

## Church Announcements for December 21, 2025

### Church-Wide

**New Year's Eve Service ( Wednesday, December 31, 2025) will be held at 10:00pm  
Location and other details to follow.**

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**Combined Service: Join us on the first Sunday in January as we unite for a combined worship service at 9:00 AM.** We look forward to coming together with grateful hearts as we lift our voices in praise, thanking God for His faithfulness and welcoming the **year ahead**.

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**CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE:** Will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday January 7, 2026, in the Sanctuary of the Church. **Pastor Davis is requesting that Union Chapel Church Family come together on one accord believing for the power of God to move in the earth like never before, as well as our church. Salvation, Healing, Deliverance and Restoration.** If ever a time the Body of Christ need to be praying, that time is now. As Children of God, the Scripture says, that we ought always to pray, and not to faint; (Luke 18:1 KJV). So, Sanits of God let us come together collectively and call on the name of Jesus Christ for His divine intervention in what has come and is coming upon the land. As the Scripture also states, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 King James Version.

### MINISTRY Meetings

**Church Meeting will be held on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**

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***Music Ministry: The Women's Choir will rehearse Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm and on Sunday morning, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. We welcome all former and new members to join us.***

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**Ushers: All Ushers Youth and Adult will meet on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 10:00am. If you have any questions, please contact Janice King.**

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**Single's Ministry:** You're invited to the Union Chapel Singles Ministry "New Beginnings Vision 2026" on **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** . Lunch will be provided.

Join us as we reflect, refocus, and renew our purpose for the new year. This meaningful gathering will include:

- Worship
- A short devotional on new beginnings
- Overview of the Singles Ministry calendar
- Breakout discussions
- Prayer circles for encouragement
- Fellowship and connection

Come ready to be inspired, encouraged, and aligned with what God has in store for 2026. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Min. Lisa Owens or Sis. Calandra Terry.

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Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026 during the 9 AM Worship Service.

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Our 12:00 Noon in-Person and the Noon Telephonic Conference and all 7pm Evening Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 14, 2026. We encourage you to continue your study in the Daily Bread and The Word for You Today.

Morning Meditation and Night Prayer Line – will resume Monday, January 12, 2026

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Executive Ministry Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6pm in the church library.

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Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Part 2: Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**General Announcements**

New Members Orientation class on December 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9am service.

- The Adult Class will meet in the Old Library
- Youth Class will meet in Room 12

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“Mid-Service Sunday School Hour” is now fully reinstated to serve both our Youth and Adult parishioners. *9:00am Service Attendees...stay just a little later; 12:00pm Service Attendees...come just a little earlier...as the “Mid-Service Sunday School Hour” takes place between the 9:00am and 12:00pm Worship Services to accommodate our entire Church Family!*

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**The Watch Ministry** is seeking new members (adults and youth ) to serve on this ministry. If this is the place for you, please see Bro. Earl Wootson

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**Anniversary**

*Congratulations to*

- *Deacon Roy and Sis. Mase Brown celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*May God’s grace, love, and favor continue to bless this union.*

## 2025 Year-End Tithes and Offering Reminder

This is a reminder to submit your tithes, offering and gift contributions by **December 31, 2025**, in order to receive tax credit for **year-end 2025**. The IRS regulations require all year end contributions be received into the church office or **postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025**. **Online Giving must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm EST on December 31, 2025, for the current (2025) reporting tax year.**

**ATTENTION:** In order for your contribution record to be accurate and up-to-date, please complete your offering envelope in "FULL"; with your name, address, phone number and amount. Please be aware that we have several families with the same last name. For example, if you only write "Smith Family" with no address or phone number, we have no way of knowing who you are. There will be no information in our system to compare. Please be advised that the office does not see your check from Sunday's Giving to get the information from...we only have the envelope. Also, please help us keep our records as accurate as possible by printing "LEGIBLY"

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1. *Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

#### *Refrain:*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to th.e newborn King"*

2. *Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]*

3. *Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]*

## **PRAYER LIST FOR HOSPITALIZED & NURSING/REHAB MEMBERS**

Please keep our hospitalized members in your prayers.

### **NO KNOWN MEMBERS**

Please keep our members who are **in nursing home and rehab in your prayers.**

- *Bro. Charlie Fletcher, POC Lisa Suggs*
- *Sis. Joann King*
- *Sis Gloria Wynne*
- *Sis. Vernina Taylor*

## **PRAYER LIST for Condolences (Members )**

Please remember to keep our bereaved families in your prayers.

***Sis. Emma Jean Flakes, the mother of Bro. Ronnie Flakes, Jr. and grandmother of Ronnie Flakes, III,*** passed on Saturday, December 13, 2025 in Huntsville, AL. ***The Funeral Service was held at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Rd NE. Huntsville, AL 35811.*** ***Interment will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Nelms Memorial Funeral Home has been entrusted with the final arrangements..***

*Condolences may be sent to:*

*Mr. Ronnie Flakes, Jr. (Jaekeia) and Family  
Ronnie Flakes, III*

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***Mr. Thomas Lee, the brother of Bro. Gregory Lee,*** passed on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 in Columbus, MS. ***The Funeral Service will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at Missionary Union Baptist Church, 1207 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Columbus, MS 39701. Visitation: Saturday, December 27 from 1pm – 5pm. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Lee-Sykes Funeral Home, 422 12<sup>th</sup> St N, Columbus, MS 39705 TEL (662) 328-4335***

*Condolences may be sent to:*

*Mr. Gregory Lee ( Fatetra) and Family*

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Mrs. Frankie Yarbrough**, wife of  
Bro. Alexander Gilmore

**Bro. Anthony Hawkins** will have surgery on  
**Monday, Dec 22 @** Huntsville Hosp

**Mrs. Mary Ingram Roomes** (sister of Sis. Flora I.  
Ector) is in Huntsville Hospital

**Sis Raven Hill Dickerson** will have surgery

**Mr. Cary Grant**

**Ms. Courtnie Perry** (niece of Sis. Sarah Eatman)

**Minister Willie Montgomery**

**Mr. Andre' Jackson** (son of Onree Jackson) is in  
Huntsville Hosp-8<sup>th</sup> floor NICU Bed 10

**Sis. Brenda Martin**

**Sis. Mary Slack**

**Ms. Arlene Gardner** (mother of Sis. Robin  
Rena Taylor)

**Bro. Harrison Johnson**

**Bro. Willie Smith**

**Bro. Ryland Landers** (son of Sis. Virdell Landers  
Mason and Bro. AL Mason)

**Mrs. Crystalyn Rodgers** daughter of Sis. Pam  
Byers

**Mrs. Mattie Moore** (aunt of Sis. Pam Byers)

**Mrs. Cassandra Nobles**, wife of Bro. Tony Nobles

**Sis. Viola McWilliams**, POC: Nikki Titang (dau)

**Sis. Kalexis Jordan Drake**

**Bro. Patrick Walker**

**Bro. David Langston Stewart**

**Minister Lennon Martin**

**Sis. Sheri Tims**

**Mother Hattie Burton**

**Bro. Derrick Hunter**

**Bro. Archie Gurley**

**Bro. Knute R. Walker**

**Sis. Martha Leslie**

**Sis. Cynthia Wiley**

**Mrs. Helen Cooper** (mother of Sis. Sarah White)

**Mr. Roosevelt Rodgers**( father of Sis. Virdell  
Mason)

## **PRAYER LIST for the Sick & Shut-ins MEMBERS**

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut in members.

**Sis. Evonne Burns**

**Mother Patsy Pope**

**Sis. Jessie Booker**, POC- Son: Vincent Timmons

**Bro. James Pope**

**Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis**, POC-Dau

**Sis. Cynthia Lockhart**

**Sis. Vivian Kelley**

**Bro. Emery Brooks**

**Mother Annie Woods**, POC: Carol Ford

**Sis. Minnie Wilson & Bro. Frank D. Wilson**,  
POC: Letitia Walker (daughter)

**Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele**, POC: Joyce  
Hampton

**Deacon John Butler**

**Deacon Franklin Brandon**

**Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr**

**Sis. Melody Malone**

**Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa**, POC: Evette Turner

**Sis. Georgia Hewlett**

**Mother Hazel Hawk**

**Sis. Crystal S. Blackburn**, POC: Jimmy Blackburn

**Bro. Booker Weaver**

Brother Jimmy Brooks  
Bro. Charley Catta0ge  
Bro. Robert Key  
Sis. Bobbie Gordon, *c/o Natasha Charles (dau)*  
Sis. Annie Bradley  
Sis. Janice Fletcher  
Sis. Martha Toney  
Bro. Anthony Brown  
Deacon Michael Stevenson  
Deacon Eddie Thomas & Sis. Elizabeth Thomas

Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher, *POC: Florence Love*  
Sis. Sandra McCall  
Sis. Gloria Mason  
Sis. Mae Cathryn Phillips  
Bro. Anthony Hawkins  
Sis. Louisiana Jordan, *POC– Ingrid Jordan (dau)*  
Mother Ernestine Sullivan-NO VISITORS – POC:  
Daughter, Cindy Humphrey



## *It was the Sunday Before Christmas 2025*

It was the Sunday before Christmas 2025  
I was counting my blessings to still be alive  
Reflecting on God's mercy and goodness galore  
He's been chasing after me, over and over, for sure  
Now I know that Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday in November  
But "everyday is a day of Thanksgiving," from January to December  
So as I took a moment and started a list, it was clear  
That God has been good to me, every day of the year  
From the moment that He wakes me, NO, not my alarm  
And He's kept me safe and secure overnight, from all danger and harm  
When I heard the birds singing a melodious sound  
Then my feet touched the ground and I looked all around  
I took a few steps and began to slowly walk

Said “good morning, good morning!” because I can still talk  
I start my devotional, I worship and pray  
Got on the prayer line (with Minister Weatherly), to hear “the word for today”  
The saints on the prayer line, with their praise and request  
Reminds me that I am also, highly favored and blessed  
Then not too long after I get an encouraging text  
From Minister Janet Dickerson, and you know what is next  
An invitation, an opportunity to witness to our sisters and brothers  
Share what we have, and be a blessing to others  
I go to my kitchen and open the refrigerator up  
And it is full to capacity, like my overflowing cup  
A reminder of God’s continuous generous provisions  
How He helps us with all, both big and small decisions  
Like what to fix for breakfast, what should I eat  
Fresh fruits, healthy fats a small portion of lean meat  
As I sit at the table and begin saying my grace  
Grateful for food and an appetite and the ability to still taste  
The discernment to know how much to eat, when to stop  
I’m also thanking God for farmers and each bountiful crop\*\*  
As I prepared for my day to enter the “rat race”  
I asked God for traveling mercies and grace  
That angels watch over and protect me from having a wreck  
And keep my mind, tongue and temper in check  
Everyone that I meet I take time to kindly greet  
And I can help a less fortunate or homeless person on the street  
When I take a break for lunch, help me to meet a need  
Say a kind word or two, try to water or plant a seed  
And lead someone lost, to Christ where I work  
Unmask the evil one and enemies that constantly lurk  
May all the work I’ve done, be well done with all my heart  
May God get all the glory, not me, because I think I’m so smart \*\*\*  
If I return home this evening, hope to do so before sunset  
Without a single complaint, without even one regret  
So I can marvel at how you’ve kept me under your wings  
To gather with my family, and the many resources and things  
I have like food, shelter, clothing, so I give you praise and thanks  
Not to mention a couple of dollars that I have, saved up in the banks  
Health, strength and a portion of what’s left of my right mind  
Joy, healing, peace, and that I was strategically designed  
The ability to tell right from wrong, make good decisions, to discern  
Growth in you and the desire to study the word and learn  
So as we embrace the true meaning of this most sacred celebration  
Jesus Christ’s birth, symbolizing love, hope and salvation  
May we remember that Christmas is a time to bring a dark world hope and light  
Praise God for Jesus our Savior of the world, Merry Christmas and goodnight!!!

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\*Psalm 91

\*\* Psalm 72:16

\*\*\*Colossians 3:23