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A DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN ON THE GO

GOD'S WILL

"... Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 KJV)

 $oldsymbol{T}$ here's nothing mysterious about the will of God. It's like taking a

trip. Following God's way is an exciting adventure. Life is never so interesting as when one takes the will of God seriously and walks in it! Beginning a trip, a man is sure of his destination...but he is not familiar with every mile of the way. That would turn a trip into boredom!

Usually he has a map which points the way he should take—suggests some of the things he should see enroute.

As the traveler journeys, he sees as far ahead as the road permits: sometimes many miles—sometimes but a few yards. A turn in the road—a hill—a clump of trees—any number of things may limit his view ahead.

But he does not get alarmed because he cannot see beyond the next curve or over the brow of the next hill. He knows that when he goes as far as he can see ahead—a new view waits to be unfolded before him.

Two things are *imperative***: First, he** *keeps on going* even though he does not see far ahead. **Secondly, he** *sticks to the road.* It was built to bring him to his destination. Obviously, it cannot if he REFUSES to take it!

This is life in the will of God! The destination is absolutely certain! Familiarity with every step of the way is important! The Bible is the infallible map and guide. Jesus Christ is the road...the WAY!

The important thing is for a man to get on the road—and keep going!

It is foolish to get nervous and anxious when God does not reveal all the way ahead—as it would be to become distracted simply because one cannot see the highway over the hill or around the corner.

Imagine the traveler refusing to go forward until he could see the entire journey laid out before him. That would be the END of progress!

Walking in the will of God as far as one can see—no matter how brief the view—will lead inevitably to new vistas—new heights—new beauty! Doing the thing at hand is the surest guaranteed there will be more to do!

Something more to be said: The traveler keeps his destination in mind. This helps over the rough spots. AND THERE WILL BE ROUGH SPOTS. Sometimes there are detours. Often these detours lead to the *most fascinating experiences* of the trip. Sometimes the traveler talks and laughs most about these when the trip is over. In retrospect they afford him the greatest joy.

Disappointments in life often prove to be HIS-appointments. The detours unexpected and unexplained—do more for a man than anything else!

Keep your eye on Christ. Follow Him. And walk by faith! It's better than sight! **It's the life of adventure and joy—and** *accomplishment!* AMEN.

Perspective Devotional Thoughts for Men
— Dr. Richard Halverson

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE

WHAT'S A SOUL MATE?

"Having gifts...that differ according to the Grace given us, let us use them." (Romans 12:6 AMP)

When you got married, you probably did so in the hope

that you had found a "soul mate" – someone who would understand you, someone with whom you could be connected in a deep and spiritual way, someone whose innermost being fit with yours.

Whether or not you have a soul mate for a spouse depends less on whom you chose to marry than it does on the journey you've taken in your marriage. Soul mates don't find each other in the choice to get married. Instead, they *create* a bond between themselves in the many seemingly choices of daily living. But becoming soul mates involves more. Because marriage is a union of two people in a covenant before God, marriage is partially a spiritual journey. So becoming real soul mates involves working together on a relationship with God.

What are you as a couple working toward in incorporating spiritual disciplines into your lives and marriage? A closer relationship to God, certainly. But most likely you are also working toward a marriage that has meaning. Soul work is relationship work. Because we have been created in the image of a God who seeks relationship, the desire for relationship is deeply imbedded in us. We become soul mates with someone by working together on the multiple relationships of life-relationship with God, relationship with each other, relationship with children, relationship with extended family, relationship with the community of faith, and relationship with the larger community.

Soul mates intentionally help each other on the many relationships that make up meaningful life. Soul mates recognize each other's natural resources—gifts, interests and motivations. They help each other define, develop and value these resources. They support each other in the pursuit of their shared and individual ministries.

If you choose to do the work required for you and your spouse to connect at the deepest levels, the likelihood that you and your spouse will bond together as soul mates is greatly increased. AMEN.

After You Say, "I Do" Devotional
— H. Norman Wright

- TEEN'S CORNER -

GOT QUESTIONS? GOD'S GOT ANSWERS...



QUESTION:

Sometimes I'm tempted to give up. What advice does the Bible have for me?

THE QUICK ANSWER:

The world encourages instant gratification but God's work takes time. Remember the words of C. H. Spurgeon: "By perseverance, the snail reached the ark".

The Power of Perseverance

"For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised." (Hebrews 10:36 HCSB)

Are you one of those people who doesn't give up easily, or are you quick to bail out when the going gets rough? If you've developed the unfortunate habit of giving up at the first sign of trouble, it's probably time for you to have a heart-to-heart talk with the person you see every time you look into the mirror.

A well lived life is like a marathon not a sprint—it calls for preparation, determination, and lots of perseverance. As an example of perfect perseverance, you need look no further than your savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus finished what He began, and so should you. Christ was unwavering in his faithfulness to God. You, too, should remain faithful, especially when times are tough.

Are you facing a difficult situation? If so, remember this: whatever your problem, God can handle it. Your job is to keep persevering until He does. AMEN.

Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing; do not stop, do not turn back, do not turn from the straight road. – St. Augustine

In the Bible, patience is not a passive acceptance of circumstances. It is a courageous perseverance in the face of suffering and difficulty. - Warren Wiersbe

Battles are won in the trenches, in the grit and grime of courageous determination; they are won day by day in the arena of life. - Charles Swindoll

Failure is one of life's most powerful teachers. How we handle our failures determines whether we're going to "simply get by" in life or "press on". - Beth Moore

100 Questions Teens Ask with Answers from God's Word
- By Freeman Smith

A Little Humor for The "Hearts and Minds of God's People"



HEAVENLY REWARDS

An 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," St. Peter replied, "this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

St. Peter said, "This is heaven, you play for free."

Next they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much is it to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" St. Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

St. Peter lectured, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

After hearing that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. St. Peter and the wife both tried to calm him down, asking what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

Author Unknown

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Lord, just for today, help me:

 $oldsymbol{G}$ ive more and take less, and always give something back;

Take responsibility for myself and don't place blame on or wait for others;

Live with integrity and courage, with an eye to the future of us all;

Look at the world and think

This is ours," -- not "This is mine;"

Ask how I can help and what I can contribute, instead of how much more I can have;

Look out of windows instead of staring into mirrors,

And see past the narrow confines of myself;

 ${\mathcal A}_{
m ct}$ with compassion and tolerance in all things and to everyone;

Know that sometimes mine isn't the only way,

But only one more way to try;

Live in harmony with this earth and treasure all its gifts;

Try to understand more and therefore fear less; accept more and judge less,

Love more and hate less; to know that it's up to me to start today to give back

More than I take; to pass on the magnificent wonders of this earth to my children

And to their children.

~ By Vickie M. Worsham



DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES

One Sided Relationships

"And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ." Ephesians 5:21

When you're single and wanting to build a close relationship that may become permanent, you have certain dreams, hopes and expectations. Everyone does. That's quite normal. In fact, you need to if you're thinking of spending the rest of your life with this person.

One of your expectations is that he or she will contribute to the relationship as much as you will. It will take two of you giving to each other to make it work. A husband who had been married for more than 25 years remarked, "Marriage is not a 50-50 proposition, as it is so often said: It's more of a 90-10 relationship. Sometimes you give 90 percent and sometimes you receive 10 percent, but don't ever attempt to keep score!" Excellent advice.

But sometimes you find after being in a relationship for a while that something just isn't right. At first you can't put your finger on it. Then it becomes apparent that it's a one-sided relationship. You discover a pattern of inequality!

Let's look at some of the signs to be aware of in any relationship:

You seem to be the one that is always giving. The other person takes and takes but doesn't seem to be aware of your needs or does not care to meet them. Can't you just imagine being married to someone like that? You end up feeling enslaved. It's not a very biblical pattern for any relationship—it's one-sided.

Another indicator of a one sided relationship is being with someone who refuses to allow you to break off the relationship. The person holds you for "emotional ransom" by threatening you with what will happen if you do end it. It could be suicide, spreading rumors about you or any other dire consequence that can be hurled at you. Thus you remain stuck. But why would anyone want to stay with a person so insecure and troubled? Unfortunately, some do and usually because they believe they will be able to help straighten out the other person.

You are in a one-sided relationship if your partner expects you fulfill all of his or her needs and sees others, even same-sex friends as threatening to your relationship. You feel both monopolized and restricted by being in the relationship.

You are in a one-way relationship if you live in fear from constant threats by the other person to leave if a difference or disagreement arises. Much of your time is spent making sure you don't make waves. You eventually feel as though you are walking around on egg shells.

If your partner is causing the erosion of your own sense of adequacy and self-esteem, you are not only in a one-way, but an unhealthy relationship.

It could also be that you are devoting much of your time to building up his or her sense of self-worth to the exclusion of your own life goals or needs for fulfillment.

One-sided relationships are very self-evident when your partner is narcissistic. The other person feels she or he is so unique and special that the world owes him or her. These people don't believe they have to conform as others do and they require enormous amounts of attention to the exclusion of your own needs. You struggle for anything you receive. It's difficult to love people who are so much in love with themselves!

Perhaps one or several of these descriptions fits your relationship. Perhaps not, but it could apply to a friend. Or this could happen in the future. **If so, think about this:**

No matter what your efforts may be, this other person is not likely to change. You are not called to be either a doormat in any relationship. If you have a relationship like this and you choose to stay with it, why? What does this say about your own needs of self-worth? God wants something more for you. Remember Scripture calls us to be patient, be wise and look to God for His leading. AMEN.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever experienced a one-sided relationship? Are you either a reformer or a doormat? What did you hope to gain from the relationship? What signs did you overlook? Why? What would you tell a friend who is in a one-sided relationship?

--Michael S. Broder, The Art of Staying Together (New York: Hyperion, 1993)



DEVOTIONAL FOR SENIORS

HOW TO GROW OLD

"How are you today, Mama?" I asked casually. My 84-year-old friend, pointing to aches and pains in her joints, whispered, "Old age is tough!" Then she added earnestly, "but God has been good to me."

"Growing old has been the greatest surprise of my life," says Billy Graham in his book, *Nearing Home*. "I am an old man now, and believe me, it's not easy." However, Graham notes, "While the Bible doesn't gloss over the problems we face as we grow older, neither does it paint old age as a time to be despised or a burden to be endured with gritted teeth." He then mentions some of the questions he has been forced to deal with as he has aged, such as "How can we not only learn to cope with the fears and struggles and growing limitations we face but also actually grow stronger inwardly in the midst of these difficulties?"

In Isaiah 46 we have God's assurance: "Even to your old age and gray hairs... I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (v. 4).

We don't know how many years we will live on this earth or what we might face as we age. But one thing is certain: God will care for us throughout our life. -Lawrence Delaney

Lord, please teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Don't be afraid to grow old; God goes with you!

(Excerpt from Our Daily Bread Ministries, February 26, 2016)

"We know that life is never measured by how many years we live, but by the kindly things we do and the happiness we give." ~~Helen Steiner Rice

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us".
~~Ralph Waldo Emerson

A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY

HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN (1821-1913)

"Conductor of the Underground Railroad"

Born in Dorchester County, Maryland, to slave parents who named her Araminta, Tubman later took her mother's name, Harriet. She suffered recurrent seizures as a result of being struck on the head by an overseer when she went to the defense of another slave. She escaped in 1849 and made her way to Philadelphia after learning that she was destined to be sold. After saving enough money to finance her trip, she returned to rescue her sister and her two children. It was the first of 19 trips that would bring 300 slaves to freedom. Tubman planned her escapes for Saturday nights, knowing that slave owners would not be able to have "wanted posters made up before Monday. Her rules were simple: Be on time, follow instructions; tell no one of the escape; and be prepared to die rather than turn back. People who saw her walking along back southern roads saw what they thought was a harmless old woman wandering along singing songs. But the lyrics were a code alerting slaves to her presence, and Harriet Tubman was anything but harmless. She usually carried a gun. Slave owners considered her extremely dangerous and put a \$40,000 price on her head. Called 'The Moses of Her People', Tubman worked closely with William Still and was a friend of Frederick Douglass. She conferred with John Brown though sickness prevented her from participating in the 1859 raid at Harpers Ferry. That same year, she endured physical assault to rescue a runaway slave named Charles Nalle from police custody and helped him escape to Canada. During the Civil War, she planned and led a raid that freed 750 slaves. She also worked for the army as a spy, scout, and nurse. Afterward, Tubman attempted to established schools for freedmen in North Carolina and later founded a home for destitute former slaves who were too old and feeble to work. When she died in 1913, she was buried in Ohio with Military Honors.

In 1978, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in Harriet Tubman's honor.

On **April 20, 2016**, Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew announced **Harriet Tubman would replace President Andrew Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill**, becoming the first woman in more than a century and first African American to grace the front of a paper note. President Jackson will be featured on the back of the bill alongside an image of the White House. Lew said the final concept designs of new \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills are scheduled to be completed and unveiled by 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO EVERYONE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE!!!

<u>UBC COMMUNICATION CARDS:</u> Anyone worshiping with us today and "making a decision for Christ" by using one of our UBC Communication Cards found in the pocket of the pews, is <u>encouraged</u> to <u>follow-up your decision TODAY</u>, by <u>contacting REVEREND ALVIN L. WYATT</u>, <u>Minister of Christian Life and Witness at (513) 381-3858</u>. When calling, please leave your name, the spelling of your name, the date and time of your call, and, most importantly, <u>a telephone number where you may be reached</u>. Reverend Wyatt will be in touch with you, as quickly as possible, after receiving your telephone call, as to the next steps regarding your decision(s) for Christ. GOD BLESS YOU.

<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY:</u> For the convenience and support of the Union Baptist Church membership and our guests, a Prayer Request Box with Forms is available in the vestibule leading into the Sanctuary. Please feel free to place your Prayer Request(s) in the box at any time. Our Prayer Partners stand ready to pray with you, and for you. Thank you, Deacon Norman and Sister Ann White, Ministry Leaders.

NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR 10:20 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE? If you are in need of a ride to Church, please call (513) 981-0423 and leave your name and your telephone number. If you are interested in becoming a driver on Sundays, (van/mini bus) please call Deacon Ted Craig at (513) 521-2393. YOU MUST POSSESS A CDL LICENSES TO DRIVE THE MINI BUS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WEDNESDAY NOON DAY BIBLE STUDY AT 12 NOON: Our afternoon Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (a light lunch is served immediately following the Bible Study). The current Bible Study is based on the revised and expanded edition of the classic best-selling course, "Experiencing God," Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry & Richard Blackaby and Claude King. This bible study will guide learners to experience the kind of relationship with God through which they come to know and do His will. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. This is a 13-week series that includes DVD presentations, discussions led by Pastor Yates, and daily bible study guides. Remember all are welcome, it's never too late, and may we be blessed with your presence very soon.

—Pastor Yates

MEN: BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS, AT 7:15 P.M.: The men are also studying the revised and expanded edition of "Experiencing God," Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry & Richard Blackaby and Claude King.

God has led me to offer this course church-wide. "The Holy Spirit will be your personal Teacher during this study. He will guide you to apply truths according to God's will." Wow, what a blessing that awaits all who participate!

—Pastor Yates

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHURCH-WIDE PRAISE & WORSHIP, PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY AT

7:00 - 8:30 P.M.: Mid-week Praise and Worship, Prayer and Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Private Prayer and meditation begins at 6:00 p.m. for those who come early. The current Bible Study is also "Experiencing God," Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry & Richard Blackaby and Claude King. From one class we learned: "When you become a Christian, you enter a love relationship with Jesus Christ—God Himself. At that point the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, takes up residence in your life. He is always present to teach you." Do you hear God speak? "If a Christian does not know when God is speaking, he is in trouble at the heart of his Christian life." It is my prayer that the entire Leadership of Our Church and each member, Will Make Every Sacrifice to be Present to Worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to Pray and Study His Word from the Bible. —Pastor Yates

<u>SECOND QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE **RESCHEDULED**:</u> The meeting was rescheduled from April 29th and will be held on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

<u>DEACONS MINISTRY:</u> The Deacons Ministry will meet on Monday, **May 9, 2016 at 7:00** p.m. in the Page Archives Library. **Please have your monthly Ward Family Reports**. —Pastor Yates

FIRE CHAPLAIN SWEARING IN CEREMONY: The City of Cincinnati held a ceremony to swear in new chaplains on Monday, March 14, 2016. Chaplains' services to the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) complement the work of firefighters. They may respond to incidents where CFD officials deem a need, offer counseling to firefighters, and lend their services and support for internal ceremonies. Fire Chief Richard Braun and the CFD welcomed the services of four individuals: Reverend Alvin Wyatt, Reverend Trevor Phillips, Reverend Deacon Royce Winters, and Father Jim Schutte. "Congratulations Al and Trevor! God Bless You Both!!!!"

—Pastor and your Union Church Family!

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to <u>THE UNION FOUNDATION</u>: The Union Foundation was named a recipient of the Minority Health Month Grant funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. A press release and information about the minority health events held in April are included in this newsletter.

<u>CONGRATUALTIONS</u>: To Sis. Tasje Hall for two upcoming Class of 2016 graduation ceremonies. Diamond Oaks Career Development - Senior Recognition Day on Thursday, May 19, 2016. North College Hill High School Commencement Ceremony on Monday, May 23, 2016.

—Sis. Gwen Hall, Proud Grandmother

<u>A SPECIAL THANK YOU:</u> Many thanks to Sis. Sarah Bell for brightening the church pews by having them cleaned by Widmer's Cleaning Service. Sis. Bell also had the carpet cleaned in the Sanctuary. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (Thessalonians 5:18)

—Pastor and Union Baptist Church Family!

THANK YOU FROM THE MALE CHORUS: I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Male Chorus Program on Sunday April 17, 2016 an outstanding and heartfelt worship service. Having men from various churches singing praises to our Lord and Savior was very emotional. Also having Dr. Marcellene Winfrey inspiring everyone with her words of wisdom during the service was an outstanding time for all to observe. The Male Chorus of Union Baptist Church wants to say thanks again to all who were involved.

—Dorsey R. Hubbard, Male Chorus Program Coordinator

<u>THANK YOU FROM THE WILLIAMS FAMILY:</u> Thank you to my Union Baptist Church family for your prayers offered for the family and me during the loss of our loved one Otis Taylor. —Sis. Larissa Williams

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Please continue to pray for our bereaved families for the homegoing of their loved ones:

- **芩** Sis. Gwen Thompson, mother, sister and aunt of the Thompson/Cargile family
- ▶ Bro. Ronald May, brother of Bro. Anthony Hill and brother-in-law of Sis. Cheryl Hill
- **≯** Bro. Larry Conley, nephew of Bro. Sterling Trice
- → Bro. Otis Taylor, uncle of Sis. Larissa Taylor-Williams
- **≯** Bro. Cecil Griffin, brother-in-law of Sis. Kathy Spratley
- **≯** Bro. Ernest Pierre, brother-in-law of Sis. Elsie Pierre
- → Bro. Oscar Van Gooch, nephew of Sis. Elsie Pierre
- ▶ Bro. Sylvester Williams, brother of Sis. Dorothy Williams, Sis. Patricia Williams and Sis. Diane Collins
- **≯** Bro. Ernest Barnes, father of Sis. Michelle Barnes
- Dr. Billy Lewis, brother-in-law of Dr. Roland Mc Goodwin
- Sis. Elva Marie Jones, grandmother of Sis. Kim Wyatt
- Bro. Paul Anderson, father of Sis. Courtney Norman

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)



In case you missed it....... Here is a recap of March and April events:

<u>COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT AT MATTHEW 25:</u> The Women's Ministry along with the PDYM Youth Ministry volunteered at Matthew 25: Ministries on March 12, 2016. Matthew 25: Ministries was founded by Rev. Wendell Mettey in 1991 following a trip to Nicaragua and seeing millions in deplorable conditions. The mission of Matthew 25: Ministries is to fulfill Matthew25:34-40 by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need. Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries is committed to fulfilling Matthew25:34-40 by educating the public on the conditions and needs of the "least of these" and by providing resources for action. This year marks the Ministry's 25th Anniversary of serving those who are in need.

There were 13 participants representing Union Baptist Church during the outreach project. They stuffed 295 toiletry bags that were sent to Haiti. The youth talked about this outreach the following Sunday in Youth Church. They were excited about what they had learned and felt blessed that they could serve. They want to increase their time participating in outreach opportunities like Matthew 25: Ministries. They encouraged other youth to make sure they can participate next time. They were surprised how good they felt doing something for others. What a Blessing... much more to come! The women from Union were blessed likewise, they enjoyed serving others and working along with our teens. A special thank you to Sis. Doris Walker for her leadership of this outreach program. More opportunities coming for outreach in our community. To God Be the Glory!

-Sis. Louise Stevens and Sis. Rogena Stargel, Women's Ministry



(This picture of participants featured from left to right was taken by Sis. Doris Walker: Sis. Spirit Rogers; Sis. Zinadia Hicks; Sis. Shirley Norman; Sis. Ramona Swan; Sis. Denise Harris; Sis. Marziah Holliday; Sis. Kim Wyatt; Bro. Elijah Pepper; Sis. Taniea Hall; Austin, Matthew 25: Ministries staff; Sis. Gwen Hall; Sis. Amberlynn Marshall; and Sis. Rizin Rogers)

THE MALE CHORUS CELEBRATED 35 YEARS OF SERVICE: The Union Baptist Church Male Chorus presented "Songs of Praise" on Sunday, April 17th in celebration of their 35 years of service to the Lord. Spiritual renditions were offered by Male Choruses from the following churches: New Vision United Methodist Church, Allen Temple A.M.E., Quinn Chapel A.M.E., Lee Chapel A.M.E. and Southern Baptist participated for this special occasion. The Guest Speaker was Doctor Marcellene Winfrey from Allen Temple A.M.E. Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT UNION:

MEN'S DAY 2016: The theme of Men's Day 2016 is "Bringing Families Back to Christ" and will begin with a **Family Brunch on Saturday May 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** The speaker for the brunch will be Pastor Geneva Miller, Pastor of The Way Community Church. The **Men's Day celebration will continue during the 10:20 a.m. Worship Services on Sunday, May 15, 2016** with guest speaker, Brother Michael E. Burnett of Community Praise Temple. Information for the Second Annual Memorial at Union Baptist Cemetery will be forthcoming.

Patron lists are available as well as ads for the Men's Day souvenir booklet (\$50 for a full page; \$25 for a half page; and \$15 for a ¼ page or business card).

—Bro. Ed Philips, 2016 Men's Day Chairman and Bro. Don Johnson, 2016 Men's Day Co-Chairman

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 WORKSHOP: A Vacation Bible School workshop will be held on **Wednesday, May 18**th **from 6 pm to 7:00 pm.** All teachers, assistant teachers, craft leaders, church musician, snack coordinator, a representative from the transportation ministry and all other volunteers are asked to please attend this important workshop. **This year's inspiring theme title is "I've Got Talent."** The theme verse is "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV We need your special talents from God to make this a super experience for all ages. Thank you and God bless.

—Dea. Donald Darby, Principal and Sis. Shirley Norman, Vice-Principal

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 6-10, 2016: Please mark your calendars: Vacation Bible School will be held on June 6 - 10, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm. This year's verse is Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) - "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Vacation Bible School is for all ages. Please see the VBS flyer and pre-registration form included in today's newsletter. The pre-registration process will begin on May 22nd and end on June 5, 2016. Pre-registration forms will be placed in the information display rack located in the vestibule area and also available online at www.union-baptist.net. Thank you.

—Dea. Donald Darby, Principal

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES 2016: It is time to celebrate the Graduating *Class of 2016.* **High School Graduates:** Sis. Tasje Hall and Sis. Zara Rudge and **College Graduates:** Ferris Powell and Kayla Rogers. The high school and college seniors are about to begin their life's journey. The Scholarship Ministry would like to thank you for the generous scholarships you have provided to graduates in the past. Again this year we are asking each member to donate \$20 dollars to the Union Baptist Church Scholarship Fund.

Recognition Day will be Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 10:20 a.m. This worship celebration is for the entire Church family and friends. Please come and support our 2016 graduates. —Sis. Louise Stevenson. Scholarship Ministry

<u>WOMEN'S DAY 2016</u>: Greetings Sisters in Christ, I am humbled and excited to be your Chairperson this year for the 2016 Women's Day. Our Co-Chairpersons are Deaconess Toni Marshall and Special Guest Deaconess Juanita Kemper of Pineview, Georgia. This year we are honoring "Sterling Women" of Union Baptist Church.

The Women's Day assessment is \$100.00, begin making payments early. However, we encourage those who cannot give \$100 to do their very best; whether it is \$75, \$50, \$25 or more, our program and our fellowship will still prosper.

Mark 11:41-44 speaks on the Widow's Offering: "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on'." We understand everyone may not have \$100 and that some might have more. God knows our hearts. Stay ready for more announcements to come.

-Deaconess Lynette Darby

MAY IS FAMILY EMPHASIS MONTH

GODLY FAMILY

LOVE TRUST
VALUES RESPECT
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

MAY 4, 2016: Second Quarterly Church Conference at 7:00 p.m.

MAY 8, 2016: Annual Mother's Day Worship Celebration

MAY 9, 2016: Deacons Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MAY 14, 2016: Men's Day Family Brunch, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MAY 14, 2016: Go Red Book Scholarship Extravaganza, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

MAY 15, 2016: Annual Youth Day Worship Celebration

MAY 18, 2016: Vacation Bible School Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 22, 2016: Annual Men's Day observance during the 10:20 a.m. Worship Celebration

May 28, 2016: Women's Day Lock-in (See next page for more information)

MAY 30, 2016: Memorial Day

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN'S DAY LOCK-IN

SATURDAY, May 28, 2016

Registration begins

Promptly at 8:00 a.m.

FEATURING THE MOVIE "WAR ROOM"

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH WILL BE SERVED BREAKOUT SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE MOVIE

PLEASE RSVP:

SISTER LYNETTE DARBY, CHAIRPERSON

513-828-1272

OR

SISTER TONI MARSHALL, CO-CHAIRPERSON

513-233-1397

CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

FAMILY EMPHASIS MONTH CONTINUES IN JUNE



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

JUNE 6 - 10, 2016: Vacation Bible School, 6 to 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 6, 2016 - August 12, 2016: Summer Food and Enrichment Program

JUNE 11, 2016: Church Family Picnic

JUNE 19, 2016: Annual Father's Day Worship Celebration

JUNE 26, 2016: High School and College Grad Recognition Sunday

JUNE 27, 2016: Third Quarterly Church Leadership Council Meeting

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: July 5 - 8, 2016 (Tues. – Fri.) – Church Revival

July 10, 2016 - Old Fashion Homecoming

July 17, 2016 - 185th Church Anniversary

July 25 - 28, 2016 - Youth Revival

Union Baptist Church Sunday School 2016 - Update from the Superintendent

<u>Greetings Union</u>: As we head into our Spring months, we have had four outstanding combined adult Sunday School classes. Rev. Wyatt ("Angels, Do They Really Exist?"); Dea. Donald Darby ("Prayer"), which is something as Christians we need to do daily; Dea. Darrell Phillips ("Evangelism/Witnessing"), spreading the good news of Jesus Christ; and Rev. Marshall ("Understanding Grace"), why we should know grace is a part of God's provision for salvation.

The four classes have been uplifting, and the information very timely, I encourage all adults to make the effort to join us each second Sunday, for a spirit-filled lesson presented by the UBC adult Sunday school teachers.

For our children we will continue to have activities scheduled each Sunday. The movie "Woodlawn" was presented during the month of April; it was a very timely message for our children, who will face many difficult situations as they continue to learn about what God has in store for their lives.

I am asking that you will continue to support the Sunday school. We look forward to seeing more adults and children in attendance each Sunday.

God's peace and blessings,

Dea. Ernest Norman, Superintendent and Dea. Donald Darby, Assistant Superintendent

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The  $Men's \, Ministry$  will have a short meeting following the Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study to continue our men's fellowship. We will be getting together for outings and having discipleship opportunities to continue to build up the Kingdom of God as He leads and uses each of us here at Union.

Men's Day is coming up on the fourth Sunday in May. Men of Union are you involved in this annual occasion for all men of Union? Do you want to be involved? If so, please let Bro. Edward Phillips, 2016 Men's Day Chairman, or myself know of your interest. The Men's Ministry is also looking to update its staff positions of Assistant Ministry leader and Secretary. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these positions. Also, as a reminder, the men are assessed with an annual donation of \$100 for Men's Day and a reduced offering assessment of \$25 for the Men's Ministry. For Men's Day donation, you do not have to give your \$100 all at once. You can give \$25 a month or \$5 a week.

God bless us all.

Deacon James E. Darby, Men's Ministry Leader



#### Women's Day Mission Trip Sponsored by the Women's Day Committee

Sis. Lynette Darby Chairperson and Sis. Toni Marshall Co-chairperson

#### The Shrine of Christ's Passion

10630 Wicker Ave St. John, Indiana 46373

Friday, April 22, 2016 and Saturday, April 23, 2016

The Shrine of the Christ's Passion sits on 30 beautifully landscaped acres made to look and feel like the Holy Land. As the group from UBC toured this multimedia, interactive Prayer Trail, they experienced the life of Jesus Christ from the Last Supper through His Glorious Ascension.

People of all faiths marveled at the 40 exquisite life-size bronze sculptures, the original music and the thoughtful meditation they heard at each scene.

This weekend retreat was full of love and passion for our Lord and Savior Jesus and a bonding experience for all who attended. God had a special blessing for the women who participated in this event.

The following women from Union Baptist went on the trip: First Lady Margie Yates, Sis. Lynnette Darby, Sis. Phyllis Matthews, Sis. Barbara Ellis, Sis. Kathy Spratley, Sis. Catrina Judie, Sis. Melanie Montgomery, Sis. Kim Wyatt (driver) and Sis. Renee Payne (coordinator). Our group was joined by Sis. Kim Elliott, former UBC member, who now lives in the Chicago area. On Friday night Sis. Elliott embraced and welcomed all of the women into her home where we had a worship experience and an intercessory prayer service. God was truly glorified! Special thanks to Sis. Kim Wyatt for driving the bus.

-Sis. Louise Stevenson and Sis. Rogena Stargel, Ministry Leaders



### Union Baptist Puppet Ministry

#### THE KING'S KIDS

"Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6
"Whatever hands find to do, do it with all of your might." Ecclesiastes 9: 10

#### Mission

Our Puppet Ministry is one effective tool for reaching children and families with the Gospel. Puppets can open doors to unexpected and surprising venues for sharing God's Word. The puppets joined us on our Mission Trip to New York over 2 decades ago; where we **boldly** shared the Word of God. This ministry provides another opportunity for children, youth and adults to work together as leaders. A well rounded effective puppet ministry focuses on 3 areas: the group, the church and the community.

#### Group

Generally, a small group of puppeteers makes our team and its rehearsals a place where team members can share prayer request, personal concerns and learn to call on others. Most importantly, we will learn more about God's Word and how to be bold when sharing His Word through this ministry. As team members rehearse, build props, travel, pray and share experiences many blessings are showered down on His people.

#### Church

The Puppet Ministry works to minister, to teach and entertain all ages. The Puppet Ministry ministers every 5th Sunday in children Church. They also participate with other ministries. i.e.: Children and Youth Choirs, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Children's Church, Drama Guild, and Outreach opportunities throughout the year.

#### Community

It is important to make an impact outside the walls of the church. We always look forward to participating in some of our city's event in the downtown area, nursing homes, hospitals, joint venture with other ministries and maybe a senior birthday party or two.

Puppet Ministry Report Submitted by Sis. Louise Stevenson, Ministry Leader



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All members are asked to be mindful that no one should be in the **church building between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.** due to security reasons. Any necessary exceptions should be coordinated and approved by Dea. Crawford Cobb, Chairman of Property and Space, at least one week in advance. God's blessings to each of you from the Trustee Board Ministry.

—Bro. Jeremy Yates, Trustee Board Ministry

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT:** On Thursday, March 24th, the Food Pantry Ministry team led by Sis. Monica Ray served 34 souls. Somebody 'Ought to Say AMEN!

**MEMORIAL RECOGNITION TREE:** Anyone who is interested in adding a leaf to the Recognition Tree, please see Sis. Doris Blaine-Smith or Sis. Faye Shirley. Thank You!

<u>LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?</u> Be sure to check **Union's Bulletin Board located on the lower level of our church**, just below the rear stairway to your left, and immediately before entering Hays Hall. There you will find various current and available job opportunities for which you may be qualified. **May God Bless You Abundantly!** 

<u>UNION BAPTIST'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:</u> The church has a new email address for all ministry announcements. Please send all forms of communications (church announcements, flyers, upcoming events, etc.) to <u>unioncincinnati@gmail.com</u>. Please note that all previous personal emails that were used will no longer be monitored for church communications. Thank you!

REMINDER FOR DEADLINE FOR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Church Newsletter is now published on a bi-monthly basis. The deadline for Church Announcements for the July-August Newsletter is on the third Monday, JUNE 20TH, by 5:00 P.M. Requests for announcements should be e-mailed in care of Sis. Shirley Norman, Public Relations Ministry Leader, at Union's new email address: unioncincinnati@gmail.com. Please note "Sis. Norman – Announcement" on the subject line. Please note: any announcements received after the deadline date of JUNE 20TH will be included in the July-August newsletter.

**SPECIAL EDITION OF THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER:** The upcoming July-August newsletter will be a special edition to commemorate **UBC's 185th Church Anniversary**. You don't want to miss it!!

<u>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI WEBSITE:</u> Please visit our website (www.union-baptist.net) which is both informative and interactive for those who are seeking the Will of God in their lives. On our website, you will see upcoming events; evangelistic missions inclusive for men, women and children; discipleship opportunities for building God's kingdom; exploratory devotional links for personal spiritual growth; and, community connections that have demonstrated, in the past, and continue to demonstrate, the POWER OF GOD throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, and beyond.

<u>UBC UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM:</u> All members who have not already completed their UBC Updated Membership Form, are urged to immediately complete and provide your updated information, including, any name change; your current home address; your home, cell and work telephone numbers; a number where you may be reached in case of an emergency; and, an emergency contact person, etc. Membership Data Forms are available in the wall file holder just outside the Church Office. When you have completed your form, please place it in Pastor Yates' mailbox outside of his office.

-Thank You, Pastor Yates

<u>CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>: Opportunities for anyone interested in volunteering in the church office or other areas of the church are still available. Please contact Pastor Yates, if interested.

THE CITY GOSPEL MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY: The following schedule of the long-standing participation of Union Baptist Church Ministers which began with Rev. Shawn D. Pate is as follows:

| May 28, 2016  | Rev. Emmanuel Marshall   | Preaching at 6:00 p.m. |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| June 25, 2016 | Rev. Barry L. Hixon, Jr. | Preaching at 6:00 p.m. |
| July 23, 2016 | Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt      | Preaching at 6:00 p.m. |

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN 2016: The Pastor and Official Board are asking you to continue making your sacrificial gifts, above your tithes and offerings to the Building Fund 2016 Campaign, so that we can complete other infrastructural needs of our church facility. Your gifts will be used well - effectively and efficiently. Please use your all-purpose envelope and write in the section marked "Other" BUILDING FUND 2016 and the amount. Thank you in advance. God bless you for doing so!!

--Pastor Yates and the Official Board of Union Baptist Church

#### OFFICE PROCEDURES - REMINDER TO ALL UBC MINISTRY LEADERS AND MEMBERS:

All UBC leaders and members requesting services of the office staff for typing, copying, etc. of church related materials are reminded that such requests should go through the Pastor in advance of the date and time needed. This includes the use of computers, fax machine, and the inner conference room (back office). Our staff is assigned important tasks by the Pastor and must be able to function uninterrupted, as much as possible, to complete their assigned duties. Thank you and God Bless you. -Pastor Yates

<u>DID YOU KNOW???</u> Sis. Louise Stallworth has maintained the decorations in our church vestibule for the last 20 years? Thank you Sis. Stallworth for all that you have done and continue to do!

-Sis. Viola Grace

#### Prayer for wisdom

Father, take me to the place where I am saved from my pride and arrogance and Christ's humility is centre stage, where I'm lifting up clean hands and a pure heart to You.

Take me to the place where I'm no longer looking at the mountains I face but looking down upon them, where I can see clearly and my decisions are flooded with Your light, truth and justice.

Father.

I bend my knee and receive Your truth
I open my ears to receive Your counsel
I open my heart to receive Your eternal wisdom.
Amen.

(A modern prayer for wisdom from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

#### Prayer for peace of mind

Lead me to your still streams, O Lord Where I can kneel in the waters of life Lay down my anxious thoughts And cast all my cares on You.

Here I will wait a while Wait a while And bathe in the life-giving waters.

Bathe my mind in Your Spirit, O God Come fill my being with Your peace.

Bathe my heart with Your love, O God Come still my being with Your peace.

Bathe my spirit with Your freedom, O God Come saturate this life with Your peace. Amen.

(A modern prayer for peace of mind and heart, from www.lords-prayerwords.com)



### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#### THE UNION FOUNDATION HOSTS

#### **GETTING YOUR HEALTH IN ORDER INITIATIVE**

#### FOR MINORITY HEALTH MONTH, APRIL 2016

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 4, 2016 – The Union Foundation of Cincinnati has been named a recipient of the Minority Health Month Grant funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health.

The events will be held in April, 2016. The kick off will start with a free health screenings event on April  $2^{nd}$ , from 9 am - 2 pm, at the Cincinnati Contemporary Learning Center on the campus of Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, 1635 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214 in the West End.

Every Monday in April, 2016, from 6 pm - 8 pm there will be a weekly Daniel Plan Workshop at the Liberty Street Apartments, Resident Council Office, 1550 Linn Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214. Participants will receive practical tools they can use during the month of April and beyond. Exercise and healthy food demonstrations will also be conducted.

"Funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health"

For more information on The Union Foundation, visit <u>www.theunionfoundation</u>.org.

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405 West Seventh Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45203 www.theunionfoundation.org 513-981-0421







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# 2016 Initiatives Updates

May the entire month, Move More Initiative, Place: Exercise Facility To Be Announced along with more details. Chairperson: Donnetta Johnson, Ministry Member

May 14, Go Red Extravaganza & Book Scholarship Brunch, 4—6 pm, Key Note Speaker: Nurse Marsha Duke Thomas and Testimonials by Heart and Stroke Survivors. At City of Blue Ash Recreation Center, 4433 Cooper Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. *Call* 513-981-0423 or see a Health and Wellness Ministry Member for a ticket. Ticket includes a tasty meal and proceeds towards a college student (s) book scholarship. Chairperson: Annette I. Bell, Ministry Leader

September 24, Pink Pampering Event, 8 am—2 pm, Place: Union Baptist Church. In Partnership with Lynette Darby and the Women's Day Brunch Committee. Co-Chairperson: Renita Foster, Ministry Member

October, A Mother's Den, Date and Place: To Be Announced. In Partnership with the Deaconesses and Ministers Wives Ministry. Co-Chairperson: Donnetta Johnson, Ministry Member

October, Recovery Worship Month. Details To Be Announced. In Partnership with the Substance Abuse Recovery and Prevention Ministry.

Co-Chairperson: Phyllis Matthews, Ministry Member

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Union Baptist Church, Health and Wellness Ministry Reverend Dr. Orlando B. Yates,

Pastor

405 West 7th Street Cincinnati, OH 45203

Phone: 513-381-3858 Fax: 513-381-1635

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Union Baptist Church, Dr. O. B. Yates, Pastor Health and Wellness Ministry Initiative





# Your are Invited to Our Go Red Book Scholarship Extravaganza

Saturday, May 14, 2016 (New Date) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Nurse Marsha Duke Thomas

At
City of Blue Ash Recreation Center
4433 Cooper Road
Blue Ash, OH 45242
513-745-8550

Call 513-9810423 or see a Health & Wellness Ministry Member for a ticket

# The Health and Wellness Ministry Scholarship 2016 – 2017 School Year

#### Vision:

To be known for increasing the awareness of health related issues in churches and out in the communities, by providing opportunities to receive the necessary tools, for improving/maintaining one's overall wellness: spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.

#### Mission:

To promote health and wellness to the church congregation and the community.

To provide, promote, and encourage a positive life style change as it relates to the entire being in spirit, mind, body, and relationships; first giving honor to God.

To provide financial support to college students in the health and wellness field.

#### **Eligibility:**

This scholarship is open to any college bound student who meets the following criteria:

- An active member of Union Baptist Church
- Enrolled in a College or University pursing an undergraduate degree in a Health and Wellness Related Field.
- College Students must carry a 3.0 grade point average or better from their most recent college year.
- Has not received a book scholarship from the Health and Wellness Ministry in the past.
- Submitted a one-page narrative explaining why you should receive a scholarship.
- Submitted a copy of your enrolled class schedule
- Submitted all information by June 1, 2016

#### **Recognition:**

Scholarship amount to be determined for this year.

For more information, call Sis. Annette I. Bell, R.D., L.D, Chairperson at (513) 885-6187

## What Are You Doing This Summer?

### Learn How To:

- · Manage money at a young age
- Make healthy snacks
- Effectively prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use
- Use the arts to move more
- · Be creative with your hands
- · Have fun with math and reading
- · Perform Family CPR and First Aid
- · Enhance your positive character traits
- And more . . . .







## Summer Food & Enrichment Program

(Ask about our Voucher Program)

At Peoples Church 220 William Howard Taft Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

June 6, 2016 – August 12, 2016

In Partnership with Whole Again
Peoples Church
And Union Baptist Church

### HOURS:

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Breakfast 8 am – 9 am and Lunch 12 noon – 1:00 pm





This Site is an ACA Acrredited Camp

Visit our websites: www.theunionfoundation.org and www.union-baptist.net



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

## Vacation Bible School is for all ages!

Preschool students to adults are invited to take part in this inspirational and fun-filled Bible program. There will be lots of crafts, music, snacks and Bible training to inspire everyone to use their God-given talents to serve in His name.

Where: Union Baptist Church 405 W. 7th Street

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Date: June 6-10, 2016

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED - PLEASE CALL ONE DAY IN ADVANCE (513) 981-0423

| Date: |  |
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#### PRE-REGISTRATION - 2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(ADULT CLASS – Please complete lines 1-5)

| 4. Home Phone:  5. Cell Phone:                  |      |                       |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Parent/Guardian Name:                           |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Home Phone: Cell Pho                            | ne:  | E-mail:               |  |  |  |
| Emergency Phone: Contact Person:                |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Number of Siblings Attending:                   |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Name:                                           | Age: | Last Grade Completed: |  |  |  |
| Name:                                           |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Name:                                           |      |                       |  |  |  |
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| Name:                                           | Age: | Last Grade Completed: |  |  |  |
| Allergies / Medical Condition(s) / Medications: |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Family Doctor/Hospital: Phone Number:           |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Phone Number:                                   |      |                       |  |  |  |
| Is Transportation Needed? Yes                   | No   |                       |  |  |  |

#### **DEADLINE to Pre-register --- June 5, 2016**

(Please give completed pre-registration form to Dea. Donald Darby or Sis. Shirley Norman)



## TruthSeekers Small Care Group

The members of the Small Care Group "TruthSeekers" meet every Monday from 6:00 – 7:15 pm in the Avondale Branch Public Library to study God's word and grow through the five purposes of the church, worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. Please feel free to join us as we learn about God's Word and how to become more Christ like.

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me." (John 17:20, 21)

For more information, please contact our ministry leader, Rev. Shawn Pate.

Union Baptist Church 405 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street Cincinnati, OH 45203 (513) 381-3853 Rev. Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Pastor Rev. Shawn Pate, Minister of Small Care Groups unioncincinnati@gmail.com

#### INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

#### **Prayer for Strength**



## Awesome and Triumphant God,

I give you exuberant praise this day.

You are Lord of all, and you are worthy of my praise.

You are the Most High God. You are All Powerful. Thank you for the strength that you graciously give to me. Thank you that it is your will that I walk in your POWER this day.

Thank you that your Word declares that it is your will that I walk in power, love, *and* a sound mind this day. Thank you that you show me how to speak out your scriptures, believe in your truth, and display your will in my life.

Lord, I will trust in you. I will be bold in your name.

I stand up and declare that I am strong in the Lord. I am a triumphant follower of Jesus Christ. I am more than able to show forth that the power of God is working for me this day.

Thank you, Lord, that you are giving me strength to choose your voice over the voice of the enemy or the voice of my flesh. I want to obey you.

Thank you that you defeat confusion in my mind, discouragement in my heart, and weakness in my body. Thank you that you are bringing refreshment and rejuvenation to my day.

I have faith that you are showering me with your love and mercy. You are filling me with what I need. You are teaching me how to love you and love others more fully. You are guiding each of my steps. I have faith that you are providing everything I need. I will receive bountifully from you, and I will give you praise.

I declare that your inspiration, revelation, motivation, and determination are bringing transformation in my life. Thank you for changing me to become more like you.

Thank you that you have given me your secret armor. Thank you that you are teaching me how to defeat the enemy.

Thank you that I was born to be the head and not the tail.

Thank you that you are bringing me victory!

In Jesus' Name I pray,

Amen.

--Beth McLendon of Inspirational - Prayers.com