

The Herald

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Verse of the Month

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

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“New Beginnings”

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.”*

~II Corinthians 5:17 ~

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 II”

Excerpt from “*My Spiritual Journey*”



What we don't know won't only hurt us but it can do harm to others. Apollos was sincere but he was sincerely wrong. He had much learning but did not know Christ. In our sincere desire to learn, we must not forget that our learning should be all about

Him. As pastors we should be willing to learn.

We should not go to school merely to learn how to preach - we must go to school because we are preachers. The minister should never minimize the value of education. I have found that ministers who find little value in education are primarily ministers who have little or none themselves. Every church deserves a good pastor, and a good pastor is one who is equipped to preach and teach. A good preacher is one who listens to the voice of the Holy Spirit and feeds the flock of God. Now, I am not talking about attaining degrees. Degrees don't make a pastor, the Holy Spirit does. With all of the resources available today there is no excuse for the pastor to go to the pulpit unprepared.

As stated earlier, I moved back to Mississippi to study under my father who was the pastor of Mt. Pilgrim M. B. Church in Long Beach, Mississippi. There I served as Youth Pastor for six years while working and attending college part time on the GI Bill. Every second Sunday was designated Youth Sunday. I delivered the messages during those services. I can say that I matured considerably as the Lord blessed my preaching during that time. I can only express heartfelt gratitude to my father and the members of Mt. Pilgrim for giving me an opportunity to grow in the preach ministry.

I experienced a lot of firsts at Mt. Pilgrim. I performed

my first wedding, taught my first class, and was ordained at this wonderful church, and my wife and I first worked as a team in worship at this church. She was the musician for the youth.

On the flip side, I also discovered what not to do when serving as an associate minister in the local church. Oftentimes young ministers tend to think more highly of themselves than they should. Sometimes disgruntled members who have personal problems with the pastor will say and do things that can cause friction between the pastor and the associate minister. Associate ministers must understand that they are planted in that local church to assist the pastor. They must make every effort to understand the pastor's mission in order to help him.

People were sometimes bold enough to come to me and speak against the pastor, who was my father. Now that took some nerve, but when some people want their way all boundaries are crossed. I would always refer them back to the pastor. You see, some people will use flattery in order to sway you their way. I've heard things like, “you can preach better than the pastor” or “the pastor should let you preach more often.” I've heard it all. It's unfortunate that many of our young preachers fall prey to these tricks. Just think about it, if you are that good, then, why aren't you pastoring? Sure the pastor has his faults, but God will deal with him. Many churches have been destroyed because of renegade associate ministers.

The worst thing for a young minister to do is to be caught up in church mess. It will follow you for the rest of your life. Learn to be faithful to God and loyal to the pastor. And, God will bless you so you can bless others. I learned that nothing should be done in the local church without the pastor's approval.

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

~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:



Kennedy Antoinette Dubose

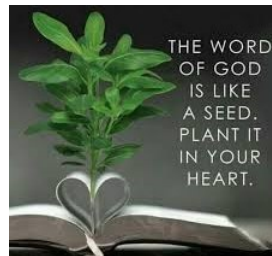


Terrance Maurice Jackson



Regan Elise Williams

Let's Study Together



BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Wednesday

12 Noon

Mid-Day Bible Study
Boone-Lacy 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.

"Dedicating the Temple of God"

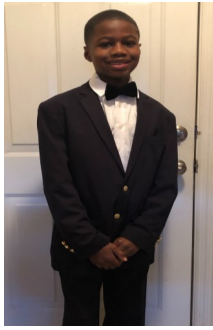
01.05 A Place for the Ark
(*I Kings 8:1-13*)

01.12 Solomon's Speech
(*I Kings 8:14-21*)

01.19 Solomon's Dedication
(*I Kings 8:22-30, 52-53*)

01.26 Solomon's Blessing
(*I Kings 8:54-61*)

We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Dallis Austyn Epps, who was recently inducted into the Kappa League sponsored by the Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The Kappa League is a mentor guided program that primarily focuses on spiritual growth, leadership, and development.

Dallis is the son of Tamekia Montgomery.



Congratulations to Mrs. Clausell Hodges McKinstry, who celebrated her 95th birthday on October 27, 2019. Mrs. McKinstry was honored with a surprise birthday party at the Nibethany Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. McKinstry is the mother of Deborah Toney.



Congratulations to Mother Naomi Henderson, a Speech-Language Therapist, with the Lincoln County School System, who was recently nominated for "Teacher of the Year" at one of the schools, where she serves.

Mother Henderson is employed as an Itinerant Speech Therapist and provides speech therapy services to students preschool-8th grade. She also provides services to middle and high school students in the Lincoln County School district. Mother Henderson has been employed with the Lincoln County School System, in Fayetteville, Tennessee for more than 28 years.



Congratulations to Dr. Patricia G. Sims, who was recently elected to the Executive Council of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees. The Executive Council is a 13 member committee elected by the Board of Trustees responsible for interpreting commission policy and procedure. It also functions on behalf of the Board between sessions. Sims, who is currently serving her first term on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, was also re-appointed to serve a second term beginning in January 2020.



Congratulations to Anthony Davison, who was recently named principal at Sonnie Hereford Elementary School. Brother Davison most recently served as Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator and has been employed with Huntsville City Schools for 12 years, in various capacities.

Brother Davison is a graduate of Alabama A&M University, receiving both a Bachelor of Elementary Education and a Master of Education. He is currently pursuing a doctorate of Education focusing on Instructional Leadership from Concordia University.



Congratulations to Trooper Curtis Summerville, who retired December 31, 2019 from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) with 32 years of dedicated service. Trooper Summerville proudly served the citizens of Alabama and the Huntsville/Madison County area.

Trooper Summerville most recently served as ALEA Spokesman.

"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)

Wellness News

In the dark days of winter, lighten up! Long, sun-drenched summer days can feel like a distant memory this time of year, and no matter how many winters you've lived through, the early sunsets and long nights can come as a shock. Whether you're experiencing a mild case of the "winter blues" or seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of depression caused by the effects of changing light on brain chemicals, there are ways to feel better. Getting as much natural light as you can, especially in the morning, can counteract seasonal melancholy. Light therapy, the use of a specialized lamp that simulates the effects of sunlight, may be a good idea, too, as it helps to reset the sleep-wake cycle and rebalance brain chemicals. Double down on general mood-lifting habits, including the best natural anti-depressant, bar



none: exercise! Walk, jog, swim, dance - anything that raises your heart rate - for a half hour, five times a week. Since upbeat music can spark feel-good vibes, keep your favorite albums at the ready or create a "winter joy" playlist. And don't go it alone. Instead of curling up alone on the couch until spring, use the extra indoor time for cozy gatherings with friends and family. Tell stories, bust out the board games and hot chocolate, and bond with the people you love. (If you feel the persistent gloomy and hopeless feelings characteristic of SAD, talk with a health care provider, as medication or cognitive behavioral therapy may be called for.)

~Cleveland Wellness Clinic

Affinity Debit Card

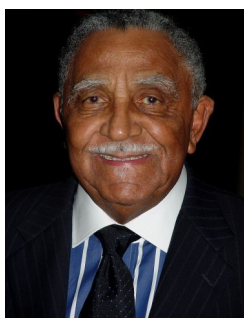


The Union Chapel Christian Academy (UCCA) debit card, sponsored by Redstone Federal Credit Union, is now available. The Affinity Debit Card program from Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU) provides cash back to UCCA every time you make a purchase from your Redstone Federal Credit Union checking account.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

Moments in Black History...



Joseph Echols Lowery, born October 6, 1921 in Huntsville, Alabama, is a minister in the United Methodist Church and leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He attended middle school in Chicago while staying with relatives, but he returned to Huntsville, Alabama, to complete William Hooper Councill High School.

He later became the third president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, after Martin Luther King Jr. and his immediate successor, Ralph Abernathy, and participated in most of the major activities of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

After the Cap and Gown



Amber Martin, daughter of Margarette and Minster Lennon Martin

Education:

- Bachelor of Science, Biology/Pre-Medicine, Stillman College – May 2010
- Master of Public Health, Health Behavior, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) - December 2015
- Graduate Certificate – Global Health Studies, UAB – May 2016
- Master of Arts, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, UAB – May 2020
- Doctor of Philosophy, Health Education/Health Promotion, UAB – Fall 2021 (anticipated)

Career:

- University of Alabama at Birmingham Community Counseling Clinic, Clinical Mental Health Student Clinician, Birmingham, AL , [05/2019 – present]
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Epilepsy Center, Research Program Manager I (2018 – present)
- American Heart Association, Multi-Cultural Initiatives Intern, Birmingham, AL, [04/2015 – 10/2016]
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Epilepsy Center, Clinical Coordinator/Researcher III, Birmingham, AL , [02/2013 – 05/2018]
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Multimodal Imaging Facility - Radiology, Research Technician, Birmingham, AL , [09/2010 – 02/2013]
- Veterans Affairs Mental Outpatient Clinic, Work-Study Intern, Tuscaloosa, AL, [01/2008 – 05/2010]

Goals:

My primary goal is to merge my career and educational backgrounds to create a unique research niche focused on mental health education, mental health treatment advancement, neuroscience translation in counseling services, equity in mental health treatment options, multi-cultural and diversity training in counseling therapy, and the translation of health behavior research in counseling therapy practice. I also desire to create comprehensive mental health wellness programs for Historically Black Colleges and Universities who lack this resource on campus.

Experience/Lessons:

At 13 years old on a mission trip with my Aunt I told her God was going to use me to heal people. I came back from that trip and told my daddy and mama the same thing and from that day forward started focusing on a career in medicine. It wasn't until 2011 sitting in a library studying to take the MCAT that I realized I never asked God what he desired for my life I just took the vision and ran. All that time I just knew it had to be medical school, but now I know differently. I remember my Dad telling me "Amber some things only come through fasting and prayer" so I decided to do just that, and my life has NEVER been the same. My career and continued education has placed me in front of people who are hurting due to physical disorders like cancer, epilepsy, stroke, and traumatic Brain injury, people who are battling with mental disorders like anxiety, depression, PTSD, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation, families and couples who are dealing with relational issues threatening the unity of their relationships, and adolescents and children who feel there is no hope or have been through traumatic experiences that shape their worldview. Having a listening ear, being a tangible resource, and providing counseling are all conduits God has used to provide healing for people, and thus has continued to show himself faithful in my life.

Guitarist Roland Gresham in Concert

Holiday Memories, a Christmas concert featuring guitarist Roland Gresham was held on December 18, 2019.



Internship Opportunity



Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons

Paid Research Experience Opportunity to conduct biomedical research in locations geographically close to one's home
End of Summer Annual Research Symposium on the campus of the National Institutes of Health
More information at <http://stepup.niddk.nih.gov>



Eligibility

- Be a US Citizen, non-citizen national, or legal permanent resident
- Open to both HS juniors and seniors at time of the application
- Must be at least 16 years old
- From a background underrepresented in biomedical research on a national basis

Application Opens: October 15, 2019
Deadline – February 15, 2020

More Information Contact:

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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.

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