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# UNION CHAPEL CHRONICLES

## 1933 - 2022

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- Union Chapel was organized on October 4, 1933 in the home of **O. D. & Lucy Boone** located on Blue Springs Road.
- They selected the name “Union Chapel” due to the “unity” exemplified by the members.
- The first church services were held in a two-room house on Winston Street; moving to Compress Street, Ward Avenue, Lowe Street.
- PASTOR Boone and his sons, Harry and George, began construction of the building for a permanent location located at **530 Gardner Street** where services were held in the basement.
- The church experienced great growth during Pastor Boone’s twenty-four years (24) tenure as Pastor.
- Being ever mindful of the need to religiously educate our children, he established a full-time kindergarten with certified Teaching staff.
- **Pastor/Founder O. D. Boone** served Union Chapel faithfully until he was called home to be at rest with the Saviour on **October 9, 1957**.
- **Reverend Riley Townsend served** as Interim Pastor for six months. He departed this life to heavenly reward on **May 31, 1995**.
- **Loyace F. and Ester Copeland Lacy** accepted the call to serve as the **second Pastor** of Union Chapel in April 1958.
- He completed the construction of the church sanctuary on Gardner Street that was initiated by Pastor Boone. A new church location had to be found due to the Huntsville Urban Renewal Project.
- **On August 3, 1968** ground-breaking ceremony was held on the property purchased from the family of Orange Hayden in “Spragins Hollow”/100 Orange Drive to build a new Sanctuary. The Church Sanctuary was completed one year later with one hundred-eighty-nine members on roll.
- Recorded a live Sunday evening radio broadcast on WEUP radio each week.
- Pastor Lacy saw the vision and need to better serve the community and a new educational complex was erected on **April 11, 1982**. It provided facilities for religious, social and recreational activities for members and the surrounding community as well as housing a full-time state licensed day-care center.
- Established Baptist Training Union (BTU), Sunbeam and Red Circle choirs, and Mission groups.
- **Pastor Lacy** labored in the vineyard for thirty years before his retirement on **July 23, 1988** due to failing health.
- Mother Ester Lacy, always the willing servant passed on **December 1, 1983**. **Pastor Lacy** went

to his heavenly reward on **March 21, 1992**.

- **Rev. Gonzer Lee Gist**, an Associate Minister for fifteen years was elected to serve in the Interim.
- Many members of the Lacy Family still remain in the Union Chapel fellowship and seek to preserve his contributions and service to it by carrying on his work in the vineyard.
- **O. Wendell and Dora Davis** accepted the call to serve and he was installed as the **third Pastor** of Union Chapel when he preached his acceptance message **on July 2, 1989**. He was officially installed as Pastor on **September 17, 1989**.
- Shortly thereafter in September 1989, Pastor Davis initiated a 7:45 a.m. service and mid-day bible study class in order to serve the growing congregation. He revitalized the bus/van ministry and weekly television/radio broadcasts.
- **April 14, 1993**, Church acquired one-hundred fifty (150) acres of land on Winchester Road from the family of Frank Ellis Strong, a former slave.
- **1995** Due to tremendous growth, services were moved from the main Sanctuary to the newly expanded Educational Complex (Gym/Multi-purpose room) at the Orange Drive location. Striving to be good stewards of God's blessings, in 1996 the mortgage for the 150 acres of land located on Winchester Road was paid off early.
- The Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies was founded by Pastor Davis as a vision to train men and women for the work of the church in **December 1998**.
- On **February 17, 2002**, Dedicatory Services were held for the new-multi-million dollar edifice which housed a new modern sanctuary with state-of-the art audio and visual equipment, administrative offices, classrooms, nursery, fellowship hall, commercial kitchen, full basement with youth classrooms, bride's room; small chapel, recreational softball field and a covered picnic pavilion. The Watch-Care Ministry was initiated.
- **March 23, 2003**, A Sign Language Ministry was established for the hearing-impaired worshippers and television audience.
- On **September 26, 2004**- Dedication of the newly constructed Child Development Center for infants six (6) weeks to four (4) years of age; nourishing the next generation in a caring and safe Christian educational environment.
- More than 250 new members were added to the church family in 2004.
- The dedication of the Family Life Center was held on **February 13, 2005**. It was a result of Pastor Davis' vision to nurture the whole body, mind, and soul; through state-of-the art elliptical equipment, indoor walking track; regulation indoor basketball court; classroom space for wellness seminars and events; and commercial kitchen.
- **May 2, 2005**- The Union Chapel Family Life Center officially opened with approximately one hundred members using the recreation facility on a daily basis. The center housed the After School program and also the Summer Camp program
- **August 23, 2005**—An Afternoon Sunday School class was initiated to accommodate those members who could not attend the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes.
- **October 1<sup>st</sup>**- The first Habitat House was built by Union Chapel. The church went an extra mile and provided labor and all financial support.
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>**- Musical workshop and concert conducted by Bishop Leonard Scott, creator of "Hymns for the Nation" CD.

- **January 1, 2006** – Pastor Davis declared the **“Year of Deliverance and Restoration.**
- On **January 18, 2006,** we retired the mortgage for Phase#1 Building project (Church Sanctuary).
- **February 18, 2006**– Union Chapel Passage Ministry established by celebrating 61 candidates (24 Girls and 37 Boys) entering Phase I during the first Pre-Passage Ceremony.
- On **August 9, 2006,** the Union Chapel Christian Academy opened its 2006-07 academic year with nine teachers and support staff and ninety-five students in grades K-5 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes were initially held in the Family Life Center.
- The foundation was laid for the expansion of the Family Life Center to connect to the new Christian Academy facility on March 26, 2007.
- On **February 10, 2008,** the dedication of the New Union Chapel Christian Academy facility with additional space allowed the curriculum to expand to accommodate students through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **2009 January 12<sup>th</sup>** – The **Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies** celebrated its’ **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** UCIBS was founded by Pastor O. Wendell Davis in 1998 as a result of a vision in an effort to train men and women for the work of the church. More than 200 graduates have been blessed to receive degrees/certificates from the UCIBS.
- **January 12<sup>th</sup>** – **The Stitch-in-Time Ministry** began offering instructional classes in quilting and crocheting. The Coordinators were Mother Betty Craighead and Sis. Flora Ector.
- January 17-21<sup>st</sup>-The Youth Ministry witnessed the historic Inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C.
- **February 7<sup>th</sup>- The Union Chapel Cancer Support Group held its Kick-Off** Session with Special Guest Speaker, Donna Green-Goodman, MPH, author of “Something’ To Shout About! This Ministry was established through the vision of Pastor Davis, Cancer Survivor Joyce Hampton and others in an effort to provide support to all those affected by Cancer.
- **March –Sis. Linda Earl and Deacon George Prude** were commissioned to the Foreign Mission Ministry in West Africa.
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Union Chapel participated in the **Church-Wide Mission Project,** “Serving the City as ONE” a day of service for Christians across Madison County.
- **April 26<sup>th</sup>** – **Pastor O. Wendell Davis** presented the “Peace, Unity, Honesty & Leadership Achievement Award during the annual banquet of the Harry Ross Promotions event in Atlanta, Ga.
- **May 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Bro. Bakari Jordan** delivered his trial sermon; he was supported by many family members and friends.
- **July 12-19<sup>th</sup>** – **The Walter Cade, Jr. Laymen’s Southwest Workshop** was held in Huntsville at the Von Braun Civic Center. Union Chapel along with First Missionary Baptist Church was the area host churches.
- Since our last Church Anniversary in 2008, **two hundred twenty-seven (227)** new members have been added to the Union Chapel Family
- **2010** - Bible college classes, mid-day and night bible study sessions, Passage, Sunday school, spiritual counseling, leadership workshops, seminars, renewal services, intercessory prayer services, recreational activities, community services, radio and television broadcasts, are just a few of the tools by which Pastor Davis continues to plant new seeds and cultivate the next

generation.

- **January 2, 2011** - A10:00 a.m. worship service as established at 100 Orange Drive Location for young people with the theme: Hip-Hop to Hip-Hope.”
- **April 2011** - Union Chapel sponsored “Serving the City As One Community Service Day.”
- **May 17, 2011** - Union Chapel Church re-named its Family Life Center the “Charles L. Ray, Jr. family Life Center” in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the Union Chapel Christian Academy in 2010.
- **May 2012** - The Academy expanded to accommodate students through the 12th grade.
- **August 2012**– A combination outdoor Tennis Court and Basketball Court was completed.
- **February 10, 2013** - Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony – Wall of Honor-O. Wendell Davis Society was held.
- The first UCCA High School commencement exercise was held on **May 22, 2013** and consisted of six graduating Seniors with an enrollment to date of two hundred and fifteen students (215).
- Two hundred-twenty three (**223**) members were added to the Union Chapel Church family in **2013**.  
**July 30, 2014** – Mother Carrie Lue Moore, passed to heavenly reward. She held the oldest church membership; was a charter member and former church clerk who served under O. D. Boone and Rev. L. F. Lacy. Mother Moore was born January 17, 1920.
- Since the last Church Anniversary (August 18, 2013), more than 117 members have been added to the church membership.
- **September 1, 2014** – Pastor Davis initiated telephone conference meditation-Word for Today/Prayer/Meditation.” Launch of Pastor’s CD entitled, “Meditation from a Pastor’s Heart”
- **September 25, 2014** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UCCA Foundation Annual Education Gala was held. Monthly Men’s Ministry meeting study series established.
- **October 2014**- Pastor & Sis. Davis Appreciation Month commemorating twenty-five years of faithful service.
- **January 2015** – Youth Mentoring Program & Children’s Church at both services (7:45&10:45AM)
- **February 2015** – Teen Church Worship Service
- **February 2015** – Black History Celebration featured Quilts and presentation from The Buffalo Soldiers Auxiliary
- **February 21, 2015** – The Union Chapel Christian Academy’s Basketball Team won the State ACAA Championship Title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.
- **April 18 2015** – Serving the City as One Project
- **April 27, 2015** – Grief Ministry Established
- **May 2015** –2015 Graduation /Christian Academy (5 High School Graduates) Enrollment to-date (August 2015) is two hundred nine (209) students.
- **June 13, 2015** – North Courtland, AL declares “O. Wendell Davis Day”
- **June 28, 2015** – Deacon’s Ward System re-activated
- **July 3, 2015** – Concert featuring nationally known gospel recording artists: Dorothy

Norwood, Paul Porter, & Lemmie Battles along with Union Chapel Church Choir..

One hundred-forty (**140**) members were added to our church family during the period of August 14, 2014 - August 16, 2015.

- **May 18, 2016** - The fourth and final High School graduating class commencement was held which consisted of six graduates. The Academy reverted back to Junior High School, serving students through 6th grade.
- **June 2016** - Ministers Samuel Singleton and Cedric Taylor preached their trial sermons.
- **August 26, 2016**—Demolition of old church parsonage & church office located at 6400 Hollow Road
- **January 15, 2017**—Installation of 2017 Ministry Coordinators.
- **January 27, 2017** - Six Deacons were ordained, namely: Bro. Jerome Collins, Bro. Marcus Crutcher, Bro. Sampson Gholston,  
Bro. Michael Malone, Bro Michael Stevenson & Bro. Jerry Tibbs.
- **March 29, 2017** - Ordination held for Ministers Lindsey Thompson and Minister Marquis Thompson and four Deacons:  
Bro. Razak Arunaogun, Bro. Jacoby Berry, Bro. Billy Lewis and Bro. Michael Taylor.
- **April 2, 2017** - The Kidney Support Ministry was formed with Sis. Audra Allen as Coordinator.
- **April, 2017** - Greeters Ministry established.
- **June 2017**—Pastor's Honors Award established
- **August, 2017** -100 members have been added to the church membership since our last Church Anniversary in 2016.
- **November 8, 2017** - Birthday celebration held to honor Pastor Davis on his 65th Birthday Milestone (11/12/)
- **December 13, 2017**—Original play, "The Perfect Christmas," written by Sis. Maude Ellison presented by UC Drama Ministry.
- **January 2018**—Women's Prayer Breakfast held hosted by Deaconess Ministry
- **April 28, 2018** - UC Inspirational Choir Re-Union Concert was held.
- **May 7, 2018** - Veteran's Recognition Service/ Veterans Ministry established
- **May 2018**-Women's Ministry Wednesday night Bible Study sessions began.
- **June 2018**-Special musical guests, The Gray Sisters and Dr. Wayne Bucknor and True Identity ministered in song.
- **August 15, 2018** - 85th Anniversary Choir Concert featuring 100 voices with Bro. Alexander Lewis and Bro. Sam Pope, Jr.
- **August 2018** - Sixty-eight (68) students are enrolled in the Union Chapel Christian academy 2018-19 school year, educating students in K-5 through 7th grades.
- Eighty-one (81) Infants and toddlers ages 6 weeks—4 years of age are enrolled in our Child Development Center.
- **Forty-Four (44) members** have been added to the Union Chapel Family since our last Church Anniversary in 2017.
- **November 7, 2018** – Pastor Davis' 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- **November 11, 2018**- Veterans Day Observance Honoring our Veterans
- **December 15, 2018**- Cultural Arts Ministry presented an adapted play written by Tiffanie Byers entitled, "Christmas In OZ."

- **December 31, 2018**- Joint New Year's Eve Fellowship at First Missionary Baptist Church.
- Church Secretary, Rose Parks Rice, retired after twenty-nine (29) years of service.
- **January 2018**-Women's Prayer Breakfast held Minister's Wives Ministry re-activated
- **April 16, 2018**—Spring Christian Education Conference held
- **April 28, 2018**—UC Inspirational Choir Reunion Concert was held.
- **May 2018** -Women's Ministry Wednesday night Bible Study Class initiated.
- **May 7, 2018** - Veteran's Recognition Service
- **May 11, 2018** – Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration
- **June 10, 2018**—Annual Graduates Recognition Observance for High School, Bible Institute and College Graduates
- **July 16, 2018** – Youth Trip to Washington, D.C. MLK Memorial Museum
- **June 29, 2018** – Dr. Wayne Buckner and True Identity special guest artists 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service.
- **August 15, 2018** – 85<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Choir Concert
- **August 19, 2018**- 85<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration – Pastor Gregory Haygood, Guest Speaker
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- **February 5, 2019** –Food Pantry/Orange Dr. established
- **February 6, 2019** – Installed new power operated partition in church fellowship hall
- **February 10, 2019** – Black History Month Celebration
- **February 16, 2019** – Education Assistance Ministry hosted HBCU College Fair at Charles L. Ray Family Life Center
- Sewing and Quilting Ministry presented Historical Quilting Display in Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall
- **February 20, 2019** - Music & Dance Ministry attended Praise & Worship Conference/Washington, DC
- **February 24, 2019** -Dr. Reginald Jackson & UAB (University of Alabama-Birmingham) Gospel Choir Special Guest
- **March 16, 2019** - Shania Williams received the Gold Award; the highest award given by the Girl Scouts Organization.
- **April 26, 2019** - **30<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Celebration for & Sis. O. Wendell Davis**: Viewing of documentary, "**Footsteps In Time**"... **Living Legacy of Pastor, Dr. O. Wendell Davis** held at Lee High School Auditorium.
- **April 27, 2019** – Dr. Patricia Sims installed as President of J. F. Drake State Community & Technical College.
- **April 28, 2019** – **Pastor Davis 30<sup>th</sup> Pastor's Anniversary** Services were held with Dr. T. L. Lewis as Guest Minister.
- **May 9, 2019** - Ordination Service for Associate Ministers Greg Miller and Julian Savage were held

- in the church's
- main Sanctuary.
- **May 11, 2019** – Men's Ministries hosted Annual Mother's Day Brunch
- **May 15, 2019** – Installed new electronic Church Sign/Marquee on Winchester Road
- **June 9, 2019** – Graduate Recognition Sunday was held honoring graduates from UC Bible College, Colleges, Universities and High Schools.
- **June 10, 2019** – Television Monitors, Video Monitors and Projectors were installed in hallways throughout the main church facility.
- **June 10-13, 2019** -Union Chapel hosted the Alabama State Women's Convention
- **June 21, 2019** – Ministers Julian and Toni Savage graduated Level II and Ministers Glenn & Marie Corbett graduated Level I from the National. Baptist Congress of Christian Education held in Maryland.
- **June 29, 2019** – Brother-to-Brother Fellowship Dinner hosted by the Women's Ministry. Inspirational Choir reunion picnic held at Church Pavilion
- **July 20, 2019** – Youth Adult/Millennial Summit held
- **August 3, 2019** - Youth Trip to Lake Winnie/Chattanooga, TN
- **August 7, 2019** – 86<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Music & Cultural Arts Concert
- **August 10, 2019**- 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Picnic Held
- **August 17, 2019**-Historical Church Tour: Gardner Street Marker; Orange Drive Location
- **Seventy-Seven (77)** students are enrolled in the Union Chapel Christian Academy for the 2019 Academic Year educating students in K-5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- **Eighty (80)** infants and toddlers, ages six weeks-four years of age are enrolled in our Child Development Center. **Sixty-Eight (68)** members have been added to the Union Chapel Church Family since our last Church Anniversary in **2018**.
- **September 11, 2019** – New church video cameras, projectors, monitors and equipment installed
- **September 22, 2019** – Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation issues UCCA Debit Card (RFCU)
- **September 26, 2019** – UCCA Foundation holds "Celebrating Education Reception with Guest Speaker Dr. Don Darius Butler, Pastor of First MB Church (Hsv); music by Dr. Reginald Jackson and UAB Gospel Choir
- **September 27, 2019** - Christian Academy holds "Harvest Fest Under The Stars" (Movie Night)
- **October 2019** – Pink Sunday Celebration of Cancer Survivors Women's Ministry hosts Annual Sister-To-Sister Fellowship
- **November 13, 2019** – **67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** ("A Labor of Love) for **Pastor O. Wendell Davis** held in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall.  
Two new gas HVAC units were installed in the Church Facility  
Host Site for the Successful Aging Conference sponsored by the AAMU Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute & Cooperative Extension /Special Guest Presenter; Actress, Tommie Stewart Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies Culinary Class taught by Minister/Chef Anthony Williams Prepared reception food for the UC office Staff to culminate the end of their semester.
- **December 14, 2019**- Worship Arts Ministry presented an Encore Presentation of "Christmas In OZ" Christmas Production; Guest Group Sam Pope & His-Sound; Special Guest, Harris Home For

Children.

- **December 18, 2019** –Christmas Concert with Guest Guitarist & Recording Artist, Roland Gresham
- **January** – No New Year’s Eve Service Held
- **February** - Historically Black Colleges and Universities College (HBCU) Fair Held at Charles Ray L. Family Life Center Quilting & Sewing Ministry presents Historical Quilt Display

**February 19, 2020** – Passage Ministry held its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre and Post graduation ceremony with Eighteen (18) Pre-Candidates, sixteen (16) Post Candidates and a total of seventy-nine (79) overall enrolled in all phases.

Black History Month Celebration- African Sunday observed

- **March -16-** Governor Kay Ivy issues “Stay At Home” Order State-Wide due to worldwide pandemic and quarantine Pastor Davis declares 100 days of fasting and prayer CDC Closed due to Covid-19 Virus Pandemic with eighty-five (85) students enrolled Christian Academy Closed due to Covid-19 Virus Pandemic with sixty-five (65) students enrolled Church Office Closed due to Covid-19 Virus Pandemic 9:00 a.m. Streaming Service Only. Church Wide Services Cancelled
- In person attendance was limited to selected Musicians, Soloists, Deacons, Trustees & Watchcare
- Jan. 21, 2021 – Sister Maggie Reed, Union Chapel’s Church Historian passed to heavenly reward. Sister Reed keep accurate and historic records of Union Chapel’s events for over fifty years. She also served on the Senior Usher Board and volunteered her services as Church Secretary and Church Clerk in past years.
- Jan. 22, 2021- (Retired) Associate Minister Horace Allen, Jr. transitioned to heavenly reward. Minister Allen was a member for thirty-three years and previously held the staff position of Minister of Congregational Care; He was also a trained Stephens Ministry Leader.
- Feb. – Black History Month-Quilt from Sewing Ministry on display at the Madison Co. Courthouse
- Feb 2, 2021 – Sister Lula Mae Chatman Turner , age 97 was Union Chapel’s Oldest Member who passed to heavenly reward
- Feb. 7, 2021- Bro. Erskine Valrie transitioned to heavenly reward. He was a member of Union Chapel Trustee Ministry and in past years, had served as Coordinator and Co-Coordinator. He was instrumental in Union Chapel securing the PPP Loan awarded Churches and business during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Feb. 14, 2021 –Pastor Davis delivers the message entitled, “Sometimes the Journey is just as important as the Destination. (Joshua 5:6) after recovering from Kidney Transplant Surgery.
- Feb. 20, 2021 – Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) virtual financial aid and scholarship information fair was held via zoom by the Education Assistance Ministry
- March – New Sunday School Class formed: zoom classes for Adults, Collegiate/Young Adults, youth 9-12 yrs and youth 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- March – Child Development Center and Academy re-opens after being closed due to State Stay at Home Orders.
- March 2021 – Union Chapel members continued serving 300 hot lunches and food boxes to the public
- March 12, 2021 – The Young Women’s Ministry assisted Seniors to sign up for Covid-19 Vaccine
- Mar. 21, 2021 – (1) One year Anniversary of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic
- March 22, 2021 –Covid-19 Vaccine made available to Veterans, Teachers and Senior Citizens



- April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday Services Streamed Live with Pre-Recorded Video
- April 19, 2021 – Sister Gloria Dawson, wife of the Late Dr. James I. Dawson (Educator and Huntsville School Board Member) passed on to heavenly reward. The West Mastin Lake Elementary School was re-named in her husband’s honor in 2012.
- May 9, 2021 – Mother’s Day Services Streamed Live with Pre- Recorded Video
- May 28, 2021 – Sister Pamela Collins retired after thirteen (13) years of dedicated service to the Union Chapel Child Development Center. In past years, she has served as CDC Teacher/Bookkeeper, Secretary and Director.
- The Widows and Widowers Care Ministry was formed to renew and empower Widows and Widowers through corporate prayer, love and fellowship. Sis Rosa Goston serves as Coordinator and Sis. Sadie Pleasure is the Co-Coordinator.
- June 6, 2021 – Phase II –Re-Gathering in Sanctuary with 250 maximum/Communion and Baptism held. Pastor Davis topic: “Chaos, that’s what the world is today!”
- June 11, 2021 – High School, UC Bible College and College/Universities Graduate Recognition Program held virtually
- June 20, 2021 – Father’s Day and Mother’s Day joint Recognitions held-virtual tribute by youth
- June 27, 2021 – Song Service by Members of the Youth Choir Ensemble
- July 1, 2021 – Ordination Services were held for Minister Christopher Dickerson. He was licensed by Pastor Davis on July 18, 2010 and has been called to Pastor the Phillips Chapel P. B. Church in Madison, Alabama
- July 4, 2021 – Communion held in person services/CDC Guidelines
- July 19-21,2021 – Virtual Vacation Bible School held via zoom
- July 28, 2021 – Ordination Service was held for Minister & Sister Christopher Dickerson
- August 1, 2021 – First Gospel Impact Contemporary Services held at 100 Orange Drive with Minister Marquis Thompson as Worship Leader Bro. Daryl Lockhart Music Director and song service by Gospel Impact Ensemble.
- Community service project continues as members provide 300 food boxes and hot boxed lunches to the public
- August 14, 2021 – Union Chapel Boy Scout Troop #156 held Badge Ceremony at Boy Scout Hut/Orange Dr
- August 22, 2021- Minister Anita Weathers delivers her first sermon at Orange Dr./Gospel Impact Service. The message entitled, “Moving On”( Exodus 14:10).
- August 29, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Music offered by Alexander Lewis and member of the Inspirational Choir  
Church Music Director, Sam Pope, Jr. new CD Release, “I Believe”.  
Minister Lisa Owens delivered her first sermon at the 12 noon Gospel Impact Service held at Orange Dr.  
Her sermon title was, “All Power is Given Unto Jesus” (Matthew 28:18)
- September 12, 2021 – Grandparent’s Day Recognition – Virtual Tributes by Youth Ministry
- September 17, 2021 - marks the one(1) year anniversary of Pastor Davis receiving his kidney transplant
- September 19, 2021 – Minister Joyce Neville delivered her first sermon at the Gospel Impact Service at Orange Drive. Her message entitled, “Where Are You Living” was taken from Psalms 91:1-2)

- September 26, 2021- Phase III –Re-gathering guidelines / Welcome 250 fully vaccinated members back into the Sanctuary
- October – Union Chapel members continue with food box/drive thru give-aways
- October 10, 2021- College Tee Shirt Day
- October 16, 2021 – Deacon Richard Showers, Sr. passed on to heavenly reward. Deacon Showers served as Chairperson of the Deacons’ Ministry for over 20(twenty) years under Rev. L. F. Lacy and was still active on the board up to his passing. He was the first African-American to serve on the Huntsville City Council since reconstruction.
- October 17, 2021 – Pink Sunday Observance/held in recognition of those fighting cancer, Overcomers and those who have transitioned home. Celebration trees were placed in lobby and pink balloons were released at both locations following services. LifeSouth tested for Sickle Cell Disease and accepted blood donations.
- October 24, 2021 – 9am Service – music by Alexander Lewis and Inspirational Choir Ensemble
- October 31, 2021 – Minister Janet Dickerson delivered her first sermon at the Orange Drive Gospel Impact Service entitled, “To Heed God’s Warning”, (Luke 19:26)
- Union Chapel Academy Foundation Annual Day of Giving; Christian Academy celebrating fifteen years.
- November 10, 2021 – The Official Mortgage Burning Program held to give thanks to God for allowing Union Chapel to be debt free as of August 14, 2020. The Celebration was delayed due to the global pandemic.
- November 11, 2021- Union Chapel Boy Scout Troop #156 participated in the City of Huntsville Veterans’ Day Parade.
- November 12, 2021 – Pastor O. Wendell Davis celebrated his 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Praise God for his healing hands!
- Family Worship Day held. Theme: “The Family Worshipping Together”; Music by Pope Family and Sis. Diamond Thomas.
- November 14, 2021 – 88<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration held with Minister Cameron R. Thomas, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Cropwell, Alabama) as the guest speaker for the 9:00am Service at Winchester Road. Minister Marquis Thompson delivered the Anniversary message for the noon Gospel Impact Service held at the Orange Drive Location. Special Recognition was given to those members who united under the leadership of our founder, Reverend O. D. Boone (over 70 years): Deacon Franklin Brandon, Mother Hattie Burton, Brother Howard Gaines, Sr., and Mother Ernestine Sullivan. Members who united under the leadership of Pastor L. F. Lacy (over 45 years) were also recognized.  
Minister Christopher Dickerson installed as the Pastor of Phillips Chapel P. B. Church in Madison, Alabama
- Caring and Sharing Ministry provided 350-400 Thanksgiving food boxes to those in need.
- December 8, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Headmaster’s Walk for Education held in support of the UC Christian Academy
- December 31, 2021 –New Year’s Eve In-Person Service was also streamed Live on all social media platforms. Message given by Pastor Davis entitled, “Overcoming and Holding On” Rev.2:25-29 KJV
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- Phase IV of our re-gathering plan; attendance limited to 450 (four hundred-fifty) fully vaccinated members/friends.
- January 5, 2022 - New Year’s pre-recorded message streamed to members and friends given by Pastor Davis
- Black History Month Activities included a Virtual Style Exhibit of the “Stitches of Love” quilting displays
- February 20, 2022 – Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) virtual financial aid and scholarship information fair was held via zoom by the Education Assistance Ministry
- February 22, 2022 -Brother Wilbert Louis Brown transitioned to heavenly reward. Bro. Brown was a long-time active member who served on the Trustee Ministry, Academy School Board, Education Ministry, Church Fellowship/Anniversary; spearheaded the church Directory Committee and welcomed visitors each Sunday as church announcer.
- February 27, 2022- Virtual Birthday Celebration held in honor of Mother Dora Moore Davis.
- May 8, 2022- Special Mother’s Day Celebration. All Mothers were recognized and given tokens of love. Special Recognition was given to those Mothers ninety-years old (nonagenarians) and above. A special Mother’s Day Tribute was given to Mother Roberta Jones Battle for her untiring support of the Union Chapel Church Family during her many years of employment and membership.
- May 9, 2022 – The Veterans Ministry sponsored a community meeting with Madison County Commissioner Violet Edwards of District Six.
- Union Chapel partnered with the Tut Fann State Veterans Home by donating twenty (20) new National Baptist Hymnals.
- May 29, 2022- 1<sup>st</sup> Unity Service Held. Combined Worship with Orange Dr. Gospel Impact and 9:00 am Worship held in the main Sanctuary on Winchester Road.
- June 4, 2022 – Elijah Jamar Turman attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the twenty-fifth (25) Union Chapel member of Boy Scout Troop #156 to reach this milestone
- June 12, 2022 – Graduation Recognition Sunday; 2022 High School and College Graduates/Parents were honored.
- June 14, 2022 – Adrienne Savage was the featured speaker for the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention-Women’s Auxiliary held in Bessemer , Alabama.

- June 19, 2022 – Special Father’s Day Tributes to those Fathers ninety-years and older. All Fathers were given special tokens of love.
- July 18-20, 2022 – Vacation Bible School held virtually for all ages due to Covid-19 precautions. Theme: “Trusting God Through Life’s Ups and Downs” (Psalms 20:7)
- July 19, 2022 – Mother Roberta Jones Battle transitioned to her heavenly home. Mother Battle was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies . She served in many capacities as an essential church employee for over twenty-five years.
- July 20, 2022 - First Official Federal Holiday recognizing Juneteenth Celebration observed. Signed into Federal Law by President Joe Biden. Church offices closed in observance.
- July 28, 2022 – Prayer Concert held in main Sanctuary and streamed live on all platforms
- August 1, 2022 – One Year (1) Anniversary of the Gospel Impact Contemporary Service held at the Orange Drive Location with Minister Marquis Thompson as Worship Leader along with Associate Ministers Cedric Taylor , Anita Weathers and Janet Dickerson. Deacon Henry Dickerson and Deacon Geoffrey Burton are the assigned to serve at this noon service. Ministry in music is offered each Sunday by Bro. Daryl Lockhart and the Gospel Impact Ensemble.
- August 13, 2022- Young Women’s Ministry sponsored Annual “Little Bags of Success” providing book bags and school supplies to elementary school students.
- Phase VII of our Re-gathering Plan welcoming members and friends back “Together Again”. Masks are still required for this in-person worship service.

*As we continue on this “Progressive Journey”, striving to always be in God’s will and exemplifying our motto by being the “Church With the Big Heart of Love”. Our food pantry and clothes closet provides necessities to those in need throughout the year. The Millennials distribute and deliver hot lunches each month to our sick and shut-in and community. Our fourteen teachers and staff members at the Child Development Center provide nurturing and training to infants six weeks to three years of age. While nineteen dedicated Christian Academy teachers and staff members teach seventy-two (72) Students in Pre-K through 7th Grade in a Christ-centered and caring environment. The sixty –one members of our total dedicated church staff workers, Teachers, musicians and clergy have worked tirelessly during this Pandemic to fulfill the needs of our congregants and community. Our entire church has made adjustments to a new normal. We have implemented the use of all Social Platforms in our Church Services, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Giving of Tithes/Offerings and even Ministry Meetings. The foundation has been laid for the next generation of believers. We stand on the shoulders of those warriors who have gone on before us. We give God all the praise for the visions he gave our founder, Pastor O. D. Boone (The Grove); Pastor L. F. Lacy (The Hollow); and Pastor, O. Wendell Davis and Sister Dora Davis(The Hill).*

*The Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has been blessed with fifteen (15) new family members since our 88<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary in August (October) 2021. Our Heavenly Father has called eighteen(18) souls from earth to glory to receive their rewards. (November 7, 2021-August 14, 2022) We are thankful to Pastor and Sister Davis for thirty-three (33) years of leadership, perseverance and commitment to Union Chapel. May God continue to bless their visions and ministry.*