

# The Herald

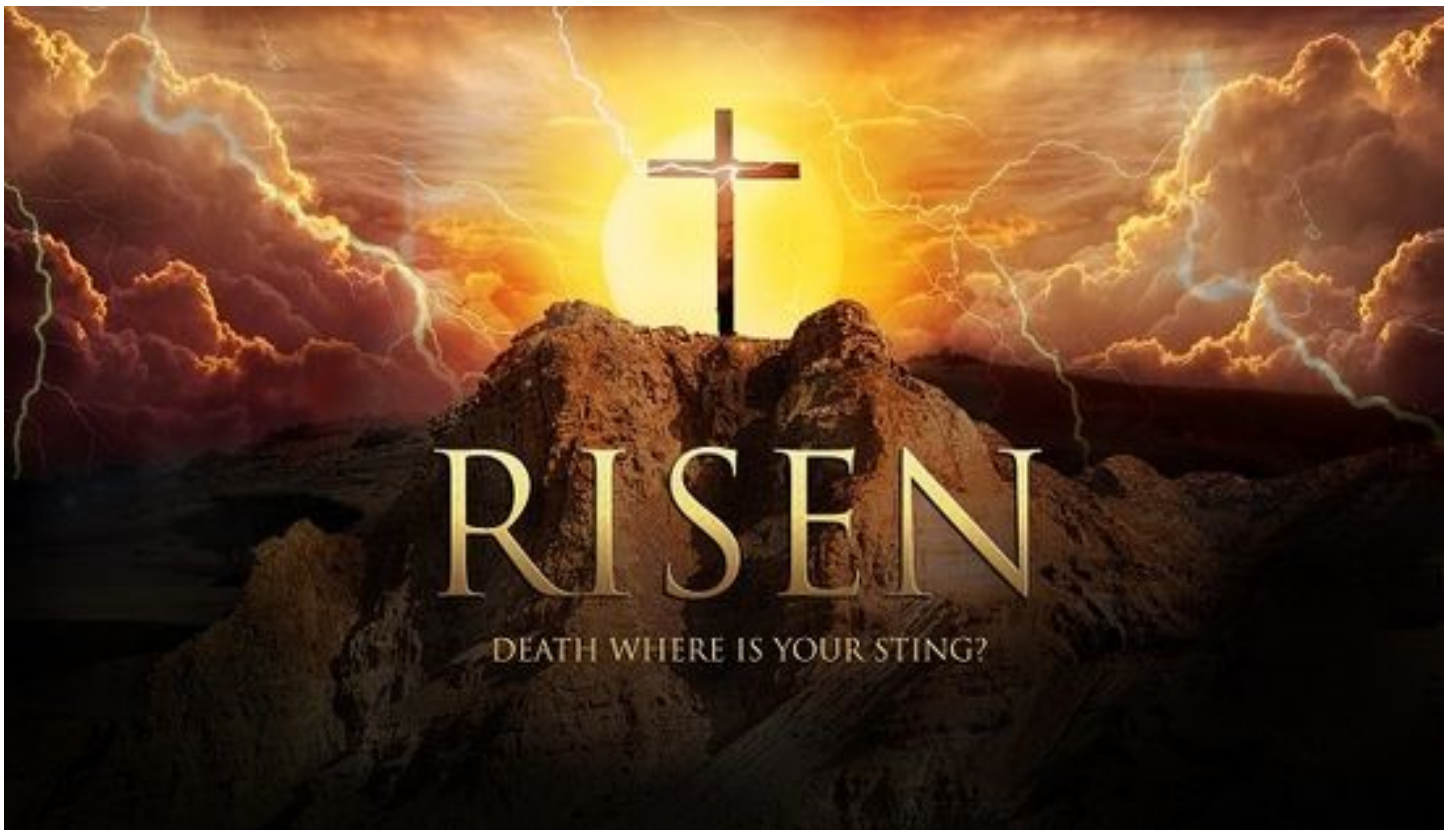
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The Herald is a monthly publication of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Members are encouraged to submit all newsworthy articles by the 20th of the month to [newsletter@unionchapel-hsv.org](mailto:newsletter@unionchapel-hsv.org). All articles are subject to editing for clarity and grammatical correctness.

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*From the Pastor's Pen...*

## “The Preaching of the Cross”



*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God (I Corinthians 1:18).*

Today, many feel that the preaching of the cross is foolishness. Some even laugh at those who believe that Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose for our salvation. This mentality has led to the moral and ethical decline of our communities. People are stealing, cheating, and killing one another. In other words, these people are perishing because they think that the preaching

of the cross is foolishness.

On the other hand, many others know that the preaching of the cross is the power of God unto salvation of humankind.

Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to preach the cross of Christ so others will come to know that there is a reality in serving the Lord. Then the preaching of the cross will not be foolishness to them, it will become the power of God unto salvation. The cross of Christ is the answer to all of our problems!

~Dr. O. Wendell Davis

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## Let's Study Together

April 2023: “Experiencing the Resurrection”

04.02.2023 The Empty Tomb  
Luke 24:1-12

04.16.2023 Jesus Cooks Breakfast  
John 21:1-14

04.09.2023 Disciples Come to Believe the Resurrection  
Luke 24:13-27, 30-31

04.23.2023 Jesus Reinstates Peter  
John 21:15-19

### “The Birth of the Church”

04.30.2023

A Promise Is Made to Jesus' Disciples  
Acts 1:1-11

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## We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Minister Walter (Sr.) and Mother Marie Kelley, who will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on April 21, 2023.

Minister and Mother Kelley are the parents of Sister Geraldine Kelley Goins and Brother Walter Kelley, Jr. They are grandparents to Theophilus (JR) Goins and Jermaine Kelley; great-grandparents to Aaliyah, Jaylen, Jada and Madison Goins.

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## New Members

We welcome you, with the joy of the Lord, to the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church family! It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened as we learn and grow together. We invite you to explore the ministries of the church and ask God to show you where He wants you to get connected. We are truly excited you are here.



Aubrey Christina Holmes

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## Church History Facts

“Auxiliary,” “Board,” “Society,” “Steering Committee,” “Ministry” – These are words that have evolved throughout the decades to identify the leadership groups of Union Chapel Church. The following information was copied from a document entitled “1982 AUXILIARY HEADS.” The names listed were the Chairman/Co-Chairman; President/Vice President; General Superintendent/Assistant General Superintendent; Director/Assistant Director of the Ministry:

1. Deacon Board – Deacon Richard Showers, Sr./ Deacon Laverne Reed.
2. Trustee Board – Bro. Emanuel Coleman/ Bro. Frank Hester
3. Mother’s Board – Mother Maudie Drake/ Mother Marie Stewart
4. Minister’s & Deacons Wives – Sis. Linda Hunt/ Sis. Rosie Steele
5. Matrons – Sis. Dorothy Battle/ Sis. Bettye Pope
6. Missionary Society – Sis. Johnnie Clift/ Sis. Helen Brooks
7. Sunday School – Deacon Laverne Reed/Deacon Eddie Thomas
8. B.T.U. – Bro. Frank Hester/ Sis. Bettye Pope
9. Sr. Usher Board – Sis. Louise Jones/ Bro. Robert Cobb
10. Sr. Choir – Sis. Marie White/Bro. John Butler
11. Youth Choir – Sis. Carla Clift/Sis. Tonita Phipps
12. Youth Steering Comm. – Sis. Ester Lacy/Sis Ola Tibbs
13. Jr. Usher Board – Sis. Pamela Hammonds/Sis Demetria Pride

We Praise God for the dedication of these leaders throughout the years. Many are still in leadership positions today.



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## Wellness News

*Spring clean you way to better health.* Whether you're desperately disorganized or a neat freak yearning for orderly perfection, this is your season. As spring approaches, so, too, does the pull and promise of spring cleaning. Love it or hate it, getting your home organized and clean is good for your health. Here's how:

- You may breathe easier: If you suffer from allergies (and even if you don't), your home probably could use a thorough cleaning to get rid of dust, mildew, mold, and pet dander build-up. Use a vacuum with a HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter to clean floors, furniture, and upholstery. Tackle bathrooms, basements and garages too, especially wet areas.
- Your mood might improve: One study points to a stressful home environment - messy, cluttered, in need of repairs, and failing to contribute to relaxation - as linked to a depressed mood among women. Women living in homes that felt restorative, on the other hand, showed a decrease in depressed moods.
- You could live healthier: Order, versus disorder, can lead to healthier lifestyle choices. In one study, people who were put in a clean and orderly space chose healthier foods. Other research shows a correlation between tidy homes and higher levels of physical activity, although researchers aren't certain if the condition of the home encourages physical activity or if the cleaning is the physical activity. Either way, it's a good thing, as everyday, home-related physical activity such as doing repairs or yard work has been shown to support cardiovascular health.

~Cleveland Clinic Wellness

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## Remembering, Honoring, Acting



Thanking God for the gift of March 6, the gift of Mariah, and the BIG LOVE she lived spurring us to continue showing that love to others in her honor.

With the help of blogger Rhega Gordon, her followers, family and friends, we honored Mariah by making a donation of parking tokens to Huntsville Hospital. When families are facing these difficult diagnoses, undergoing treatments and spending countless days in the hospital, they must also pay to park. Each and every time they leave to get a shower, food, a change of clothing or a moment, parking fees must be paid.

Several donors made donations ranging from \$20 to \$150 for a total of \$1,020. At \$2.00 per parking token, our donation made it possible for over 500 parking opportunities for families to focus on their family member facing a serious health battle, rather than have to incur this added expense.

Read the full blog posts from March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> <http://onthecouchunderathrow.com/>.



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## We Celebrate You, continued from page 2



During Black History Month on February 23, Brother Willie Mack Craighead was presented an oil painting of a mural of four most notable Huntsville Fire Department firefighters by Fire Chief Howard McFarlen. The mural by local black artist Don Howard, City of Huntsville unveiled the honors the “firsts” in the Huntsville Fire Department (the first

African American, the first Asian, first female and the firefighter that has worked more hours than any other fireman). The mural is currently located at the Public Safety Firefighter Training Center located on Triana Blvd.

In April 1970, Brother Willie Mack Craighead, (pictured second from top in mural) became the first African American firefighter and driver hired by the City of Huntsville. He was assigned to the main firehouse located on Church Street. The mayor of Huntsville at the time was Joe Davis.

On December 7, 1995, Brother Craighead received a Citation of Recognition by Mayor Steve Hettinger. In December 2000 Mayor Loretta Spencer recognized Brother Craighead for thirty years of faithful service. Brother Craighead retired from firehouse #5 located on University Drive in July 2001.



Congratulations to Miracle Burwell and Shawn Byers, who are featured in the movie “Nine Divine,” written and produced by local award winning filmmaker Jurian Isabelle. Shawn plays the part of Amir and Miracle can be seen in the school student scenes.

Nine Divine is a mind-bending emotional thrill ride told through the eyes of an introverted, artistic 15-year-old girl in foster care who finds herself pulled into a mystical quest to find her little brother after he and other children suddenly disappear without a trace. This timeless story taps into themes of loss, abandonment, faith, fear, and the struggle to find one’s place in life.

Shawn is the son of Tiffanie Byers and the grandson of Pam Byers; Miracle is the daughter of Melodie Morgan.

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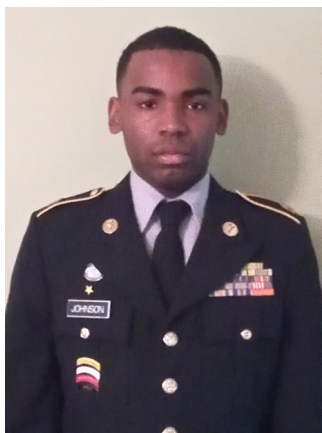
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Congratulations to the following high school students, who were recently honored for their academic accomplishments by the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc., at their 44th Annual Honors Convocation.

Student Name	School	Parents
Daria Andrews	Buckhorn High School	Tandra Ford
Rhyan Holloway	St. John Paul II Catholic High School	Lanita McGraw Holloway
Cameron Jones	Sparkman High School	Veronica & Terry Jones
Jordyn Morris	Buckhorn High School	Aretha & Nate Morris
Jerrold Phipps, II	Sparkman High School	Jerrold Phipps
Bailey Uriah Pinchon	Hazel Green High School	Uloma & Brian Pinchon

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Congratulations to Jaden Johnson who was recently selected to serve as Vice President of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) program for the State of Alabama for school year 2023-2024. Jaden currently holds the rank of Cadet First Sergeant and is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 156 and holds the rank of Life Scout. Jaden, a junior at New Century Technology High School, is the son of Sister Valisha and Brother Carl Johnson and the brother of Sister Jayla Johnson.

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Congratulations to Alysse Banks who recently received a scholarship from the Rosetta James Foundation. Alysse is a General Studies major at Drake State Community & Technical College. Scholarships are awarded to deserving local students committed to community volunteerism as part of their college experience.

Alysse is the daughter of Sister Denise Carter and sister to Brother Andrew Malone.



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“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”

~2 Peter 1:3-4 KJV

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# Young, Gifted and Black Design Challenge

JCPenney is proud to announce the third annual Young, Gifted, and Black (YGB) Design Challenge. The YGB Challenge is designed to give full-time undergraduate students enrolled at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) an opportunity to showcase their creativity across our stores and online platforms, earn a cash prize, and receive dedicated mentorship as they pursue their undergraduate and post-graduate goals.

## 2023 Challenge Theme

Our theme for this year's YGB Design Challenge is **Black Legacy**. Black Legacy is the celebration and recognition of Black culture dedicated to the education, awareness and commemoration of Black heritage and people. As we honor our legacy and commemorate our heritage, we look within ourselves to ask the question, "What does Black legacy mean to me and how does it live within me?" Starting with the phrase "My Black is," challenge participants should use one word and accompanying graphics to describe your own Black cultural experience. The placed graphic or illustration should pay homage to the legacy that influences you or the legacy you hope to leave. Your design should be an expression of your Black heritage. Your solution to this year's challenge can be overt, subtle, abstract or literal but it must be a wearable interpretation.

## Submission Details and Criteria

To be eligible, participants must be full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an HBCU at the date of submission.

Designs must be prepared in the form of digital storyboards that include the following:

- Inspiration
- Color palette
- Technical sketches (CAD or Hand Illustrated)
- A combination of imagery and text to demonstrate the mood
- Print ideas/Artwork/Technique

All storyboards must be saved as a flattened PDF file no more than 15 MB in size and no less than 150 dpi resolution. Please note, this year's design will be for a t-shirt and the fabric will be jersey knit. Entries must be submitted to [YoungGiftedBlack@jcp.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:YoungGiftedBlack@jcp.onmicrosoft.com) by **11:59 PM CST on April 23** along with a signed [consent waiver and release form](#).

## Evaluation Process, Selection and Notification

The JCPenney Design Council, made up of senior leaders in our design, textiles, talent, inclusion and diversity departments, will serve as the panel of judges and will decide the winners. Finalists will be notified by **May 14** and will be evaluated on creativity, innovation, ability to execute, resonance with the target market and relevance to this year's challenge theme. From the pool of finalists, first and second place winners will be notified by **May 24**.

## YGB Design Challenge Prizes

### First Place Prize Winner

- \$4,000 scholarship
- All-expense paid two-day visit at the home office in Frisco, Texas to shadow members of the JCPenney design team
  - Seven (7) 30-minute virtual mentoring sessions
- The possibility for design to be included in JCPenney's 2024 Black History Month and/or Juneteenth collections

### Second Place Prize Winner

- \$2,000 scholarship
- Seven (7) 30-minute virtual mentoring sessions

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## Affinity Debit Card



The Union Chapel Christian Academy (UCCA) debit card, sponsored by Redstone Federal Credit Union, is now available. The Affinity Debit Card program from Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU) provides cash back to UCCA every time you make a purchase from your Redstone Federal Credit Union checking account. The UCCA Affinity Debit Card is just like any other RFCU debit card, except when it is used for purchases, the Academy will earn cash back. In other words, you can help earn free money for the Academy.

The Affinity Debit Card may be obtained by visiting any Redstone Federal Credit Union branch or by calling the Member Connect Center at 800.234.1234 or 256.837.6110.

Each purchase, including online purchases, allows UCCA to receive cash back to further education and support of UCCA. Additionally, you will show your support and loyalty every time you make a purchase.

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## Ministry Calendar and Events

Event	Ministry	Date
Easter Concert	Music Ministry	April 8
Monthly Meeting (teleconference)	Missionary Ministry	April 10
Monthly Meeting	Veterans Ministry	April 10
Celebration of Life Walk	Cancer Support Ministry	April 15
Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies Class “The Power of God’s Names, Part 2”	Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies	April 29

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### 2023 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen’s Workshop

The 2023 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen’s Workshop will be held July 21-23 in Dallas, TX.

If you plan to attend, Registration/Housing and Transportation forms are available at the Welcome Center. The sign-up deadline is **May 22, 2023**. Transportation will be provided by the Church. For additional information, contact Deacon Edward White at 256-604-9725 or email [ed528@bellsouth.net](mailto:ed528@bellsouth.net) or Deacon Emeritus Nathaniel Sanders at 256-859-9540 or email [nathanielsnat@att.net](mailto:nathanielsnat@att.net).