

**Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**CHURCHWIDE**

**Children's Church (CC)**

CC is available today for children ages 5 to 11, after the Altar Call Prayer. Parents should then meet youth leaders in the foyer. Please come to the basement immediately following the worship service to pick up children. For additional information to volunteer, please contact Sis. Janika Crum or Min. Sylvesta Lee.

**Cultural Arts/Drama Ministry**

Please join the Cultural Arts/Drama Ministry in our, "He Reigns Forever Parade", Saturday April 12th in the Union Chapel church parking lot. Bring your signs, banners, wagons, bikes, strollers, and walking shoes as we Praise Hosanna in the Highest! All participants should be lined up and ready by 8:45 AM, the parade starts promptly at 9:00 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. For more information contact Sis. Maude Ellison or Sis. Norma Reeves

**Newsletter**

We would like to profile your ministry in the upcoming editions of The Herald. Please submit your information to [1newsletter24@gmail.com](mailto:1newsletter24@gmail.com) and/or call 256-424-2569 if you have questions/concerns. The next quarterly edition will be published, Sunday, April 6th. Continue to submit your articles monthly in a timely manner. We reserve the right not to include all articles in the newsletter.

**The 2025 National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian**



**Education**

This year's Congress of Christian Education will be held June 16-20 in Montgomery, Alabama. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. The sign-up deadline is May 18, 2025. Transportation will be provided by the Church. \*\*There are classes for all age groups as well as for the Ministers Division and Music Ministry to name a few. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael Malone at 256-603-4339 or email: [mdmalone04@yahoo.com](mailto:mdmalone04@yahoo.com).

## **MINISTRY MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GriefShare**

The sixth and seventh session of GriefShare will be held Sunday, March 23rd @ 2:00 PM in Room 17. Topic of discussion will be “Anger” (When It All Seems So Unfair) and “Regrets” (Dealing With The “IF” Onlys). The sessions are designed to assist individuals with healing from the death of a loved one. For additional information about GriefShare, please contact Sister Georgia S. Valrie at 256-656-4698 or Sister Monica Phipps Stewart at 256-682-0466.

### **WYLS**

The WYLS ministry regularly meets on Zoom, the 4th Thursday of each month @ 6:00 PM. Please contact Sister Kim M. Smith (256-658-8848) for more information on the meetings or if you have questions, wish to know more about writing, recording and sharing your story or if you need assistance in this most important area.

### **Singles' Ministry**

The Union Chapel Singles' Ministry is hosting an "Ice Cream Social" at the Regency Retirement Village on Sunday, March 30th from 1:45 PM until 3:00 PM. We are asking other ministries and members to join us. The theme for the visit is, "Spring Into a New Beginning." We will provide a sermonette, sing a few songs, and fellowship with the residents as we serve ice cream and give a memorable gift. This facility has 95 residents. Come and be a blessing as we spread the love of Jesus. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Min. Lisa Owens (256-418-8314) or Sis. Calandra Terry (256-658-3946).

### **Church Business Directory**

**Subject: Calling All Church Entrepreneurs – Register Your Business for Our New Church Business Directory!**

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new Church Business Directory, a platform designed to showcase the businesses of our talented and entrepreneurial members! If you are a licensed business owner, we would love to include your business in this directory to help our congregation support one another. Whether you're offering products, services, or anything in between, this directory will provide visibility for your business to the entire church community.

**Here's how to get involved:**

- 1. Visit the Church Website.**
- 2. Fill Out the Registration Form:** Complete the form with your business details.
- 3. Submit:** Once submitted, your business will be added to the directory!

We believe this is a great opportunity for our members to support each other and strengthen our community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Carol Bruno, Patricia Rhodes, Donielle Jefferson- Williams via email at UCbusiness315@gmail.com. We look forward to celebrating your business as part of our church family!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in the month of FEBRUARY.

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please click here to visit the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church employment page for all immediate openings.](#)

Interested persons may apply in the Church Office weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Also, you may visit our website at [www.unionchapel-hsv.org/unionchapel/employment](http://www.unionchapel-hsv.org/unionchapel/employment) to obtain an application and view the Job descriptions for the position.

## BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

The 6888th Battalion was the largest all Black female military unit in World



War 2.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense, Public Domain

*WACs who would later be organized into the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion stand in front of their quarters in England, 17 February 1945. (National Archives)*

*Almost immediately after leaving the United States in early 1945, the women who would eventually make up the 6888th were introduced to the rigors of war. During the trip across the Atlantic Ocean German U-boats forced the convoy of troop ships to change course. The event had a chilling effect on the women. "Darn tootin' I got scared," recalled Mary Ragland. "Especially when you can't see land all around" she added. Once the women arrived in England on 14 February 1945, they had another scare. As they disembarked from their ship, a German V1 rocket, also known as a "Buzz Bomb" for the sound of its engine, dove into the area. As the noise of the engine filled the air, the women ran for cover. No one was killed, but the event served as a*

*harsh reminder that even behind the lines, soldiers were at risk at all times. The 6888th was organized on 4 March 1945 at Birmingham, England, and pitched mail at a facility there until after the end of the war in Europe in May. With approximately 850 officers and enlisted personnel, this Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit was organized into four postal directory companies—A, B, C, and D—and a Headquarters company, which handled all administrative and service support duties.*

*Major Charity Adams commanded the battalion. She had joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC—the predecessor to the WAC) in 1942 and became the first African American woman to receive an Army commission. She ended the war as a lieutenant colonel and as the highest ranking black woman in the Army.*



## Psalm 91

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1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

## **Applying for an Alabama Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is extending the enforcement deadline for the REAL ID (called STAR ID in Alabama) to May 7, 2025, in response to COVID-19. However, STAR IDs will still be available for issuance after May 7, 2025, at an ALEA Examining Office.

### **Document List**

In order to add the STAR to an Alabama license or ID, applicants must present four documents to verify identity/date of birth, Social Security number and address of principal residence. Below is a list of accepted documents in each category. Photocopies of these documents are not acceptable.

Applicants must verify their identity and date of birth by providing one of the following documents\*:

- Valid, unexpired United States Passport
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
- Unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by DHS (Form I-766 or Form I-688B)
- Unexpired Foreign Passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. Visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States.
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (Form N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (Form N-560 or N-561)

\*If the applicant's name has changed from the name displayed on the

**document presented to verify identity and date of birth, certified documents verifying this change are also required (ex. marriage certificate, adoption, court order).**

**Applicants must verify their Social Security Numbers by providing one of the following documents:**

- **Social Security card**
- **United States Military Form DD 214**
- **Medicare/Medicaid Identification Card (if Social Security Number is followed by the letter A)**
- **W-2 Tax Form**

**Applicants must verify their address of principal residence by providing any two of the following documents:**

- **Valid Alabama Driver License or Identification Card displaying applicant's current address**
- **Voter Registration Card**
- **Residential Mortgage Contract**
- **Current Lease or Rental agreement for housing**
- **Proof of payment of residential property tax (Homestead)**
- **Previous year tax returns bearing applicants address**
- **Vehicle registration bearing applicants name and address**
- **Utility bill (Water, Gas, or Electric) less than 90 days old**
- **Any State or Federal Court documents indicating residence address**
- **School enrollment documentation**
- **Defense Department Form 214 (Report of Separation)**
- **Sex offender registration documents**
- **Current Homeowners insurance policy with name and address**
- **Social Security benefits statements/summary mailed to physical address**
- **U.S. or State Government check or other document mailed to applicants physical address**
- **Military Orders documenting duty station and place of residence.**

**\*If utility bills or other similar documents feature the name of the applicant's spouse or parent, the applicant must produce a marriage certificate or birth certificate verifying residence address.**

**STAR I.D.**  
SECURE. TRUSTED. AND RELIABLE.  
Brings a new look to the Alabama Driver License

STAR ID is Alabama's **OPTIONAL** Real ID compliant driver license/ID.



**Required for**

- Boarding domestic flights after May 7th, 2025
- Accessing Military bases
- Accessing Regulated Federal facilities

**After April 26, 2022**

**NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION**  
will be added to Standard Alabama Driver License/ID Cards if it is **NOT** a STAR ID/REAL ID compliant license/ID.

**COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE**



You may be required to produce additional identification documents to:

- Board domestic flights after May 7, 2025
- Access Military bases
- Access Regulated Federal facilities

For questions regarding REAL ID, visit [www.TSA.gov](http://www.TSA.gov)  
For information about Alabama's STAR ID or the Standard Alabama Driver License, visit [www.ALA.gov](http://www.ALA.gov)

**March 23, 2025**

**SICK & SHUT-IN**

Sis. Evonne Burns  
 Sis. Elizabeth Thomas  
 Dea. Eddie Thomas  
 Sis. Geneva Purnell *POC: Sis. Sharon Walker*  
 Mother Patsy Pope  
 Sis. Jessie Booker *POC: Son, Vincent Timmons*  
 Bro. James Pope  
 Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis *POC: Daughter*  
 Sis. Cynthia Lockhart  
 Sis. Vivian Kelley  
 Bro. Emery Brooks  
 Bro. Robert Key  
 Mother Annie Woods *POC: Carol Ford*  
 Sis. Minnie Wilson & Bro. Frank D. Wilson *POC: Letitia Walker*  
 Sis. Felicia M. Brown  
 Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele *POC: Joyce Hampton*  
 Sis. LaShaunda Hampton  
 Sis. Louisiana Jordan *POC: Ingrid Jordan*  
 Mother Ernestine Sullivan  
 Dea. John Butler  
 Dea. Franklin Brandon  
 Sis. Annie Bradley  
 Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr  
 Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher *POC: Florence Love*  
 Sis. Melody Malone  
 Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa *POC: Evett Turner*  
 Sis. Mary Lucille Malone *POC: Lola Malone*  
 Sis. Peggy L. Brazelton  
 Sis. Georgia Hewlett  
 Bro. Charley Cottage



Mother Hazel Hawk  
Bro. X'Zayvier Gosa  
Sis. Crystal S. Blackburn *POC: Jimmy Blackburn*  
Sis. Kathy Jefferson  
Sis. Sharon Hester **(NO VISITORS PLEASE)**  
Bro. Michael Williams, Sr.  
Bro. Booker Weaver & Sis. Barbara Weaver  
Sis. Angela Henderson  
Dea. Michael Stevenson  
Bro. Jimmy Brooks  
Arlene Cattage  
Sis. Janice Fletcher

## **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

***NO KNOWN MEMBER***

## **NURSING/REHAB**

Sis. Vernina Taylor

## **PRAYER LIST**

- Sis. Tyana Ewing daughter Jalyn Smallwood (Granddaughter of Dorothy Ewing, and great-granddaughter of Ava Nobles)
- Ms. Mary Crimes (the aunt of Sis. Bernice Berry)
- Mrs. Savannah Martin
- Sis. Sheri Tims
- Sis. Ethelen Evonne Hubbard
- Sis. Charlesetta Rice
- Sis. Phyllis Cromwell
- Bro. Al Lewis
- Sis. Janice Fletcher
- The grand and great-grandchildren of Nina Rich and Sheila & Thomas Boyd
  1. Kaycen Whatley (grandson and great grandson)
  2. Kaur Whatley–(granddaughter and great granddaughter)
  3. Keshyl Whatley
  4. Alaya Whatley (Keshyl's daughter)
- Mother Hattie Burton
- Sis Raven Hill Dickerson
- Sis. Ethelen Evonne Hubbard
- Bro. Roosevelt Rhodes-**NO VISITORS**
- Bro. Michael Williams, Sr
- Bro. William Morgan
- Sis. Ernestine Brazille
- Sis. Marilyn Warren
- Sis. Rose Shropshire's and family
- Bro. Derrick Hunter and family
- Dea. Henry Dickerson, Sr & family
- Dea. John Butler
- Sis. Georgia Hewlett
- Bro. Archie Gurley
- Sis. Peggy L. Brazeleton



- Bro. Knute R. Walker
- Sis. Brenda Stephens
- Bro. Mr. Johnny Pruitt
- Sis. Cynthia Wiley
- Mrs. Sarah Thomas
- Mrs. Aleyne Eatman (wife of Kahlmus Eatman)
- Ms. Felicia Falconer (daughter of Bro. & Sis. Darnell Bradley)
- Mr. Robert Patton (husband of Sis. Angela Patton)
- Mr. Thomas Davis (brother of Sis. Brenda Stephens)
- Ms. Beverly Strong
- Mr. Cedric LaDon Jones (son of Sis. Dorothy Jones)
- Mr. Leroy Watkins, Jr. (son of Bro. Leroy Watkins, Sr and brother of Sis. Ursula Caston)
- Mrs. Mary Mosley of Courtland (mother of Min. Joyce Neville)
- Mr. Maurice Rodgers (son-in-law of Sis. Pam Byers husband of Crystalyn Rodgers)
- Ms. Aundrea Baker
- Ms. Monica Westbrook
- Mrs. Patsy Hawkins (wife of Bro. Anthony Hawkins)
- Mr. Ralph Gaines (brother of Sis. Felicia Dixon)
- Mr. Josepha Campbell of Lexington, KY (cousin of Sis. Marilyn Warren)
- Mr. Jerome Ivory (brother of Sis. Gwendolyn Leggett) of Grove Hill, AL
- Mr. Willie Pinchon (father of Sis. Jackie Jefferson)
- Mr. Andre Jackson
- Mr. Thomas Drake (father of Sis. Sherri Drake)
- Mr. Clifton Canady (father of Sis. Charlotte Canady-Slater)

## CONDOLENCES

**March 23, 2025**

**Mr. Bennie Ford, Jr., the brother of Bro. Bobby Sims**, passed on Friday, March 7, 2025 in Orlando, FL. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, March 22nd at Greater St Paul AME Church, 1040 S Parramore Ave, Orlando, FL

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. Bobby Sims (Marie) and Family