

Church Announcements for February 22, 2026

Church-Wide

Pastor Davis is excited to announce that beginning the first Sunday in March, we will observe **Unity Sunday** on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am.

On Unity Sunday, both worship services will come together in a spirit of unity, praise, and communion. Please note that on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month, two services will continue to be offered at 9am and 12-Noon.

For any questions or additional information, please contact Min. Marquis.

Children's Church will be available on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays during our 9:00 AM service for children ages 5 through 12. Children will enjoy a dynamic, age-appropriate worship experience **for the entire service** designed just for them! Each gathering will include engaging lessons, meaningful activities, and opportunities for our children to grow in their faith, build friendships, and learn more about God in a fun and welcoming environment. 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. We are truly excited about what God is doing in the lives of our children, and we look forward to serving your family through Children's Church! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sis. Janika Crum or Minister Marquis.

New Members Orientation will be held today immediately after the 9am Worship Service

"Mid-Service Sunday School Hour" is now fully reinstated to serve both our Youth and Adult parishioners. *9:00am Service Attendees...stay just a little later; 12:00pm Service Attendees...come just a little earlier...as the "Mid-Service Sunday School Hour" takes place between the 9:00am and 12:00pm Worship Services to accommodate our entire Church Family!*

Historically Black Colleges and Universities School Spirit Day (HBCU School Spirit Day)-February 22nd : HBCU School Spirit Day will be held on **Sunday, February 22nd** during both services. **Thank you for showing your support for HBCUs.**

The **Youth Ministry is seeking dedicated and passionate volunteers** to serve in our Children's Church and Nursery Ministry during both the 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon services. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our children, strengthen our ministry, and make a lasting impact on young lives. If you feel led to serve, please contact Min. Marquis for more information.

Union Chapel Girl Scout Troop #10733 will host a Drive by Cookie opportunity immediately following both the 9:00a.m. and the 12:00 p.m. Gospel Impact Services on today. This is your opportunity to assist these dedicated Girls in obtaining their badges and achieving their goals for the year. The Girls will be located at Union Chapel Christian Academy underneath the awning, no need to get out of your vehicle. All cookies are available, and we thank you for your support.

Church Family- We now have a **Prayer Box in the Church Foyer**. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to come in agreement with you concerning your prayer request, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the Prayer Box. We are committed to God to bombard heaven on your behalf.

Newsletter: *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 5th**. Continue to submit your articles monthly in a timely manner. We reserve the right not to include all articles in the newsletter.

MINISTRY Meetings

The **GriefShare** sessions for the months of **February and March** will be held on the following dates. All the sessions are designed to help individuals **heal from the death of a loved one**. The sessions are held at **2:00 p.m. in Room 17**.

- Sunday, February 22, 2026**
- Sunday, March 1, 2026
- Sunday, March 8, 2026
- Sunday, March 15, 2026
- Sunday, March 22, 2026
- Sunday, March 29, 2026

For more information about GriefShare, please contact Sister Georgia S. Valrie at 256-656-4698 or Sister Monica Phipps Stewart at 256-682-0466.

The **Youth Choir** will meet for rehearsal this **Wednesday, February 25th, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the choir room**. All youth ages 7–18 are welcome to join as we develop their musical gifts. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Bro. Brandon Pair, Sis. Nikki Strickland or Min. Marquis for more information.

Anniversary

*Congratulations to ALL Members Celebrating anniversaries in the month of FEBRUARY
May God's grace, love, and favor continue to bless this union.*

PRAYER LIST FOR HOSPITALIZED & NURSING/REHAB MEMBERS

Please keep our hospitalized members in your prayers.

Bro. David Porter (POC: Sister Evelyn Porter)

Please keep our members who are in nursing home & rehab in your prayers.

- *Bro. Charley Cattage*
- *Bro. Charlie Fletcher*
- *Sis. Joann King*
- *Sis Gloria Wynne*
- *Sis. Vernina Taylor*

PRAYER LIST for Condolences (Members)

Please remember to keep our bereaved families in your prayers.

Mr. Enmon Demond Rodgers, the son of Sister Evelyn and Bro. David Porter, passed on Friday, February 20, 2026 in Huntsville, AL. NO OTHER DETAILS.
Royal Funeral Home will handle the final arrangements.

*Condolences may be sent to:
Mr. David & Sis. Evelyn Porter and Family*

Mrs. Mattie Elonora Baker, the grandmother of Sis. KaShawanna Scruggs Wesley and Bro. Darius J. Baker, passed on Saturday, February 14, 2026. The Graveside Service was held on Friday, February 20th at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace, 450 Mt. Lebanon Rd, Toney, AL 35773. Royal Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

*Condolences may be sent to:
Mr. Darius J Baker and Family
Mrs. KaShawanna Scruggs Wesley and Family*

Mr. Samuel Ward, the brother of Sis. Mae Lois Brown, passed on Friday, February 13 in Tyler Texas. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Community Funeral Home, 1429 North Border Ave, Tyler, TX 75702 (TEL 903-526-5555). NO OTHER DETAILS

*Condolences may be sent to:
Mrs. Mae Lois Brown (Deacon Roy) and Family*

PRAYER LIST for the Sick & Shut-ins MEMBERS

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut in members

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sis. Melody Malone• Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa, POC: Evette Turner• Sis. Georgia Hewlett• Bro. Booker Weaver• Bro. Robert Key• Sis. Annie Bradley• Sis. Janice Fletcher• Sis. Martha Toney• Bro. Anthony Brown• Deacon Eddie Thomas & Sis. Elizabeth Thomas• Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher, POC: Florence Love• Sis. Sandra McCall• Sis. Mae Cathryn Phillips |
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- **Mother Ernestine Sullivan-NO VISITORS** - *Please contact Daughter, Cindy Humphrey*
- **Sis. Jennifer Simmons**

- **Bro. Anthony Hawkins**
- **Bro. Patrick Walker**

PRAYER LIST

- **Mr. Bennie Murphy, uncle of Brother Anthony Davison** in the death of his uncle who passed on February 11 in Beatrice, Alabama.
- **Sis. Genell Pitts needs a kidney transplant (wife of Bro. Richard Pitts)**
- **Bro. Willie Smith** had another procedure at UAB FEB 19 POC: Sis Christinia Smith, wife
- **Sis. Ann Plenty**
- **Mr. Kymbele Baskerville** (nephew of Sis. Norma and Bro. Jonathan Reeves) home recuperating
- **Ms. Merilean Wilson** (sister of Sis. Christina Smith) in Mississippi
- **Mr. Brad D. Jefferson** needs a kidney transplant (son of Bro. Archie & Sis. Debra Jefferson)
- **Bro. David Langston Stewart**
- **Minister Lennon Martin**
- **Sis. Sheri Tims**
- **Mother Hattie Burton**
- **Bro. Derrick Hunter**
- **Bro. Archie Gurley**
- **Mrs. Frankie Yarbrough** (wife of Bro. Alexander Gilmore)
- **Ms. Courtnie Perry** (niece if Sis. Sarah Eatman)
- **Sis. Brenda Martin**
- **Bro. Harrison Johnson**
- **Bro. Ryland Landers** (son of Sis. Virdell Landers Mason and Bro. AL Mason)
- **Mrs. Mattie Moore** (aunt of Sis. Pam Byers)
- **Mrs. Cassandra Nobles**, wife of Bro. Tony Nobles
- **Sis. Viola McWilliams**, POC: Nikki Titang (dau)
- **Sis. Kalexis Jordan Drake**
- **Bro. Knute R. Walker**
- **Sis. Martha Leslie**
- **Mrs. Helen Cooper** (mother of Sis. Sarah White)
- **Mr. Roosevelt Rodgers** (father of Sis. Virdell Mason)

Author: James Weldon Johnson



James Weldon Johnson MA PhD USA 1871-1938. Born at Jacksonville, FL, he attended Clark University, Atlanta, GA, and also spent three months in the backwoods of Georgia., taking in the culture there. While in school he published a paper, "The daily American newspaper", which ran for a year until terminated for lack of funding. He graduated in 1894. He then taught at the largest school in Jacksonville, FL, eventually becoming principal and adding 9th & 10th grades there. While there he began preparing for the FL bar exam, taking it in 1897. In 1904 he became treasurer of the Colored Republican Club, becoming its president the following year. He became an author, activist, educator, lawyer, and diplomat.



Lift Every Voice and Sing



Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.