

Words from Pastor

Dear Parents, Candidates, and Soon-to-be Candidates:

It is with great joy that we share with you an amazing vision God gave me nearly 15 years ago. The vision to create a ministry with the sole purpose of pouring Jesus into our youth in every aspect of their pre-teen development until they complete high school.

In February 2010, we graduated our first group of candidates who went through all four phases of the Passage. If the Lord delays His coming, in February 2011, we will implement Phase V. This is exciting for us and we give all praise to God.

As in previous years, the Passage Ministry will continue to embrace the church-wide theme. This year's thematic thrust is "Unity By Way of The Cross through Training for Spiritual Transformation!" The scriptural support for this theme may be found in: Matthew 28:16-18; Acts 17:6; Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 12:1-2. This thematic thrust supports the core of the Vision: to become "A Cross of Christ Teaching and Disciple making Church"—Equipping Changed People to Change the World." My prayer and hope is that we would become intentional about seeing and experiencing transformation in our individual lives and in the life of the Union Chapel Church Family collectively!

This is exciting for us and May God richly bless and keep you in my prayer.

Your Servant Leader,
Pastor O. Wendell Davis

For more information about the Passage, visit our website:
www.unionchapel-hsv.com/unionchapel/passage

Passage Leaders

Lead Instructors: Pastor and Mrs. Dora Davis

Phase I Boys:

Minister Theromiles Flowers

Phase I Girls:

Ms. Richette Brison-Harris

Ms. Jeanette Eatman

Phase II Boys:

Minister Harold Weatherly

Phase II Girls:

Ms. Candice Howell

Mrs. Betty Collins

Phase III Combined:

Ms. Audra Allen

Minister Richard Pilcher

Phase IV Combined:

Minister Broderick McDaniel, Sr.

Mrs. Stacey Humes

Phase V Part I and II:

Minister Marquis Thompson

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Boys and Girls to Men and Women

2011-2012

**UNITY BY WAY OF THE
CROSS OF CHRIST**

**BECAUSE OF CALVARY
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!**

What is the Passage?

The Passage is the fulfillment of an amazing vision God gave Pastor Davis to challenge, mold and prepare youth for young adulthood. In the vision, Pastor saw Union Chapel youth (referred to in the Ministry as candidates) and their parent or guardian committing each year up to four consecutive years to a journey through the *Passage*. The journey is filled with fun-learning activities, educational opportunities, and exposure to our City, State and country through discipline and a spiritually enriched curriculum.

Who can become a candidate?

The Passage is designed for all Union Chapel youth ages 12 to 18. Becoming a candidate requires a commitment from both youth and parent or guardian. They must be committed to attending weekly meetings and outings, beginning in February 2011 and ending in February 2012, as highlighted on the Passage calendar.

How does Passage work?

Phase I: First Year for Ages 12 and 13

Candidates will establish their identity and know who they are through six lesson plans or modules: (1) Awareness and Understanding of Self, (2) Understanding of Immediate and Extended Family, (3) Community Service, (4) Adoption of Senior Friend, (5) Educational Opportunities and (6) Discipline and Responsibility.

Phase II: Second Year for Ages 13 to 15

Candidates will understand why they are Christian, their Christian Heritage, Jesus Christ their personal Savior and Black Church History through six lesson plans: (1) Introduction to African American Church History, (2) African Religions, (3) The Conversion of the Slaves, (4) First Black Congregations, (5) Negro Spirituals, and (6) The Civil War and Christianity.

Phase III: Third Year for Ages 14 to 16

Candidates will focus on sexuality and dating through five lesson plans (1) Chivalry: Treat ladies like a lady, (2) Dispel the Hip Hop Myth, (3) Male and Female Relationships, (4) Family Relationships, and (5) Encouraging Spiritual Relations.

Phase IV: Fourth Year for Ages 16 to 17

Candidates will learn preparation through four modules: (1) Competing in a society that is not fair, (2) Refraining from falling into the dangers, (3) Countering attacks attracted by the devil, and (4) Preparing for life: what you need to do.

Phase V Part I and II: Fifth Year for Ages 17 to 19

Candidates will learn preparation through five modules: (1) Equipping for survival, (2) Preparing for college, (3) Don't lose your mind, (4) Exposure to better living, and (5) Leaving home: why it is important and okay to leave home.

Will I have fun?

The Passage Ministry curriculum is filled with fun-learning activities to ensure each candidate learns the material. Some of the activities are:

Amazing Race Union Chapel Style

This activity is for the entire family. Candidates and their parent or guardian and siblings work as a team to complete a series of challenges that are thought provoking that test your spiritual, emotional, social and physical being. Each challenge or task is related to the lesson plans, outings and activities. What makes this activity so competitive is that each year we will introduce new and improved challenges.

Caring & Sharing Day at Union Chapel

This activity is jointly coordinated with the Community Care Ministry to care and share with the general public. Items of clothing and household goods that are slightly used or like-new are given away. It is like a yard sale except everything is given away for free. The candidates are responsible for assisting church members in carrying items from their vehicles to the front lawn of the church. Caring and Sharing Day is held twice a year.

The Passage Address

This activity is coordinated solely by the candidates. They are responsible for volunteering to serve in various logistical capacities from creating the breakfast menu to designing the program. Candidates volunteer to present their God-given talent with the rest of the Ministry and one candidate serves as the keynote speaker. A master or mistress of ceremony ensures the program runs smoothly.

Visiting a Clothing Store

Representatives from a local clothing store discuss with the candidates in a private setting how to select appropriate undergarments and outer garments for our candidates' body type. As well as what is appropriate to wear to business and to social events.