

**Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Church Announcements**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

**Church-Wide**

The first **Fall Session of GriefShare** will be held **Sunday, October 12, 2025, 2pm in Room 17**. Topics of discussion will be “Is This Normal” and “Your Grief Journey.” 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 or Sister Monica Phipps Stewart.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> is “PINK SUNDAY”**, a day of special focus here at the church. **Please wear your pink attire as the Wellness Ministry presents educational material and focus on our members who are breast cancer survivors.**  
*Diana Douglas, Wellness Ministry Coordinator*

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**To ALL Ministry Coordinators and Co-coordinators:**

In an effort to prepare the church for ministry in 2026, **all DEACONS, MINISTRY COORDINATORS & CO-COORDINATORS** are requested to **meet with Pastor Davis on Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:30pm in the fellowship hall**. This is a very important and necessary meeting. **\*\*ALL Deacons and Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend**

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

Once again, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our church family. This is a reminder that class **WILL NOT** meet immediately after 9 AM Sunday worship service, in room 12, on **October 5, 2025**. I pray all is well with you and that you make time to review the lessons as scheduled below. Remember to bring your Bible, booklet, and pen/pencil.



Youth Schedule:

- 10/05 – SABBATICAL SUNDAY (NO CLASS)**
- 10/12– Week 4 Lesson-
- 10/19– Week 1 Lesson

I look forward to studying with you. God’s blessings and peace to you, *Sis. Deborah Toney, Instructor*

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The Transportation Ministry needs dedicated drivers for the **9am and 12 noon Worship Services**. If there is a tug on your heart to join this ministry, please contact Deacon Jerome Collins

**Ministry Meeting**

**Executive Ministry Meeting** - There will be an Executive Ministry Meeting on **Monday, October 6 and Monday, October 13 @ 6:30pm in the Old Library**

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**Veterans Ministry: The Veterans Day Parade will be held Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.** All veterans that would like to participate in the parade please contact Bro. Michael Rowland or Bro. Richard Pitts.

**Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc.  
Day of Giving – October 19, 2025**



Please join Pastor O. Wendell Davis and the Board of Directors of the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc. in celebrating the “Annual Day of Giving” for our beloved Christian Academy! This year’s “Day of Giving” is Sunday, October 19, 2025 and 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 students to attend the Academy.

The students and faculty of our Academy have been so 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 and above will be listed on the O. Wendell Davis Wall of Honor. God Bless you for your generous spirits and gifts! We look forward to greeting you on our “Annual Giving Day”, Sunday, October 19, 2025.

*Judise H. Lanier-Owens*

**Employment Opportunities**

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (UCMBC) has immediate openings for:

1. Church Accountant
- 2 Part-Time Custodian; STATUS: Temporary/Hourly

- Please go to the church 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 *and other specifics*

***HOLD TO GODS' UNCHANGING HAND***

1. *Time is filled with swift transition,  
naught of earth unmoved can  
stand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
hold to God's unchanging hand!*

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***Refrain:***

*Hold to God's unchanging hand!  
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2. *Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
whatsoever years may bring;  
If by earthly friends forsaken,  
still more closely to Him cling. [Refrain]*

3. Covet not this world's vain riches  
that so rapidly decay;  
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,  
they will never pass away! [Refrain]

4. When your journey is completed,  
if to God you have been true,  
fair and bright the home in glory,  
your enraptured soul will view! [Refrain]

**PRAYING for our HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS**

**Bro. Charlie Fletcher -NO VISITORS PLEASE**

**Praying for our Members who are in the NURSING/REHAB**

*Sis. Sandra McCall*  
*Sis. Louisiana Jordan, POC – Ingrid Jordan (dau)*  
*Sis Gloria Wynn*  
*Sis. Vernina Taylor*

**Praying for Families on the Condolence List**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

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*Sis. Geneva Purnell, the wife of Bro. George E. Purnell; the mother of Sis. Sharon Walker; the grandmother of Sisters Sharnell Christine and Shontel Patrice Walker, passed on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in Huntsville, AL. **The Funeral Service was held @ 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Union Chapel M. B. Church, 315 Winchester Rd, Huntsville, AL 35811. Interment: Huntsville Memory Gardens, 6810 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806. **\*\*There will be no public viewing.** Final arrangements are being handled by Royal Funeral Home.***

Condolences may be sent to:

*Mr. George E. Purnell and Family*  
*Mrs. Sharon Walker (Patrick) and Family*  
*Miss Sharnell C. Walker and Miss Shontel P. Walker*

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*Ms. Pearlie Flowers, the sister of Sis. Patricia Flowers, passed on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 in Birmingham, AL. **The Funeral Service was held @ 1:30 pm on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, 20 Cahaba Rd, Uniontown, AL 36786; Burial-Flowers Family Cemetery, R L. Flowers Rd, Uniontown, AL 36786; Final arrangements have been entrusted to Phillip White's Julia L White Funeral Home, 322 North St, Uniontown, AL 36786; TEL (334) 628-2273.***

Condolences may be sent to:

*Ms. Patricia Flowers and Family*

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**Sis. Peggy A. Higgins, the wife of Bro. Kenneth W. Higgins, passed on Saturday, September 27, 2025 in Huntsville, AL. A Graveside Service will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Valhalla Memory Gardens.** Royal Funeral Home has been entrusted with the final arrangements. **\*\*There will be no public viewing.**

Condolences may be sent to

Mr. Kenneth Higgins and Family

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**Mr. Titus Cattage, the son of Bro. Charley and Sis. Arlene Cattage, passed on September 27, 2025 in California. A Memorial Service will be announced later.**

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. Charley and Mrs. Arlene Cattage and Family

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**Ms. Elma Ree Strong Boykins, the sister of Mother Esther Kirksey, passed on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 in Huntsville, AL. The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Meridianville Bottom P. B. Church, 146 Kalea Ln, Meridianville, AL 35759. Interment:** Strong Cemetery, Huntsville, AL 35810. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Royal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be:

Mrs. Esther S. Kirksey and Family

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**Mr. Kenyon Lovell Patton, the brother of Bro. Aaron Patton, passed on Monday, September 22, 2025. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Royal Chapel of Memories. Interment:** Berkley Cemetery, Berkley, AL

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. Aaron Patton (Teresa) and Family

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## **Prayer LIST**

- Sis. Viola McWilliams, POC: Nikki Titang (dau)
- Bro. Patrick Walker
- Bro. David Langston\_Stewart
- Sis. Florence Love
- Pastor Jerry Reeves
- Sis. Dorothy Bolden
- Minister Lennon Martin
- Sis. Martha Leslie
- Sis. Sheri Tims
- Mother Hattie Burton
- Bro. Derrick Hunter
- Bro. Archie Gurley
- Bro. Knute R. Walker
- Sis Raven Hill Dickerson
- Sis. Rose Shropshire
- Sis. Cynthia Wiley
- Mr. Roosevelt Rodgers (father Sis. Virdell Rodgers Mason) is in UAB
- The family of Mr. Jerome Garner (nephew of Sis. Pam Byers) who passed Sept 19
- Mrs. Helen Cooper (mother of Sis. Sarah White is home)
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## **PRAYER LIST for our Sick & Shut-in MEMBERS (Sunday, October 5, 2025)**

Sis. Evonne Burns  
Mother Patsy Pope  
Sis. Jessie Booker, POC- Son: Vincent Timmons  
Bro. James Pope  
Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis, POC-Dau  
Sis. Cynthia Lockhart  
Sis. Vivian Kelley  
Bro. Emery Brooks  
Mother Annie Woods, POC: Carol Ford  
Sis. Minnie Wilson  
Bro. Frank D. Wilson, POC: Letitia Walker (daughter)  
Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele, POC: Joyce Hampton  
Sis. LaShaunda Hampton  
Deacon John Butler  
Deacon Franklin Brandon  
Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr  
Sis. Melody Malone  
Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa, POC: Evett Turner  
Sis. Georgia Hewlett  
Mother Hazel Hawk  
Sis. Crystal S. Blackburn, POC: Jimmy Blackburn  
Bro. Booker Weaver  
Brother Jimmy Brooks  
Bro. Charley Cattage  
Bro. Robert Key  
Sis. Marilyn Warren  
Sis. Bobbie Gordon, c/o Natasha Charles (dau)

Bro. Anthony Hawkins

Sis. Annie Bradley

Sis. Janice Fletcher

Sis. Barbara Brasher

Sis. Martha Toney

Sis. Kathy Jefferson

Bro. Anthony Brown

Sis. Quennis Stevenson

Deacon Michael Stevenson

Deacon Eddie Thomas

Sis. Elizabeth Thomas

Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher, POC: Florence Love

Bro. Harrison Johnson

Mother Ernestine Sullivan- **NO VISITORS POC (Daughter) Cindy Humphrey**

# *Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church*

## **Happy Founders Day Union Chapel!**

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was established on October 4, 1933 in the home of Rev. O. D. Boone and wife Lucy Boone. Their home was located on Blue Spring Road in Huntsville, Alabama. Worship services were held in several temporary locations over the next thirteen years. The first permanent worship building was located in "**The Grove**" at 536 Gardner Street. As we continue our celebration of 92 years of establishment, we invite families to visit the Historical Marker that tells the story of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. The marker is located in "**The Grove**" at the corner of Lowe Avenue SW and Dr. Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard. \* For families that can't visit "The Grove" location, we are blessed to have a duplicate marker on "**The Hill**." Celebrate our 92 years of establishment by visiting the markers, taking photographs and thanking God for our rich heritage of worshiping and serving the people of the Huntsville and Madison County areas. Share your photographs on social media as you invite others to worship with us where we are – **The Church with the Big Heart of Love Where Everybody Is Somebody and Jesus Christ is Head!**

\*The Marker Dedication Ceremony is still available for viewing on YouTube: Union Chapel M B. Church Huntsville, AL Marker Dedication Ceremony. The Marker may also be viewed from the following website: [www.hmdb.org](http://www.hmdb.org) Search Union Chapel M B Church.



# UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Madison County

On October 4, 1935, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was organized in the home of Reverend O. D. Boone on Blue Springs Road in Huntsville. Reverend Boone served as the first pastor. Temporary worship services were located on Winston, Compress, Howard, and Lowe Streets, and Winchester Avenue. On October 24, 1946, the congregation acquired land to build a permanent location in "The Grove" at 530 Gardner Street-where it remained until 1969. Reverend Loyce F. Lacy became the second pastor in April 1958. Tom Strong, Jake Pope, Ezell Swan, Robert Martin, W. E. Fletcher, Earnest Peckins, Willie Williams, and E. D. Johnson served as deacons during this time, and Carrie Moore served as the church organist. Due to urban renewal, the church moved to "The Hollow" at 100 Gardner Drive in September 1969. In July 1989, O. Wendell Davis became pastor. In January 2002, the church moved again to 315 Winchester where it remains today.

MARKER ERECTED IN 2003 BY UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, O. WENDELL DAVIS

UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
315 WINCHESTER RD.  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35811




  
**UNION CHAPEL**  
**MISSIONARY**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Madison County

On October 18, 1888, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was organized in the town of Union Chapel, Georgia, on the site of the former Union Chapel. The church was organized by the late Rev. J. M. Smith, who was the pastor of the church from 1888 to 1900. The church was organized on the site of the former Union Chapel, which was the site of the former Union Chapel. The church was organized on the site of the former Union Chapel, which was the site of the former Union Chapel.