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A DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN ON THE GO

GOD – PLANNED LIFE

“The Lord knows the way of righteousness, but the way of the ungodly shall perish . . .” (Psalm 1:6)

“But I want to be able to see God’s plan all the way through to the finish!” insisted the man. **Strange how a man can demand such an impossible thing of God—and be bitter about it.** Not impossible for God—but for man! It’s **utterly unreal** to insist on being shown the whole way. It simply doesn’t work out in real life! Because **man is not equipped to see the whole plan!**

Our trip to Canada last summer was all worked out on a road map. The maps were stretched out on a table. **We saw the whole trip from Los Angeles to Canada and return... BUT THAT DIDN’T BEGIN TO TELL THE STORY** of the trip! **We had to travel those miles to experience them.** Every turn in the road—the crest of every hill brought new delights—new thrills. **The maps couldn’t possibly show us these things—give us these thrills.** Nor could they tell of the flat tires—the detours—the running out of gas—the trials we would have liked to escape.

(Strangely enough—the troubles helped to make the trip more enjoyable! **Not when they were happening! But now that it’s over—we talk much about the trials and get some of our biggest laughs out of them!**) We saw the whole plan on the maps. **But we really didn’t see anything when you get right down to it! WE HAD TO TAKE THE TRIP: mile by mile—hour by hour—incident by incident—before it meant anything to us.** Suppose we could have gone high enough in a plane to see the whole plan? It would be only a **blob and a blur.** Nothing distinct—nothing real!

Something else too: What if a man could see the whole plan! He’d try to by-pass the troubles which conceal some of life’s greatest blessings . . . and he’d be so preoccupied with good things of the future—he’d miss what was right under his nose. Furthermore, **actually seeing the whole plan laid out from beginning to end WOULD NOT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE!** It would not be real. It would be like a picture or a map. **What does inspire confidence is the knowledge that God is LEADING EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. Every single moment is in His control!** Providing a man wants it that way—yields to God’s will. This is the assurance a man needs! **THIS IS THE ASSURANCE WE HAVE!** When a man stops whining for the whole plan—and takes life as it comes—**realizing he can count on God every moment—every step . . . he begins to live as the Christian man should. He will experience a life of confidence and strength.** This is real freedom—real efficiency—real productivity. **THE MAN THAT WALKS WITH GOD IS READY FOR ANYTHING!** God wants you to walk with Him. **He’s ready . . . whenever you’re ready to start!** “The Lord knows the way of the righteous—but the way of the ungodly shall perish . . .” —Psalm 1. AMEN.

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

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE

A SACRED CANOPY

*“He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love”
(Song of Solomon 2:4)*

Good marriages and spirituality should go hand in hand. Spiritual commitment improves the quality of our marriages. Faith in God should make a radical difference in our relationships with our spouses; it should enhance our love for each other. But something is terribly wrong if commitment to God is the only thing holding a marriage together. Then marriage becomes a prison for dissatisfied mates instead of an oasis of love and acceptance and a place of refreshment and restoration.

In his book *Spheres of Love*, Stephen G. Post, PH.D., suggests that the high esteem marriage once enjoyed has been difficult to sustain because it lacks what he defines as “a sacred canopy”—an affirmation of the significant foundational beliefs concerning the holy state of marriage. Post writes: “The full dignity of marriage must be newly articulated”. This means we must restate, in a way others can understand, the seriousness and status of marriage. **Marriage is a solemn state taken too lightly by the world. Marriage was part of God’s original natural order. Marriage transcends cultures. It is a serious commitment intended to be a permanent tie and is the foundation of the family unit.** Dr. Post adds: **“Marriage is an essentially mysterious union like the mystical one between Christ and the church, should be entered reverently with the exchange of vows, and is a place where God dwells.”**

Henri Nouwen, in *Seeds of Hope*, expands on the concept of marriage being a dwelling place for God:

“Marriage is not a lifelong attraction of two individuals to each other but a call for two people to witness together God’s love.....The real mystery of marriage is not that husband and wife love each other so much that they can find God in each other’s lives but that God loves them so much that they can discover each other more and more as living reminders of God’s presence. They are brought together, indeed, as two prayerful hands extended toward God and forming in this way a home for God in this world.” AMEN.

*After You Say, “I Do” Devotional
Meditation for Every Married Couple
— H. Norman Wright*



DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES

A Sacrificial Love

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31

We’ve all been called to be lovers—lovers of people. Jesus talked about our need to love in today’s passage from Mark. We’ve been called to love others **unconditionally—that can be difficult.**

We’ve also been called to love willfully. This means we love because we want to love another that way. This too can be difficult. We’ve also been called to love others sacrificially—this means ignoring the “what’s in it for me” attitude. It’s putting others first. This can be more than difficult, especially because we often do not know the outcome of our actions.

Perhaps you remember the incident. It happened very early on a foggy morning, **September 22, 1993, over the Big Bayou Canal near Mobile, Alabama.** A barge had struck and weakened the railroad bridge just hours before. Even though the incident was reported, there was no time to check for any damage.

Just moments after this freak accident, **an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, traveling from Los Angeles, California, approached this bridge at 70 miles an hour carrying 210 passengers onto the bridge. But the bridge didn’t hold.** All of a sudden several of the locomotive units and passenger cars went over the bridge into the murky, alligator-infested waters below. In the midst of darkness and fog, smoke and fire erupted. It took two hours before any assistance arrived. By that time, the fire and water had taken the lives of 47 people.

There were those among the surviving passengers who reflected the sacrificial love Jesus talked about in Mark 12. Michael Dopheide was a man responsible for saving 30 people. When he was jolted awake, he heard the screams and groans of the injured. He went out an emergency exit into the black waters and coaxed people one by one out of the doomed passenger car. These people had to leap 6 feet into the 20-foot-deep swamp. After each one jumped, Michael **grabbed their arms when they surfaced. He pulled the non-swimmers to safety.**

He helped to save an elderly lady, a 2-year-old child and an 11-year-old girl with cerebral palsy. He stayed there cold, wet and exhausted until everyone had been rescued. He responded to what others needed rather than his own needs at the time. This was sacrificial love.

But there was another demonstration of sacrificial love that morning that went beyond what many would ever be able to do. The Chanceys were returning home to Florida with their daughter who had cerebral palsy. **With the water filling their car, the Chanceys pushed their daughter through a window so she could be rescued.** She was. But the Chanceys never made it. In the confines of that car they died. They gave up their own lives to save their daughter. This is sacrificial love.

Most of us will probably never be in this kind of situation. But we have the opportunity to love others every day—it could be a difficult family member, a pain-in-the-neck boss, an obnoxious coworker, a cantankerous roommate, a spoiled “possible” life partner or a self-appointed critic in the singles group.

How have you loved any of them unconditionally?

How have you loved any of them willfully?

How have you loved any of them sacrificially?

Difficult? Sure. Sometimes you may not even want to think of loving them this way. Understandable! Impossible to love them this way? No, not really. Why? It’s simple. We’ve been loved this way by Jesus. Let Him love them through you. It can really happen. Even today! AMEN.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Who are some of the **hard-to-love people in your life?** How can you show sacrificial love to them? **Would you be willing to give up your own needs to bring Jesus’ love to someone who doesn’t deserve it today? Who?**

--Dr. H. Norman Wright, *Single Purpose*

DEVOTIONAL FOR SENIORS



GROWING OLDER SHOULD BE CELEBRATED!

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

It comes as a shock, and it shouldn't. We look in the mirror and see new wrinkles, graying hair, sometimes a person we hardly recognize. We wonder, “How did I get this old? It seems just like yesterday that I was a child, a teen, a young man.”

Today I must admit simply that I am old. Not an easy admission because when I was young I remember what I thought of old people. Old people were out of touch, could not do anything fun, mostly sat around getting older. Now I am one of them.

Growing older does not have to be a burden. Though there are some things we simply must accept in an aging body, we need not accept bitterness, grumpiness, or a complaining attitude.

My grandmother collected dolls into her old age. I enjoyed the look on her face when she would pick one of them up. It was almost as if I could see the little girl still inside her.

I think that is the way to be. **We ought to grow wiser, more understanding of the faults of others, and generally kinder in our later years.** But I think it is important that somewhere inside we keep alive the child, the sense of wonder, the sense of excitement. I think Jesus meant something of the kind when He said we must be like little children to enter His kingdom.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to keep the child alive, even as we grow and mature and waste away outwardly, keep us renewed inwardly. Amen.

Karlton Douglas, Rest Ministries

“Instead of seeing aging as a burden, we see aging as a blessing...” — Dr. Rich Bimler

– *TEEN'S CORNER* –

*GOT QUESTIONS?
GOD'S GOT ANSWERS...*



QUESTION:

My world is changing faster and faster. What should I do?

THE QUICK ANSWER:

If a big change is called for . . . don't be afraid to make a big change--sometimes, one big leap is better than a thousand baby steps.

Always Changing

*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven"*
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV)

As you get older, everything around you may seem to be in a state of flux, and you may be required to make lots of adjustments. If all of these events have left your head spinning and your heart pounding, don't worry: although the world is in a state of constant change, God is not.

Even if the changes in your life are unfolding at a furious pace, you can be comforted in the knowledge that your Heavenly Father is the rock that cannot be shaken. His Word promises, "I am the Lord, I do not change". (Malachi 3:6 NKJV).

As graduation gets closer, you are facing an exciting time, a time filled with possibilities and opportunities. But, if your transition to the next phase of life proves to be difficult, don't worry: God is far bigger than any challenge you may face.

Remember that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8 NKJV). And rest assured: It is precisely because your Savior does not change that you can face the transitions of life with courage for today and hope for tomorrow. AMEN.

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change; and when we are right, make us easy to live with.

-- Peter Marshall

Sometimes your medicine bottle says, "Shake well before using". That is what God has to do with some of his people. He has to shake them well before they are usable.

-- Vance Havner

I can't do much about changing the world, but I can do something about bringing God's presence into the world in which He has put me.

-- Warren Wiersbe

There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because he is the living Lord.

-- Franklin Graham

185TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016, 10:20 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GUEST PREACHER: Dr. Charles A. Brown, Pastor Emeritus of Bethel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio



THEME: JESUS CHRIST, THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

**SCRIPTURE: "AFTER ALL, NO ONE CAN LAY ANY OTHER FOUNDATION THAN THE ONE THAT IS ALREADY LAID, AND THAT IS JESUS THE MESSIAH."
(1 Corinthians 3:11)**

THE assessment for this day is \$25.00 per member. Thank you for your cooperation.

-Rev. Alvin and Sis. Kim Wyatt, 2016 Chairpersons

Union Baptist Church "A Church On the Move for Christ Since 1831"

Proclamation

City of Cincinnati

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, Union Baptist Church was established July 21, 1831 by 14 Christian men and women; and,

Whereas, Union Baptist has remained as a beacon light in the City of Cincinnati; and,

Whereas, Union Baptist is the oldest African American Baptist Church in Cincinnati; and,

Whereas, Union Baptist praises God for the great and awesome things He has done for 185 years in the life of this historic church and trusts even greater things are to come as they continue serving Him;

Now, Therefore, I, John Cranley,
Mayor of the City of Cincinnati do hereby proclaim July 17, 2016
as
"Union Baptist Church Day"
in Cincinnati.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Cincinnati to be affixed this Seventeenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

John Cranley
John Cranley
Mayor, City of Cincinnati

The History of Union Baptist Church

Union Baptist Church is the oldest African American Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. According to church records, Union was organized on July 21, 1831 by fourteen dedicated Christians; ten men and four women who yearned for the freedom of body and soul to worship God in spirit and truth. They yearned for the opportunity for self-expression and for the assurances that as free blacks, they would not be set apart from the other congregants during worship services, for such was the practice in 1831. As free blacks, they had been attending the Enon Baptist Church; however, these ten men and four women of tenacious will and indomitable spirit, who wanted to worship God in dignity and in true freedom, felt it necessary to leave Enon Baptist Church to establish a church of their own. After much prayer, at a meeting presided over by Reverend Samuel Lynn, these fourteen courageous Christians requested letters of dismissal, which were granted reluctantly by the Enon Baptist Congregation. This indeed was a bold step; for those in the Enon Congregation felt that these pioneers did not have the knowledge, the organizational skills, nor the finances for such a challenging undertaking. However, these brave Christians had the faith that God would surely direct and provide for them, which reveals something of the human spirit at its best, for Union's origin predates the beginning of the Civil War.

The first services were held in a house located on Third Street between Elm and Plum Streets. This church was known as the Colored Branch of the Enon Baptist Church; but this small flock became anxious to have a church building as a place of worship. In just four short years, the dream of this newly formed congregation became a reality. To finance the church each member was charged a certain amount for a pew. This was known as "pew rent." Additionally, each member was asked to contribute twenty-five cents weekly. The men of the congregation, who generously provided free labor, did the actual construction of the church building. This new small brick building measuring 20 x 40 feet was built on the east side of Western Row, which is now Central Avenue, between Second and Third Streets. The members of this independent church in 1835 took as its name, the African Union Baptist Church. The word African was later dropped in order to include all nationalities. The Reverend David L. Nickens, from Chillicothe, Ohio was selected as Union's first pastor.

Union Baptist Church has always stood as a beacon light in Cincinnati. Seeing the need to religiously educate the many children in the area, a Bible School was organized on February 24, 1834 for the purpose of training boys and girls in Christian Education. Mr. Joseph Dixon was the first superintendent. Later the Reverend Joseph Emery, a Caucasian missionary from Ninth Street Baptist Church, who never let race enter into his work for the Lord, became superintendent of the Sunday School. He served from 1850 to 1890.

During the 1800's, many blacks were escaping from slavery by crossing the Ohio River to freedom. Union served as a sanctuary for those who were seeking liberation from the dehumanizing exploits of slavery. The church provided them with food and clothing. The church also set up a school to teach them reading and writing. At this time, it could be said that many of the people came to Union for the things they needed and stayed for the things that God provided. In 1840, the members of the little brick church on Western Row moved to a new location on Baker Street. The church was located on Baker Street for twenty-four years.

Union Baptist Church has always been involved in the missionary work of planting new churches. On Sunday April 16, 1839, the First Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of Reverend Wallace Shelton, an itinerate Missionary Baptist Preacher, a member of Union Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH who arrived in Xenia, on a horse purchased for him on March 25, 1836, for his missionary work going 'North' to plant Churches. With the guidance of Reverend Wallace Shelton, the First Baptist Church that would become Zion Baptist Church was organized. Under Reverend Shelton's leadership in establishing Zion Baptist Church, Xenia, the historic documents record the names of 15 original members of Zion Baptist Church of Xenia, Ohio. Also, through the outreach efforts of Reverend Shelton, Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio (organized in 1859) and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Lockland (organized in 1869). Other early churches started under the auspices of Union Baptist Church include First Baptist Church of Cumminsville (organized in 1878), First Baptist Church of Walnut Hills (organized in 1863), Mt. Olive Baptist Church (organized in 1892) and First Baptist Church of Elmwood, all in Cincinnati; First Baptist Church of Hazelwood in Blue Ash, Ohio; Chatham, Canada congregation and First Regular Baptist Church, Dresden, Ontario (organized in 1857). More recently, churches started under the auspices of Union Baptist Church include Nu African House of God in Christ and Saving Grace Community Church, both in Cincinnati.

The History of Union Baptist Church (continued)

In 1895, a new church building was erected on the Richmond and Mound Streets site at a cost of \$40,000. In 1924, a church annex was built and dedicated. In 1950, a new three-story social service center was built. This building was paid for in cash. Members and clubs of the church donated all furnishings. The Social Center provided much need space for additional church and community activities. In 1845, by an act of the Ohio General Assembly, the church was incorporated under the name Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1864, as the church continued to grow and prosper spiritually, numerically and financially, the members being people of vision and led by the Holy Spirit purchased the United Brethren Church on the southwest corner of Richmond and Mound Streets. In this same year, seeing the need for burial space for people of color, the church purchased sixteen acres of land for a cemetery in Price Hill on Cleves Warsaw Pike. This cemetery still remains as a final resting place for many Cincinnatians today. Union also operated the United American Cemetery on Duck Creek Road. United American is the oldest black cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Much Cincinnati history can be learned by looking at the names and other census data on the tombstones in both cemeteries.

By the grace of God, Union continued to grow and prosper at the Richmond and Mound location for many years, with the membership representing more than 1000 families. However, in 1960, the church learned that it was in the path of a massive urban renewal project. This was a great shock to congregation who had a rich history of service to mankind in the downtown area for more than 100 years. Once again, Union was forced to relocate. Through God's guidance and the diligent work of the dedicated members of Union, this present site on Seventh Street was secured, thus erecting our present church. This was a monumental accomplishment. This sacred place of worship was dedicated to "To The Glory of God," June 15, 1971. Another milestone was accomplished December 15, 1985 when the church mortgage was burned. Union is the only church displaced by urban renewal that bought property and rebuilt in the downtown core area. With the completion of the Page Tower High Rise Apartment Building, Union became the developer of an entire city block.

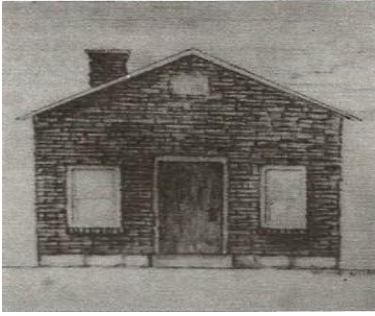
Seventeen men, chosen of God, have served as pastoral leaders of Union. The present church and Page Towers were completed under the leadership of our sixteenth pastor, the Reverend Wilbur Allen Page, who served here in this vineyard for sixty-six years. Of special interest to the congregation and visitors are the Page Archives and Mahalia Saunders Library located on the upper level of the church. Photographs of pastors of this great church are mounted and displayed on the main level of the church. The stained-glass window which illuminates the baptistery, the Rookwood Fountain in Hayes Hall, along with the magnificent pipe organ were moved from the church at Richmond and Mound Streets. A plaque bearing the names of the original fourteen founders hangs in the front vestibule of this church.

Our present pastor of Union, Reverend Dr. Orlando Benjamin Yates accepted God's calling to be our pastor and spiritual leader February 7, 1988. During his tenure, Pastor Yates has given spiritual enlightenment and inspiration to our congregation and to the Cincinnati community. Through his gospel messages, many new families and individuals have been added to the church. He is a "people person" who seeks to serve this present age, his calling to fulfill. Under his leadership, many outreach ministries have been initiated that reach into the community, impacting the lives of many.

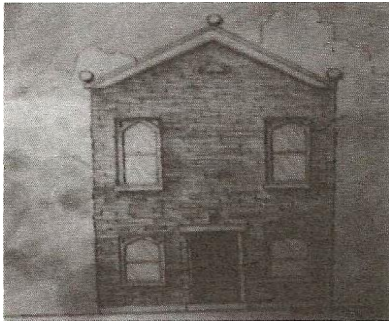
We know this history does not include the invaluable contributions made by the many individual members, average people who have sat next to you on Sunday mornings down through the years, for God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. However, we do indeed thank our Heavenly Father for the abundant blessings he has bestowed upon us. Our history is a tribute to our founders, our pastors, associate ministers, deacons, trustees, choirs, musicians, Sunday School staff, ushers, church clerks, drama guild members, the clubs, the missionary department, youth department, laymen's league, office and maintenance staff, and the congregation as a whole...past and present, who have given so unselfishly of themselves, bringing us to this time and place. As members of Union, we have and will continue to take pride in our past, yet choosing to live in the challenges of the future, the yet to be, as we go forward to do God's wonderful work.

A more in depth history and authentic records of Union Baptist Church are housed at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Please visit the website, [Cincinnati-Connections](http://Cincinnati-Connections.com), for artifact inquiry of the historic records of Union Baptist Church. Also, please refer to the Union Baptist Church website at www.union-baptist.net for additional information.

The History of Union Baptist Church (continued)



The first Union Baptist Church building. The building, 20 feet x 40 feet, was constructed in 1835 and located on the east side of Western Rowe (now Central Avenue) between Second and Third Streets.



The second Union Baptist Church building. The building was purchased from Enon Baptist Church in 1840 and was located on Baker Street (now Ogden Place). The members of Union Baptist remained here for twenty years.

THE FOURTEEN ORIGINAL PIONEERS

Joseph Moore

Thomas Arnold

Elijah Forte

Ruben Hawkins

Robert Lawson

Polly Geist

John Webb

Hanna Moore

Prince Austin

Mila Banks

George Jones

Ann Fleming

Richard Lunsford

Henry Williams

Cincinnati Feb 27th 1852.
Church met in regular Meeting, prayer by Elden Adams, Minutes read and approved, an invitation was then given for any one to join the Church, none came forward, The report of the Treasurer was then called for and read and referred, - the report of the Trustees was laid over until next Meeting, same Committee continued. The Committee on the case of Br. J. Williams, reported by handing in a document from Mayor Taylor, whereupon a Committee of two were appointed to cite him to attend, Committee, Brs. W. Munster and W. W. Watson.
A motion was made that an order be drawn on the Treasury for 60 cents to pay for the document, after which on motion it was rescinded, and brethren came forward and contributed the amount.
On motion of Br. Munster that the regular business be suspended, until we attend to some money matters, whereupon a preamble and resolutions were presented in relation thereto, which was received and adopted, As. Bro. Dec.
Believing as we do, that the time has fully come, when this Church ought to know its real strength, and who are its faithful members, and if there be any unfaithful ones, it should also know who they are. That the Church may at once know how to shape its course towards each individual member. Be it therefore Resolved, That there be subscriptions circulated throughout the bounds of the Church, with two headings, - one to meet the wants, and entire expenses of the Church the present

The hand-written meeting minutes from February 27, 1852.

The History of Union Baptist Church (continued)



David L. Nickens
1835-1838



Charles Satchell
1838-1845



Allen Graham
1845-1848



William P. Newman
1849-1850
1864-1866



Henry Adams
1850-1853



Henry L. Simpson
1856-1860
1866-1869



George W. Williams
1876-1878



R.M. Duling
1879-



Henry White
1861-1863



James Magee
1871-1875



Allen Allensworth
1885-1886



William Burch
1886-1889
1905-1907



Henry D. Proud
1913-1916



Charles D. Douglass
1908-1913



W. Augustus Jones
1917-1919



Wilber A. Page
1919-1985



Orlando B. Yates
1988-Present

PASTORS OF
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO EVERYONE BORN
IN THE MONTHS
OF JULY AND AUGUST!!!**

UBC COMMUNICATION CARDS: Anyone worshiping with us today and “making a decision for Christ” by using one of our UBC Communication Cards found in the pocket of the pews, is 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 LICENSE 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, JULY 3, 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 a ***NEW SERIES, "Called and Accountable - Discovering Your Place in God's Eternal Purpose"*** by Dr. Henry T. Blackaby and Dr. Norman C. Blackaby. 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 Deacons Ministry will meet on Monday, **July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Page Archives Library. **Please have your monthly Ward Family Reports.** —Pastor Yates

THANK YOU FROM VBS PRINCIPAL: Dear Union, I would like to thank every student from pre-school to the adult class for attending this year's Vacation Bible School. I hope everyone learned something new and helpful that can be used in their everyday lives. Once again, I would like to thank all teachers in every class, including the arts and crafts and music teachers. I would also like to thank the Transportation Ministry for their service. I would also like to thank the people who prepared snacks for each and every day. Without the help of our volunteers, the Vacation Bible School would not be as successful each and every year. Also, a Special Thank You to Dea. James Darby for filling in for me and for my right hand, Sis. Shirley Norman, for her faithful service in putting things together and being my support. God Bless you all.
—Dea. Donald Darby, Vacation Bible School Principal

UPDATE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Greetings Union, I want to provide you with a brief update on the Sunday school activities for the past three months. We continue to experience wonderful lessons being taught by our adult teachers each second Sunday. Rev. Marshall has taught two classes; his April class was about "Understanding Grace", and his recent June class was about "What does it mean to be born again?" Sis. Portia Fuller's May class was titled "A Closer Walk with God; Are you a disciple of Jesus?" All three classes are relevant for the times we are living in right now. If you would like a copy of these lessons please see me, or the two instructors who presented the class.

We are still asking parents and guardians to bring your children so that they can be a part of the Sunday school experience. My teachers are ready each Sunday to provide the children with a bible based lesson so that they can get a better understanding of who Jesus is, and what He can do for them even at this time in their lives. I also want to encourage the teenagers to make every effort to attend classes; it is a very important time in their lives, and they need to understand as well, they need Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Sunday school staff, and our Pastor: God's peace and blessings.
—Deacon Ernest Norman/Superintendent

INVITATION FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY AND PREVENTION MINISTRY: The Substance Abuse Recovery and Prevention Ministry is having their 2016 Membership Drive. We invite you to come out on **Wednesday July 13, 2016** to the **12 noon** Bible Study and study God's word. Afterwards, join us for fellowship and refreshments and learn more about the ministry. Thank you.

—Sis. Phyllis Matthews, Ministry Leader and Sis. Yvonne Williams, Co-Ministry Leader.



CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016



OLD FASHION HOMECOMING DAY: Rev. George F. Southerland and the congregation of **First Baptist Church of Cumminsville** will observe Old Fashion Homecoming Day with Union Baptist Church on **Sunday, July 10, 2016** during the **10:20 a.m. worship service**. Dinner will be served after worship services in Hays Hall.

GUILD GIRLS AND WOMEN'S DAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW:

The Third Annual Guild Girls and Women's Day Tea and Fashion Show will be held **July 16, 2016** in Hayes Hall starting **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

--Sis. Toni Marshall, Guild Girl Leader



YOUTH REVIVAL /WORSHOP: Youth Revival Services will be held **7 pm nightly, July 26, 2016 – July 28, 2016** and Youth Workshop on **July 29, 2016**.

Please see the flyer on the next page for more information and schedule of events.

—Rev. Rev. Alvin Wyatt, Minister of Youth.

THIRD QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE: Will be held on **July 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

28TH PASTOR APPRECIATION OBSERVANCES AND WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS: Will be observed on **August 23, 2016 through August 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. nightly and August 28, 2016 at 7:45 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.** Please see page 16 for more information.



WOMEN'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016:

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

I am humbled and excited to be your Chairperson this year for the 2016 Women's Day. Our Co-Chairpersons are Deaconess Toni Marshall and Special Guest Deaconess Juanita Kemper of Pineview, Georgia. **This year we are honoring "Sterling Women" of Union Baptist Church.**

The Women's Day assessment is \$100.00. However, we encourage those who cannot give \$100 to give your best, whether it is \$75, \$50, \$25 or more. Our worship and fellowship will still prosper. More information is forthcoming.

—Deaconess Lynette Darby

U. B. C. — YOUTH REVIVAL & WORKSHOP

7 P.M. NIGHTLY

JULY 26, 2016 — JULY 29, 2016



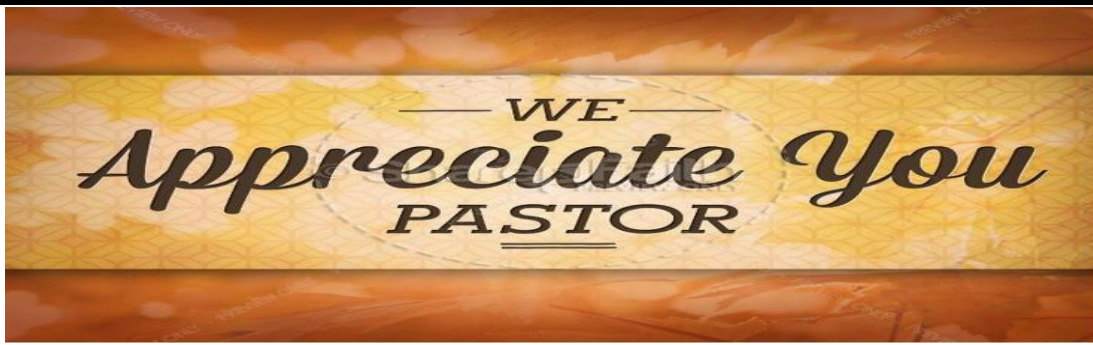
Come join us for spiritual rejuvenation and fellowship during our Youth Revival Week.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016: Rev. Kory Logan, Associate Minister of Mt. Zion of Glendale will be preaching and their youth will minister in song.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016: Rev. Stephen Cooper, Jr., Associate Minister of Impact Worship will be preaching and their youth will minister in song. The U.B.C. Glory Girls combined with a guest church will minister in dance.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016: Rev. Darnell Lee, Jr., Associate Minister of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching and their youth will minister in song.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2016: Youth Workshop Night, more information is forthcoming.



28th PASTORAL APPRECIATION OBSERVANCE AND WORSHIP
CELEBRATION

August 23, 2016 – August 28, 2016

Paul told the Thessalonians, "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, and are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

We praise God for Pastor and Sister O. B. Yates, servants of the Most High God. We invite all to attend the following worship opportunities in their honor:

AUGUST 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Worship Celebration with **Rev. Dr. Cecil Ferrell** and the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

AUGUST 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Worship Celebration with **Rev. Trevor K. Phillips, Sr.** and the Saving Grace Community Church

AUGUST 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Worship Celebration with **Rev. Donald E. Garrett, Jr.** and the First Baptist Church of Hazelwood

AUGUST 28, 2016 at 7:45 a.m. – Worship Celebration with **Rev. Dr. Dia S. Mari-Jata**

AUGUST 28, 2015 at 10:20 a.m. – Worship Celebration speaker to be announced

Thank you for your cooperation in Jesus Name,

Rev. and Sis. Barry L. Hixon, Jr., Chairpersons

Bro. and Sis. Russell Tennyson, Co-Chairpersons

CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016

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

FOOD PANTRY REPORT: Since the last report, the Food Pantry Ministry team led by Sis. Monica Ray served 65 families. 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 **September-October** Newsletter is on **Monday, AUGUST 22nd, by 5:00 P.M.** Requests for announcements should be **e-mailed** in care of Sis. Shirley Norman, Public Relations Ministry Leader, at **Union's new email address: unioncincinnati@gmail.com.** Please note **"Sis. Norman – Announcement"** on the subject line. **Please note: any announcements received after the deadline date of AUGUST 22ND will be included in the November-December 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.

COMING SOON - UNION BAPTIST CHURCH ON FACEBOOK: Additional information forthcoming.

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.

**CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016**

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:

July 23, 2016	Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.
August 27, 2016	Rev. Emmanuel Marshall	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.
September 24, 2016	Rev. Barry L. Hixon, Jr.	Preaching at 6:00 p.m.

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

-Pastor Yates and the Official Board of Union Baptist Church

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

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

PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY AT UNION

Offer yourselves to worship; Be transformed by the renewing of your minds;

Give according to grace; Serve with passion; Live as members of one another;

Love like you mean it; Rejoice in hope; Strive for peace; Overcome evil with good.

(Romans 12)

Submitted by Sis. Louise H. Stallworth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Truth Seekers Small Care Group

The members of the Small Care Group "Truth Seekers" 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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