

**Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, March 30, 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 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.

SECURITY

Union Chapel Church Family, please contact the church office prior to leaving your vehicle overnight or for an extended period of time on the church property. For security reason the church needs to know when unattended vehicles are left in the parking lot.

MINISTRY MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

High School Ministry

The High School Ministry will meet on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 PM in the basement. We encourage all students in grades 9-12 to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Sis.

Candice Howell, Sis. LaToya Dorsey or Min. Marquis.

Cancer Support

Cancer Support Meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 7th at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Presenter- Karen Hislop, Founder of Therapy Achievements for patients and survivors of cancer, stroke, lymphedema, etc. Come fellowship with us!

SAM Ministry

SAM Ministry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall (north end). All seniors are invited to attend.

Veteran Ministry

Monthly meeting, April 14th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Widows & Widowers Care Ministry

ZOOM meeting will be held Monday, April 14th at 6:00 PM.

Dial in number-1-929-436-2866

Zoom Meeting ID: 842-0487-3189

Pass Code: 892774

Missionary Ministry

Missionary Ministry will meet Monday, April 14th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Mother Wilma Cooke (256-998-3919) if you have questions.

GriefShare

The eighth session of GriefShare will be held Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 PM in Room 17. Topics of discussion will be “Grief & Your Household” and “Grief and Your Friendship.” The sessions are designed to assist individuals with healing from the death of a loved one. For additional information about GriefShare, please contact Sis. Georgia S. Valrie at 256-656-4698 or Sis. Monica Phipps Stewart at 256-682-0466.

Girl Scouts

Early registration for Girl Scouts is starting soon, and the Leaders of Union Chapel’s Daisy Troop #10682 are excited to welcome new Daisies to begin their Girl Scout journey! If you are the parent of a Pre-K to First Grader and would like to learn how your “little flower” can get involved, please contact:

- Sandra Beckard @ 256-714-1893,**
 - Shimeka Jones @ 586-339-2687**
 - LaBrenda Hughes @ 256-714-5903.**
- We can’t wait to grow together!**

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 MARCH.

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 to obtain an application and view the Job descriptions for the position.

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- **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.**

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Brings a new look to the Alabama Driver License

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 For information about Alabama's STAR ID or the Standard Alabama Driver License, visit www.ALEA.gov.

CONDOLENCES

March 30, 2025

Bro. Michael D. Williams, Sr. the husband of Sis. Deborah Williams; the father of Martina Williams-Harrison, Michella Williams, Michael Williams Jr. and Michael Williams, III; the brother of Sis. Thresa A. Thomas, passed on Monday, March 24, 2025. The Funeral Service was held at 12 noon on Saturday, March 29th at Union Chapel M. B. Church, 315 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL. Interment: Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Deborah Williams and Family

Ms. Martina Williams-Harrison, Miss Michella Williams

Mr. Michael Williams, Jr and Mr. Michael Williams, III

Mrs. Thresa Thomas (Willie) and Family

Mrs. Savannah Martin, the mother of Sis. Kimberly Saafiyah, and the grandmother of Jowharah Wynn, Jamilah Horton, Danny Saafiyah, Aneesah Lige and Emily

Fuqua, passed on Monday, March 24, 2025 in Decatur, AL. The Funeral Service was held at 12:30 PM on Saturday, March 29th at Macedonia C. P. Church in America, 1820 Old Moulton Rd, Decatur, AL 35601. Public viewing: Friday, March 28 from 1 PM – 5:30 PM at Reynolds Funeral Home, 103 13th Ave NW, Decatur, AL 35601 (256-353-6602)

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Kimberly Saafiyah and Family

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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. 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 Cattage
Mother Hazel Hawk
Bro. X'Zayvier Gosa
Sis. Crystal S. Blackburn *POC: Jimmy Blackburn*

Bro. Booker Weaver & Sis. Barbara Weaver
Sis. Angela Henderson
Dea. Michael Stevenson
Bro. Jimmy Brooks
Arlene Cattage
Sis. Janice Fletcher
Bro. Robert Key

HOSPITALIZATIONS
NO KNOWN MEMBER

NURSING/REHAB
Sis. Vernina Taylor

PRAYER LIST

- Sis. Thresa A. Thomas
- Sis. Martha Leslie
- Miss Tyana Ewing's daughter, Jalyn Smallwood, granddaughter of Dorothy Ewing, and great-granddaughter of Ava Nobles
 - Sis. Felicia M. Brown
- Ms. Mary Crimes (the aunt of Sis. Bernice Berry)
 - 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 dau)
 - Mother Hattie Burton
 - Sis Raven Hill Dickerson
- Bro. Roosevelt Rhodes-NO VISITORS
 - Bro. William Morgan
 - Sis. Marilyn Warren
 - Sis. Rose Shropshire
- 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 (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 (cousin of Sis. Marilyn Warren)
- Mr. Jerome Ivory (brother of Sis. Gwendolyn Leggett)
 - 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)

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