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A DEVOTIONAL **FOR MEN ON THE GO**

AUTHENTIC FREEDOM

WHEN IS A MAN REALLY FREE? What constitutes freedom—true freedom among men?

At first thought the average man would probably say: “I’m free!” But is he? Are men really *as free as they like to think*?

Free politically—and economically—and socially. Free to worship God as he pleases. Free to speak his mind—to think his way—to make a living—to pursue happiness. *But is that all there is to freedom?*

Here’s a man who’d swear he’s free. *But he’s selfish!* HE’S NOT FREE *not* TO BE SELFISH! He doesn’t want to be this way—he criticizes selfishness in others . . . yet he’s *constantly embarrassed* by selfishness in himself. Much as he hates it—HE’S IN BONDAGE TO SELF. He’s not *really* free!

Another man is not free **NOT TO LUST!** He’s *ashamed of lust* in his life. He fights it with all of his power. But again and again lust burns in his heart. He won’t admit it—either to himself or others—but it’s there. He resists it—but it has an *iron grip*. He’s not really free!

Or there’s the man who’s *not free from pride*. He admires humility in other men. Thinks of humility as the supreme virtue. Yet time and again he’s humiliated by things he’s said and done which *pride provoked*. PRIDE DOMINATES HIS LIFE—causing burning *shame and regret*. He despises it—but he’s *bound* by it. He’s *a long way* from being a free man!

Take the man with an *ungovernable temper*. Who can measure the wounded hearts—the lost causes—the broken dreams—the wrecked lives that his uncontrollable anger causes? *Is a man free when he’s a slave to his temper?*

Men *otherwise strong and wise*—pitifully—tragically *bound* by inner emotions and damnable dispositions that rule and reign in their hearts *dictating* words and deeds and attitudes that they despise!

Like Alexander the Great who wept because there were no more worlds to conquer—and cursed himself for his own *lack of self-control*. He conquered the world—and was *pathetically defeated* by himself!

The list is almost endless of the tyrants that rule in men’s hearts. *Tyrants that devastate lives and homes and businesses*. Tyrants that shackle and bind strong men making them helpless slaves: Jealousy—covetousness—envy—greed. . .

This is precisely why JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ADEQUATE SAVIOR! He frees a man inwardly—breaks the shackles of an evil disposition. When Christ rules in a man’s heart—HE EMANCIPATES THAT MAN COMPLETELY!

“I am crucified with Christ—nevertheless I live—yet not I—but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME. . .” “The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath SET ME FREE from the law of sin and death.” --Apostle Paul.

Ask Christ to free you. He will! Amen.

Perspective Devotional Thoughts for Men
—Dr. Richard Halverson

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY **MARRIED COUPLE**

COMPANIONSHIP—A NECESSITY

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
ROMANS 14:19

How’s your friendship with one another? Marriage works so much better when friendship is involved. Sometimes this is called “companionship” or even “companioning.” Ron Hawkins has some helpful thoughts on this subject.

Good companioning involves our free choice of our partner as a companion and our unconditional acceptance of his or her unique personality.

Good companioning rests on the conviction that we are completely loved by our mate. We need change nothing to win or retain that love.

Good companioning requires a commitment to majoring on the positive while in the presence of the companion.

Good companioning involves our free choice to spend the bulk of leisure time with the companion of choice.

Good companioning results from our willingness to allow for and support individual differences. Good companions don’t try to make each other over to fit some predetermined mold.

Good companioning involves a willingness to speak to a partner in a language of love that communicates.

Good companions do not try to meet every need that partners have. We meet those we have the resources to meet. Only Jesus Christ can meet some of our mate’s needs.

- Spend time together. We give the gift of time.
- Have fun together. We give the gift of laughter.
- Share feelings and thoughts. We give the gift of sharing.
- Like being together. We give the gift of appreciation.
- Discuss issues. We give the gift of confidence.
- Survive crises together. We give the gift of dependability.
- Discuss fears. We give the gift of vulnerability.
- Cover our partners’ weaknesses. We give the gift of protection.
- Celebrate our individual values together. We give the gift of respect.
- Encourage a life separate from our life together. We give the gift of separateness.
- Speak the truth together. We give the gift of honesty.
- Handle conflict together. We give the gift of surfaced anger.
- Practice forgiveness. We give the gift of forgiveness.
- Practice unconditional acceptance. We give the gift of love.

Amen.

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

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

- TEEN'S CORNER -

GOT QUESTIONS ? GOD'S GOT ANSWERS...



QUESTION:

What does the Bible have to teach me about maturity?

THE QUICK ANSWER:

God is still working in you and through you. Even if you're a mature Christian, you can still grow in the knowledge and love of your Savior every day that you every day that you live.

Growing Up

"When I was a child, I spoke and thought as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things"
(1Corinthians 13:11 NLT)

The journey toward spiritual maturity lasts a lifetime. As Christians, we can and should continue to grow in the love and the knowledge of our Savior as long as we live. Norman Vincent Peale had the following advice for believers of all ages: "Ask the God who made you to keep you." That advice, of course, is perfectly sound, but often ignored.

When we cease to grow, either emotionally or spiritually, we do ourselves a profound disservice. But, if we study God's Word, if we obey His commandments, and if we live in the center of His will, we will not be "stagnant" believers; we will, instead, be growing Christians . . . and that's exactly what God intends for us to be.

Life is a series of choices and decisions that can bring us closer to God . . . or not. When we live according to the principles contained in God's Holy Word, we embark upon a journey of spiritual maturity that results in life abundant and life eternal.

We set our eyes on the finish line, forgetting the past, and straining toward the mark of spiritual maturity and fruitfulness. Amen. *—Vonette Bright*

You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like Him. There is no neutral position in the Lord. *—Stormie Omartian*

The vigor of our spiritual lives will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our lives and in our thoughts. *—George Mueller*

God's plan for our guidance is for us to grow gradually in wisdom before we get to the crossroads.
—Bill Hybels

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"

THE BIBLE SALESMEN

A pastor concluded that his church was getting into serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new Bibles that had never been opened and distributed. So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperately needed money for the church.

Jack, Paul and Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task. The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some bibles. But he had serious doubts about Louie who was a local farmer, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louie stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage Louie, the minister decided to let him try anyway.

He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday.

Eager to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, "Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our bibles last week?" Proudly handing the reverend an envelope, Jack replied, "Using my sales prowess, **I was able to sell 20 bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church.**" "Fine job, Jack!" The minister said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you."



Turning to Paul, "And Paul, how many bibles did you sell for the church last week?" Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, "**I am a professional salesman. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected.**" The minister responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is also indebted to you."

Apprehensively, the minister turned to Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope. The minister opened it and counted the contents. "What is this?" the minister exclaimed. "**Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?**"

Louie just nodded. "That's impossible!" both Jack and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many bibles as we could. "Yes, this does seem unlikely," the minister agreed.

"I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie." Louie shrugged. "I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered. Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!"

"A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you l-l-l-l-l-like t-t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible f-f-f-for t-t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks---o-o-o-or---wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just l-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??"

--http://www.clearvisionbiblestudies.com/Humor/bible_salesman.html



Offensive words that come from your mouth, if repeated, can make bitter enemies.

--The Husia, translated by Dr. Maulana Karenga

Every mouth has two lips. The high lip gives to praise the low lip gives to gossip. When we do not guard what we say or to whom we say it, we can never be sure which lip will repeat the words. The ancient Egyptians gave warnings about the unguarded movement of the mouth. They understood the destructive potential of words on the wrong lips. We may not be familiar with those ancient teachings, but we do know the impact of low-lipped speaking. Speak highly of everyone or say nothing at all. Repeat only that which you have a duty to repeat and repeat it with a noble intent. If something you say comes back the wrong way, correct it immediately. If you quarrel with family or friends, speak to them directly. Temper your words with a consciousness of empathy. Speak the way you would want to be spoken to. Remember that your parents gave you the blessing of lips; speak to them with an attitude of gratefulness.

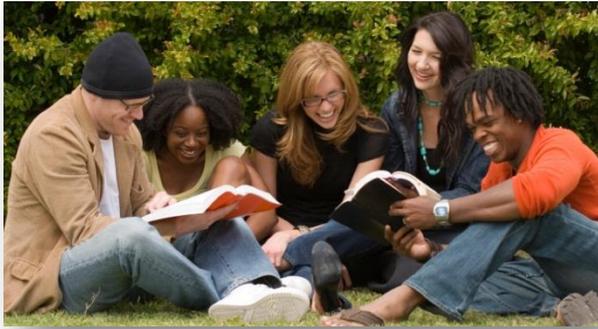
I have spoken truly and done it righteously.

No investigation. No right to speak. --Confucius

Very often we find ourselves involved in conversations of the ‘he said, she said’ variety. We may not know the parties involved or we may have heard some other version of the same story from another source. The sad thing is we use this information as the basis for our opinions and interactions with the people involved. There’s an old African saying, “Ears don’t pass head,” which means we should never let what goes into our ears override good common sense. Common sense tells us we should accept people for who they are based on our individual experience with them. All too often the side of the story that is not told is the other person’s side. It is in our best interests to give everyone a fair start, regardless of what we have heard about them. We should make our own mental inventory; identify any negative experiences we have had. If there are none, we should commit ourselves to be open and deal with people as they deal with us.

I am willing to give everyone a fresh start.

--Source: *Acts of Faith*, by Iyanla Vanzant



DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES

You Can Be a Charismatic Person **(Part 1)**

“And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every kind of disease, and every kind of sickness. And seeing the Multitudes, He felt compassion for them because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without shepherds. Then He said to his disciples “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” -MATTHEW 9:35-38

Charismatic people. You probably know some. They stand out. They seem special. They have... Charisma—a special quality that causes others to respond to them. People listen to them, follow them and want to be around them. You might be wondering, *What is charisma? How do you acquire it? Can you acquire it? Why should you even want to acquire it?*

Charisma is not a pretense or a mask that you put on. It’s not a specific kind of hype that you employ. It’s a grouping of qualities that you make you into a special and unique person. Perhaps one of the best explanations for it comes from John Maxwell:

Charisma is being more concerned about making others feel good about themselves than you are in making them feel good about you.”

This sounds like a model for servanthood... and it is. Dr. Maxwell goes on to define the word by using an acrostic to portray the traits of charisma. Keep in mind that these are not inborn traits. **They can be developed especially when we turn our lives over to the Lord and let Him work on us from the inside out.**

The acrostic John Maxwell uses is:

- ❖ **C**oncern
- ❖ **H**elp
- ❖ **A**ction
- ❖ **R**esults
- ❖ **I**nfluence
- ❖ **S**ensitivity
- ❖ **M**otivation
- ❖ **A**ffirmation

Now let’s look at two qualities: Concern and Help.

“Concern” is the ability to show that you genuinely care about others. Perhaps in your fellowship group at church you’ve seen two kinds of people. Some arrive with the attitude of “Here I am”; others respond with “There you are.” **Think about who you know with these attitudes. Now reread the passage from Matthew. Let’s compare these attitudes to that of Jesus.** Jesus *went*, He *saw*, He *felt* and He *cared*. As we can discover from Jesus’s example we must spend time with others to discover their needs so we can then respond to them appropriately.

“Help” is simply the ability to reach out. The phone ad “Reach out and touch someone” is a good way to describe this ability. Charismatic people are helpers. They recognize that God’s gifts are given to help others.

And since we have gifted that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith (Rom. 12:6).

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11, 12).

God has put people in your life who need you to reach out and touch their lives in some way. They need your help, your tangible assistance. A helper often cannot solve another person’s problems but encourages the other person to believe he or she has the capability and ability to solve his or her own difficulties. God has called you to help others; therefore, you may need to loan someone your faith and hope until that one is able to build up his or her own faith. Your belief in someone else may make all the difference in the world.

Who needs your concern today? And who needs hope and faith? AMEN.

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

DEVOTIONAL FOR SENIORS **THE BACK NINE**



(For those of you that don't play golf, The Back Nine refers to the last nine holes on an 18-hole golf course. In other words, it means heading to the finish.)

AND THEN IT IS WINTER.....

You know ... Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder

where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... The **back nine of my life** and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! **Yes, I have regrets.** There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Remember: *"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."*

You are not promised to see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

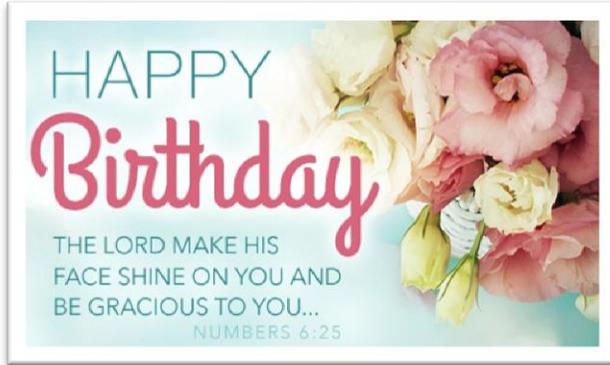
LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good... Coming home is better!
- You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf. The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care about your lack of interest.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV "ON" than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- You tend to use more 4 letter words like... "what?"..."when?"...
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
- But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, **OLD FRIENDS!**
- Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS!

-- Anonymous

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO EVERYONE BORN
IN THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL!!!**

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 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

**CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**

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

DEACONS MINISTRY: The Union Baptist Church Deacons Ministry will meet on Monday, March 7, 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

DAILY BREADS FOR MARCH-MAY: The quarterly Daily Breads are now available for the months of March, April and May. Please see an usher to pick up a Daily Bread for yourself, family members and friends.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT AND BOOK STUDY: Attention Women of Union: The Women's Ministry **will be serving at Matthew 25 on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Sis. Louise Stevenson (309-5125) or Sis. Rogena Stargel (703-9647) with any questions.

Attention Women of Union: The Women's Ministry of Union will be holding a book study during the month of April. **We will re-visit "Kingdom Women."** We encourage all women of Union to join us as we learn how to become Women of God. **The study will be held on 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 and 4/30/16** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Please contact Sis Louise Stevenson or Sis. Rogena Stargel **if you need a book. The cost of the book is \$5.00.**

-Sis. Rogena Stargel, Women's Ministry

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All members are asked to be mindful that no one should be in the church building between the hours of 11 pm to 7 am because of security purposes. Any necessary exceptions will need to be coordinated and approved by Dea. Crawford Cobb, Chairman of Property and Space, at least one week in advance. God's Blessing to each of you from the Trustee Board Ministry. —Bro. Jeremy Yates, Trustee Board Ministry

Thank you from the Thompson family: Pastor Yates, Sis.Yates and Union Baptist Church Family - We are so grateful to you for all your loving support, cards and prayers during Keith's illness and death. Also, thank you for all your many acts of kindness. We could not have made this journey without you. God bless you and keep you. ----Thank you, The Family of Keith Thompson.

CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

UPCOMING SURGERY: Union Baptist Church family members are asked to lift up Sis. Delores Johnson in prayer. She will be undergoing surgery at a date and time to be determined.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the family of long-time and faithful Union Baptist Church member, Sis. Sue Wormley, who recently went home to be with the Lord. A special Memorial Services will be held at Union on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 10 A.M.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Sis. Elsie Pierre for the homegoing of her sister-in-law, the late Sis. Delores Pierre Gant. Sis. Gant was funeralized on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please continue to keep in your prayers, the family of the late Sis. Clarabell Fletcher, mother of Reverend Dia Mari-Jata and mother-in-law of Sis. Wanda Mari-Jata. Sis. Fletcher's homegoing service was held on February 17, 2016 at True Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Also please keep in your prayers, the family of the late Bro. Willis Pace, beloved uncle of Sis. Monica Ray. Bro. Pace's homegoing service was held in Cincinnati on January 30, 2016.

"THE SHOP" AT UNION BAPTIST



The "Shop at Union" began with an idea and unanimous donation from one of our devoted parishioners.

The idea is to reach out to our Children's Ministry, in aiding them to strengthen communication by way of customer service through a retail experience; as well as becoming a resource to our church.

And you should remember the Lord your GOD. For it is he who gives you the power to get wealth that He may establish his covenant which He swore to your fathers as it is this day. (Deuteronomy 8:18)

The "Shop at Union" provides Christian based items for sale. We purport to provide a variety of items for Christian every day use.

(Sis. Valentina Moreno Cheek, Gift Shop Ministry Leader and Bro. Christopher Price, Ministry Helper)

CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

In case you missed it..... here is a recap of January and February events:

SURPRISE SOLOIST: Bro. Eion Hindsman volunteered to do a solo during the 10 a.m. worship services on Sunday, January 10, 2016. He blessed the congregation with a heartfelt rendition of "Total Praise". Bro. Hindsman was home on a holiday break from school. He is in his second year at Morehouse College in Atlanta. He is also the grandson of Bro. James and Sis. Rosie Hindsman.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING (MLK) CITYWIDE OBSERVANCE: Among other Union Baptist participants, our own Bro. Christopher Price (pictured at far left) helped lead the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition March from the King Legacy Awards Breakfast to the Annual Citywide MLK Observance at Music Hall on January 18, 2016.



--Photo from Cincinnati Herald

We praise God for Sis. Portia Fuller (pictured below, third person from right), a member of the MLK Legacy Breakfast Committee. The MLK Legacy Breakfast was held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on January 18, 2016. The honorees were the Freedom Center's Youth Docent Graduating Class of 2016. Dr. Bleuzette Marshall, Chief Diversity Office for the University of Cincinnati, was the keynote speaker.



--Photo from Cincinnati Herald

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS: The Mahala Saunders Library Ministry provided a tribute to famous African Americans during each of the four Sunday worship services in February. The month ended with inspirational Black History program that featured the Drama, Music, and Praise Dance Ministries of Union Baptist Church. The program "A Journey of Hope and Faith to Achieve Freedom, Justice and Equality" also featured guest soloists along with the choirs of Union Baptist and Zion Baptist Church.

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BLACK HISTORY SERIES: Beginning with the March-April newsletter, the bi-monthly newsletter will feature an article highlighting the achievements of what God is doing for our nation and world through people of color. The first to be highlighted in a series of Remembering, Honoring and Celebrating of our rich heritage is Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Dr. Bethune's Last Will and Testament is also included.



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

Born on a farm near Mayesville, South Carolina in 1875, Mary McLeod Bethune, the 15th child of former slaves, rose from humble beginnings to become a world-renowned educator, civil and human rights leader, champion for women and young people, and an advisor to five U.S. presidents.

Education was the first step in her remarkable journey. The young Mary McLeod worked in the fields alongside her parents and siblings, until she enrolled at the age of 10 in the one-room Trinity Presbyterian Mission School. There, she learned to read, and, as she later noted, the whole world opened to me. She went on to study at Scotia Seminary in North Carolina and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with the goal of becoming a missionary. When no missionary openings were available, she became a teacher, first at the Haines Institute in Augusta, Georgia and then at the Kendall Institute in Sumpter, South Carolina, where she met and married Albertus Bethune. The dream of opening her own school took Mary McLeod Bethune to Florida first to Palatka and then to Daytona Beach, where she started the school that would become Bethune-Cookman University.

As she worked to build the school that she founded, she also became a national leader on issues related to civil rights, education, women and young people. As president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, she organized the group to fight against school segregation and inadequate healthcare for black children. She later served as president of the prestigious National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and founded the National Council of Negro Women. She was appointed to numerous national commissions including the Coolidge Administration's Child Welfare Conference, the Hoover Administration's National Commission on Child Welfare and Commission on Home Building and Home Ownership. She eventually became an advisor on minority affairs in the Roosevelt Administration, organizing two national conferences on the problem of black Americans.

While she gave counsel to presidents and made connections with America's elite, Mary McLeod Bethune was readily accessible to average men and women and the college students that she mothered and mentored. Her access to people of power and privilege was never something she used to benefit herself. It was always an opportunity to gain access for those shut out of opportunities in our society. She enlisted leaders of government and industry to support her vision and dreams for her school in Daytona Beach, for social justice and positive change for all.

Wherever Dr. Bethune saw a need, she found a way to meet that need and move society closer to her vision. When a black student was turned away from the hospital in Daytona Beach, she opened a hospital to serve the black community. When the nation mobilized resources for the first and second World Wars, she pressed for the integration of the American Red Cross and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. She led voter registration drives and anti-lynching campaigns.

Through it all Dr. Bethune relied on faith and prayer for guidance and inspiration, saying, Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.

Mary McLeod Bethune's vision lives on today at the school that she founded which continues to sustain her legacy of faith, scholarship and service.

Dr. Bethune's Last Will and Testament

Sometimes as I sit communing in my study I feel that death is not far off. I am aware that it will overtake me before the greatest of my dreams – full equality for the Negro in our time – is realized. Yet, I face that reality without fear or regrets. I am resigned to death as all humans must be at the proper time. Death neither alarms nor frightens one who has had a long career of fruitful toil. The knowledge that my work has been helpful to many fills me with joy and great satisfaction.

Since my retirement from an active role in educational work and from the affairs of the National Council of Negro Women, I have been living quietly and working at my desk at my home here in Florida. The years have directed a change of pace for me. I am now 78 years old and my activities are no longer so strenuous as they once were. I feel that I must conserve my strength to finish the work at hand.

Already I have begun working on my autobiography which will record my life-journey in detail, together with the innumerable side trips which have carried me abroad, into every corner of our country, into homes both lowly and luxurious, and even into the White House to confer with Presidents. I have also deeded my home and its contents to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, organized in March, 1953, for research, interracial activity and the sponsorship of wider educational opportunities.

Sometimes I ask myself if I have any other legacy to leave. Truly, my worldly possessions are few. Yet, my experiences have been rich. From them, I have distilled principles and policies in which I believe firmly, for they represent the meaning of my life's work. They are the products of much sweat and sorrow.

Perhaps in them there is something of value. So, as my life draws to a close, I will pass them on to Negroes everywhere in the hope that an old woman's philosophy may give them inspiration. Here, then is my legacy.

I LEAVE YOU LOVE. Love builds. It is positive and helpful. It is more beneficial than hate. Injuries quickly forgotten quickly pass away. Personally and racially, our enemies must be forgiven. Our aim must be to create a world of fellowship and justice where no man's skin, color or religion, is held against him. "Love thy neighbor" is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced. It connotes brotherhood and, to me, brotherhood of man is the noblest concept in all human relations. Loving your neighbor means being interracial, interreligious and international.

I LEAVE YOU HOPE. The Negro's growth will be great in the years to come. Yesterday, our ancestors endured the degradation of slavery, yet they retained their dignity. Today, we direct our economic and political strength toward winning a more abundant and secure life. Tomorrow, a new Negro, unhindered by race taboos and shackles, will benefit from more than 330 years of ceaseless striving and struggle. Theirs will be a better world. This I believe with all my heart.

I LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER. As long as Negroes are hemmed into racial blocks by prejudice and pressure, it will be necessary for them to band together for economic betterment. Negro banks, insurance companies and other businesses are examples of successful, racial economic enterprises. These institutions were made possible by vision and mutual aid. Confidence was vital in getting them started and keeping them going. Negroes have got to demonstrate still more confidence in each other in business. This kind of confidence will aid the economic rise of the race by bringing together the pennies and dollars of our people and ploughing them into useful channels. Economic separatism cannot be tolerated in this enlightened age, and it is not practicable. We must spread out as far and as fast as we can, but we must also help each other as we go.

I LEAVE YOU A THIRST FOR EDUCATION. Knowledge is the prime need of the hour. More and more, Negroes are taking full advantage of hard-won opportunities for learning, and the educational level of the Negro population is at its highest point in history. We are making greater use of the privileges inherent in living in a democracy. If we continue in this trend, we will be able to rear increasing numbers of strong, purposeful men and women, equipped with vision, mental clarity, health and education.

I LEAVE YOU RESPECT FOR THE USES OF POWER. We live in a world which respects power above all things. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom. Unwisely directed, it can be a dreadful, destructive force. During my lifetime I have seen the power of the Negro grow enormously. It has always been my first concern that this power should be placed on the side of human justice.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT continued

Now that the barriers are crumbling everywhere, the Negro in America must be ever vigilant lest his forces be marshalled behind wrong causes and undemocratic movements. He must not lend his support to any group that seeks to subvert democracy. That is why we must select leaders who are wise, courageous, and of great moral stature and ability. We have great leaders among us today: Ralph Bunche, Channing Tobias, Mordecai Johnson, Walter White, and Mary Church Terrell. [The latter now deceased]. We have had other great men and women in the past: Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, and Sojourner Truth. We must produce more qualified people like them, who will work not for themselves, but for others.

I LEAVE YOU FAITH.

Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible. Faith in God is the greatest power, but great, too, is faith in oneself. In 50 years the faith of the American Negro in himself has grown immensely and is still increasing. The measure of our progress as a race is in precise relation to the depth of the faith in our people held by our leaders. Frederick Douglass, genius though he was, was spurred by a deep conviction that his people would heed his counsel and follow him to freedom. Our greatest Negro figures have been imbued with faith. Our forefathers struggled for liberty in conditions far more onerous than those we now face, but they never lost the faith. Their perseverance paid rich dividends. We must never forget their sufferings and their sacrifices, for they were the foundations of the progress of our people.

I LEAVE YOU RACIAL DIGNITY. I want Negroes to maintain their human dignity at all costs. We, as Negroes, must recognize that we are the custodians as well as the heirs of a great civilization. We have given something to the world as a race and for this we are proud and fully conscious of our place in the total picture of mankind's development. We must learn also to share and mix with all men. We must make an effort to be less race conscious and more conscious of individual and human values. I have never been sensitive about my complexion. My color has never destroyed my self-respect nor has it ever caused me to conduct myself in such a manner as to merit the disrespect of any person. I have not let my color handicap me. Despite many crushing burdens and handicaps, I have risen from the cotton fields of South Carolina to found a college, administer it during its years of growth, become a public servant in the government of our country and a leader of women. I would not exchange my color for all the wealth in the world, for had I been born white I might not have been able to do all that I have done or yet hope to do.

I LEAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH YOUR FELLOW MEN. The problem of color is worldwide. It is found in Africa and Asia, Europe and South America. I appeal to American Negroes -- North, South, East and West -- to recognize their common problems and unite to solve them.

I pray that we will learn to live harmoniously with the white race. So often, our difficulties have made us hypersensitive and truculent. I want to see my people conduct themselves naturally in all relationships -- fully conscious of their manly responsibilities and deeply aware of their heritage. I want them to learn to understand whites and influence them for good, for it is advisable and sensible for us to do so. We are a minority of 15 million living side by side with a white majority. We must learn to deal with these people positively and on an individual basis.

I LEAVE YOU FINALLY A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. The world around us really belongs to youth for youth will take over its future management. Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world. They must not be discouraged from aspiring toward greatness, for they are to be the leaders of tomorrow. Nor must they forget that the masses of our people are still underprivileged, ill-housed, impoverished and victimized by discrimination. We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.

Faith, courage, brotherhood, dignity, ambition, responsibility -- these are needed today as never before. We must cultivate them and use them as tools for our task of completing the establishment of equality for the Negro. We must sharpen these tools in the struggle that faces us and find new ways of using them. The Freedom Gates are half-ajar. We must pry them fully open.

If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. As I face tomorrow, I am content, for I think I have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of a world of Peace, Progress, Brotherhood, and Love.

Source: Bethune-Cookman University website

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MARCH IS STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

MARCH 7, 2016: Deacon's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 20, 2016: Palm Sunday observed at 7:45 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Worship Celebrations Union Baptist Church is invited to Saving Grace Community Church at 3:30 p.m. for the beginning of their Holy Week Observance. Pastor Yates, Deacons, and the Music and Usher Ministries are to serve.

Palm branches are a part of Christian worship on Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday, as it is sometimes called. This event commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as foretold by the prophet Zechariah.

The Bible tells us people cut branches from palm trees, laid them across Jesus' path and waved them in the air. They greeted Jesus not as the spiritual Messiah who would take away the sins of the world, but as a potential political leader who would overthrow the Romans. Their shout "Hosanna" meant "save now."

In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).

Today, many Christian churches distribute palm branches to worshipers on Palm Sunday. The people remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, praise him for the gift of salvation, and look expectantly to his second coming.

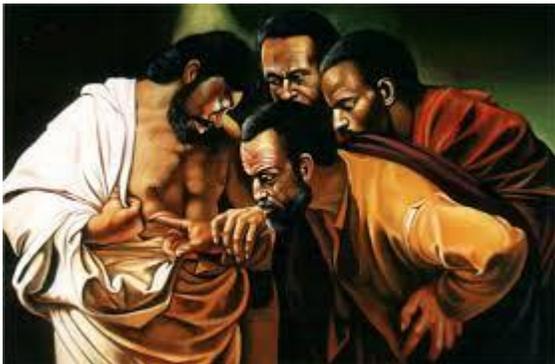


MARCH 25, 2016: Good Friday Worship Celebration at 12 noon

MARCH 27, 2016: Easter Sunrise Worship Celebration at 6:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday School Program at 8:30 a.m.

Resurrection Worship Celebration at 10:20 a.m.



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

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APRIL IS DISCIPLESHIP EMPHASIS MONTH



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

APRIL 4, 2016: Second Quarterly Leadership Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 17, 2016: UBC Male Chorus Anniversary, 4:00 p.m.

The Male Chorus of Union will celebrate its annual day on April 17, 2016 at 4 PM. More information will be forthcoming. Bro. Dorsey Hubbard, Program Chairperson and Bro. Jay Bailey, Minister of Music.

APRIL 18, 2016: Deacon's Ministry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 22-23, 2016: Women's Day Mission Trip - Indianapolis, Indiana (see page 18 for more details)

APRIL 29, 2016: Classical Roots Concert at Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 29, 2016: Second Quarterly Church Conference Meeting will be rescheduled by Pastor Yates.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: May 15, 2016 – Youth Day Worship Celebration

May 21, 2016 – Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 22, 2016 – Annual Men's Day

June 6, 2016 – Summer Food and Food Enrichment Program begins

June 6-10, 2016 – Vacation Bible School

June 11, 2016 – UBC Church-wide Family Picnic

June 26, 2016 – High School and College Grad Recognition Sunday



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Union Baptist Church Sunday School 2016 - Update from the Superintendent

Greetings Union: I want to update you on the Adult Sunday School class that is scheduled for each second Sunday of the month:

Thus far we have had two excellent classes. Rev. Wyatt presented our first class in January, on the subject of "Angels, Do They Really Exist"? Angels do exist, and they are around us every day, watching over us.

Deacon Donald Darby presented our second class in February, on the subject of "Prayer". Prayer is the key for us if we say we are born again Christians. "For man should always pray, and not faint not" (Luke 18:1).

If you have missed our first two classes please make every effort to join us for our March class. We will be blessed with another wonderful lesson, presented by one of our blessed Sunday School instructors.

I want to encourage parents to also bring their children/teens so they can be a part of the Sunday School program for our youth. Teachers are prepared each Sunday to teach our youth about what God has in store for them, as they continue to study God's word.

I have placed a poster in the main vestibule area; it has information for the adult, children, and teen classes.

It is my prayer that all adults, and youth will start attending Sunday school on a regular basis.

God's peace and blessings.

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

Union Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2016 - Update from the Principal

Vacation Bible school is for all ages and will be held June 6 to June 10, 2016.

This year's inspiring theme title is "I've Got Talent".

The theme verse is NIV - Ephesians 2:10 - **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

The focus will be on how God has created each of us with unique gifts and talents. Through our work, we can bring honor to Him, help others and play our part in God's plan For humankind.

Additional information, including a flyer and registration form will be forthcoming.

Dea. Donald Darby, Principal of Vacation Bible School

M Men's Ministry Moments

My brethren, I greet you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for it has been awhile since my last communication with you because of my illness and having a greater desire to learn more about the Lord. I am now enrolled into Temple Bible College and Seminary. I thank God for the Pastor and Rev. Hixon Jr. for having the Men's Bible Study and on Tuesday nights. In talking with Pastor, we will begin having two short **Men's Ministry meetings** of about 15 minutes **following the Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study** to continue our men's fellowship by 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; are you involved in this annual occasion for the Men in Union. Do you want to be involved? **Please let Bro. Edward Phillips, 2016 Chairman, or myself know 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. **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, you do not** have to give your \$100 all at once. You can give \$25 a month or \$5 a week.

I prayed and asked the Lord to supply me with a word that He wants to share with us. Early this morning the word, "called," came to me. Matthew 22:14 says; "*Many are called but few are chosen.*" My brothers you are the chosen with the righteousness God. Jesus also said in Matthew 4:19, "*Follow Me, and I'll make you fishers of men.*" We must remove the thought from our mind of expecting God to come to force us or plead with us. When our Lord called His disciples, He did it without any irresistible pressure from the outside. The quiet, yet passionate insistence of His call "*Follow Me*" was spoken to these men whose every sense was receptive. If we will allow the Holy Spirit to bring us face to face with God, we too, will hear what Isaiah heard in Isaiah 6:8 and his response in 6:9.

God bless us all.

Deacon James E. Darby, Men's Ministry Leader

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

*Sister Lynette Darby, Chairperson
Sister Toni Marshall, Co-chairperson*

Where: The Shrine of Christ's Passion
Address: 10630 Wicker Ave
St. John, Indiana 46373
Phone: 1-855-277-7474
Dates: Friday April 22, 2016 and Saturday April 23, 2016

The *Shrine of the Christ's Passion* spans thirty (30) beautifully landscaped acres which replicate the Holy Land experience. As you journey through this multimedia and interactive Prayer Trail, you will experience the life of Jesus Christ from the Last Supper through his Glorious Ascension. People of all faiths marvel at the forty (40) exquisite life-size bronze sculptures, the original music and the thoughtful meditation they hear at each scene. Come and experience this incredible journey with us. We have only 20 seats available, so first to pay in full will be the ones served.

The cost of this weekend experience is \$110.00 per person.

The trip includes:

- TRANSPORTATION VIA UNION BAPTIST CHURCH BUS
- ONE NIGHT'S STAY AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)
7775 MISSISSIPPI
MERRIVILLE, INDIANA
1-888-370-0984
- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- DONATION TO THE "SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION"
- TRIP TO THE MERRIVILLE MALL

Please make checks payable to Union Baptist Church (Indiana trip).

More information from our Women's Day Chairpersons regarding upcoming events will be forthcoming soon.

Trip Coordinators: Sister Renee Payne 513- 608-6885
Sister Louise Stevenson 513-309-5125

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FOOD PANTRY REPORT: On Thursday, February 25th, the Food Pantry Ministry team led by Sis. Monica Ray served thirty (30) 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!

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!**

UNION BAPTIST'S 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

REMINDER FOR DEADLINE FOR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Church Newsletter is now published on a bi-monthly basis. The deadline for Church Announcements for the **May-June** Newsletter is on the **third Monday, April 18th, by 12:00 Noon**. 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 April 18th will be included in the July-August newsletter.** -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.

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

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.

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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:

March 25, 2016	Rev. Barry L. Hixon, Jr.	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.
April 23, 2016	Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.
May 28, 2016	Rev. Emanuel Marshall	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN 2016: Praise the Lord!!! Good News! No, WAIT...GREAT News!!! The new roof is completed!! However, 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

PEACE PRAYER of SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;

Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is error, the truth;

Where there is doubt, the faith; Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS OF
MINISTRY



Union Baptist Church
Health and Wellness Ministry

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In Existence Since June 23, 1996

2016 Initiatives Updates

March 5, 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

April 2, Minority Health Month Kick-off Screening Event. 9 am—2 pm, Cincinnati Contemporary Learning Center, campus of Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, 1635 Western Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45214

Every Monday in April—Daniel Plan Workshop and Exercise, 6 pm—8 pm. Place: Liberty Street Apartments, Resident Council Office, 1550 Linn Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214 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

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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“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)

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



**You Are Invited To Our
Go Red
Book Scholarship Extravaganza**

Saturday, March 5, 2016
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Key Note Speaker:
Nurse Marsha Duke Thomas

Testimonials by Heart and Stroke Survivors

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

Call 513-981-0423 or see a Health and Wellness Ministry Member for a ticket



The Health and Wellness Ministry will be
20 years old on June 23rd.

This year's initiative is
"Get Your Health in Order"

**February is National Heart Month.
Come, fellowship, and hear testimonials
and updates about "Women and Heart
Disease". This event is for all women and
men. Come prepared to receive infor-
mation you can use for yourself and share
with woman in your life you love.**

*Proceeds will be used to provide a book
scholarship to a college student(s) majoring
in a health related field.*

*Thank you.
May God continue to bless you !*

**Tickets Are: \$20/person
Includes a tasty meal and
proceed goes towards
the applicant's book scholarship
(receipt will be given)**

Donations will also be accepted

Cash or checks are acceptable

*Make checks payable to:
The Union Foundation
Write on the memo line:
HAW Extravaganza*



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UBC Praise Dance Ministry

"Praise Him with the Timbrel and Dance." Psalms 150:4

The Union Baptist Praise Dance Ministry is comprised of the Glory Girls and Proverbs 31: Vessels of Praise under the leadership of Tristan Cargile and auspices of the Women's Ministry, Louise Stevenson and Rogena Stargel, co-leaders.

Tristan is an accomplished dancer, choreographer, and long-time member at Union. It was her passion to use her talents to revitalize the Praise Dance Ministry at Union. She initially reprised the Glory Girls in August 2013 when they ministered to *Lord You're Holy* during Youth Sunday. From there the ministry took off resulting in the formation of Proverbs 31: Vessels of Praise for adult women when they expressed an interest in ministering as well. They made their debut to *Take Me to the King* on December 15, 2013. The ministry has continued to grow and currently has approximately 15 active members. Tristan invites the younger girls of the church to dance with the ministry on occasion. The group ministers on a consistent basis throughout the year for holidays and special occasions, including Easter, Black History Month, Women's Day, Youth Day, Youth Revival and Pastor's Appreciation. They have also combined with the Drama Ministry for the Christmas Productions during Family Communion each year. They have ministered at other churches including: First Baptist Church of Cumminsville, Zion Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Hazelwood.

Zinadia Hicks and Tristan Cargile have ministered solo performances as well. The ministry engages in other activities outside of the Church to promote fellowship and strengthen their praise dance skills. Fellowship activities have included dinner and attendance at Cincinnati Black Theater Company's Black Nativity, and Awaited during the Christmas season. They have attended a workshop at Corinthian Baptist Church and participated in an African Dance Class which was great fun! They also attended a special performance of Black Dance Beautiful recently. They are spiritually charged to engage in outreach activities and have ministered in dance to various nursing homes during the holiday season. Rehearsals are typically held on Saturdays and Sundays after morning worship. However, this group of teens and ladies work very hard and oftentimes rehearse several times during the week, particularly prior to ministering for a program. Ministry members have a number of garments in their wardrobe, including 2 sets of T-shirts. They take the call to minister very seriously. They minister to a wide variety of songs and genre of music including gospels and spirituals. They have ministered to songs from the Alvin Ailey Dance Company and most recently ministered a medley of songs *Glory* from the movie Selma, *Ain't Nobody Gonna* turn me around and *We Shall Overcome* for the Black History Program this year. They strive to select songs which are spiritually uplifting and have a faith-based message. Each member brings something unique to the ministry and there has been both great personal/spiritual growth, as well as a sweet fellowship within the group.

Upcoming dates to minister are Women's Day, Youth Day, Youth Revival and Pastor's Appreciation. Future Plans include a Concert and Praise Dance Workshop at Union Baptist Church. The Ministry would like to thank God for this opportunity to praise GOD through dance, and also thank Pastor Yates, the Women's Ministry and the entire church for your support.

We would like to acknowledge all members of the group, past and present, active and inactive:

Glory Girls

- Zinadia Hicks
- Aaliyah Mazion-Yates
- Tasje Hall
- Taniea Hall
- Amberlynn Marshall
- Keisha Thompson
- Leigha Lewis
- Zara Rudge
- Faith Robinson
- Wyonna Harrison
- Keasa Vance
- Keandre Warren
- Jasmine Harris

Proverbs 31: Vessels of Praise

- Kimberly Wyatt
- Raven Jackson
- Laquita Hicks

- Annette Bell
- Gwen Hall
- Lyda Phillips
- Monica Ray
- Felicia Mazon
- Latoya Seegers
- Dorothy Lynch
- Darlene Parker
- Toni Marshall
- Vickie Frey

Children

- Marziah Holliday
- Javeounna Thompson
- Andersyn Byes
- A 'Miyah Hoover
- Ta'Niyah Hoover
- Ra'Aira Phllips

Other Staff

- Carol Cargile, Assistant
- Laura Thompson, Wardrobe/ Seamstress

Praise God for the Great Things He Has Done!!

(Praise Dance Ministry article submitted by Sis. Carol Cargile)

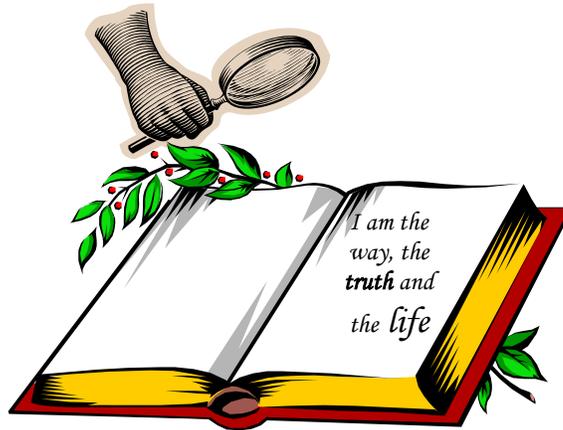


Proverbs 31: Vessels of Praise

Front Row: Sis. Annette Bell, Sis. Gwen Hall; Sis. Toni Marshall

Second Row: Sis. Raven Jackson; Sister Monica Ray; Sis. Lyda Phillips; Sis. Felicia Mazon; Sis. Vickie Frey; Sis. Kimberly Wyatt; and
Sis. Laquita Hicks

**CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**



*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.

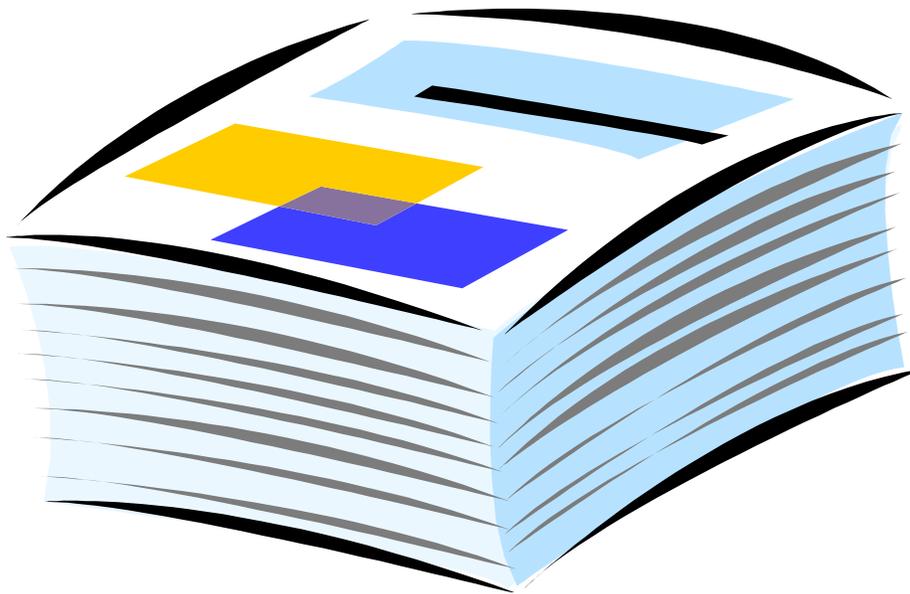
"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me." (John 17:20, 21)

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

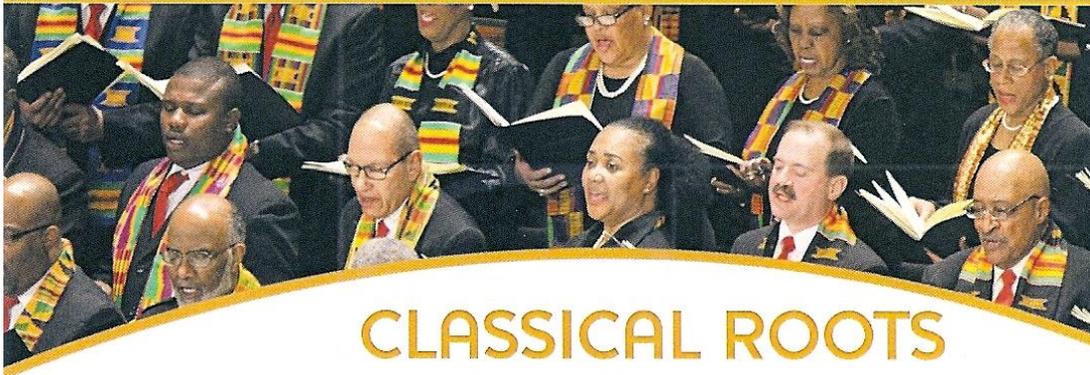
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A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO
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**YOUR SECOND QUARTERLY
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PLEASE SUBMIT TO PASTOR
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UBC FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

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.

