

## *Church Announcements for APRIL 19, 2026*

### **Church-wide**

**Children's Church** is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> , and 4<sup>th</sup> **Sundays during our 9:00am** service for **children ages 5 through 12**. Parents, we kindly ask that you drop off your children in the church basement. Immediately following the service, please come directly to the basement for pick-up to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal. When signing your child in, please indicate on the sign-in sheet whether your child will be staying for Sunday School, so we can properly prepare and account for everyone.

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### **New Members Orientation Classes WILL BE HELD TODAY**

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The Union Chapel **Sunday School Department** has classes for all Youth Ages. **Youth Sunday School Classes** are being held each Sunday between the **9:00am and 12 noon Church Services in the church basement from 11:15am to 11:50am**. Classes being offered beginning with **Kindergarten to High School**. We encourage all parents and guardians to get your youth involved in the life changing experiences and benefits of Sunday School studies. All classes are being held in the basement (including Middle & High School). Please direct any questions to Deacon Jacoby Berry.

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### **The 2026 National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education**

This year's Congress of Christian Education **will be held June 22-26 in St. Louis, Missouri**. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. **The sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 3, 2026**. Transportation will be provided by the Church. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael Malone at email [mdmalone04@yahoo.com](mailto:mdmalone04@yahoo.com).

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### **2026 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop**

The 2026 Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop will be held July 31-August 2, 2026 in Memphis, Tennessee. If you plan to attend, **Registration/Housing and Transportation forms are available at the Welcome Desk** in the foyer. The sign-up deadline is **June 1, 2026**. Transportation will be provided by the Church. For additional information, contact Deacon Edward White email at [ed528@bellsouth.net](mailto:ed528@bellsouth.net) or Deacon Michael Taylor email at [mishat62@hotmail.com](mailto:mishat62@hotmail.com).

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The Union Chapel **Annual Graduation Recognition Program** will be on **Sunday, June 14, 2026, during the 9:00 AM in-person worship service**. All graduating church members are asked to complete a Graduation Information Survey using these links, [High School Graduate Survey](#), [Other than High School Graduate Survey](#) no later than **Wednesday May 6, 2026**. **NO paper submissions will be accepted**. Please contact the Education Assistance Ministry at [ucceamactprep@gmail.com](mailto:ucceamactprep@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**The next GriefShare** session will be held **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm in Room 17**. For additional information, please contact Sis. Monica Phipps Stewart or Sis. Georgia S. Valrie.

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**\*Please note the trip to HOUSTON, TX has been postponed to a later date**

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### We Need Your Help to Reconnect

**Union Chapel is updating its records to reconnect with former members who joined in 1989 (THE YEAR PASTOR DAVIS CAME TO UNION CHAPEL) or later and have not been active as of 2026**

Electronic forms will be available on the church website and Facebook page, and printed copies will be located at the Welcome Center in the church lobby next Sunday. The information collected will help us compile an accurate list of **former members** of the Union Chapel family.

Please submit all forms **no later than May 30, 2026**. For questions, contact:

- Sister Monica Phipps-Stewart
- Sister Norma Reeves through the church office at 256.852.1150
- Email: [Connect@unionchapel-hsv.org](mailto:Connect@unionchapel-hsv.org)

**Let's come together and welcome our Special Guests Home for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration, August 14-16, 2026.**

### **MINISTRY Meetings**

**Young adults ages 18–39 are invited to join the Young Women's and Young Men's Ministries on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM.** These ministries provide a space to grow in God's Word, connect through meaningful fellowship, and make an impact through service in the church and community. **The Young Women will meet in Classroom 18 and the Young Men will meet in Classroom 12.** For questions, please contact Sis. Nikki Strickland or Min. Marquis.

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### **ALL MEN – LAYMEN MEN MEETING**

**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026**

**TIME: 6-7pm**

**LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**For further information please contact Deacons Ed White or Michael Taylor**

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The **Women's Ministry Bible Study** meets this **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm** in the **sanctuary**. Last month, nearly one hundred women attended; we hope even more will join us for study and fellowship as we grow together in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. For details, contact Mother Dora Davis.

### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR-**

**Union Chapel Academy (Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>) and Child Development Center (CDC), (ages 6 weeks to 4 years),** are seeking those who are enthusiastic about Christ-centered education with a heart to foster positive learning experiences, passionate about working with children and committed to helping all students.

We currently are seeking the following:

- 1. UC Academy positions – Part-time Vice Principal, Teachers and Volunteers**
- 2. UC CDC positions – Teachers, Substitutes Teachers and Volunteers**
- 3. The Summer Camp Coordinator will lead and guide our Teachers, Counselors and Jr. Counselors in creating a safe, nurturing fun-filled environment of daily activities inclusive of arts and craft, games, field trips and more.**

If interested, please visit our **employment website** to complete an application and submittal process.

**Application for SUMMER CAMP COORDINATOR must be received no later than Friday, May 08, 2026**

For more detailed information on each position, please visit the Employment Opportunities on the church's webpage @ [Welcome to Union Chapel M.B. Huntsville, AL - Employment Opportunities](#)

**How to apply:** Visit the church's website at: [www.unionchapel-hsv/employment](http://www.unionchapel-hsv/employment)

**Ways to Submit:**

- Email to: [HR@unionchapel-hsv.org](mailto:HR@unionchapel-hsv.org)
- Mailed to Union Chapel M. B. Church
  - ATTN: Human Resources
  - 315 Winchester Road Huntsville, AL 35811
- Apply in the Church Office on weekdays between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm

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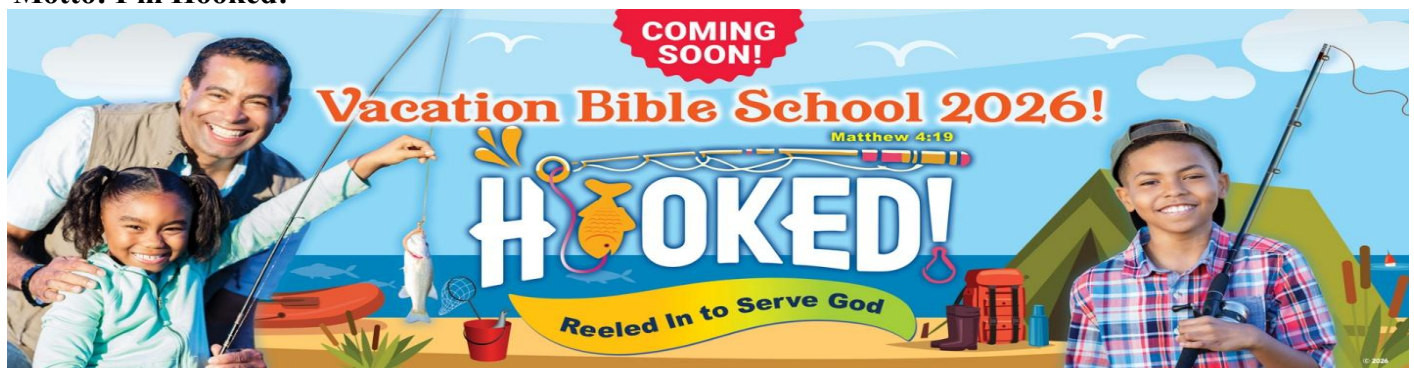
**The Dr. Richard Showers Recreation Center, 4600 Blue Springs Rd,** will host its Quarterly Lunch and Learn Health Series on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am–1:00pm This free session will focus on **Mental Health and Emotional Wellness** and will feature a panel of **licensed professionals**, community resources, and open discussion. Lunch will be provided, along with take home wellness materials. For more information, please contact Dr. Andrea Morris.

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Union Chapel MB Church is working with Drake State Technical College to provide a **FREE** course through the ACCS Innovation Center, **Flooring Installation Technician Training Course**. The course will provide comprehensive training designed to equip aspiring technicians with the necessary skills and competencies to excel in the flooring industry. The course will be held at UCMB Church. If you are interested in taking the class, please sign the Rooster at the Welcome desk. If there is enough interest in the course, the course will be offered. For more information about the contents of the course, please go to:

<https://innovation.accs.edu/courses/flooring-installation-technician/>

**Motto: I'm Hooked!**



**Cast Your Net for an Unforgettable VBS Experience**

Prepare to embark on an inspiring summer adventure with the 2026 SSPB Vacation Bible School curriculum. This year's program is thoughtfully designed to engage children, youth, and adults, inviting everyone in our church community to discover the joy of serving God together. Through dynamic activities and meaningful lessons, participants will explore what it truly means to be "hooked" on God's mission to share love and hope with the world.

Theme Verse: *"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!'"* —  
Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

## **PRAYER LIST FOR HOSPITALIZED & NURSING/REHAB MEMBERS**

**Please keep our hospitalized members in your prayers.**

- *Sis. Janice Fletcher, Huntsville Hospital, Room 1752*

**Please keep our members who are in Nursing Homes & Rehab facilities in your prayers.**

- *Sis. Elizabeth Thomas*
- *Bro. Clyde "Bill" Thomas*
- *Bro. Charlie Fletcher*
- *Sis. Joann King McCrary*
- *Sis Gloria Wynne*
- *Sis. Vernina Taylor*

## **PRAYER LIST for Condolences (Members)**

*Please remember to keep our bereaved families in your prayers*

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***Ms. Elizabeth Robinson, the sister of Sis. Sadie Pleasure, passed on Sunday, April 12, 2026 in Huntsville, AL. Royal Funeral Home has been entrusted with the final arrangements. NO OTHER DETAILS.***

*Condolences may be sent to:  
Mrs. Sadie Pleasure and Family*

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***Mr. Donnell Robinson, the brother of Minister Leo Robinson, passed on Friday, April 3, 2026. Memorial Services was held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2820 Winchester Rd NW, Huntsville, AL 35810.***

*Condolences may be sent to:  
Minister Leo Robinson (Donna) and Family*

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***Sis. Pauline Lacy, the mother of Sis. Wendy Renee Lacy, passed on Sunday, April 5, 2026. The Funeral Service was on, Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Union Chapel M. B. Church, 315 Winchester Rd, Huntsville, AL 35811. Interment: Meadowlawn Garden of Peace, 450 Mt. Lebanon Road, Toney, AL 35773.***

*Condolences may be sent to:  
Ms. Wendy Renee Lacy-Richardson and Family*

**Please continue to pray for our sick and shut in members**

- **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**
- **Deacon John Butler**
- **Deacon Franklin Brandon**
- **Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr**
- **Sis. Melody Malone**
- **Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa, POC: Evette Turner**
- **Bro. Robert Key**
- **Sis. Annie Bradley**

- **Sis. Janice Fletcher**
- **Bro. Anthony Brown**
- **Deacon Eddie Thomas**
- **Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher, POC: Florence Love**
- **Sis. Sandra McCall**
- **Mother Ernestine Sullivan-NO VISITORS - Please contact Daughter, Cindy Humphrey**
- **Bro. Anthony Hawkins**
- **Bro. Patrick Walker**
- **Sis. Rutha Thomas, POC: Felicia Thomas(daughter)**
- **Sis. Feleshia Perry**
- **Mother Marie Kelley**
- **Sis. Regina Clemons**
- **Bro. Charley Cattage**
- **Bro. Leroy Watkins**
- **Bro. Brian Kennamer**
- **Sis. Denise Carter**

## **PRAYER LIST**

- **Mother Hattie Burton**
- **Bro. Joe A. Palmer (POC-Sis. Bernie Palmer)**
- **Mr. Robert Douglas is in Rehab and his son is in Huntsville Hospital (brother & nephew of Sis. Shirley Douglas)**
- **Ms. Jennifer Jones (daughter of Sis. Margurite Lyles)**
- **Mr. Lorenza Poole, Jr (father of Sis. Ruth Wilson)**
- **Ms. Doris Carter (mother of Sis. Jackie Jefferson)**
- **Sis. Genell Pitts needs a kidney transplant (wife of Bro. Richard Pitts)**
- **Mr. Brad D. Jefferson needs a kidney transplant (son of Bro. Archie & Sis. Debra Jefferson)**
- **Mrs. Frankie Yarbrough (wife of Bro. Alexander Gilmore)**
- **Ms. Courtnie Perry (niece if Sis. Sarah Eatman)**
- **Bro. Harrison Johnson**
- **Bro. Ryland Landers (son of Sis. Virdell Landers Mason and Bro. AL Mason)**
- **Sis. Viola McWilliams, POC: Nikki Titang (dau)**
- **Sis. Kalexis Jordan Drake**
- **Bro. David Langston Stewart**
- **Minister Lennon Martin**
- **Sis. Sheri Tims**
- **Bro. Archie Gurley**

***AFTER THE RESURRECTION***

*Revised Standard Version*

**Matthew 28:16-20 RSV**

**The Commissioning of the Disciples**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

**Mark 16:9-20 RSV**

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>9</sup> Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Mag'dalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went out and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup> But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

**Jesus Appears to Two Disciples**

<sup>12</sup> After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup> And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

**Jesus Commissions the Disciples**

<sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

**Luke 24:36-53 RSV**

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

<sup>36</sup> As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

**The Ascension of Jesus**

*50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

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## *Love Lifted Me*

1. *I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me—  
Now safe am I.*

### **Refrain:**

*Love lifted me,  
Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me;  
Love lifted me,  
Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.*

2. *All my heart to Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too,  
To Him belongs. [Refrain]*

3. *Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be—  
Be saved today. [Refrain]*