

# The Herald

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

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...

### “Joshua 1”



*“1. Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying 2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3. Every place*

*that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 5. There shall not any man be able*

*to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 7. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”*

-Joshua 1:1-7-

The Lord is always with His children and will fight all of their battles. So, take courage because you are never alone.

~Dr. O. Wendell Davis

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## Let's Study Together

May 2023: “Experiencing the Resurrection”

05.07.2023 The Birth of the Church  
Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-39

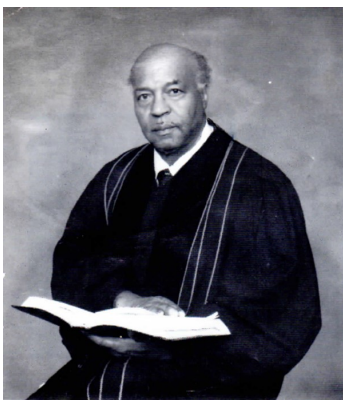
05.21.2023 An Ethiopian Official is Baptized  
Acts 8:29-40

05.14.2023 Jumping for Joy  
Acts 3:1-11

05.28.2023 Saul of Tarsus  
Acts 9:9-17

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## Church History Facts



Rev. L.F. Lacy

The Pastorate of Rev. Loyce Fredrick Lacy began in April 1958 at the Gardner Street location. On April 18<sup>th</sup> of 1988, Pastor Lacy announced his retirement after an extended illness. On June 5, 1988 Pastor Lacy preached his farewell sermon. He challenged the Church to pray and stay together in preparation for a new leader. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> of that year a retirement program and reception was held honoring Pastor Lacy for leading the congregation for thirty years. Rev. Gonzer Lee Gist served as Interim Pastor for one year. During this time the leadership of Union Chapel had put in place a team of seven members to begin the process of searching for the person God had anointed to serve as the next Pastor. The members of the Pulpit Search Committee were: Sister Joyce Campbell, Brother Emanuel Coleman, Sister Betty Craighead, Deacon James Ector, Deacon Frank Hester, Sister Betty Pope, and Deacon Eddie Thomas. We thank God for the committee and the members of Union Chapel Church as

they were led by the Holy Spirit in the selection of their third Pastor, Rev. Obbie Wendell Davis of Gulfport, Mississippi. Pastor Davis is now in his thirty-fourth year of giving service to Union Chapel Church and the Huntsville Madison County Community. We thank God for his leadership and service!

“Moving Forward on a Progressive Journey!”

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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.



Cameron Terrell Jones



Kayla Gail-Anne Springer



Lorenzo Watkins, Jr.

Photos Unavailable:

Elijah Leon Alexander Dixon

Michelle Renee Sledge

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## We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Sister LaToya Dorsey, who was recently named 2023 Tennessee Valley's Remarkable Woman by WHNT. LaToya Dorsey is a hometown girl. She's passionate about her family and helping children achieve their dreams... not to mention, she's also an engineer.

Her husband, Carl Dorsey, submitted a beautiful nomination letter for Remarkable Women, and it absolutely captivated our judges' hearts. Here's a glimpse into why LaToya was chosen as the 2023 Tennessee Valley Remarkable Woman of the Year. The nomination letter highlighted her endless love for her family and husband but also highlighted the amazing work she is doing for the children of the Tennessee Valley.

LaToya, a woman who admittedly "hated math" growing up, ended up getting her degree in math, and becoming an engineer.

"I was not very good in math and at the time I really just hated it. But my parents found a lady that was offering tutoring services. So I worked with her for years and my passion for math just grew," LaToya told News 19's Chief Meteorologist Danielle Dozier.

LaToya's childhood tutor inspired a higher purpose, and she started tutoring kids on her own. Tutoring turned to advocacy for STEM education - LaToya, as the President of the National Society of Black Engineers, saw an opportunity.

She helped organize the association's Annual Robotics Camp which is offered to a selected elementary school in the Huntsville/Madison County area.

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“When we first started the Robotic Camp, we had 50 students and we had to charge them. We presented the information to Huntsville City Schools... And at that time they decided to go ahead and start funding the camp. Four or five years later, we had 400 young kids.”

For LaToya, it's about raising children and young adults up. She's worked with middle school, high school and even college students, doing mock interviews with them and preparing for their careers.

LaToya has impacted thousands of children in the community and probably changed some of their lives. She says hearing children's success stories encourages her to keep going.

LaToya had two daughters and she wanted them to see that they can go out and do these things too. “Being an African-American female in STEM, there wasn't a lot of that, I wasn't able to see other people like myself there,” LaToya said. “I wanted to make sure that my girls were able to see that and to be to know that they can go out there and do those types of things.”

When asked about what advice she has for young women, her words were, “Keep striving, try to get it all done, and not let anyone deter you.” (We think that is great advice!)

~Carson Burns, WHNT/News 19

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Congratulations to Halia Morris, who was recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society at Hampton University. Golden Key International Honour Society was founded in 1977 to recognize academic achievement among college and university students.

Golden Key has chapters at colleges and universities in Australia, The Bahamas, Canada, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, and the United States. Membership into Golden Key is offered to undergraduate and graduate students recognized to be among the top 15% of their class by GPA.

Halia is the daughter of Aretha and Nate Morris, and the sister of Jordyn Morris

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Congratulations to Gregory Boyd, Lillian Henderson and Curtis Summerville, who will be honored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. (Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc.) at their upcoming Leadership Awards Gala on June 3, 2023. Brother Boyd will receive the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Alumnus of the Year Award; Sister Henderson will receive the Small Business Award and Brother Summerville will receive the Governmental Relations Award.



Gregory Boyd



Lillian Henderson



Curtis Summerville

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Congratulations to Brother (Coach) Henry “Hank” Harris and Sister Tonita Phipps, who recently received awards from the Alabama A&M University (AAMU) National Alumni Association, Inc. at the AAMU National Alumni Association Awards Luncheon. Coach Harris and Sister Phipps were nominated for these prestigious awards by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc.

Coach Harris received the Alabama A&M University Award of Merit, which is presented to a non-alumnus for significant service to the University. Coach Harris has served the Alabama A&M University Athletics Department for over 30

years.

Sister Phipps received the William Hooper Council Service Award, which is presented to an individual who has contributed the most to the successful operation of the alumni chapter during the last year. Sister Phipps recently retired as the Human Resources Director, Madison County Department of Human Resources after 31 years of dedicated. Sister Phipps has been and continues to be a dedicated and loyal supporter of the initiatives of Alabama A&M University (AAMU), the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc. and to the community.

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## Stitching and Quilting Ministry



The Stitching & Quilting Ministry “A Stitch in Time” recently donated colorful pillowcases and accent pillows to the Downtown Rescue Mission. The items will be used by residents in the Owen’s House which is the residence for women and children at the Mission. Pictured with the Mission staff member is Mother Betty Craighead, one of the coordinators of the Ministry.

Downtown Rescue Mission Owen’s House is a place where women and children who are homeless and hurting find refuge, restoration, and healing. All of their efforts center on rescue, redemption, rehabilitation, and reassimilation through the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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## Wellness News

*Time to Step Up...for your Heart.* Ready, set, start your fitness trackers! Stepping up your walking game may help to keep your blood pressure healthy. As part of a study, more than 600 people wore smart watches that tracked their daily steps over the course of five months and recorded their blood pressure weekly. Researchers found that for every 1,000 steps taken, participants'



systolic blood pressure (the first number) was nearly half a point lower - and that, over time, those with higher steps counts had significantly lower blood pressure (both systolic and diastolic) than those with lower counts. The link between exercise and blood pressure is well-established, but this research underscores that even pedestrian activity (so to speak!) makes a difference.

Spring has sprung, so get outside and walk if you can; along with getting exercise and fresh air you'll be surrounded by tree buds, daffodils, birdsong, and other sen-

sory delights. And take heart if you're stuck at home - you can still get your steps in. Hop on a treadmill if you have one, or embrace "house walking" - yes, that means simply walking around your house. Add steps to your usual home routine by finding opportunities to walk, such as while you're waiting for tea or coffee to brew or while you're talking on the

phone. Create a loop in your house, walk up and down stairs or hallways, whatever works for your home. While you don't need to track your steps, doing so - with a fitness tracker, smart watch, or smartphone - can help with motivation and accountability. Outdoors or in, it's time to take your heart health in stride - literally.

Source: [Step it up: Higher daily step counts linked with lower blood pressure](#)

~Cleveland Clinic Wellness

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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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# Announcements

Vacation Bible School (VBS), Faith Builders Camp 2023

Theme: Faith Builders: Rise Up and Build! (Nehemiah 2:18b)

Registration is now open for VBS. VBS will be held on Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join us for Bible Study, music, crafts, food and games. Classes available for the entire family (infants to adults). For additional information, contact Sister Mary Johnson or Sister Jocelyn McGhee.

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2023 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

The 2023 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education will be June 19-23 in Louisville, KY. If you plan to attend this year's congress, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. The sign-up deadline is May 22, 2023. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael Malone at 256-603-4339 or email [mdmalone04@yahoo.com](mailto:mdmalone04@yahoo.com).

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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 Sampson Gholston at 256-797-2442 or email [gholsts@uah.edu](mailto:gholsts@uah.edu).

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## Business Matchmaker Event

**Huntsville Utilities is proud to host its second Business Matchmaker event, May 17 at the Von Braun Center.**

**This unique expo matches large companies with local minority, women, veteran-owned, and small businesses in north Alabama looking to expand their opportunities.**

**Companies who want to be part of this opportunity to create jobs, relationships, savings, and community growth, should click the Business Matchmaker link at [www.hsvutil.org](http://www.hsvutil.org) to receive additional information and fill out the registration form.**

**You can register as a:**

**Corporate Partner (large organization looking to diversify its supplier base, routinely purchases goods or services from other, smaller businesses), or,**

**Vendor (small, minority, veteran, or female-owned business looking to provide goods/services to Corporate Partners).**

**The event is free to Corporate Partners and Vendors. Participating Corporate Partners will receive 10x10 booth space with a table and two chairs at no cost.**



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**American  
Red Cross**



*Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church*

The American Red Cross, Union Chapel Church and Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association are partnering together to make homes and families safer by installing FREE smoke alarms.

**You may visit [SoundTheAlarm.org/Alabama](https://SoundTheAlarm.org/Alabama) or call (833) 244-0724 to schedule your appointment and protect your family against home fires.**



### **Why is it important?**

Home fires are the greatest disaster threat to American families. Seven people die every day from home fires. A fire-related injury is reported every 40 minutes. Annually, home fires cause 2,500 deaths and roughly \$7 billion in property damage.

**Protect your family against home fires!**