

*The Church Unified
Is the Church
At Its Best!*

Acts 2:44

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We are delighted to have you fellowship with us today and hope that our services will serve as an inspiration to you during the coming week. We hope that when you entered our doors, you felt a "sweet, sweet spirit of warmth and love." Union Chapel is the church with a big heart of LOVE; where everybody is somebody, and JESUS CHRIST is the HEAD! If you are new to our community, a cordial invitation is extended to you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of our church family.

The Herald

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

5th Anniversary Issue

From the Pastor

"A Tribute to Women and Mothers"



Much has been written lately about the role of women in society and the Church. There seems to be this idea that women must compete with men in order to gain their rightful place in the world. Let me preface this tribute to women and mothers with the following statement of belief, *"Women do not have to compete with men for anything, because you have a God given role and responsibility that no one can take away from you."* Therefore, the "spirit of competition" should never be allowed to enter into our spirits. The Bible clearly teaches us that the woman makes the man complete, the woman is equal to man in the sight of God, and the woman is blessed in a unique way.

After God created man, He said, "it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18). The word "alone" implies that God wanted man to have someone to provide companionship, fellowship, procreate with, and help in meeting his responsibility to God. God never intended for women to be treated as if they were some sort of "after thought" and created inferior to man. Nothing could be further from the truth. God created woman with a divine purpose in mind and with a "divine order" so that humanity could function according to His will. God has set His order before us to either follow or disregard. If we choose to follow, we can clearly see that woman makes man complete.

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Your Special Invitation . . .

I invite you to our new Mid-Week Bible Study Series entitled,
“Golden Nuggets: Great Doctrines of the Bible”

We will explore the following Biblical Teachings:

- *The Bible - Inspiration, Interpretation, Application, Central Theme, Contents*
- *God -Creator, God Being, His Character, Fatherhood, Revelation, The Trinity*
- *Christ -His Incarnation, His Ministry, Names, Death, Resurrection*
- *The Holy Spirit -His Person, His Names, His Work, Gifts*
- *Humanity -Our Uniqueness, Diversity, Rebellion and Fall, Dilemma, Enemies*
- *Salvation -God’s Plan, Our Need, The Way of Salvation, Acceptance, Sanctification*
- *The Church -Mission, Ordinance, Ministry and Order, Authority*
- *Angels -God’s Messengers*
- *Last Things -Blessed Hope, Rapture, Great Tribulation, The Second Advent*

Brothers and Sisters, this will be an exciting and blessed series. I hope to see you on
Wednesdays at 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m.

I promise you won’t regret it. In the meantime be blessed!

Your Servant Leader,
O. Wendell Davis

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Bible Study Outlines can be picked up on Wednesdays or at the Church Office.
Sunday School Books can be picked up from the teachers on Sunday Morning.

The Church that Prays Together Stays Together

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS FOR MAY 2008

UNIT III: Restoration and Covenant Renewal

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| May 4: | <i>First Things First</i> | Lesson: Haggai 1:1-4, 7-10, 12-15 |
| 11: | <i>Following a Visionary Leader</i> | Lesson: Nehemiah 2:1-8, 11, 17-18 |
| 18: | <i>Finish the Task</i> | Lesson: Nehemiah 4:1-3, 6-9, 13-15; 6:15 |
| 25: | <i>Restored and Renewed</i> | Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 13-14, 17-18 |

The Church that Studies Together Grows Together

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New Members

Carl W. Forest

Janice D. Gamble

Cynthia C. Hawkins

Ronnie Devon Hawkins

David Hawthorne

Brittney Roevonne Jenkins

Melanie Rochelle King

Jennifer Michelle Shaffer

Quentin DeShun Terrell

Latoya Denise Webster

Yulanda Chemese Winton

Consumer News

BBB Warns Spring Time Brings Home Improvement Scams

With warm weather approaching, Better Business Bureaus in the U.S. are warning homeowners to be on the lookout for home improvement scams. This is the time of year when less-than-reputable or unqualified contractors breeze into town promising a variety of services at cut-rate prices. They may show up at your door, advertise in local papers or deliver fliers to your home.

Complaints to the BBB concern a wide range of problems, including high-pressure sales tactics, confusion over contract terms, poor workmanship, incomplete job performance, over-charging and in some cases, home foreclosures.

It's not your lucky day when a contractor shows up on your doorstep offering a "too-good-to-be-true" deal on a project. The salesperson may claim he has materials left over from a recent job at your neighbor's house or the 'house down the street.' This is a common ploy of fly-by-night contractors who are based out-of-state and use their pick-up trucks as their place of business.

Complaints against home improvement/home repair contractors are among the most common consumer complaints received by the Better Business Bureau. And there is little wonder, considering how lucrative the business is. Americans spent over \$200 billion in 2005 on home remodeling/repair projects, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Comparing cost before making a financial commitment toward any home improvement project is very important. In doing so, you should solicit at least two or three bids from prospective contractors based on the same building specifications, materials, labor and time needed to complete the project.

When looking for a reliable contractor, consumers should employ a contractor with an established business in their area. Ask for references and check them out. Look into the contractor's standard of work and his professional affiliations; verify his insurance; and check to see if he needs to be licensed. Check with the BBB for a report on the contractor.

Do not permit work to start without a signed written contract that includes all verbal promises that were made by the contractor. Be sure that the written contract includes a start and completion date, a breakdown of the cost and information about the contractor, including license number, street address and phone number.

If you need financing for your project, it may not be wise to agree to financing through your contractor or someone he suggests. Consumers complain that they were pressured to sign a lot of papers and only later found out they had agreed to a home equity loan with a very high rate, points and fees. Carefully read every document before you give your consent. You can usually get a better deal on financing by shopping around on your own and comparing loan terms from several lenders.

If you are asked to pay for the entire job up front, this should raise a red flag. Arrange for payments to be made as parts of the job are completed. Final payment should not be due until the job is done. And, homeowners should pay by check or credit card, never cash.

Submitted by Bro. LeJuan George

The woman is equal to man in the sight of God in terms of personal worth (essence and value). Men and women are on the same level (spiritually) as objects of God’s love. The Lord is just as concerned with the spiritual growth of women as He is with men. Spiritually speaking, God wants us to function by His divine order (I Corinthians 11:3). But this does not mean that women cannot teach and serve the Lord’s people as she devotes her life to the kingdom work. Woman, whoever you may be—you are a gift to humanity and in the eyes of God you do not occupy a “spiritual back seat” because there is no male or female. In essence we are all the same (equal) in the eye sight of God.

Finally, the woman is blessed in a unique way. We hear so much about Eve being the reason for sin entering the world—which is not really true; Adam was the one responsible for the fall of humanity. So let’s get rid of that false assumption right now and look at the unique blessing of womanhood.

All you have to do is look at the woman in Proverbs 31 to know that there is a special blessing in womanhood. If that’s not enough, look at the many blessings the Lord Himself bestowed upon the women He came in contact with while here on earth; the woman at the well, the woman with a sick child, the woman with the issue of blood, and many more. However, I believe the greatest blessing of womanhood, which is shared by all

women, is the blessing of the virgin birth of Christ. God came into this world to save us through the womb of a woman. He could have just come down, but He chose to be born of a “woman.” What greater tribute and blessing could be bestowed upon woman than that! Amen, Amen.

Your Servant Leader,
Pastor O. Wendell Davis

Just for KIDS

Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother’s Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother’s name.

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ANSWERS: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

Union Chapel Activities for April

Week of the Young Child

Union Chapel Child Development Center recently celebrated “Week of the Young Child” with several activities, including a visit and demonstration by the Huntsville Fire and Rescue Department. The children were able to look inside the Med-Flight helicopter as well as learn valuable information about fire trucks. They met several of the men that protect and service our community on a daily basis. Special thanks to Med-Flight and the Huntsville Fire and Rescue Department.



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Youth Night of Praise

The Youth Night of Praise was held on Friday, April 18, with over 100 students and parents in attendance. Students participated in singing, praise dance, and enjoyed a performance by the J.O. Johnson High School Band. Our own Minister Chauncey McGlathery brought the spoken word helping students understand the Ten Commandments.



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Senior Adult Ministry Unity Program

Pastor Hernandez Ford and the Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church Family celebrated with the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) for the Unity through Family Worship Service on April 8. Pastor Ford preached “Redigging our Father’s Wells” from Genesis 26:15-18.



Celebrating our Students in their
accomplishments
Graduation Schedule 2008



Union Chapel Christian Academy

May 22
1:00 PM

5thGrade
Kindergarten
Awards Ceremony

Madison City Schools
May 20

Bob Jones

Madison County School
May 21-22

Buckhorn
Hazel Green
Madison County
New Hope
Sparkman

Huntsville City Schools
May 22

Columbia
Grissom
Johnson
Lee

May 23
Butler
Huntsville
New Century



One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

“That’s the day the swimming pool opens!” answered one eager boy. What he didn’t realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people who have put their lives on the

line to preserve America’s democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America’s best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.

Member in the News...



The North Alabama National Society of Black Engineers awarded Courtney Thornton the Briggs Leadership/Community Service Scholarship for \$1,000.00. The scholarship awards banquet was held on March 6, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Courtney is a senior at Bob Jones High School.

She has participated in National Robotics, broadcasting, and journalism competitions. She is a member of the computer team, track & field team, and National English Honor Society. Courtney is the daughter of Brother Virgil and Sister Michelle Thornton. She is a member of the Audio/Video and Young Women's Ministries.

Calendar of Events

MAY 4

Baptism/Holy Communion
7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Worship Services


“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death til he come.”
1 Corinthians 11:26

MAY 7

**Unity through Family
Worship Service**

**Dinner
will be served at
5:45 p.m.**

**Worship Service
will begin at
6:30 p.m.**



Union Chapel
Tutorial Program

**Wednesdays
5:30 - 6:45 PM**

**Union Chapel
Tutorial Room**

Other Events for the month of May

- 11 Mother’s Day
- 16 CDC End of Year Program - 4:00 p.m.
- 16 Young Adult Seminar, 6-9 p.m.
- 17 Inner/Outer Beauty Workshop - 3:00 p.m.
- 22 Graduation Ceremony
- 26 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

Deacon’s Wards

(Deacons assigned by member’s last name)

Coordinator Deacon Michael Jackson
Co-Coordinator Deacon Henry Dickerson

WARD #1 (A-I)

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| Carroll Ray Battle | Frank Hester |
| Roy Brown | Lindsey Thompson |
| John Butler | William Manning |
| Artemus Scissum | Eddie Thomas |
| Charles Henderson | Richard Showers |
| Donald Warren | Jimmy Sorrell |

WARD #2 (J-R)

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| James Ector | Andrew Biddle |
| Henry Dickerson | James Kelley |
| David Jones | George Prude |
| William Battle | Marvin Moore |
| Franklin Brandon | Michael Jackson |
| Charlie Lockhart | |

WARD #3 (S-Z)

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| Jerry Alexander | Anthony Lacy |
| Geoffrey Burton | Clayton Pitts |
| Willie Douglas | Laverne Reed |
| Cleo Cromwell | George Suggs |
| Archie Jefferson | Lawrence Scruggs |
| Larry Clemons | Lee Neal |

**75th Anniversary
Edition Church
Directory**



**Photograph
Sign-Up**

As a unified body, each family is important to us. Please take the time to have your picture taken to be included in our 75th Anniversary Edition of our Church Directory. This is a historical document that future generations will enjoy.

Each family will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait and a copy of the directory.

Please sign up for an appointment in the foyer Sunday before and after the 7:45 and 10:45 am services and Wednesdays before and after Bible Study.

If you would like to assist with sign-up or serve as a host/hostess during the photo sessions, please call the Church Office.

| WEEKLY SERVICES | Monthly Ministry Meetings | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Ministry | Time | | When | |
| <p>Early Worship Service 7:45 A.M. Sundays</p> <p>Sunday School Hour 9:30-10:30 A.M. 12:45-1:45 P.M.</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:45 A.M. Sundays</p> <p>Bible Study Wednesdays 12:00 Noon & 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer Service 6:00 P.M.</p> | SUNDAY | | | | |
| | Intercessory Prayer Line | 7:00 AM | 8:00 AM | Every | |
| | Prayer Line Ministry | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM | Every | |
| | MONDAY | | | | |
| | Intercessory Prayer | 6:00 PM | 7:30 PM | Every | |
| | New Members Orientation | 6:00 PM | | Every | |
| | Revised Version Choir | 6:00 PM | | 1st, 2nd & 4th | |
| | Progressive Matrons | 6:45 PM | | 1st | |
| | Male Chorus | 7:30 PM | | 1st, 2nd & 3rd | |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:00 PM | | 1st | |
| | Missionary Ministry | 6:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| | Ushers #1 Ministry | 7:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| | Youth Ushers Ministry | 6:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| | Deacon's Ministry | 6:30 PM | | 3rd | |
| | Min. Wives/Deaconess | 6:30 PM | | 3rd | |
| | Mother's Ministry | 10:00 AM | 12 Noon | 3rd | |
| | Singles Ministry | 6:00 PM | | 3rd | |
| | Trustee's Ministry | 6:30 PM | | 4th | |
| | TUESDAY | | | | |
| | <p>RADIO MINISTRY</p> <p>WDJL AM 1000 RADIO</p> <p>Sermon of the Day 12:00 Noon Mondays</p> <p>WEUP AM 1600 RADIO</p> <p>Sermon 1:30 PM Sundays</p> | Senior Adult Ministry | 1:00 PM | | 1st |
| | | Boy Scout | 6:00 PM | | 1st & 3rd |
| | | Matrons | 6:30 PM | | 1st & 3rd |
| | | Church Choir | 7:00 PM | | 1st & 4th |
| | | Gospel Choir | 7:00 PM | | 2nd |
| Laymen Brotherhood— Men's Bible Study | | 7:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| Community Care | | 6:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| Recreation Ministry | | 6:30 PM | | 2nd | |
| Women's Bible Study | | 6:30 PM | | 2nd | |
| Women's Choir | | 6:00 PM | | 3rd | |
| Cub Scouts | | 6:00 PM | | 4th | |
| WEDNESDAY | | | | | |
| <p>TELEVISION MINISTRY</p> <p>Each Sunday WAWB TV 7:00-8:00 A.M.</p> <p>Comcast Cable 3 TV 8:00-9:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer Lines Are Open 8:00-9:00 P.M.</p> <p>LOCATION: 315 Winchester Road Huntsville, AL 35811 256.852.1150 256.851.6949 fax</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.unionchapel-hsv.org</p> <p>EMAIL: unionchapel@unionchapel-hsv.org</p> <p>O. Wendell Davis, D.Min., Pastor</p> | | Intercessory Prayer | 11:00 AM | 12 Noon | Every |
| | | The Passage | 5:45 PM | | Every |
| | Sign Ministry | 5:45 PM | | Every | |
| | Sunday School Teachers | 6:00 PM | | Every | |
| | Education Assistance | 5:30 PM | | 3rd | |
| | Mentor Ministry | 5:15 PM | | 4th | |
| | THURSDAY | | | | |
| | Church Choir | 7:00 PM | | 1st & 4th | |
| | Publication Ministry | 6:00 PM | | 1st | |
| | Young Women's | 6:15 PM | | 2nd & 4th | |
| | Laymen Brotherhood | 6:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| | Gospel Choir | 7:00 PM | | 2nd | |
| | Rural Seniors | 10:00 AM | 12 Noon | 2nd & 4th | |
| | Women's Choir | 6:00 PM | | 2nd & 3rd | |
| Book Club | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 4th | | |
| Ushers # 2 Ministry | 7:00 PM | | 4th | | |
| SATURDAY | | | | | |
| Wellness Ministry | 9:00 AM | | 2nd | | |
| Street Ministry | 10:00 AM | 12 Noon | 3rd | | |
| Community Care Outreach | 11:00 AM | | 4th | | |
| Progressive Matrons | 10:00 AM | | 4th | | |
| Girl Scouts | 10:30 AM | 12:30 | 2nd & 4th | | |
| The above ministry meeting schedule does not supersede your internal ministry calendar that has been previously posted. | | | | | |
| <i>The Herald is a monthly publication of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Members are encouraged to submit all newsworthy articles by the 10th of the month to newsletter@unionchapel-hsv.org. All articles are subject to editing for clarity and grammatical correctness.</i> | | | | | |