 18, April 16 and May 20th at 6 PM in room 17.** Contact Sister Douglas with questions.

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.

Fort Mose Is An Important Town in Black History

Of all the cities you learned about in school that no longer exist, Fort Mose (pronounced “**Mo-say**”) is one of the most important. Here’s one of the little-known Black history facts: More than 250 years ago, when people who had escaped their enslavement made their way to St. Augustine, Florida, they were welcomed by the Spanish, who valued their skills and contributions. In 1738, the governor rewarded them by establishing the town that went on to become known as Fort Mose. It was the first officially sanctioned town for freed Black men in what is now the United States, with a population of about 100. In 1763, the Fort was ceded to the British under the Treaty of Paris, and the free Black residents were evacuated to Cuba with the Spanish. The British then destroyed the site during the War of 1812. Today, it is a Historic State Park, making it one of the wonderful American landmarks that celebrates Black culture.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Fort Mose, originally known as **Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose** (Royal Grace of Saint Teresa of Mose), and later as **Fort Mose**, or alternatively, **Fort Moosa** or **Fort Mossa**, is a former Spanish fort in St. Augustine, Florida. In 1738, the governor of Spanish Florida, Manuel de Montiano, had the fort established as a free black settlement, the first to be legally sanctioned in what would become the territory of the United States. It was designated a US National Historic Landmark on October 12, 1994.

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
Bro. Thomas Burton
Sis. Heidi Yarborough
Sis. Melody Malone

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Deacon Roy Brown
Sis. Annie Bradley
Sis. Natasha "Tasha" L. Davis

NURSING/REHAB

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

PRAYER LIST

- 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
- Bro. Sidney Oden (POC- Sis. Denielia Oden Turner)
- Sis. Juanita Scruggs
- Sis. Lucinda White
- 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.

Condolences

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NO KNOWN MEMBERS