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CELEBRATE
YOUR FREEDOM
IN CHRIST THIS

Independence Day

IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. GAL. 5:1 NIV

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...

“Grace”



The grace of God is truly amazing! Normally when we talk about the grace of God – it is in the context of salvation. However, we should never forget that grace could be experienced at three levels.

The first level is “*Common Grace.*” God’s common grace is experienced both by the saved and unsaved. In other words, it rains upon the just and the unjust. This is why at times the unsaved seem to prosper at a level above that of the saved. But this material prosperity is only temporal. So, you see everyone can experience common grace. Because common grace is God loving and caring for His creation.

The second level of grace can be called “*Saving Grace.*” This is God’s salvation, and it is provided by God through the blood of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. The only persons who experience saving grace are the ones who trust Christ for it.

Finally, the third level of grace is called “*Living Grace.*” This is grace provided by the Holy Spirit – so that the Christian can live by the power and grace of God day by day. This is the kind of grace Paul experienced in II Corinthians, chapter 12, when Jesus said, “My grace is sufficient.”

Brothers and sisters the second and third levels should be our goals. When we have “*Saving Grace*” and “*Living Grace,*” we have all we need.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

~Isaac Watts

~Dr. O. Wendell Davis

Let's Study Together

July 2023: “The Prophets Proclaim God’s Power”

07.02.2023 World Peace

Zechariah 9:9-13, 16-17

07.16.2023 Growing Strong

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

07.09.2023 A Demonstration of Power

Matthew 12:22-32

07.23.2023 Growing Together

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

07.30.2023

Searching for Buried Treasure

Matthew 13:44-52

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.

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Church History Facts

67th Church Anniversary - Union Chapel M.B. Church 100 Orange Drive, where Rev. O. Wendell Davis is Pastor, observed its 67th Church Anniversary on Sunday August 20, 2000 at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. The theme for the observance was “A Chosen Generation – Moving Forward on a Progressive Journey.” (1 Peter 2:1-9) The Deacons of Union Chapel along with the Deacons of Owens Chapel led the Devotion. Responsive Reading from the theme was led by Pastor G. Calvin Boone. Pastor Cornell Martin led the congregation in prayer during Altar Call. The Owens Chapel Church Choir provided the Worship in songs and praise. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Robert J. Brown, Pastor of Owens Chapel M.B. Church.... The worship and devotional services at the 10:45 worship services were led by the Deacons of Union Chapel, and the Union Chapel Anniversary Choir provided the worship in songs and praise. Minister Archie Morris, II, led the Responsive Readings, and Minister Horace Allen, Jr. led the congregation to the throne of Grace during the Altar Call. Pastor Davis introduced the Guest Minister, Pastor C. L. Bachus of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.... (Excerpts from an article in Speaking Out News by Isaiah Robinson, SON Religion Editor – August 23, 2000 – August 29, 2000, page 7).

Wellness News

Morning Warning: Your Cup of Joe might Increase Sugar Cravings! Coffee and a pastry is by no means a breakfast of champions, but it remains a popular pairing nonetheless. The reason why may have something to do with your brain — and your taste buds. According to a study, caffeine decreases our ability to taste sweetness, which can make you crave it. In the study, one group of people drank decaffeinated coffee with 200 mg of caffeine added to each cup, while another drank plain decaf. Neither group knew which coffee they were getting. While an equal amount of sugar was added to both groups' coffee, participants who drank the caffeinated brew rated their coffee as less sweet. Caffeine “works” by temporarily suppressing the receptors in the brain that promote relaxation and sleepiness. And it so happens that those receptors are also linked to the ability to taste

sweetness. It's not hard to see, then, how regular coffee may encourage you to add extra sugar to your cup or opt for sweet treats on the side. Keep that in mind the next time you pour yourself a cup, and pre-plan your accompanying food accordingly. “Coffee and oatmeal with nuts and fruit” or “coffee and a veggie omelet” may not have the same ring to it as “coffee and a donut,” but they're a much better way to start your day. And when you start that way (with some protein for breakfast and no sugar in your coffee to corrupt your taste buds), you'll be on your way to a healthier you! Source: [Caffeine May Reduce Perceived Sweet Taste in Humans, Supporting Evidence That Adenosine Receptors Modulate Taste](#)

~Cleveland Clinic Wellness

We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Sister Monica Phipps-Stewart, who recently received the Love of Music Award, at the First Annual Love of Music Gala sponsored by Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc.

The Gala honored outstanding individuals and groups for significant contributions to music rendered to organizations, businesses, churches and other events in the Huntsville-Madison County community.



Congratulations to Sister Brenda Martin, who recently received the Media/Communications Award at the White Linen Brunch, sponsored by The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County.

The White Linen Brunch serves as a forum to recognize individuals who have made a difference in our community. The mission of the Ivey Center is To enhance the quality of life for individuals and organizations through charitable contributions, programs and activities in the areas of education, health, science, technology, culture and economics.

Congratulations to Sister Hannah Dickerson and Brother Cameron Jones, who recently received the Scholar Award from the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Hannah is the daughter of Deacon Henry (Sr.) and Minister Janet Dickerson; she will be attending Troy University in the fall.

Cameron is the son of Brother Terry and Sister Veronica Jones; he will be attending Asbury University in the fall.



Congratulations to Sister Calandra Terry, who recently received the Waldrop Literacy Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to train teachers who want to become Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), also known as a Dyslexia Therapist. This is an advanced certification for teachers, speech language pathologist and others who already hold a master's degree and a strong interest in advanced education in teaching children with dyslexia, characteristics of dyslexia, and other persistent reading difficulties. Successful completion of this certification requires two years of program work, 700 practicum hours and passing a national examination. Sister Terry has committed to volunteer 700 hours of practicum to the Village of Promise.
