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“Heritage: Remembering our History”

“And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

~Exodus 20:1-3 KJV ~

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. All articles are subject to editing for clarity and grammatical correctness.



From the Pastor's Pen...

“Growing as a Pastor, Part III”

Excerpt from “*My Spiritual Journey*”

I was called to my first pastorate, Independent Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, Mississippi in 1981. Independent was a small rural church and most of the members were family. I was able to continue serving at Mt. Pilgrim since services were held at Independent only once a month. Little did I realize at the time, that God was about to teach me that it takes time to learn how to pastor a church His way. Even today, many people don't understand who the pastor is or what he does in the service of the Lord.

In light of the fact that there are numerous misconceptions out there relative to who the pastor really is, I would like to ask this question. Who is the Pastor? I am sure that many ask themselves this question every Sunday morning. Who is the Pastor? Who is this person who seems to have all the answers and often speaks directly to my needs. Who is this person, really?

You see the good pastor will stand on Sunday morning with the faith and hope needed to proclaim the gospel message. The pastor speaks with power and confidence provided by the Holy Spirit. We look at and listen to our pastors in wonder and awe, not realizing that they are merely called human beings preaching with power and convictions drawn from their own experiences. The pastor not only stands with faith and hope but is also well prepared to do in the preach moment what God desires. So, who is the pastor? Let's answer this most important question.

First, the pastor is called by God to explain and proclaim the gospel (good news) to all humanity:

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak (Jeremiah 1:5-7 KJV).

Next, Jesus Christ calls the pastor: *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you (John 20:21 KJV).*

The Holy Spirit also calls the pastor: *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28 KJV).*

Brothers and Sisters, the pastor's call is both an inner and outer call. Many people take up preaching as if it is a secular profession. This could possibly be why many are being led astray, and why some local churches have become little more than social clubs, with emphasis on individuals rather than Christ. Unless one has an inner call from God, there is no way for them to see and understand the true mission of the Church.

The inner call is the call of God. God calls the preacher to the preach ministry. He then provides the place and the people for the preacher to minister to. This is the outer call, the confirmation that God has called the preacher. When God places the preacher on the hearts of the people - the people will call and hear the God sent preacher. The Bible says, that God gives the church pastors after His own heart.

When God gives the pastor to the people - the preacher will love God and the people enough to speak the truth in love. For this reason the pastor is sometimes perceived as dogmatic or holier than thou. The God called preacher is just the opposite.

Most pastors are loving and approachable people. But because the truth must be proclaimed, the people sometimes see the pastor as holy and all righteous. Therefore, many feel they cannot share their shortcomings, their faults and failures with the pastor because he is unapproachable.

(Next month: “Growing as a Pastor, Part IV”)

~Pastor O. Wendell Davis

New to Our Church Family

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:



Quamane Garner



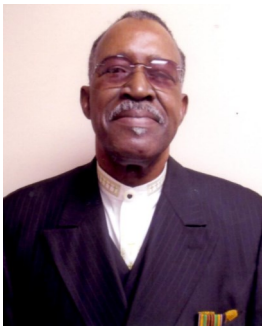
Elijah Jenkins



Mariab Lewis



Gail Montgomery



Willie Montgomery, Jr.



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Larry Weathers, II

Let's Study Together

BIBLE STUDY

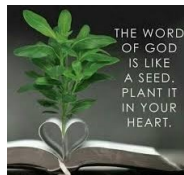
Join us every Wednesday
12 Noon

Mid-Day Bible Study
Boone-Lacy Memorial Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall

Youth Bible Study
Basement

Collegiate Bible Study
Conference Room
(Former Library)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

"Jesus Teaches About True Worship"

02.02 Single-Minded Obedience
(Matthew 4:1-11)

02.09 Piety that Honors God
(Matthew 6:1-8)

02.16 The Prayer of Jesus
(Matthew 6:9-15)

02.23 Perseverance in Prayer
(Luke 11:5-13)

We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Mrs. Roberta Battle, who celebrated her 7th birthday on January 21, 2020. The office staff honored Mrs. Battle with a surprise birthday party in the Boone-Lacy Memorial Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Battle has been employed with the church for 28 years.



Congratulations to Minister/Dr. Toni G. Savage, who recently published an article entitled "God in the Small Things" in The Upper Room, in the January/February issue. The Upper Room Devotional is distributed worldwide in 35 languages.

To view the post online go to www.upperroom.org/devotionals/



Congratulations to Torian Blackburn, who was featured in the Student Spotlight, January 22, 2020 of the "Vallo Voice" at the University of Montevallo.

Torian is wrapping up a business degree with a minor in accounting, and will graduate in May.

Torian is the daughter of Crystal and Jimmy Blackburn and the granddaughter of Mother Jessie Singleterry.



Congratulations to Mrs. Gloria C. Dawson, who is among the 2020 Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration honorees. Mrs. Dawson is being honored for her many years of service in the area of education.

The celebration will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 12 noon at the Jackson Center.

Scholarship Opportunity...



Happy birthday to Mother Dora M. Davis, who will celebrate her birthday on February 27, 2020.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

-Jeremiah 29:11 KJV-

Redstone Federal Credit Union® (RFCU) is proud to offer scholarships to members who are pursuing a college degree. Redstone recognizes hard work by awarding \$5,000 in scholarship assistance to members. Since 1996, over \$605,000 in scholarships and monetary assistance has been awarded to deserving members. RFCU Scholarship Program recognizes, rewards, and supports its members in their pursuits for higher education by awarding scholarships to dedicated member students. Eight of the scholarships are awarded to students attending one of RFCU's partner schools, including Alabama A&M University, J.F. Drake State Community & Technical College, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Middle Tennessee State University, Northeast Alabama Community College, Oakwood University, Calhoun Community College and Athens State University.

Application must be submitted online, <https://www.redfcu.org/scholarship>, no later than 11:59 p.m. CST February 28, 2020. Applications will not be accepted if mailed in or dropped off at a branch location.

Wellness News

The magic of elderberry to fight colds and flu. It can take all hands on deck to stay healthy this time of year (and speaking of hands, wash them frequently!). Be sure to get a flu shot, and remember that sleeping well, managing stress, and exercising can help to keep your immune system



cold or flu symptoms tend to have less severe symptoms and a shorter illness than people taking a placebo extract. The most recent research looked at how elderberry fights viruses. In a lab setting, elderberry prevented the influenza virus from

in fighting shape. You may also want to consider keeping an elderberry supplement on hand, too, as new research adds to the evidence that the herbal remedy may help to combat colds and the flu. Long used as a food to make jams and wine, elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*) has been used to fight upper respiratory infections for hundreds of years. Putting it to the test in small clinical trials, researchers have found that people who take elderberry extract immediately at onset of

infecting human cells and, in cells that were already infected, stopped it from multiplying. Elderberry also prompted the cells to release compounds that improve the immune system's response to viruses. If you're interested in trying elderberry, look for a high-quality supplement such as Sambucol, which has been used extensively in research.

~Cleveland Wellness Clinic

Moments in Black History...



Lisa Gelobter
VP, BET

Major developments:
Shockwave (genesis of animation on the web), online video

If you ever enjoyed an animated Gif on the web, then you have Lisa Gelobter to thank.

Gelobter was integrally involved with the advent of Shockwave, a technology that formed the beginning of web animation. She also played a major role in the emergence of online video, later serving on the senior management team at Hulu.

Previously, Lisa was the Interim Head of Digital for Black Entertainment Television (BET) Networks and ran Technology, Product and Business Operations. Today, you can catch Lisa at the White House, in the United States Digital Service. She is currently serving as the Chief Digital Service Officer with the US Department of Education.

~www.thinkgrowth.org

After the Cap and Gown



Anthony D. Lee, II, son of Beverly and Anthony Lee.

Education:

Master in Business Administration, Texas A&M University - Texarkana, Texas, Graduated with 3.72 GPA

Bachelor of Science, Major: Management Science, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, Graduated with 3.28 GPA

Career:

Anthony currently works at the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), G4, Fort Belvoir, VA. He serves as a Logistics Planner which provides technical guidance, advice and solutions for logistics related issues in the U.S. European Command (EUCOM), U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), and U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) areas of responsibility (AORs). Anthony partners with INSCOM Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs), Program Management Offices and Commercial stakeholders to develop maintenance, sustainment and mobility plans for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets.

Goals/Growth:

It's funny how our goals change overtime, when I was a child my goal was to hurry up and graduate so that I could be an adult. As I look back I didn't realize how good I had it (lol). If I told you that I would be where I am and doing what I'm doing I would not have believed you fully. God has orchestrated my steps sometimes without me realizing it. For example I started working for the U.S. Army when I was 19 years old as a summer intern, in my mind the job was a short-term means to make a few dollars before I went back to school, but God had different plans. What I did not realize is that He was setting things in place not only to bless my future but positioning people in my path for me to be a blessing. Sometimes success breeds complacency and it is paramount that I stay connected to Christ. Without Him I can do nothing, all my success and growth is for naught if I'm not seeking Him daily. Through experiences I have realized that He is the only absolute thing I can trust, even though I love my family with all my heart, there were times that the only thing that I could rely on was God.

Short-term:

- Be a positive influence and make a difference within my current organization.
- Be an effective servant and steward to my peers and community.
- To successfully launch my homemade ice cream business (Jo's Creamery)

Long-term:

- Become an executive leader within the U.S. Government.
- To shape Jo's Creamery into a major brand.



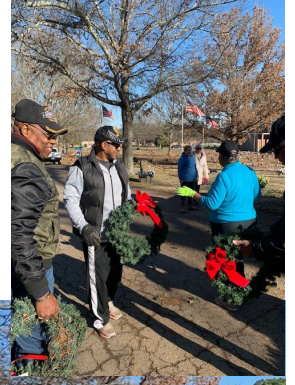
Favorite Scripture:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Veterans Ministry



The Veterans Ministry assisted with removing Christmas wreaths from the graves of deceased veterans, at Valhalla Memory Gardens on January 7, 2020.



Save the Date...

“Celebrating Black History”

*The Stitching & Quilting Ministry
Of
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

Presents The

11th “STITCHES OF LOVE” Exhibit
A Display of Quilts, Crochet and Sewing Projects:
Continuing the Legacy of Our Ancestors



Saturday & Sunday – February 15 & 16, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Union Chapel Church Fellowship Hall
315 Winchester Road N. E. – HSV, AL 35811
Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor

“Bed Turning” of Quilts at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

February 16th is Heritage Sunday: Wear African Attire if You Desire
Worship Service Times: 7:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Stitching & Quilting Ministry will observe Black History Month with their 11th “Stitches of Love” Exhibit. The exhibit will take place Saturday, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th, 2020. New this year is a display of antique artifacts and an assortment of antique sewing machines.



Monthly Ministry Meetings		
Ministry	Time	Frequency
SUNDAY		
Intercessory Prayer Line	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Every
New Members Orientation	9:30 AM	Every
Prayer Line Ministry	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Every
MONDAY		
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM - UNTIL	Monday-Friday
Stitching & Quilting Ministry	6:00 PM	Every
Cancer Support Group	6:30 PM	1st
Progressive Matrons	6:45 PM	1st
Revised Version Choir	6:00 PM	1st/2nd/4th
Trustee Ministry	6:30 PM	1st
Missionary Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Ushers Ministry #1	7:00 PM	2nd
Youth Ushers Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Deacons Ministry	6:30 PM	3rd
Deaconess Ministry	6:30 PM	3rd
Mothers Ministry	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	3rd
Grief Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Kidney Support Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Men's Ministry	6:00 PM	4th
Sign Language Ministry	5:45 PM	Every other month (Monday after the first Sunday)
TUESDAY		
Senior Adult Ministry	1:00 PM	1st (after the first Sunday)
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM	1st
Matrons	6:30 PM	1st & 3rd
Church Choir	7:00 PM	1st & 4th
Gospel Choir	7:00 PM	2nd
Laymen/Brotherhood	7:00 PM	2nd
Community Care Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd
Recreation Ministry	6:30 PM	2nd
Women's Choir	6:00 PM	3rd
Ministers' Wives	5:30 PM	3rd (Quarterly)
Male Chorus	7:00 PM	3rd
WEDNESDAY		
Intercessory Prayer	11:00 AM - 12 NOON	Every
The Passage Ministry	5:45 PM	Every
Sunday School Teachers	6:00 PM	Every
Education Assistance Ministry	5:30 PM	3rd
THURSDAY		
Church Choir	7:00 PM	1st & 4th
Gospel Choir	7:00 PM	2nd
Usher Ministry #2	6:00 PM	2nd
Women's Choir	6:00 PM	2nd & 3rd
Male Chorus	7:00 PM	3rd
Executive Ministry	6:00 PM	3rd
Young Women's Ministry	5:45 PM	3rd
Tour & Hospitality Ministry	6:00 PM	
SATURDAY		
Boy Scouts	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	1st & 3rd
Wellness Ministry	9:00 AM	2nd
Watch Care Ministry	9:00 AM	3rd (March, June, September, December)
Street Ministry	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	3rd
Community Care Ministry Outreach	11:00 AM	4th
Progressive Matrons	10:00 AM	4th
Girl Scouts	10:00 AM - 12 NOON	2nd & 4th

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O. Wendell Davis, D.Min.

Pastor

Sunday Worship Services

7:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

7:00 a.m.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

RADIO MINISTRY

WEUP AM 1700 Radio

Sermon 1:30 p.m. (Sunday)

TELEVISION MINISTRY

Each Sunday

WAWB TV

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Comcast Cable 3 TV

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mediacom Cable

Channel 11 (WAMY)

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

-Check your local cable
services for broadcast times-