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2023 Black History Month: “Black Resistance”



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...

“Mary Magdalene: Faithful Devotion”



“Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.” - Mark 16:9

From this point on Mary followed Christ with total commitment and devotion. She would follow Him to the cross, the grave, and beyond the resurrection to the end of life. What super faithful devotion this woman displayed; in her talk (witness) and in her walk (lifestyle). She constantly proved her love and devo-

tion to Jesus the Christ. Oh what grateful devotion!!

This brings to mind the commercial featuring Michael Jordan playing basketball. The children would watch him and say “I want to be like Mike!” Well, I want to be like Mary Magdalene; totally devoted to Jesus Christ, and know Him as He is!! How about you, who would you want to be like?

Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. – I John 3:2 KJV

~Dr. O. Wendell Davis

Let's Study Together

February 2023: “God’s Call and Its Responsibilities”

02.05.2023	Not Many Elite Called I Corinthians 1:18-31	02.19.2023	God Chooses the Poor James 2:1-12
02.12.2023	God Called with a Holy Calling II Timothy 1:3-14	02.26.2023	God Calls You into Light I Peter 2:1-10

We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Brother Marion Pride and Minister Sherry Wilder Pride, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 3, 2022



Happy birthday to Mother Dora M. Davis, who will celebrate her birthday on February 27, 2023.

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.



Mae Cathryn Phillips



Kynae Stewart

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.

Huntsville Housing Helps

Huntsville Housing Helps, the program replaces the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which launched in March 2021 and disbursed millions of dollars to cover past-due payments of rental and utility costs for Huntsville citizens. The City of Huntsville will transfer up to \$6 million in U.S. Treasury funds to Catholic Center of Concern to administer the new rental and utilities assistance program.

“This opportunity to transition to an additional support program for those experiencing financial hardship or a housing emergency is huge for our community,” said Scott Erwin, Community Development Manager at the City of Huntsville. “We have some citizens who are having trouble finding or affording a unit as prices have escalated. This program will allow many Huntsville citizens to remain safely housed in a time when they may be in financial crisis.”

Huntsville Housing Helps will be available through 2025 or until program funding has been exhausted. To be eligible, residents must live in the city limits of Huntsville and have a household income that does not exceed 50% of Huntsville’s Area Median Income (AMI).

For additional information, visit www.huntsvillehousinghelps.com or call 256.427.5000.

Wellness News



Want to stay mentally fit? Exercise! To win on Jeopardy, you need high levels of “crystallized intelligence,” an accumulation of knowledge, facts, and figures. But to navigate life, “fluid intelligence” - the ability to solve new problems and use logic in new situations - is essential, too. Unfortunately, fluid intelligence often declines with age. However, research points to one strategy for staying mentally nimble: physical exercise. Looking at data from more than 4,000 middle-aged and older adults, researchers found that those with more abdominal fat tended to lose mental flexibility as they aged. Greater muscle mass, on the other hand, appeared to help protect mental agility. In fact, the researchers

found that fluid intelligence doesn’t correspond with chronological age at all, but rather with biological age, as measured by levels of fat and muscle. People tend to start losing muscle and gaining fat around middle age, but the right fitness routine can counteract that tendency. Both cardiovascular exercise and strength training are essential for losing fat and building lean muscle, so find time for both in your weekly routine. (Strength training is especially important for women, who tend to have less muscle mass than men.) Physical fitness and mental fitness are two sides of the same coin, and they’ll both help you enjoy life as the years go by.

~Cleveland Wellness Clinic

Church History Facts



Church History Facts - The vision of Pastor L.F. Lacy and members continued to grow at 100 Orange Drive in 1978 as plans were made to build an Educational Complex. This building would be located on land across from the Sanctuary. On April 12, 1978, the Trustees of Union Chapel entered into an agreement to purchase the land from George Battle and wife Dorothy Jean Battle. The Trustees were: Carroll Ray Battle, Emanuel Coleman, Robert Clift, Shelby Lanier, John T. Roper, Frank Hester, William Hobbs, and Winston Wherry.

The building was completed in 1982. The first entrance by the congregation was April 11, 1982. The Dedication Ceremony was September 18, 1982. The building featured classrooms, offices, playground, and a gymnasium. The facility was used during the week by the Pastor and Church Office Staff, an After School Care Program, and later a Day Care Center. Today the Educational Complex is used by the Boy Scouts, Gospel Impact Worshipers, and the Caring and Sharing Ministry.
