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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Mighty Warrior

One day the angel of God came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, whose son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress. . . The angel of God appeared to him and said,

“God is with you, O mighty warrior!” - Judges 6:11-12 MSG

Do you know that you are a Mighty Warrior, a soldier in the Army of the Lord? He has equipped you to do great things. Be inspired by the following message:

Dear Children:

I see things in you that you have no idea you possess. I see you as brave, determined, loving, kind, gentle and simply amazing. You see, I know what you are equipped for. Every moment, hour, day, month, year, you are becoming more of what I created you to be. You may be saying to yourself, “Why, I’m no one special. I’m just an ordinary worker, parent, spouse, daughter, son, sister, brother, friend, artist, believer.” But dear friend, you are so much more. You are mighty in courage and love. You have untold power that I have given you, beyond what you could ever dream of. There is so much more to you than meets the eye—and most of it lies within. I am here to awaken your courage. To draw you unto Me. To convince you that you can do whatever you set your mind to. To know that the strength you already have is what you are going to draw on wherever I send you.

When you are living in My power, when you are allowing Me to work through you, when you take Me with you every step of the way, you are not just any person. You are a Mighty Warrior!

So, whatever has been holding you back, you can conquer it with the Lord’s help; maybe it’s bad habits, financial pressure, or even a health condition. Remember, God is your redeemer, your provider, and your healer. You are an overcomer, and He will give you grace to get through anything with Him as your ally. Even if internal struggles are holding you back, such as regret, fear, anxiety, or depression, God sent His Spirit to revitalize, renew, and empower you from the inside out.

You may feel as though you are in a pit of despair that is so deep you can never get out. But God is the God of hope, and He will rescue and empower you. Nothing you are facing is bigger than your God. Whatever the struggle, whether it’s external or internal, God is in you and God is for you. You can count on Him to be with you, facing down any obstacle.

You can face your problems head on and defeat them. It’s time to stand strong. You have the Spirit of a Mighty Warrior inside you, so awaken the dormant, unstoppable power within your spirit. Begin to speak God’s promises over your life.

Let this be your motto:

I am a Mighty Warrior through Christ. I am ready for anything and equal to anything. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells within me. Just as Jesus conquered the grave, I shall conquer any challenge that dares to conform me today. I have the Spirit of victory in me. With God’s help, I can and will conquer my problems. I am well able to endure, battle, and conquer with God as my ally, and my faith in Him as my shield. There is nothing that I face today that can stop me from my relentless trust in my God. I am convinced that God is faithful. He is on my side; He is for me; He is with me; and He is in me. So, I stand undaunted, full of vigor, ready for life, knowing that nothing can stand against me when I’m united with God. **AMEN!**

*-Just Between Us God Devotionals
-I AM What the Bible Says I AM, Jake & Keith Provance*

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 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Church School Bible Study. The class is held on Zoom Conferencing at www.zoom.com, meeting # 734-9020-6480. Rev. Marshall is the teacher.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. - In-Person and Livestream Worship Service on YouTube and Facebook.

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. - You are invited to join us for prayer and meditation. The Prayer Line is 515-604-9520 (Code 356781). Prayer Band Ministry

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. - Weekly “Call-Em-All” devotional message from Pastor Yates.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Word Wednesday Bible Study (Facebook Live) led by Pastor Yates on the business page of UBC Facebook and UBC YouTube channel.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. - UBC Radio Broadcast (WCVG 1320). The UBC Radio Broadcast is also available to stream online at the following link: <https://www.radio.net/s/wcvg>

Saturday at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday Church School Bible Study. The class is held via phone call-in: 1-267-807-9605 (code 344097). The teacher is Sis. Shirley



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



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 Yates 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 church office phone number is **(513) 381-3858, ext. 3**.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: Please continue to keep in prayer our UBC members in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and at home. Please also continue to pray for all of the bereaved families at Union and bereaved families all over the world.

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** at www.union-baptist.net. Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER: In addition to church newsletters and call-em-all messages, you can also receive emails to stay informed with other UBC updates. You can call and leave your email address at the church voicemail box at 513-852-1638 or email to Public Relations Ministry at publicity@union-baptist.net. God Bless!

MESSAGE FROM UBC SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Greetings Union Baptist Church Members,

On behalf of the Union Baptist Church Sunday School Ministry, I want to invite you to join one of our Sunday School classes this coming Fall.

We have classes every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 am via Zoom (**Rev. Marshall** is the teacher). On Saturdays, **Sis. Faye Shirley** teaches her class via phone conference calls. Please check our newsletter for additional information.

I have asked in the past if parents are interested in their children attending Sunday school classes. I have not had any responses. I need to know so teachers can be put in place to teach. Please let me know if there is any interest and we'll try to make accommodations. Blessings for a wonderful Fall season.

Deacon Ernest Norman/Superintendent

MEN'S MINISTRY: Union's Men's Ministry meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Please see **Rev. Emanuel Marshall**, Minister of Men's Ministry for additional information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: The **Annual UBC Women's Day** will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 24, 2023**. We are asking all Women of Union to pay their \$100.00 Women's Day Assessment. Thank you and to God be the Glory for the great things he has done. **~~Women's Ministry**

UNITED COLORED AMERICAN CEMETERY AWARDED OHIO HISTORY MARKER: The **United Colored American Cemetery** located on Duck Creek Road in Madisonville has been accepted into the **Ohio Historical Markers program**. Of the fifty-three applications submitted in April, 2023 to the remarkable Ohio program in response to their call for topics and locations focusing on under-represented populations, the United Colored American Cemetery is one of only twenty-two awarded this year. The United Colored American Cemetery, dedicated in May, 1883, is the resting place of Underground Railroad leaders as well as writers, politicians, neighborhood activists, businesspeople, artists, Civil Rights leaders, and many military veterans including at least 55 African American veterans of the Civil War, specifically members of Cincinnati's Black Brigade. The United Colored American Cemetery is owned and operated by Union Baptist Church.

The **William G. Pomeroy Foundation** has also awarded a grant towards the full cost of the marker. A dedication ceremony for the marker will be held in 2024, with a specific date to be announced once the marker has been created. **Union Baptist Church salutes Cincinnati Councilman Mark Jefferies, the Union Baptist Advisory Board, and the Madisonville community** for their phenomenal support of this project. **~~Sis. Louise Stevenson, Union Cemetery Advisory Committee Chairman**

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On Sunday, September 10, 2023, the **Annual Grandparents / Senior Citizens Day Observance** will be held during the Worship Celebration at 10:45 a.m. The special guest minister will be **Rev. Dr. R. Drew Smith** of the **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania** who will be bringing the message.



Rev. Dr. R. Drew Smith is part of a regional wide forum on **“Intergenerational Issues Impacting Black Churches”** He will be leading and instructing those in attendance on the first night of this crucial forum on September 11, 2023 in the sanctuary of Union Baptist Church from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. R. Drew Smith will focus on the following specific theme: **“Black Churches and Generational Change: Sixty Years Since the March on Washington.”** He is the Professor of Urban Ministry and chair of the Metro-Urban Institute Council at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and co-convenor of the **Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race.**

The forum will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday September 12 and September 13, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm with **Mr. Frederick E. O’Neal**, the presenter. He will focus on the following theme on both nights: **“The Intergenerational Witness: Perspectives on Today’s Black Church”**.

Mr. O’Neal is a businessman, church leader, and community volunteer in the Carroll County, West Georgia area. Mr. O’Neal is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Ministry Degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a **focused specialization in Intergenerational Black Church.**

For more information about the forum; details of the presenters’ bios; and to sign up, please visit the UBC website at www.union-baptist.net

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY OBSERVANCE: The 35th Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Orlando B. Yates and First Lady Margie Yates’ service to Union Baptist Church, the Cincinnati community and beyond was observed during the 10:45 Worship Celebration on **August 27, 2023.** **Rev. Dr. Richard Bumpers, Jr.** from Atlanta, Georgia was the guest minister.



(Pastor Yates provides closing remarks)



(Deacon Ricardo Bell surprises Sis. Yates with flowers)



(Sis. Aaliyah Mazion-Yates; Bro. Jeremy Yates; Pastor Yates; Sis. Margie Yates; Sis. Bumpers; and Rev. Dr. Richard Bumpers, Jr.)

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THANK YOU NOTES FROM UBC 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Dear Union Baptist Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship money. You are a blessing to me and my future. Your generosity has lifted a huge burden off of shoulders and allowed me to focus on my studies. I will work hard to make you proud and to honor your faith in me. Gratefully, **Marziah Holliday**

Thank you, Union for the scholarship. However, and more importantly, thank you for the shaping and the part you've played in my life and growing up. So many fond memories have been formed inside the walls of our church and I will forever be grateful to call Union my church home. Thank you again for everything.

~Alonzo "AJ" Montgomery

THANK YOU FROM THE UBC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: The UBC Scholarship Committee would like to thank the UBC Members and Scholarship sponsors for their generous contributions. This year Union awarded **\$6500.00 in scholarships** to our graduating high school students. A special shout out to **Dr. Roland McGoodwin, Dr. Raven Spratley, Sis. Angelita Jones, Eastern Personnel Services, Sis. Danielle Pierre Hixon** and the **Pierre Family, The Powell/Rogers Family** and **Bro. George Thomas** for their support of this ministry. Sis. Louise Stevenson would like to thank all of her committee members who assisted her this year. The Scholarship Committee asks for God's continued blessings on **Kayla Moore, Kyle Moore, Alonzo Montgomery, Jr** and **Marziah Holliday** as they begin their college careers.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM UBC'S PROPERTY AND SPACE COMMITTEE: In an effort to reduce the expenses of the church regarding cleaning supplies, I am requesting donations from our church members to help with this issue. I have placed in the church vestibule a container for donations with the following items needed: 91% Isopropyl alcohol; Clorox bleach; Fabuloso; garbage bags (9-13gal and 30gal); hand sanitizer; paper towels; Pine Sol; plastic gloves, Pledge and sanitizer springs (such as Lysol). Thank you. **Deacon Ricardo Bell, Property and Space Chair (Trustee Ministry)**

AUTUMN PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J. Marquette.edu



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September is Home and Foreign Mission Emphasis Month

September 3, 2023: Holy Communion and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

September 4, 2023: Labor Day Observance (Church Office Closed)

September 10, 2023: Annual Grandparents / Senior Citizens Day In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on Facebook Live/YouTube at 10:45 am

September 11-13, 2023: "Intergenerational Issues Impacting Black Churches" forum at 7:00 p.m.

September 17, 2023: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on Facebook Live/YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

September 24, 2023: Annual Women's Day Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am



October is Prayer and Family Emphasis Month

October 1, 2023: Baptism and Holy Communion during Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

October 8, 2023: Annual Choirs Day and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

October 9, 2023: Columbus Day (Church Office Closed)

October 15, 2023: Annual Ushers Recognition Day and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am



Leading us to our seats
Watching the congregation,
Caring for the flock
From the back of the sanctuary,
From the aisles,
Sharing the joy of worship,
The community of believers,
One bulletin, one smile,
One greeting, one handshake
at a time. *Anonymous*

October 22, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

October 22, 2023: Union at Historic Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Pastor Ashton G. Allen (East End) (TBA)

October 27, 2023: Fourth Quarter Church Conference in UBC Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

October 29, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

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November is Thanksgiving and Community Awareness Emphasis Month



November 5, 2023: Holy Communion and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

November 8-9, 2023: Revival at Saving Grace Community Church in Lockland with Pastor Trevor K. Phillips Sr. Union Baptist's special night to attend is on Thursday (November 9th) with Pastor Yates, the Guest Evangelist. (TBA)

November 10, 2023: Veteran's Day Observance

November 12, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

November 19, 2023: Annual Harvest Sunday and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

November 21, 2023: Distribution Day for Harvest Gifts to People in Need at 12 p.m.

November 23-24, 2023: Thanksgiving Day Observance with Family (Church Office Closed)

November 26, 2023: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am



Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati Website

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in Christ*

For more information about historic Union Baptist Church, please visit our website (www.union-baptist.net) which is **both informative and interactive** for those who are seeking the Will of God in their lives. On our website, you will see upcoming events; evangelistic missions inclusive for men, women and children; discipleship opportunities for building God's kingdom; exploratory devotional links for personal spiritual growth; and, community connections that have demonstrated, in the past, and continue to demonstrate, the POWER OF GOD throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, and historically beyond. UBC's newsletter is also posted on the website in color.