



*The Monthly Newsletter of
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church*

The Herald

Making plans for your life in the new year? Could it be that God already has a plan for you and is patiently waiting for you to make that plan a reality?

When one considers how everything seems to have a purpose in nature, it makes sense to believe that each of us has a purpose as well. On the other hand, if all of creation seems to have just happened without any reason, then this means our minds and spirits must have no reason or purpose as well. How can we trust them?

But believers trust that there is a great Intelligence that brought everything into existence.

There is a Mind and a Heart at the center of all creation. If that's the case, then life can only make sense when we seek what the Creator has in mind for us.

Jesus, who knew the Mind and Heart of God better than anyone who ever lived on Earth, once said to the erring Peter: "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33, NRSV).

Setting our minds on human things can get us into trouble. That's why it often seems we live in a crazy mixed-up world. How can life ever be fulfilling, without the purpose God has for that life?

To set one's mind on divine things leads us to consider the one vow we should take seriously for the new year. Your will, Lord. Your will and nothing else.



Happy
NEW YEAR
VISION, COMMITMENT, FAITH

*A Vow For
The New Year*

From The Pastor

You Don't Have To Face The Future Alone"



*"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."
Hebrews 13:5*

Have you ever been afraid to take even a short trip by yourself? Often when we travel into unknown territory we feel safer if someone goes with us. There is safety in the "buddy" system. We feel safer at home when we are not alone. In threatening circumstances the sense of terror is lessened if we are in the presence of those who we know. No matter how young or old we are, this feeling of insecurity does not escape us if we are traveling alone.

There is very little we can do in any given year that does not require the miraculous intervention of the divine. Whether it's putting a safety net around our homes or creating opportunities for us on the job, God is busy 24 hours a day and seven days a week, making things happen for his people. That's what he did for us last year and will continue to do this year.

He will never forsake us or leave us, even though sometimes we believe that what we have accomplished has been done without him.

As Christians, we approach the new year with renewed hope and enthusiasm. We see the great emptiness that lies before us, but we also have enough sense to know that when this year is over and the harvest is great that our success this year won't be because our own work, but because God never forsook us or left us alone.

Today, be of good cheer; God will control today, just as he did yesterday. Beloved, have a blessed Year!!

Your Servant Leader,

O. Wendell Davis

2015
CHURCH
THEME

*"Meeting The Challenges With
Spiritual Wisdom"
Matthew 10:16-26*

New To Our Family

Chadwick H. Brown
Keon M. Johnson
Carla R. Hill
Alecia F. Hunter
Jennifer M. Jones
Rena M. Moore
Jody L. Slay
Eugene V. Tilghman
Ahmon K. Turner

Welcome to Our Church

*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.*

Sunday School Lesson: Learning to Pray

- 1.4 *Finding the Right Words* Luke 11:1-13
1.11 *A Friend in High Places* John 17:1-26
1.18 *Someone's on My Side* Hebrews 4:14-5:10
1.25 *Help! I'm in Trouble!* James 5

Bible Study Join us Every Wednesday!

Time	Class	Location
12:00 noon	Mid-Day Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	Youth Bible Study	Basement
	Collegiate Bible Study	Conference Room (old Library)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 19

Remembering The Legacy

To Forgive Is To Love

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO
DO WHAT IS
RIGHT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



HOW TO PRAY

- ◆ *Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.*
- ◆ *Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.*
- ◆ *Pray to God simply and naturally.*
- ◆ *Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.*

Youth Ministry

Join Us for Bible Study



The Youth Ministry is encouraging children, collegiate age, and young adults to participate in our weekly Bible Study Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.



Youth classes for children and youth ages 3 to 18 are held in the church basement.

Collegiate age/young adult class ages 18 to 30 are held in the former Library.

If you need additional information, please see Min. Marquis Thompson or Sis. Doris Ford.

UCIBS Spring Semester *Register Today!*

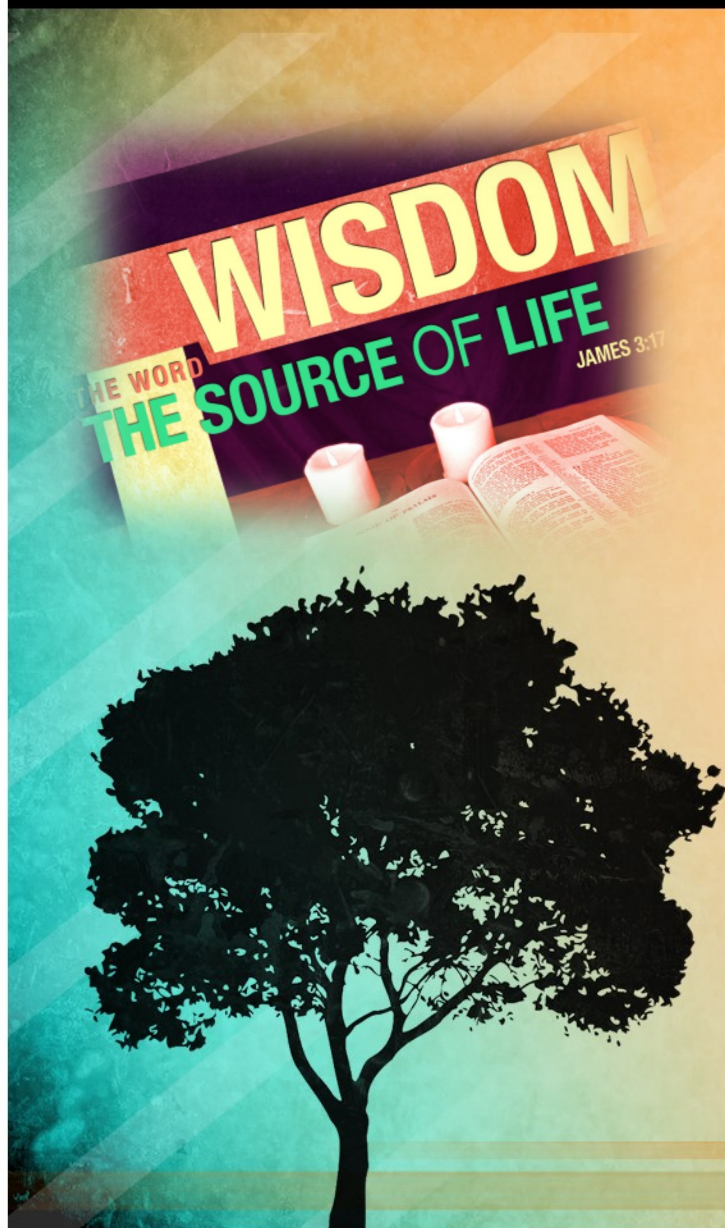
The Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies will begin the Spring Semester on Monday, January 12, 2015, and end on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Registration will be January 5 - 9, 2015.

Courses for this semester will be:

- *New Testament Survey*
- *Church History (Acts)*
- *Keys to Effective Prayer, Part II*
- *Encounters with God: James*

A skilled course in *Barbering* will also be offered (Limitation for the Barbering class will be five students).

Tuition is *FREE*, however donations are welcomed. Students are responsible for the cost of their books. Applications are available at the Welcome Center and online. For further information, please contact Sis. Roberta Battle, Registrar, at 256.852.2467 or rbattle@unionchapel-hsv.org.



Union Chapel Christian Academy



Union Chapel Christian Academy is participating in the Box Tops for Education fundraiser. Box Tops for Education is one of the nation's largest school fundraising loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996.

Once you start looking, you'll see these little pink coupons everywhere! Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for our school. Grab your scissors and keep an eye out for the Box Tops for Education logo on the products you use everyday; some packages offer bonus Box Tops.

Simply send the clipped Box Tops to school with your child to give to their homeroom teacher.

Each eligible school participating in the Box Tops for Education program may earn up to, but not more than \$20,000 cash per year from the Clip program.



OPERATION
Green Team
Keeping Huntsville Beautiful

Union Chapel Christian Academy is participating in Operation Green Team's Got Caps plastic caps, (any plastic screw top) recycling contest. The contest began October 1 and will end March 31, 2015.

Please save your bottle caps and send them to school with your child to be turned in to their homeroom teacher. The caps will be turned in to the academy office weekly and collected monthly by representatives from Operation Green Team.

Contest Details:

- Caps must be plastic and the twist type. These are found on plastic bottles of juice, milk, ketchup, laundry detergent, water, soda, peanut butter, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. Also, caps can be any shape, color or size.
- Caps cannot have metal of any kind in them.

The school collecting the most caps through March 31, 2015 will win at least \$1,000. Last year 37 schools won more than \$23,000.

For additional information, please contact the academy office at 256.489.4728.

HOW TO PRAY

- ◆ *Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.*
- ◆ *Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike. Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront. Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.*
- ◆ *Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.*

Pink Warriors Project Chemo Crochet

Crochet Squares Donations



The Union Chapel Church Stitching & Quilting Ministry and Cancer Support Ministry will partner with the Pink Warriors Project Chemo Crochet Program by donating crochet squares again this year. They have requested donations of crocheted or knitted nine inch squares of any color or designs. These squares are made into blankets and given to individuals who are undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

Members of our church family and community received blankets from Pink Warriors. We are asking members and friends that can crochet to consider making squares for this project. The first date to turn in squares to either ministry will be Monday, January 26, 2015. Please contact Sis. Sadie Pleasure at 256.859.0863, Sis. Joyce Hampton or Sis. Flora Ector at 256.852.3864 for more information.

Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

1.6

Senior Adult Ministry Meeting
Medicare Changes 2015
1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

1.8

Executive Ministry Meeting
Conference Room
6:30 p.m.

1.9

Annual Church Meeting
Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.

1.12

Youth Ministry Annual Trip Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

1.12

Passage Ministry Registration Deadline
Visit the church website to register



Monthly Ministry Meetings

Ministry	Time	When
SUNDAY		
Intercessory Prayer Line	7:00 AM 8:00 AM	Every
Prayer Line Ministry	8:00 PM 9:00 PM	Every
New Members Orientation	9:30 AM	Every
MONDAY		
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM 7:30 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
Cancer Support Group	6:30 PM	1st
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
Deaconess Ministry	6:30 PM	3rd
Mother's Ministry	10:00 AM 12 Noon	3rd
Stitching and Quilting Ministry	6:00 PM	2nd & 4th
Trustee's Ministry	6:30 PM	1st
TUESDAY		
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 Choir	6:00 PM	3rd
Minister's Wives	6:30 PM	3rd
Cub Scouts	6:00 PM	4th
WEDNESDAY		
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
THURSDAY		
Church Choir	7:00 PM	1st & 4th
Laymen Brotherhood	6:00 PM	2nd
Gospel Choir	7:00 PM	2nd
Tour and Hospitality Ministry	6:00 PM	
Women's Choir	6:00 PM	2nd & 3rd
Ushers # 2 Ministry	7:00 PM	4th
Young Women's Ministry	5:45 PM	3rd
SATURDAY		
Minister's Meeting	8:00 AM	2nd
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	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	2nd & 4th

The above ministry meeting schedule does not supersede your internal ministry calendar that has been previously posted.

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.



CHURCH LOCATION

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O. Wendell Davis, D.Min., Pastor

Early Worship Service
7:45 a.m. Sundays

Sunday School Hour
7:00 a.m.
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship
10:45 A.M. Sundays

Bible Study
Monday - Wednesday
12:00 Noon
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

RADIO MINISTRY

WEUP AM 1700 RADIO
Sermon 1:30 p.m. Sundays

TELEVISION MINISTRY

Each Sunday
WAWB TV
7:00-8:00 A.M.

Comcast Cable 3 TV
8:00-9:00 P.M.

(Check your local cable services for more broadcast times)

Prayer Lines Are Open
8:00-9:00 P.M.