

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS ACTIVITY

*Look among the nations and watch--Be utterly astounded!
For I will work a work in your days
Which you would not believe, though it were told you.
HABAKKUK 1:5 (NKJV)*

Christians habitually seek God's voice through prayer, though His word, or through His messengers. Yet sometimes we fail to hear God speak through His activity, **even though He is working all around us**. Unbelievers see God's activity without understanding what they see. God encourages His people to watch for His activity so they will **know how they should respond and adjust their lives**.

The disciples discovered much about **God's power** by witnessing **Jesus** calming a raging storm with a command. Seeing Jesus dine with the notorious sinner, Zacchaeus, taught them a poignant message about God's love for sinners. **Watching Jesus hang upon the cross communicated a compelling message of what God was willing to do to free people from sin**. Discovering the **empty tomb** revealed an astounding truth of **God's victory over death**. To those with spiritual discernment, **God's activity is a significant revelation about His heart and His will**.

If you are **sensitive** to what God is doing around you, **He will clearly speak to you through His activity**. **You will know that God is at work**, because what you see will astound you, and **human power and wisdom** will not explain it. If things happen that are direct answers to your prayers, **God is speaking to you**. When you experience events that surpass your understanding and ability, it may be that God is communicating a **critical message** to you.

If you want to hear God's voice, look around you to see what He is doing. When you are watching for God at work, what you will see will reveal His character, and you will have a **fresh understanding of how to respond to Him**. AMEN.

EXPERIENCING GOD (DAY-BY-DAY)



Help Stop Coronavirus

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

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

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service on YouTube. (This is a different Sermon from the 8:30 am Message).

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Facebook Live Bible Study: "Word Wednesday" 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 at 513-678-5493 to enroll your child / children.

Union Baptist Youth Facebook has the latest lessons and information for teens. Please contact Rev. Alvin Wyatt at 513-328-3981 to enroll your teen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO
EVERYONE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF
MAY AND JUNE**



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 phone number is (513) 381-3858. ~ Church Office Staff

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: Please keep in prayer our UBC members in nursing homes/assisted living villages: Sis. Maxine Andrews, Sis. Carolyn Stallings, Bro. Gregory Stevenson, Dea. John Nolan, Sis. Margaret Pruet, and Sis. Roberta Crawford. Also, UBC members who are home-bound including: Bro. William Cleveland, Sis. Evelyn Jeter, Sis. Dolores Johnson, Sis. Annie Small, Sis. Tonya Cole, and Bro. John Clark.

Please continue to keep in prayer the bereaved families of: Sis. Andrew's daughter; Sis. Jaci Powell's brother; Sis. Ruth Norman; Bro. Russell Tennyson; and Sis. Juanita Kemper Johnson.

Also, special prayer requests are asked for: Sis. Annette Bell, Bro. Freddie Powell, Sr. and Sis. Jaci Powell.

PRAYER BAND MINISTRY: A Prayer Request receptacle is located in the vestibule leading into the sanctuary. Please feel free to place your prayer request(s) there at any time. Our prayer partners stand ready to pray with you and for you. **You are invited to join us for prayer and meditation on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Set your alarms and start your day off the right way! The Prayer Line is (515) 604-9520 – Code 356781.** ~Prayer Band Ministry

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.

THANK YOU'S

To the Union Baptist Church Family: "Life is filled with blessings. You bring a lot of joy to each day and a little touch of heaven to earth. "God bless you all. **The Russell Tennyson Family.**

To the Russell Tennyson Family: God bless you and thank you for the **memorial gift** given in the name of the late Bro. Russell Tennyson. Your generous gift will be applied to the purchase of a church van. **Pastor Yates** and the **Union Baptist Church Family**

To My Union Baptist Church Family: Words cannot express how much I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and love you have shown me in the loss of my nephew, Eric Scott Jackson.

I appreciate every card, phone call, and text. I especially appreciate those who drove made the journey to my hometown, Huntington, WV to attend his homegoing. May God abundantly bless each of you. **Sis. Greta Jackson.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES

High school graduates: **Sis. Jasmine Harris** graduating from Taft Information Technology High School on May 21,2020 and **Bro. Fabian Roberson** graduating from Western Hills High School on May 29,2020.

College graduate: **Sis. Ferris Powell**, MSN degree in nursing from University of Cincinnati.



INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

WHOLE AGAIN INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM: The Union Foundation will be serving breakfast and lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to the community, beginning June 1st through August 14th. These meals can be picked up at the Church parking lot. Additional information about the time for the program will be forthcoming. Please contact **Sis. Gwen Hall** if you want to be a volunteer.

Union is also currently participating in the Lunch Program, through CEG, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12 noon to 1 pm. until May 29th. These meals can be picked up at the Church parking lot door.

TRUSTEE MINISTRY REPORT

Greetings, Saints from your Trustees of Union Baptist Church. We pray all is well with you and your family, and we look forward to fellowshiping with you again.

It seems we missed our 2nd Quarterly Conference and thought it only fair to bring you up-to-date and highlight some of what we have been up to. Please know the board meets monthly, and committee meetings are happening all the time.

We will start with **Property & Space**, which is under the direction of Sis. Portia Fuller. The water fountain, the 2nd pew where the Deaconesses sit, the outside door by Pastor's Office, and the heat control valves for Hays Hall have all been repaired. Thanks to Dea. Ed Phillips, the oven/range suppression system is also repaired. (Too bad we're not there to cook in the kitchen.) Thanks to Dea. Donald Darby and Pioneer Housing Board, there are quite a few new items in the church, including new seating in the pulpit. During February, 17 of our members completed Phase I of Union's Clean-up.

Thanks to Sis. Louise Stevenson and her team, there is a new phone system. We are no longer a "one-telephone-line" church.

The **Transportation Sub-committee**, under Dea. Craig is pleased to announce we have raised close to our church van goal.

The **Personnel Committee**, under Sis. Gwen Hall is finalizing a new Policy & Procedure Book with new guidelines on paid time off. Because of the Pandemic, there is no office staff working currently.

The **Cemetery Committee**, under Sis. Dorene Dillard, has truly been blessed. Some of this may be old to some and new to others. *Union Baptist:* We received: A Grant from Hamilton County that allowed us to clean out the inside of the property and will enable us to remove unreachable branches, and bushes; a matching Grant from Dr. Odell Owens; a Grant from Ohio Humanities for community awareness; and funds from GoFundMe, which is managed by The Union Foundation. The Union Foundation was also awarded a grant from the National Park Services. This grant is restricted to restoration of the outside of the building, restoration and repair of the fence, and restoration and repair of the headstones. City Council voted to take over the grass-cutting of Union Baptist Church just a few days before the Pandemic hit us. However, because of the Pandemic and the City's current financial condition, they are unable to assist us as planned. *United American:* Honey Suckle was removed from the Vault. Also, we now have a clearer picture of how United will be repaired.

If you did not see a board member's name mentioned above, it does not mean that they did not roll up their sleeves and join in the fun of working. Most members of our team wear more than one hat and are incredibly instrumental in helping to complete tasks. Their input is valued. God has provided us with many blessings. One of the greatest blessings is allowing us to serve.

It is His Glory we serve,

Angelita M. Jones
Chair, Trustee Board
Union Baptist Church