

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Finding God Through the Autumn Leaves

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

-Jeremiah 29:13 (KJV)

As we enter the autumn season, it is God's way of calling us to attention: **Wake up! Stay awake! Be prepared!** Let us claim the colors of autumn in our lives. **Brown** holds for us stability, protection, endurance, and simplicity. **Red** holds for us passion, determination, love, and adventure. **Orange** holds balance, warmth, and freedom from our inner prisons, and magenta holds harmony. Finally, **purple** in autumn leaves prompts our vast imaginations, depths of spirituality, transformation, and wisdom. The new colors of the autumn leaves are but a glimpse into the richness and diversity of the loving life moments God has in store for us. Therefore, we should stay awake, and be present to all that really matters.

The Bible often uses trees to describe our spiritual development. Like trees, the deeper our roots grow in our relationship with God, the stronger we become. Not only do tree roots draw nutrients from the soil to feed the entire body, but they also function as an anchor when the storm winds blow against them. It's the roots that keep a tree firmly planted! When a crisis roars into our lives like a raging storm, we can stand on the promises in God's Word. When we are in a spiritual drought and the stressful grind of life doesn't seem to end, we can draw energy from deep within where the streams of living water flow, for when we are weak God is strong. Praise God we are rooted in God through Jesus Christ!

Because we are rooted, we should show gratitude for God's rich blessings, gifts of family and friends but most of all His amazing grace. Give thanks for the routine as well as the significant blessings including the gift of a new day. It is a chance to reach out to those we love and others that are not so lovable and show the love of Christ to them. It is a chance to enjoy and give thanks for good food, great friends, and wonderful family. It is another chance to say "Thank you Jesus for another opportunity to praise You and obey You".

God has big plans for each of our lives, and He is the support we need to accomplish them. God gives each of us His joy, peace, wisdom, insight, confidence, and strength to accomplish His will. He's given us our gifts, our talents, and our passions. We are chosen by the Creator of the universe. We should accept this affirmation and let it empower us to follow the passions and dreams He has place inside each of us.

(continued) Autumn invites us to think about our expectations of others and ourselves. Autumn reminds us that God is with us. As the leaves change and fall, we are reminded that we will change, we will transform, and we will fall into God's arms to wait for something new and wonderful to happen in our lives. **Remember, autumn provides a unique opportunity to connect with God, appreciate His creation, and deepen our commitment.** During this time of waiting and longing for the birth of something extraordinary in our lives, whatever that may be, let us spend time preparing our hearts and renewing our spirits. It is in our longing and waiting that we encounter God. It is in our emptiness that we remember God's whispers of love and courage. **AMEN** *~~Selected*



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 9:30 am to 10:20 am - Sunday Bible Church School (In person/meets in Sanctuary).

Sunday at 9:30 am to 10:20 am - New Members Class (In person/ meets in the first-floor classroom).

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 meditation and online prayer via Zoom. (Zoom ID: 845 3234 7314; Passcode: 208170). Prayer Band Ministry

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. - Weekly "Call-Em-All" devotional message from Pastor Yates.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Bible Study and Fellowship. Pastor Yates is the Lead Teacher.

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 1:00 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. Faye 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!

MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP: Please mark your calendar for the return of Men's Ministry Fellowship and Bible Class from summer break **on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Pastor Yates is the lead teacher.**

ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS / SENIOR CITIZENS DAY: Reverend Damon Lynch Jr. (Pastor Emeritus) of New Jerusalem Baptist Church will be bringing the message on **September, 15, 2024** during the 10:45 am Worship Celebration.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S LAITY DAY 2024: Hamilton County President Commissioner Alicia Reese will be the guest speaker for the Annual Women's Laity Day on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. Scripture: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (***Romans 8:28 KJV***). The attire for Women's Laity Day is fall colors: orange, yellow, and/or brown. The assessment is \$100.00. We will be blessed with songs from women of other churches. The Women's Laity Day Committee is requesting everyone to please be on time at 10:45 a.m. Committee members: **Sis. Angelita M Jones; Sis. Annette I. Bell; Sis. Yvonne Sewell and Dr. Carolyn Turner**



INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

UBC MINISTRY UPDATES

Vacation Bible School 2024



King Carter attended Vacation Bible School during the week of June 3 -7, 2024. The theme was "Growing with Jesus". Galatians 5:22-23 was the scripture, referencing fruits of the spirit. The children all received little planting pots, planting soil, and tomato seeds, along with instructions on how to care for their plants once they got them home.

As you can see, King's plant has grown so much that he had to get a much larger pot to hold it. What a great demonstration of the scripture and theme. King is the grandson of Sis. Gwen Hall.

~~Article and picture submitted by Sis. Angelita M. Jones

Music Ministry

Minister of Music Appreciation & Fellowship on Sunday, October 6, 2024

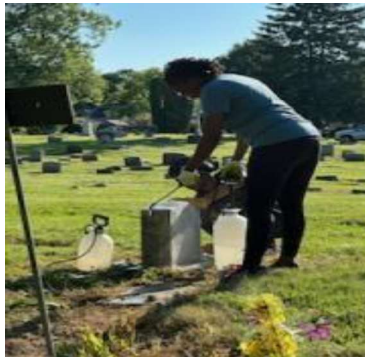
During the mid-morning Worship Celebration on October 6, 2024, the Word of Life Choir will have a dedication of their new choir robes.

In conjunction with the celebration of the ending of the robe project, following morning worship, there will be a fellowship at 2:30 pm, which is an open invitation to anyone within the congregation who wishes to come out to celebrate our Minister of Music, Bro. Jason E. Bailey, for his birthday and many years of service to the Music Ministry of our church. There is a reservation for upwards to 30 people in the party room at the Red Lobster located at 8220 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45236 for that date and time. We want to fill the room with the faces of not only our Music Ministry members, but our church family as well. We haven't gotten together to break bread together in quite a while. There is no sign up, just come. Feel free to bring Bro. Bailey a birthday gift if you so choose (optional). Disclaimer: Everyone will be responsible for their own food and service bills. ~~Submitted by Bro. Jeremy Yates

Cemetery Ministry

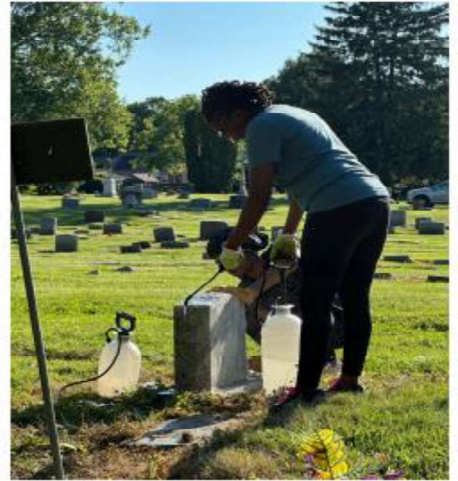
Our work being done at the United American Colored Cemetery is captured in "Welcome to Cincinnati Magazine", August Edition, pages 54-57 and 112-113.

Volunteers Doing Headstone Cleaning at Union Baptist Cemetery on August 3, 2024



~~ Cemetery Information submitted by Sis. Louise Stevenson, Union Cemetery Advisory Committee Chairman

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**Union Baptist Church
Fall Cemetery Cleanup of Union Baptist Cemetery
4933 Cleves Warsaw Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45238**



**Volunteers Needed
Saturday, October 5, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM**

- **Clearing Debris Needed**
- **Trimming Grass and Vegetation**
- **Please bring gloves and tools if possible**

Questions? Contact
ubccemeteryvolunteers@gmail.com
Phone # 513-852-1653

* Rain Date - Saturday, October 12, 2024

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**THINK PINK SUNDAY,
10/27/2024
Wear Your Pink
on this date**

**Pledge to Learn more
about Breast Cancer**

**We are looking for walkers to
join the HAW Steppers of
Union Baptist Church
At the
Making Strides Walk on
10/19/24**



**Union Baptist Church, Think Pink Sunday, 10/13/19
So much has happened since then**



~~Submitted by Sis. Annette Bell

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September is Home and Foreign Mission Emphasis Month

WORSHIP SERVICE AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, September 1, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED: September 2, 2024 (Church Office Closed)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, September 8, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, September 15, 2024, Annual Grandparents / Senior Citizens Day, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday September 22, 2024, Annual Women's Laity Day Observed, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, September 29, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

A Prayer for September

Dear Lord,
May I ask for the daily strength to
say yes even when I am really tired
and sad and there's hardly any hope?
Because You are the Yes, and
the fact is that I need Your Yes
as food for my hungry soul.

~~~*Brian Doyle, Guideposts Devotional*

### October is Prayer and Family Emphasis Month

**WORSHIP SERVICE AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday, October 6, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, October 13, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND OBSERVANCE OF ANNUAL USHERS RECOGNITION DAY:** Sunday, October 20, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.



**FOURTH QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Friday, October 25, 2024 in UBC Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND OBSERVANCE OF ANNUAL CHOIRS DAY:** Sunday, October 27, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

#### **A Prayer for October**

Spirit of God, Descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; Through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, Mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

~~~*George Croly (1780-1860), Guideposts Devotional*

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The Biblical History of Ushers

The concept of ushers is not new, as the Bible depicts forerunners or ushers throughout its pages. Some examples include:

- God: Ushered in light and day (**Genesis 1:3-4**) and led man into the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15)
- Abraham: Ushered Faithfulness into the world (**Genesis 22**)
- Moses: Ushered the Israelites out of Egypt and into the promised land
- John the Baptist: Prepared the way for Christ as a forerunner, crying out in the wilderness (**John 1:6-13**)
- The Star of Bethlehem: Ushered the wise men to the birthplace of Christ
- The disciples: Acted as ushers by directing people who came to hear Jesus speak or be healed

In the Old Testament, there were also positions called "Doorkeepers" or "Gatekeepers" that had similar roles to ushers. In early Christian history, ushers became "porters" who oversaw the doors. Their duties included opening the temple each morning, protecting its vessels, preparing food for sacrifices, and guarding the temple. During times of persecution, ushers would guard the doors, take note of who came and went, and watch out for spies. When Christians were able to worship openly, they also rang the bells. In 1972, Pope Paul VI abolished the order of porters and gave their duties to the laity, which included ushers.

National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

November is Thanksgiving and Community Awareness Emphasis Month

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, November 3, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, November 10, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED: November 11, 2024 (Church Office Closed)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, November 17, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL HARVEST SUNDAY: Sunday, November 24, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION DAY FOR HARVEST GIFTS TO PEOPLE IN NEED: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVANCE WITH FAMILY: November 27-29, 2024 (Church Office Closed)



A Prayer for November

For each new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

~~~Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882), Guideposts Devotional

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What is Daylight Savings Time?



Daylight saving time (DST), also referred to as daylight saving, daylight savings time, daylight time, or summer time, is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer so that darkness falls at a later clock time.

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024 – **Sunday, November 3, 2024.** The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in spring or late winter, and to set clocks back by one hour to standard time in the autumn (or *fall* in North American English, hence: "spring forward and fall back") ~ ~ *Wikipedia*



NOVEMBER 5TH IS ELECTION DAY

Register to **vote**, check your registration, **vote** by mail, view voter ID laws, find all the dates, deadlines, and forms you need at: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>

Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati Website

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.

