

# The Herald

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## CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

*Thank you for all that you do!*

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...

### “Things Eternal”



This world is not our home. We are just passing through. To live our lives with the understanding that we did not come to stay helps us to put everything into proper perspective.

Many trust in material things, things that will soon pass away. An enormous amount of energy is put into obtaining status, amassing wealth, receiving recognition, and have “things.” Oftentimes, this “pursuit of things” keeps us preoccupied and we lose focus on what is really valuable in life.

The Holy Spirit teaches us that this world is not our home; that only what we do for the Lord will last. Paul put it this way: “For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” II Corinthians 5:1.

Matthew 6:19-21 admonishes us to lay up our treasures in heaven rather than on earth. The songwriter puts it this way: “Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God’s unchanging hand.” Let me remind you today to focus on the things of God, not man-made, earthly treasures.

As the years pass and we grow older and wiser, more attention is naturally given to God and His word. But, seeking God’s presence and His will for us must not be put off until we are old and have nowhere else to turn. I contend that God should be a priority in our lives “in the days of our youth.” It is in our youth that we develop a mind-set to serve and to please God.

I encourage you brothers and sisters, build your hopes on things eternal, not on temporal things. Yes, we are only passing through this world. No, this world is not our home. So, we live in total faith and trust in God, knowing that one day, we will live in our heavenly home! We have a building of God, eternal in the heavens! Praise the Lord!

~Dr. O. Wendell Davis

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## Let’s Study Together

### Sunday School Lessons for October 2023

#### “Faith Triumphs, Law Fails”

10.01.2023	A Matter of the Heart	Romans 2:12-24, 28-29
10.08.2023	Finding Life and Freedom	Romans 7:1-12
10.15.2023	One’s Faith is the Key	Galatians 2:11-21
10.22.2023	All or Nothing at All	Galatians 3:1-14
10.29.2023	Free to Live a Mature Life	Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7

*“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” ~Romans 15:4 KJV~*

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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.

Paetyn Cook

Emery Wilson

Caleb Wilson

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## We Celebrate You...



Congratulations to Dr. Pat Sims, president of Drake State Community & Technical College, who was recently selected to join the 6th term of the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC). This appointment highlights Dr. Sim's dedication to sustainable energy practices and community engagement.

The RERC includes representatives from various sectors, including academia and regional governments. Dr. Sims will serve a two-year term from August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2025.



Congratulations to Sister Annette Fletcher, who was inducted into the University of Alabama - Huntsville (UAH) Athletics Hall of Fame on September 23, 2023.

Annette's Career Highlights:

- Member of the UAH Women's Basketball program from 1982-87
- Ended her career as the program's all-time leading scorer with 1,487 points and remained atop the record books until 2014
- Ranks in the top five in program history in her career with points (1,487), points per game (16.2), field goals made (662), field goal percentage (.538), and steals (240)
- Owns the program's single game records for points (44), points in a half (20), and field goals made (20, twice)
- In her 1986-87 season, set and still holds the program records for points (655), points per game (24.3), field goals made (299) and steals (84)





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## Cancer Support Ministry

The Union Chapel Cancer Support Ministry invites you to join their Agape Survivors Team for the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run & Cancer Walk. If you are unable to participate, feel free to donate or watch this uplifting celebration in honor of those you love or for yourself. To sign up or donate use this link: <https://runsignup.com/agape>.

*Breast*  
**CANCER**

**Event: Liz Hurley Ribbon Run In-Person 5K**

**The Survivors' Walk will be at 8 a.m. Please plan to cheer them on and celebrate them!**

**The 5K race will be at 8:30 a.m.**

**Runner Awards will start at 10 a.m.**

**Start Time: 8:30am CDT**

**End Time: 10:30am CDT**

**Price: \$30.00 Race Fee + \$2.80 Sign-Up Fee**

**Registration: Price increases to \$45.00 after October 14, 2023 at 11:59pm CDT**

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## Church History Facts



Looking Back in Speakin' Out News, October 13, 2004, page five. The headline reads: Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Observes Family & Friends Day. Highlights from the article are as follows: Family & Friends Day was October 10, 2004. The speaker for 7:45 Service was Pastor W. James Smith of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California. The guest Minister for 10:45 Service was Ambassador Andrew Young of Atlanta, Georgia. Both messages were Biblically based, Christ centered and spiritual uplifting. Article by Rev. Dr. Isaiah Robinson – Religion Editor, photo by Shelly Williams.

# Internship Opportunity

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\*Undergraduates with any degree discipline are eligible to apply



# Successful Aging Initiative



## *Live Well* to Age Well



### Successful Aging Initiative **2023**



Madison County SAI Conference  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Union Chapel M.B. Church  
315 Winchester Road  
Huntsville, AL



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# Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation Day of Giving



Please join Pastor Davis and the Board of Directors of the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc. in celebrating the 2023 Annual Day of Giving for our beloved Christian Academy. This year's Day of Giving is Sunday, October 22, 2023 and is the signature event of our Annual Giving Program. The Annual Giving Program was established in 2013 to raise funds to enhance academic and non-academic programs and provide scholarships to academically talented and disadvantaged students to attend the academy.

The students and faculty of our academy have been richly blessed by the generosity of our "giving partners," like you, and we are so blessed that you are willing to continue the generosity. Please make your check payable to Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation (UCCAF) or notate UCCAF on your donation.

All gifts are tax-deductible and donor gifts of \$1,000 or more will be listed on the O. Wendell Davis Wall of Honor.

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## Wellness News



*Walking, Even a Little, may Extend your Life.* Fall is the perfect time of year to begin a walking routine. Why fall? Because any time of year is the perfect time to get walking! Whatever you do, don't let high expectations stop you from lacing up your sneakers and heading out the door. You don't need to become an Olympic racewalker to reap the benefits of walking. In fact, while 150 minutes a week of exercise is recommended for good health and disease prevention, research on older adults shows that walking for less time than that can help give you more years in your life to get in those steps! Like all habits, being sedentary gets ingrained in the mind and the body. But so, too, does being more active. After all it feels really good! You don't need a gym membership, fancy workout clothes, or pricey running shoes to start walking - just a pair of comfortable sneakers and clothes you can move in. Start with a 20-minute walk at a brisk pace, or even a 5-minute walk at an easy pace if that's

enough for you at first. You know yourself best. And if you already have a walking routine underway, kick things up a notch by extending your walks, walking a little faster, or adding in some hills. Just be sure not to increase by more than 10 percent over your previous week's average any week - doing too much too fast is the recipe for injury. That said, the more you walk, the greater the health benefits – and, most likely, the longer and healthier your life.

~Cleveland Clinic Wellness



## Ministry Activities

Grandparents Day Recognition, September 10, 2023, was sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM). A gift was given to the grandparent who had the most family members present and each grandparent received a token of love:





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## Ministry Activities

The Veterans Ministry held their first family cookout on Saturday, September 16, 2023:









## Ministry Activities, continued

Choices Seminar, sponsored by the Youth and Millennial Ministry, was held on Saturday, September 16, 2023:



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## Ministry Activities, continued

Union Chapel M.B. Church Girl Scout Troops held their annual Bridging Ceremony on Saturday, September 23, 2023 in the Charles L. Ray, Jr. Family Life Center Gymnasium. The bridging process acknowledges girls who have completed one level of Girl Scouting and are moving up to the next level. Union Chapel has a total of fifty plus girls registered in all levels of Scouting from Daisies to Ambassadors with 14 registered leaders assisting these young ladies with earning badges as well as High Honor Awards.

Troop leaders recognized 27 girls bridging to the next level of Scouting:

Daisy to Brownie – *Monroe Berger, Carmen Calloway, Nicole Law, Zeah Roberson, Zoi Teamer, Gabriella Wainwright and Riley White*; Brownie to Junior – *Palynn Cole, Rayne Craig, Avery Holmes, Autumn Peoples, Eden Moore and Aspen Stewart*; Junior to Cadette – *Jurnee Andreatte, Kennedy Brewer, Aubrey Holmes, Deidra McCaulley, Asia Nance and Kendall Taylor*; Cadette to Senior – *Ayana Hughes, McKenzie McGhee, Taryn Richardson, Tori Richardson*; Senior to Ambassador – *Lenijah Garcia and Omari Taylor*; Ambassador to Adult – *Olyvia English and McKenzie Hill*

Each Girl Scout level builds off of the previous level, enhancing their leadership skills as well as allowing each girl to expand their knowledge of previous badges earned and the opportunity to earn additional badges as well as earn high honor awards. Our girls are often given opportunities to hold various positions as well as serve as an MC or host of a Girl Scout event as we have one Girl Board Member within our Troops.

Union Chapel also had two girls' complete requirements to earn High Honor Awards:

Bridging Cadette Ayana Hughes earned the Silver Award. The Silver Award is earned as a Cadette Girl Scout completing two required Journeys and research hours proving the sustainability of their project. Ayana's project was entitled "Dance for Joy Day" as she taught various breathing techniques while teaching a cheer dance to help build their endurance.

Graduating Ambassador Olyvia English earned the Gold Award. Girl Scouts can start working toward requirements to obtain their Gold Award upon entering the Senior Troop as this is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. Requirements include completing two Journeys unless you earned your Silver Award and then they only have to complete one additional Journey. They must then complete a take action project which is Community Service based and submit application to the GSNCA board to be interviewed and given approval to continue their project. Upon approval they must complete 80 hours' working on their project. Olyvia took on a massive project completing 80 plus hours beautifying the exterior of Union Chapel MB Church's Food & Clothing Pantry located at 100 Orange Drive. Olyvia completed (2) Journeys and upon receiving approval to begin her project she began gathering her fellow Troop members and scheduling clean-up days at the Orange Drive location. Her project included potting plants, pressure washing, raking and bagging leaves as well as constructing (3) benches to be utilized by Pantry volunteers and Pantry guests. Olyvia wanted those utilizing the Pantry services to have a pleasant experience upon entering the facility.

The Silver and Gold are two of three awards recognized as High Honor Awards that a girl can earn as a Girl Scout. The third being the Bronze Award which is earned as a Junior Girl Scout.

