

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

When Possessions Become a Prison

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. -- Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

Jay E. Adams writes that under the roof in his back yard hangs a hummingbird feeder that he keeps filled with sugar water. There are four openings in it from which birds may suck the nectar. Yet, day after day, from early morning until after dusk, the feeder is the source of their own private version of Star Wars. One bird chases all the others away.

Adams writes: "There is room for four birds at a time, and fully that number attempts to feed. But the top dog (excuse my use of this metaphor for a hummingbird!), who now *owns* the feeder, will not let them. All day long he sits on the branch of a nearby apricot tree guarding *his* feeder and defying others to transgress on what he has established as *his* territory.

This ongoing slice of life confronts us throughout the day as green and red hummers streak across the yard, the king hummer in hot pursuit of an intruder. While the chase is on, others sneak a sip or two, only to be driven off when he returns.

The whole business has become a sort of a parable for our family. Here is an example of grace: I bought the feeder; I supply the sugar water. **The birds do not earn it; they receive it all FREELY. Yet, day after day, they fight over who may enjoy it."**

How like the people of God! **All we have or are that is worthwhile is the gift of God's pure grace.** And yet we can be proud, self-centered, envious, and quarrelsome. Often, we fight over God's good gifts rather than expressing our gratitude in humility and sharing what we have been given with others. Just as Adams is confronted daily with rivalry in his yard, even so God is confronted daily with rivalry in His.

Remember, we are all part of God's special workmanship. Ask Him to order your steps daily in His Word and walk in victory! Amen.

EXPERIENCING GOD (DAY-BY-DAY)

Worship Services and Christian Education

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Worship service on Spectrum Cable TV (Channels 8 and 979) and on Cincinnati Bell Fioptics TV (Channel 850).

Sunday at 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School on Zoom Conferencing at www.zoom.com, meeting # 73490206480.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. - Livestream Worship Service on YouTube and Facebook.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. - Weekly "call-em-all" devotional message from Pastor Yates.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Word Wednesday Bible Study (Facebook Live) led by Pastor Yates on the business page of UBC Facebook.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. - UBC Radio Broadcast (WCVG 1320).

Union Baptist Cincinnati Children's Ministry Facebook page has the latest lessons for children. Please contact Rev. Emanuel Marshall to enroll your child / children.

Union Baptist Youth Facebook has the latest lessons and information for teens. Please contact Rev. Alvin Wyatt to enroll your teen.

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EVERY TUESDAY MORNING @ 6:30AM

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FOR AN INTERCESSOR, CONTACT US AT (513) 381-3858, OPT. 5.

PRAYER REQUEST CAN BE EMAILED TO: PRAYER@UNION-BAPTIST.NET



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

REPORTING ILLNESSES, SURGERIES AND BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION: Please contact the church office if you or a loved one is sick or entering the hospital so that your Family Ward Deacon and Pastor may be notified. Please also contact the office if you or a loved one is being released from the hospital or if there is bereavement in your family. The church office phone number is (513) 381-3858.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: Please continue to keep in prayer our UBC members in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and at home.

Please continue also to pray for all of the bereaved families at Union and bereaved families all over the world.

UBC WEBSITE - GIVING: There are two methods of giving on the website: *Tithely and Givelify*. Please visit the website and click on the "Give" tab for more information and check out the video. Thank you.

SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAM CANCELLED: With much prayer and unfortunately with regret, participation in the Summer Food for Kids Program has been discontinued due to the variety of other resources that are available to the community. Thank you for your support. **Sis. Gwen Hall**, Summer Food Program Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

High School Graduates

Sis. A'Myah Hoover graduated from Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy and will be attending Cincinnati State to study Early Childhood Education.

Bro. Jaden Richardson graduated from Shroder High School and will be attending the University of Cincinnati to study Digital Art.



College Graduate

Sis. Phyllis Mathews received a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Health and Wellness from the University of Arizona Global Campus.

SUMMER WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS / OBSERVANCES

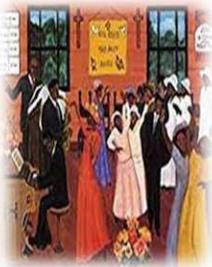
Annual **Father's Day / Men's Day** Celebration on **Sunday, June 20, 2021** at 10:45 a.m.

Worship/Grad Recognition on **Sunday, June 27, 2021** at 10:45 a.m.

Worship Celebration on **Sunday, July 4, 2021** at 10:45 a.m.

190th Church Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, July 18, 2021** at 10:45 a.m.

33rd Pastor Appreciation Observance/Worship Celebration on **Sunday, August 22, 2021** at 10:45 a.m.



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INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Union Baptist - A Church On The Move For Christ Since 1831

The History of Union Baptist Church



Union Baptist Church is Cincinnati's oldest African American Baptist church. The church was founded on July 14, 1831. They had their first meeting in a building on Third Street, between Elm and Plum Streets, downtown. The members built a church on Central Avenue and called Rev. David Leroy Nickens of Chillicothe, Ohio as its first pastor. By the end of its first decade, the church had grown sufficiently to require a new building and by 1839, moved to a new location on Baker Street, where they remained for twenty-five years. Nickens was succeeded by Rev. Charles Satchell in 1838, who in turn was succeeded by William P. Newman in 1848. When Newman fled to Canada because of the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, he was succeeded by Rev. Henry Adams, who served until 1855; Rev. H. L. Simpson, who served until 1858; and Rev. H. H. White who served three years. Williams returned in 1864, serving until his death in the 1866 cholera epidemic. Simpson returned to fill the vacancy, serving until 1869, when he was succeeded by Rev. James H. Magee.

In 1864, Church members founded the Union Baptist Cemetery, in the Price Hill neighborhood. It is the oldest Baptist African-American cemetery in Cincinnati.

In the 1960s, urban renewal forced the church to move from its longtime home at Richmond and Mound Streets. The Church moved to Seventh & Central Avenues in 1971, under the leadership of Rev. Wilber Page, longtime pastor. The church continues its work in the Cincinnati community.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Please visit the **Union Baptist Church website** at **www.union-baptist.net** for additional information about the history of the church and information about both United American and Union Baptist Cemeteries.

A more in-depth history and authentic records of Union Baptist Church are also housed at the **National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

Dear Lord,
May I live every moment
in the light of Your love. When I am filled
with doubt or fear remind me that no
matter what I need, Your spirit can touch
my heart and fill me with peace.

