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A DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN ON THE GO

By Faith...

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:5)

There is nothing *complicated about faith* when it is rightly understood. Or put it another way - there's something wrong with the faith that is complex and difficult.

Actually **faith is a simple thing - constantly and continually active in the life of a man.** He acts on faith in his daily life again and again without ever giving it a thought.

He eats in restaurants thereby putting implicit faith in the chef that the food served him will not poison him. He sits in strange chairs implicitly believing they will support his weight.

He'll consummate transactions involving faith at almost every turn. In fact the man who refused to live by faith would be so involved in putting to the test daily experiences that progress would be literally impossible.

Here's an example. A business deal is closed and sealed with a check. Now a check is nothing more than *a man's promise to pay.* The check is only as good as the drawer.

The payee takes the check in good faith - believing in the integrity of the maker. The time comes when the man needs to use the check. Without a qualm, he turns it over - endorses it - uses it like cash. The whole deal is one of faith.

If the maker of the check has non - sufficient funds - or if the check is fraudulently drawn-all the faith in the world will not keep it from bouncing. It's not the faith of the payee - but the integrity of the maker that counts.

The same is true in a man's relation to God. The Bible abounds in the promises of God. The writers of Scripture insist that God's promises are immutable - or unchangeable. When God says something it stands.

Christian faith simply rests in the integrity of God. It takes God at His word and acts upon it. Just as the man endorses the check when he needs funds-so the Christian acts upon God's promises in time of need.

Because God's promises are true - they work. They will not work if a man will not act upon them by faith - anymore than a check will work if a man refuses to endorse it. Endorsement is an act of faith.

The Christian has learned to rely on God's word. He takes a promise, acts upon it-lives as though it were true. And it works... because it is true. This is the most practical way of life. The only way of life in fact.

If God cannot be trusted. If He cannot be taken at His Word. Who then can! This makes sense! Learn to take God at His Word. Believe what God says. Act on it. You'll find it works out every time. God never fails! AMEN.

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” - Psalms 37:5

*Perspective Devotional Thoughts for Men
— Dr. Richard Halverson*

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE

Monthly Celebrations

*“We will rejoice in you and be glad.”
(Song of Solomon 1:4 NASB)*

Celebrate your marriage promise at least once a month. It isn't necessary to spend a lot of money on these mini-celebrations, but they are powerful acts in bonding couples together when they've been invested with thought and planning - and observed faithfully.

Here are some suggested ground rules for establishing and making the most of regular celebrations.

Plan an outing at least once a month for just the two of you...Gatherings with other people do not count! For some reason, couples have a hard time with this concept. They recite all the things they do in each other's company - attending church potluck suppers, visiting friends and relatives, going to parties and dinners, cheering their kids at athletic events - and think they've offered proof of their attempts at togetherness. But think about it: how much do you actually talk to your spouse at these kinds of events? ...How much do you actually see your partner? ...Let's not even talk about any expressions of affection in group settings. Again: *gatherings with other people do not count for these once-a-month outings!*

Take turns planning the event. One month it's your responsibility, the next month it's your spouse's. Realize that planning and implementing the outing is an important part of expressing your appreciation for your partner.

When it is your turn to plan the celebration, make the arrangements to do something you know your spouse would particularly enjoy. This is critically important. The idea behind monthly celebrations is to provide an opportunity for self-giving. So when it is your turn to plan, try to take the attitude “I am willingly doing this for you to show you I care.” Participate in the chosen activity cheerfully, not grudgingly. There is joy in seeing another person's joy. If you plan a celebration with the express purpose of delighting your mate, you may well experience a delight of your own.

Keep your celebrations as simple as your time and budget require. The critical component...is spending time together.

Be creative. Never repeat an activity more than once a year. AMEN.

*After You Say, “I Do” Devotional
— H. Norman Wriglit*

*What if I Married the Wrong Person?
--Dr. Richard Matteson and Janis Long Harris*

- TEEN'S CORNER -



GOT QUESTIONS ? GOD'S GOT ANSWERS...

QUESTION:

As a Christian, should I expect to receive God's abundance, or not?

THE QUICK ANSWER:

God will provide for your needs if you stay focused on doing His will.

God's Abundance

The master was full of praise. "Well done my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, and so now I will give you more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together."

(Matthew 25:21 NLT)

God sent His son so that mankind might enjoy the abundant life that Jesus describes in the familiar words of John 10:10. But, God's gifts are not guaranteed; they must be claimed by those who chose to follow Christ. As you make plans for life, you may be asking yourself, "What kind of life does God intend for me?" The answer can be found in God's promise of abundance; those who accept that promise and live according to God's commandments are eternally blessed.

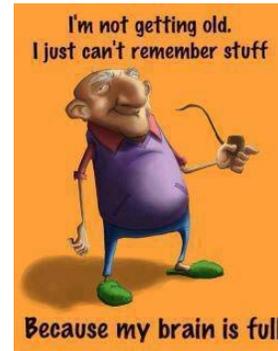
Whether or not we accept God's abundance is, of course, up to each of us. When we entrust our hearts and our days to the One that created us, we experience God's peace through the grace and sacrifice of His Son. But when we turn our thoughts and our energies away from God's commandments, we inevitably forfeit the earthly peace and spiritual abundance that might otherwise be ours.

What is your focus today? Are you focused on God's Word and His will for your life? Or are you focused on the distractions of a difficult, temptation-filled world? If you sincerely seek the spiritual abundance that your Savior offers, then you should follow Him completely and without reservation. **When you do, you will receive the love, the life, and the abundance that He has promised. AMEN.**

- **The only way you can experience abundant life is to surrender your plans to Him. –Charles Stanley**
- **It would be wrong to have a "poverty complex," for to think ourselves paupers is to deny either the King's riches or to deny our being his children. –Catherine Marshall**
- **God's riches are beyond anything we could ask or even dare to imagine! If my life gets gooey and stale, I have no excuse. –Barbara Johnson**

*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"



Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you don't have to worry about impressing anyone.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can take as many naps as you wish.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can finally get out of debt and stay that way.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you're probably a grandparent, maybe even a great-grandparent. What fun!

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...heaven seems closer than ever.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can relax and mind your own business...for a change.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...your few extra pounds are good padding if you fall.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can speak your mind without defending yourself.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you see that God's grace is new every morning.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can try out for a community theater production—even if it's only to be a doorknob in the third act.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you finally have time to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can turn down your hearing aids when the noise is too loud.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...it's better than the alternative.

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...you can blame your silly mistakes on those pesky "senior moments."

Gettin' old ain't so bad because...when your mate misplaces his whatchamacallit you can help by sharing your thingamajig.

--Excerpts from "365 Reasons Why Getting' Old Ain't So Bad"
by Karen O'Connor

A Little Humor Continued:

Some Children's Views on Various "Religious" and "Church Things"



REASON TO KEEP QUIET IN CHURCH

A mother was giving instructions to her three children as she sent them into Sunday school, "And, why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Her son quickly responded, "Because people are sleeping!"

WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER?

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon."

"Well then, how come He doesn't do it?" she asked.

MORE FUN YELLING

After a church service on Sunday Morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

LETTER TO GOD

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday.

One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

PLAY BALL

A father took his 5-year-old son to several baseball games where *The Star-spangled Banner* was sung before the start of each game.

Then the father and son attended a church on a Sunday shortly before Independence Day. The congregation sang *The Star-spangled Banner*, and after everyone sat down, the little boy suddenly yelled out, "PLAY BALL!!!"

GIVE HIM THE MONEY

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

--<http://www.gospelweb.net/HumorWorks/religiousandchurchjokes.htm>



The New Year brings fresh energy and the opportunity to evaluate whether our behavior is bringing us closer to, or further from, our professional and personal goals. In many cases we are falling short of God's great expectations!

We are sharing simple suggestions that you may include in your routine, as well as some common pitfalls to avoid, in order to create a positive workplace and positive life in general.

Start:
A goal-setting marathon: By marathon, we mean setting aside a block of time, whether an afternoon, evening or sometime in between, to get clear about your professional and personal goals for 2016. Go a step further by writing down specific action steps and "complete by" dates to make each goal more tangible. Ask a good friend if he or she would like to be your accountability partner, or download a goal-setting app to keep you on track.

Fueling your day with a dose of positive perspective: This will mean different things to different people, but the list can range from making time to eat breakfast with your kids before rushing off to school and work, to scheduling a Skype call with a friend in another state once a week. Use your commute time to listen to an audio book or just be still and appreciate the quiet before the daily office rush. Make it a point to continue to find ways to incorporate happiness and motivation into your day. Read and meditate on God's Word daily.

Prioritizing work-related tasks by importance level: An old fashioned, daily to-do list will help to ensure that the most critical items get crossed off of your calendar. Don't feel bad if you carry things over from day to day. It's totally up to you, and you can choose what takes precedence. You can also add and remove as situations come up; it's just a way to keep you focused on what needs to get done.

Managing your time to leave the office at a reasonable hour: There are always exceptions to this rule, but generally the longer you stay after hours, the less productive you become. It's crucial to have work-life balance, for health reasons, for your family and to avoid professional burnout. When you get home, turn off your technology and redirect your attention to your personal and spiritual life.

Carrying a small notebook to jot down thoughts, ideas and reminders: When something impacts you, big or small, jot it down so you won't forget it. Yes, you could use your cell phone to capture it, but there is something about writing things down that makes it more memorable in the long run.

Stop:
Arriving late (and/or unprepared): If you've already earned a reputation as being the last to arrive to meetings, adjust your routine (and alarm clock) to rid yourself of this unwanted title. It's a sign that you have poor time management skills, and you will find that people will quickly lose respect as you continue to interrupt meetings and fumble around for papers you left behind. Your boss, clients and others are watching. Also apply this principle for church attendance.

Comparing yourself to others: It is one thing to take note of reasons you may have been passed over for a promotion, but quite another to become angry and bitter over someone else's success. Stop looking backwards at your competition and look instead at how you can be the best at what you do.

Complaining: Yes, you may have demanding clients or a supervisor who excels at micro-managing your day, but using valuable time and energy to complain about their behavior won't change your situation. Learn how you can adapt to their personalities and think ahead as to how you can divert some of the scenarios that frustrate you most. Change your attitude and your situation may change as well.

WORKPLACE ETIQUETTE & MANNERS continued:

Exude optimism: Approach your clients and colleagues with a glass “half full” outlook. Being optimistic in business and in life involves more than a cheery persona...it means being solution-driven. If there is an obstacle in your path, rather than going to your boss and explaining why you can't do it, brainstorm several options for resolution. If you found 2015 passing you by for a career advance or you have found yourself feeling defeated over a lost project or promotion, take measured steps to improve your current skill set so that next time around, you get the recognition you deserve.

Be humble regardless of your success: Regardless of your bank account, your character and the way you interact with those you come into contact with is the true measure of success. If you are beginning your career or working on some other goal, remember that when you put forth hard work and learn your business from the bottom upwards, you are often a better leader than someone who has been handed their family's business on a silver or leather coffee tray.

Don't be afraid to fail: On a similar note, how you handle daily awkward moments tells someone a great deal about how you handle life in general. Accept that you are not perfect, you will have lessons to learn up the chain of command; be open to instruction and don't take yourself so seriously unless it's a critical matter. Life will be much more interesting when you are open to new challenges and experiences. If you are always worried about failure, you won't take the steps to succeed. Take a few calculated risks in your career, win or lose, you will have life skills and experience.

Take pride in every small detail: So you are working at your first job and you have very little space or power. You share an office with two other people and most of the time you are behind a desk or on the telephone. Treat every task as if it is the most important task you will ever have. Every incoming call and every letter that crosses your desk is one step closer to your next big move up the ladder. Treat your office mates with the same respect you would your boss if he or she were sitting across the room from you. Making an attempt to do your best, even under less than optimal circumstances shows those with power how you will conduct business as you grow in the company.

Be the first to volunteer: We've all been in meetings where there's lots of talk but no one volunteering to get the task done. Offer to take the lead and recruit others to do the same. Whether it's spearheading cleanup at the local park or painting the front office lobby, offering to do something not on your job descriptions says that you are a team player and can be counted on to take responsibility outside of your realm of expertise.

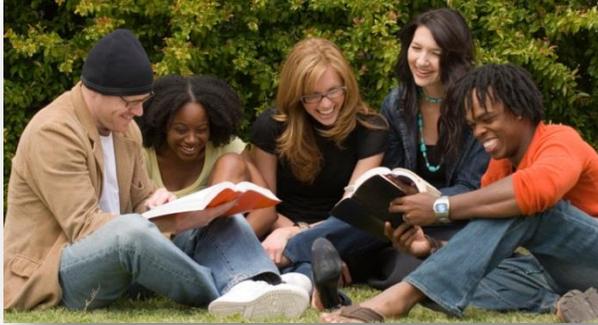
Follow up with people in your network: Make an effort to meet new people and engage with others at networking and corporate events. Find those you are interested in meeting with you and introduce yourself. Ask questions and show interest in what they are saying. Rather than offering them a business card, follow up with a telephone call or short email letting them know how you enjoyed making a new connection. Focus on making a genuine connection that can turn into a business friendship and ally you can call if you need advice or direction.

Carry yourself with confidence: Stand up straight and look the other person in the eye. Imagine you are reaching up to the sky, mouth wide open, catching rain drops with your tongue. Now bring your head back down and this is the posture you should have when you are speaking with someone across from you. Chin up, shoulders back, self-assured and attentive. Continue with eye contact approximately 60% of the time and you are showing that you are engaged and interested in the conversation.

Dress like a million: You may not have a million (yet), but wear everything you have in your closet with confidence and pride. Of course, that means making wise decisions when it comes to buying office wear; experiment with what is in your closet and add key pieces. You will find that you have more options than you may think. A navy pant suit, a few white cotton tees, a nice pair of pumps, some alternating sweaters and a dark colored skirt will start you off on the right foot.

Prioritize your time: When your workday is over, make every attempt to unplug from technology. Take a few moments to connect with friends and focus on your family at home. Make every effort to give each moment your best. Start a nightly routine that includes enough sleep. You are a better employee when you are rested and recharged.

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DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES

Patterns for Problem Solving

“I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”.

(-Philippians 4:12, 13)

Problems! Problems! Problems! Problems are a part of life. They can be related not only to the one you live *without*, but also the one you live with; not only *where* you live, but also *how* you live; not just *where* you work, but also with *whom* you work; not only how much money you have, but also *what* you believe about the money you don't have. The list goes on and on.

James 1 says that you *will* have problems. But you can choose your responses to them. You can either view them as opportunities for growth-profit, or as excuses for failure-loss. How you see your problems will determine whether they become building blocks or stumbling blocks. Consider the following possibilities and reflect upon ways you are responding to your problems:

- ***Curse the problem.*** This, in essence, means adding a negative opinion to the negative facts of the situation – in other words, compounding the negativity.
- ***Nurse the problem.*** Choosing to focus time and attention on the problem itself rather than on its solution.
- ***Disperse the problem.*** This is a technique used in tackling scientific problems. It requires breaking a problem down into its component parts; then working through each part until an answer is reached. As the component problems are solved, the big problem is also solved. This principle is effective for all of life. Overwhelming problems can be solved when the issues of the whole are dealt with one issue at a time.
- ***Reverse the problem. Seek out the positive.*** No situation or circumstance is 100 percent bad. Some glimmer of hope, some ray of light is tucked in every obstacle. Recognize negativity for negativity. **Of course, you should not ignore the problem in hopes that it will go away. To the contrary! You dispose of the negative by: facing the problem and facing your negative response to it; making a decision that the negative response is going to do nothing to solve the problem; and in that light, refusing to dwell upon the negative by turning instead to the positive. Only you can reverse the way you feel about a problem.**

So...what pattern do you usually choose to solve problems? Let's look at what David did when he and his men were hiding from King Saul in a cave (see 1 Sam. 19-24). He had a mess of problems. The men who accompanied him were described as being “in distress, in debt and discontented.” As David stood before them, they were probably surprised when he declared, “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Ps. 34:1, *Amp.*)

What a shock! Praise at a time of despair. Have you ever done that? Have you ever thanked God for your singleness when your heart was aching for a mate?

Praise at a time of loneliness or relational loss. Now, that takes faith! Praise when you're discontented. That will really turn your life around! AMEN.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Are you responding like David did in the cave?*
- Are you feeling threatened, forgotten or meaningless?*
- What is the glimmer of hope hidden in your cave?*
- What can you praise God for right now?*
- What new patterns will you choose for solving problems?*

-William Mitchell, *Winning in the Land of Giants* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995)

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**



A Birthday Thought

Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.
-Garson Kanin

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO EVERYONE BORN
IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY!!!**

UBC COMMUNICATION CARDS: Anyone worshipping 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 encouraged to follow-up your decision TODAY, by contacting REVEREND ALVIN L. WYATT, Minister of Christian Life and Witness at (513) 381-3858. When calling, please leave your name, the spelling of your name, the date and time of your call, and, most importantly, a telephone number where you may be reached. 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: 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 RESUMES, JANUARY 20, 2015, 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).* This Series Subject is: “The Study of God-Life’s Most Meaningful Pursuit.” The Study of God is the most meaningful pursuit in life. Jeremiah 9:23-24 expresses the importance of knowing God: “Thus says the Lord, Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom and not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let Him who boasts boast of this, that He understands and knows Me.” Of all the things that matter in life, to know God through a purposeful study of His nature, His character, and His perfections should be our driving force. Only then will we be able to define everything else accurately. Remember all are welcome, it’s never too late, and may we be blessed with your presence very soon. —Pastor Yates

MEN: CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SERIES RESUMES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016, 7:15 P.M.: This series is entitled, “Kingdom Agenda-Living Life God’s Way,” By Dr. Tony Evans. “In this Bible study, Dr. Tony Evans teaches that the Bible has provided us with a clear authority and a comprehensive, dynamic approach to all of life. Following our own agendas—instead of God’s—will lead to chaos in our personal lives. In this study you will learn: Biblical characteristics of God’s kingdom agenda; Discover your identity, role, and responsibilities as a citizen of God’s kingdom. —Pastor Yates

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016 (continued)**

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

RESUMES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016, 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. It is also 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.** **The study series entitled, "What Are You Afraid Of-Facing Down Your Fears With Faith"** by Dr. David Jeremiah will conclude on January 20, 2016.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS EFFECTIVE

JANUARY 20, 2016, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.: This 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, 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. **Please see the following page for more information.**

DEACONS MINISTRY: The Union Baptist Church Deacons Ministry will meet on Monday, January 25, 2016 at **7:00 p.m.** in the Page Archives Library. **Please have your monthly Ward Family Reports.** -Pastor Yates

ICUA USHERS SCHOOL: The Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Cincinnati (ICUA) is part of a National Organization of Church Ushers. ICUA is an organization that shares a system of usher training to assist ushers in serving God and their church through the Usher Ministry. This is done on a yearly basis through a 16 - week course that is taught at a church in Cincinnati. Beginning Saturday, November 14, 2015, the "George T. Grier School of Ushering" will be held at New Friendship Baptist Church. The church is located at 3212 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229. The meetings will occur every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and end in May, 2016. New ushers and ushers that previously took the classes are also encouraged to attend. -Sis. Shirley Norman, Usher Ministry

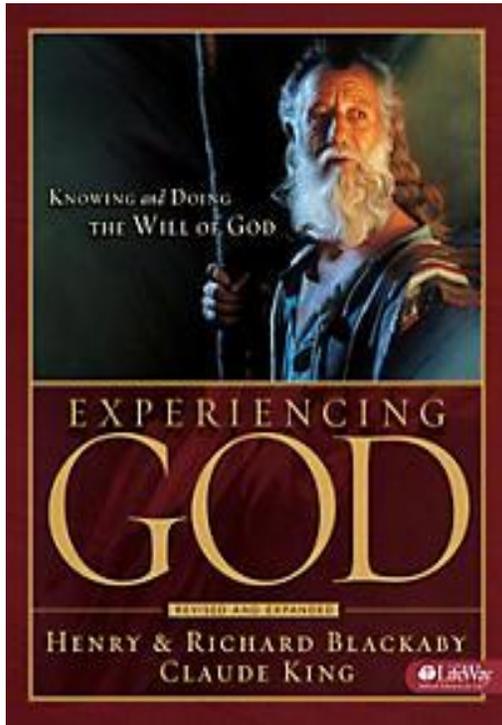
SICK AND SHUT IN GREETING CARD LABELS: Will be distributed on the third Sunday, January 17, 2016. Please be sure to obtain an address label from a Greeting Card ministry member to send one of our many sick and shut in members a greeting card. Thank you. -The Greeting Card Ministry

DID YOU KNOW?: Union Baptist Church has a Gift Shop that is opened for purchases after the 10:20 am worship services. Please look forward to reading additional information about the Gift Shop Ministry in the upcoming March - April newsletter.



Experiencing God

KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD



Before Moses took a single step toward Egypt, he stepped toward God. He developed an intimate relationship with his Creator, and only then did God accomplish great miracles through him.

An exciting new Bible Study series **will begin on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Union.** Through this study, people will be invited to join God in what He is doing. While many people simply ask God to bless their plans, this study helps lead believers into a deeper love relationship, teaching them to pray to hear from God, and to join with God in accomplishing what He purposes to do.



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**THIS 13 WEEK SERIES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
BEGINNING JANUARY 27, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**

Sis Marian Martin Lewis: Sis. Lewis became a member of Union Baptist Church in 1919. She was blessed with the longevity of 106 years and was residing in Indiana. Sis. Lewis's home-going service was held on December 16, 2015.

RESOLUTION IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER MARIAN MARTIN LEWIS

WHEREAS, since it has pleased Almighty God to take our beloved sister on to her reward where she will join that great cloud of witnesses in the heavens, and

WHEREAS, there is now a hush in our hearts as we join you today to pay our respects to the memory of one whose full life was ended when she was called to join the Heavenly Caravan on December 4, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Pastor, officers, and members of Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati extend our most heartfelt sympathy and love to the bereaved family, extended family, a host of other relatives, the Wilberforce University family, and friends of Sister Marian Martin Lewis.

BE IT RESOLVED, Sister Lewis was a sweet spirited woman, always doing good. Her steadfast years of 105 were inspiring to all who knew her. We embrace the family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We cannot replace Sister Lewis, but will attempt to demonstrate her love for others.

BE IT RESOLVED, Be still, my soul - the Lord is on thy side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide - In every change He faithfully will remain. Be still, my soul - thy best, thy heavenly friend thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul- thy God doth under take to guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake - all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul - the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul - the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul - when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayerfully submitted,

Sister Renee Payne, Church Clerk

Reverend Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Pastor

RECENT DEATHS: Please continue to pray for the family of **Bro. James Cryer Jr.** who passed away on January 3, 2016. Bro. Cryer's home-going service was held at Union Baptist Church on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Please continue to also keep in prayer, the **Thompson/Cargile family** for the loss of their loved one, Bro. Keith Thompson. Bro. Thompson's home-going service was held at Union Baptist Church on Saturday, January 2, 2016.

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THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF BRO. EARL DAWSON SR.: A heartfelt thank you is extended to Pastor Yates and Union Baptist Church for the warm condolences given to us in memory of our beloved one, Bro. Earl Dawson, Sr. We especially appreciate Pastor Yates reaching out to Bro. Dawson's surviving siblings and lifting them up in prayer. God Bless You Always. –The Dawson/Norman family

THANK YOU FROM PDYM: The Christmas purse drive conducted by PDYM in conjunction with Metro Bus collected 67 purses. The purses were filled with personal items for the women and young ladies. There were also clothes, toys, and shoes collected for boys and girls of all ages. The purses and all other items were taken to Interfaith Hospitality and the Anna Louise Inn on Reading Road. I would like to thank everyone who gave donations and gave of their time to help deliver all the items on December 12th to both places. To God be the Glory for the great things He has done. Sis. Kim Wyatt

WEDDING VOW RENEWALS: Pastor Yates conducted the second annual marriage renewal ceremony during the 10:20 a.m. worship celebration on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The following couples renewed their wedding vows: Deacon Crawford and Sis. Deborah Cobb (June 2012); Deacon Willie and Sis Gwen Hall (May 1976); Bro. Charles and Sis. Denise Harris (July 2013); Reverend Barry and Sis. Keisha Hixson (February 2012); Reverend Emanuel and Sis. Toni Marshall (April 1988); and Reverend Alvin and Sis. Kim Wyatt (August 2004).

Congratulations to Bro. Benjamin and Sis. Lillian Dean who celebrated 60 years of marriage! They were not able to attend the vow renewal ceremony but were present in spirit.

INFANT AND CHILDREN'S DEDICATION: A special period of dedication was observed during the worship celebration on Sunday, December 20, 2015 for infants and children who attend the Nursery Ministry and Children's Church. The following children were accompanied by parents/guardians and dedicated during the ceremony: Shane Britton (Sis. Raven Jackson); Andersyn Byes (Sis. Linda Byes); Jarell Hall (Deacon Willie and Sis. Gwen Hall); A'Myah and Ta'nyah Hoover (Sis. Doris Mack); Rashad Manuel Jr. (Sis. Keisha Hixson); Alonzo Jr. and Ayden Montgomery (Bro. Alonzo and Sis. Melanie Montgomery); Christopher Price (Deacon Crawford and Sis. Deborah Cobb); Umi-Dae Phillips (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Deborah Phillips); Jayveouna Thompson (Sis. Dorothy Lynch); and Audrey Williams (Sis. Tempest Alexander).

OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER: On behalf of the Trustee Board Ministry of Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati and its Personnel sub-committee, we wish to formally introduce to the congregation and welcome our newest staff member, Bro. Kenneth Dale McAllister. Bro. McAllister has begun his new position as of Monday, January 4, 2016 and is already off to a wonderful start of being acclimated to the church office, our policies and procedures, our God-given Mission and Vision, all key leaders and staff members of the church. He will directly report to Pastor Yates under the job title of "Church Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor". Dale, as he prefers to be called, brings with him years of experience in finance, sales, leadership, administrative skills and networking. Above all he is a born again child of God who has carried a vision God has placed on his life to work in the field of church operations and growth. He is grateful for the opportunity God has afforded him here at Union and knows that he has been called by God to our church family for such a time as this. We at Union have been tremendously blessed to be appointed by God this servant leader. At a later date, a formal "Meet and Greet" for the congregation will be scheduled for members to personally meet Dale and his family and to learn more about his calling and responsibilities. Please join us with giving him a warm and heartfelt welcome! Thank you. Bro. Dorsey Hubbard, Chairman of Personnel and Dr. Carolyn Turner, Chair of the Board of Trustees

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JANUARY IS WORSHIPPING JESUS CHRIST ONLY,
ALWAYS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FIRST QUARTERLY CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING: will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: will be held during the 10:20 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 17, 2016.

CITY WIDE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OBSERVANCE: The Annual Commemorative Celebration will occur on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Music Hall.

FIRST QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE: will be held on January 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

Born: January 15, 1929, Atlanta, GA

Assassinated: April 4, 1968, Memphis, TN

Spouse: Coretta Scott King (married 1953–1968)

Children: Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King, Yolanda King, Bernice King

Influenced by: Mahatma Gandhi and Abraham Lincoln

Dr. King's Quotes:

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE MONTH

Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016: A Black History tribute by the Mahala Saunders Library Ministry will occur during the 10:20 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016: A Black History tribute by the Mahala Saunders Library Ministry will occur during the 10:20 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016: UBC African Heritage Apparel Sunday Observance. A Black History tribute by the Mahala Saunders Library Ministry will also occur during the 10:20 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016: A Black History tribute by the Mahala Saunders Library Ministry will occur during the 10:20 a.m. worship service.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM: The Music Ministry will sponsor a program on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM, here at Union. More information will be forthcoming..... -Bro. Jason Bailey

Quotes by Famous African Americans

People see God every day; they just don't recognize him. - *Pearl Bailey*

Do not fear mistakes. There are none. - *Miles Davis*

We must not become discouraged. - *Booker T. Washington*

I am not going to die. I'm going home like a shooting star. - *Sojourner Truth*

I am especially glad of the divine gift of laughter; it has made the world human and loveable, despite all its pain and wrong. - *W. E. Dubois*

I glory in conflict that I may hereafter exult in victory. - *Frederick Douglas*

DID YOU KNOW??...The UBC Sabbath School was established on February 4, 1834 and Joseph Emery was the first Superintendent.

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Union Baptist Church Sunday School 2016 - Message from the Superintendent

Greetings Members of Union: As we begin a new year, the UBC Sunday School staff is looking forward to another year of assisting the membership in the study of God's holy word.

The word of God says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". (2 Timothy 2:15)

As Superintendent, I met with Pastor, Assistant Superintendent and the Ministerial Staff to discuss where we need to go this coming year to get more adults involved in bible study during the Sunday School hour. After much discussion we agreed to make a paradigm shift in how we teach the adult classes, as well as the classes for our youth.

Starting this January 2016, we are asking all adult instructors and their classes to assemble in the main sanctuary where bible study will take place. The adult instructors will teach the lesson for the morning. **This class will be held every second Sunday of each month only.** The instructors will bring the lesson from materials they have been provided with which will not be the regular Sunday School class materials.

I am praying that even if you do not attend Sunday School on a regular basis, you will come and be a part of this fellowship period. It is also my prayer that you will start attending Sunday School on a regular basis.

We will also have activities planned for our youth; the instructors will also be working on fellowshipping with a number of churches in the downtown area this coming year. Therefore, parents and guardians, we are asking for your support in getting your children and youth to Union for Sunday School as well.

We look forward to what God has in store for us this coming year and we pray that every member of Union will become more involved in studying God's word during the Sunday School worship period.

God's blessings,
Deacon Ernest Norman, Superintendent

WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

Women's Ministry Community Outreach - Oh what a blessing it is to pray, sing and dance for others during the Christmas season. We visited Clifton Care Center, Dual Manor and Oak Pavilion nursing homes. The Holy Spirit was among us. We were blessed to be together in His presence praising Him. Special thanks to the Deaconess, Praise Dance, Guild Girls and Puppet Ministries for their support.

Second Annual Re-Gifting Project - Our membership was asked to give new items that they had received that were the wrong color or size that was just taking up space in their closets and garage to this project.

This year we donated over \$500 dollars worth of gifts to the Bethany House (Social Service Organization for Families) Members from Union gave toys, shoes, purses and a variety of holiday gifts for families. Thanks family for all you do for Christ.

Sis. Louise Stevenson, Ministry Leader

Greetings from the Union Baptist Church Trustee Board Ministry!

The mission of the Trustee Board is to prayerfully and effectively manage the resources of the church so that the church can effectively achieve the goals of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, worship, and service. The Trustee Board has been very busy over the last eight months.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment has been the replacement of the roof, which the church was able to accomplish through contributions from the membership, rather than through loans, which would have put the church in debt for many years. The next related project is the replacement of the ceiling in the sanctuary, which we hope to complete in the first quarter of 2016.

As you may recall, the sump pump malfunctioned in July 2015, causing a flood in Hays Hall. As a result, all of the flooring has been replaced. The Property and Space Committee, under the leadership of Dea. Crawford Cobb is working on beautification efforts in Hays Hall, with the intent of reopening it in the first quarter of 2016. Efforts to clear out clutter in Hays Hall, as well as in other areas of the church, are underway.

Property & Space has also assembled a team that conducts regular walk-throughs of the church to ensure that lights are off, doors are properly locked, appliances are off and unplugged, and the HVAC system is turned off. Very often, lights and appliances are left on when no one is in the building, consuming energy, causing potential safety hazards, and raising our utilities bills. We are asking that all members be mindful of areas as they leave, ensuring that lights and appliances are turned off.

Other projects have included painting and beautification in the bathrooms, installation of a new access ramp in the parking lot, new exit signs, and deep cleaning and debris removal in various areas of the church.

The Insurance Committee has conducted an inspection of the building to identify safety and risk management issues. Steps have been taken to correct safety concerns - more information will be provided to the church at the next Quarterly Church Conference.

The church is encouraging members to volunteer in various areas of the church. Volunteers have been working with Property and Space, Finance, and Cemetery committees, and the church has been blessed to have regular and ongoing support in the church office from Sis. Jaci Powell and Sis. Donnetta Johnson.

Other projects planned for 2016 include, but are not limited to:

- Repairs to the HVAC (Heating/Air Conditioning) System to improve its efficiency
- Upgrades to cemeteries, including a software system to replace the manual system of recordkeeping.
- Other upgrades and beautification efforts in the sanctuary and church office.

The Trustee Board is greatly appreciative of the generous and increased giving of church members to help pay the expenses of the church and complete needed projects. However, though much progress has been made, much still needs to be done.

Thank you for your continued sacrificial giving in 2016.

God Bless You,

Sis. Carolyn Turner, Chair
Union Baptist Church Trustee Board

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UNION FOUNDATION NEWS

The Mission of The Union Foundation is to “Generate resources and services to positively impact the lives of all people in our community.” Some of our projects include, but are not limited to, the annual Summer Food and Enrichment Program, the Northern Ohio Affordable Housing (NOAH) Home Ownership Workshop, Getting Your Health in Order Initiatives, and administration of the Freddie Powell, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund.

If you are a Union Baptist Church Ministry Leader or part of a ministry that has a project or need for the good of the church and/or the community, and where funds are lacking, The Union Foundation has resources for searching for funding, sponsorships, partnerships, and collaborations whereby your project can be completed and needs of the community can be met. **There are monetary blessings out there!** The Union Foundation can help you find them. When searching for funding, the committee will need to know the exact nature of the project, a brief history of the need or status, the amount requested, the anticipated outcomes, and a contact person from your ministry. You may come across a grant opportunity or funding source that is a perfect fit for your ministry, and you are not sure how to handle it.

Simply contact The Union Foundation Grant Making Committee c/o Jaci Powell, jpowell629@yahoo.com, or by phone, (513) 304-3041, and we will prayerfully assist you. Together we can move forward for the benefit of the church and community.

Not only do we search out grants from outside sources, The Union Foundation continues to move forward because of donations from businesses, community organizations, networks, partnerships, joint ventures, collaborations, and donations from private donors like you. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to The Union Foundation at your earliest convenience.** Donations can be sent to The Union Foundation, c/o Dea. Ernest Norman, Treasurer, 405 W. Seventh Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203.

Jaci Powell
Acting Executive Director
The Union Foundation

Notice: If anyone reading this newsletter has **grant-writing experience**, your gifts, skills and passion are urgently needed by The Union Foundation. Please **notify Jaci Powell, 513-304-3041.**

SUMMER FOOD AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM RECOGNITIONS

Whole Again recognized their 7 year partnership with the Union Foundation, Summer Food and Enrichment Program. As Pastor Chris Beard and I talked during dinner, we could not believe that for 4 of those 7 years the program has been at Peoples Church. We thank God also for our partnership and the opportunity to help families and their children prevent summer learning loss, while providing enrichment during the summer.

I too thank the Union Foundation, Union Baptist Church, Peoples Church, and everyone involved for all that you have done to help keep the program going.

For those who could not make it, you missed a great program, fellowship, and plenty of tasty food! Please see the attached program and certificate received at the Appreciation Dinner. God bless all of you.

Annette I. Bell, R.D., L.D. Union Baptist Church, Health and Wellness Ministry, Leader Summer Food and Enrichment Program

Whole Again 11TH ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER



Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Tryed Stone New Beginning Church

PROGRAM

GREETINGS

Kendra Scott,

Whole Again—Board Chairwoman

SONG

Danielle Frazier,

KUUMBA SEP

PRAYER

Pastor Chris Beard,

Peoples Church

DINNER

SPOKEN WORD

Johnathan Johnson,

Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Pastor Gregory Chandler, Sr.,

Whole Again Founder & President/CEO

CLOSING REMARKS

Pastor Trevor Phillips,

Director of Academic Enrichment

BENEDICTION

Dinner Catered by Kingdom Cafe

Whole Again Sites—2015



Bright Star Baptist Church

Camp HOPE

Carmel Presbyterian Church

**Christ Emmanuel Christian
Fellowship**

Cincinnati Urban Promise

DePaul Cristo Rey High School

DRAMAKINETICS

First Baptist Church, Cumminsville

Holy Family Elementary School

**House of Hope Fellowship Church—
West End**

**House of Hope Fellowship Church—
Winton Terrace**

KUUMBA

**Midwest Fitness Education
Summer Program**

New Prospect Baptist Church

Union Foundation at Peoples Church

Phoenix Community Learning Center

Pleasant Hill Academy

**Reading Lockland Presbyterian
Church**

Revolution Dance Theater

River of Life Church

Seton High School

Su Casa Hispanic Center

**Trees of Righteousness Summer
Enrichment Program**

**Truth and Destiny Covenant Ministry,
United Church of Christ**

Villages at Roll Hill Community

Washington United Church of Christ

Zion Baptist Church

**The Public Libraries of Cincinnati and
Hamilton County**



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“Feeding at-risk children and enriching their lives”

Certificate of Appreciation

Union Foundation at Peoples Church

For seven (7) years of faithful service as a

*Whole Again Site Partner, feeding the
mind, body and spirit of our youth.*



Gregory Chandler, Sr, Founder & President/CEO

November 20, 2015

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNION FOUNDATION SUMMER FOOD AND ENRICHMENT

PROGRAM: for being one of the 75 summer camps that earned accreditation through the American Camp Association. God bless you! - Pastor Yates

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!

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT? 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!**

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Church Newsletter is now published on a bi-monthly basis. The deadline for Church Announcements for the March-April Newsletter is on the **third Monday, February 15th, by 12:00 Noon**. Requests for announcements should be **emailed** 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**. -Thank you, Pastor Yates

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI WEBSITE: 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.**

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UNION BAPTIST ANNOUNCES NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

The church has a new email address for all ministry announcements. Please send all forms of communications (church announcements, flyers, upcoming events, etc.) to **unioncincinnati@gmail.com**. Please note that all previous personal emails that were used will no longer be monitored for church communications. Thank you! -Pastor Yates

UBC UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM: 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 on the table outside the Church Office. When you have completed your form, please place it in Pastor Yates' mailbox outside of his office. Please respond. -Thank You, Pastor Yates

THE CITY GOSPEL MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY: The following schedule of the longstanding participation of Union Baptist Church Ministers began with Reverend Shawn D. Pate, is as follows:

January 23, 2016	Reverend Alvin Wyatt	Preaching at 7:30 p.m.
February 27, 2016	Reverend Emanuel Marshall	Preaching at 7:30 p.m.

Union is asked to pray for and support, in every way possible, **our Associate Ministers** as they serve at City Gospel Mission, which is located at 1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214, (513) 241-5525. - Thank You. Pastor Yates.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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.

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS OF
MINISTRY


Union Baptist Church
Health and Wellness Ministry

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20 YEARS OF
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In Existence Since June 23, 1996

2016 Initiatives

February 13, Go Red Extravaganza & Book Scholarship Brunch, 4 pm, Place: To Be Announced, Chairperson: Annette I. Bell, Ministry Leader

February 14, Union Baptist Church Go Red Sunday, Chairperson: Annette I. Bell, Ministry Leader

April 2, Minority Health Month Kick-off Screening Event. 9 am—2 pm, 1635 Western Row Avenue,
Every Monday in April—Daniel Plan Workshop and Exercise, 6 pm—8 pm. Place: To be Announced. In Partnership with: The Union Foundation and Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority. Chairperson: Annette I. Bell, Ministry Leader

Every Sunday in April—Alcohol Awareness Month. In Partnership with: The Substance Abuse Recovery and Prevention Ministry Chairperson: Phyllis Matthews, Ministry Member

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

June 13, Picnic Carnival Celebration, Place: To Be Announced. In Partnerships with the UBC Vacation Bible School Picnic Committee. Chairperson: Renita Foster, Ministry Member

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. 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. Chairperson: Donnetta Johnson, Ministry Member

October, Recovery Worship Month. Details To Be Announced. In Partnership with the Substance Abuse Recovery and Prevention Ministry. Chairperson: Phyllis Matthews, Ministry Member

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"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." (3 John 2, NIV)

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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

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Rev. Shawn Pate, Minister of Small Care Groups
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Small Care Group Ministry

Our vision is to connect everyone from the community to the core of our membership together through purpose driven principles.

Our mission is to:

Develop our commitment to please God	Worship
Connect with others to become united in Christ	Fellowship
Learn how to transform our lives through biblical studies	Discipleship
Serve with others to meet the needs of your community	Ministry
Share in the mission of bringing others to Christ.	Evangelism

The small care group ministry shares these five purposes in the context of a small group of members that leads to spiritual growth in a threefold manner: individual maturity growth among the members of the care group, an authentic and confidential support group to help each other share the load of living for Jesus Christ, and outreach opportunities used to reach the unsaved and birth new groups. Within this ministry you will find groups of all varieties including biblical study groups, gender specific groups (men and women), co-ed groups, married couples, and young adult groups. The small care group ministry provides an opportunity for everyone.

Some of the biblical concepts of the small care group ministry include:

- “The empty chair” – A visual representative made available at all care group meetings as reminder to continuously reach out to invite others to join the care group and resist closure of a group
- “Birthing” – Small care groups are designed to serve 10 -12 people every week through these five purposes to be able to reach spiritual growth together within the group. Upon reaching this count consistently, the group will “birth” another group, which will designate time and place to meet separate from the original group thus fulfilling the discipleship model of Jesus Christ.
- “Membership change” – This concept is a reminder that upon growth in the small care group, there will be an opportunity for individuals to birth another group making room for more to come. Despite how comfortable and enjoyable care group may become, all the members of the group must acknowledge that there may be a need for everyone to consider birthing a group (open mind for growth).

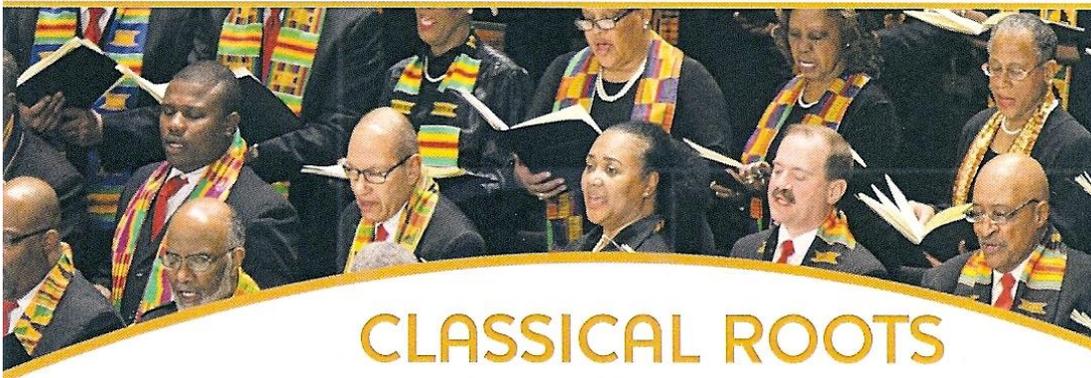
UBC FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra is offering Union Baptist Church a unique fundraising opportunity for the **Classical Roots Concert on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 7:30 pm at Music Hall**. This historic concert featuring the Classical Roots Community Mass Choir will be an amazing event for the entire community.

Union Baptist Church is signed up to be a Classical Roots Partner and is assigned the following promotion code: **11075**. Each partner church will receive a portion of the proceeds for every ticket sold to someone calling **(513) 744-3590** and mentioning Union Baptist's promotion code (**11075**). Union Baptist earns \$2, \$5, \$8 or \$11 per ticket, depending on the type of ticket sold. After the event on April 29th, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will issue a check for the proceeds to each partner church, based on the number of tickets sold. Ticket prices and amount earned are as follows: VIP (\$55/\$11); Adult A (\$40/\$8); Adult B (\$25/\$5); Student (\$10/\$2). Please be sure to identify yourselves as members of Union Baptist Church so that Union will get the credit for the sale.

A special thank you, to Sis. Ruth Phillips for attending the informational meeting (on behalf of Bro. Jason Bailey) regarding this fundraising event. If you have any questions, please see Sis. Shirley Norman, Public Relations Ministry.

RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR GROUP!



Join us for a
celebration of
African-American
musical heritage.
All are welcome!

MAC Open Door Concert



The Louise Dieterle Nippert
Musical Arts Fund



CLASSICAL ROOTS

FRI APR 29, 2016 | 7:30 pm | MUSIC HALL

Use code **11075** to raise funds for your group!

BUY EARLY— this concert sells out fast!



CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Presenting Sponsor: World Pac Paper, LLC Community Impact Sponsor: Fifth Third Foundation
Youth Education Ticket Sponsor: CES/LINK Fund

Classical Roots is a presentation of Sound Discoveries: Music for the Community and is made possible in part thanks to The Corbett Educational Endowment established by Mrs. Patricia Corbett and The Corbett Foundation.