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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

O FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK

William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877

One of the chief characteristics of spiritual maturity is the ability to persevere - even in the face of adversity. God often permits difficulties to come into our lives simply to allow our faith in Him to become stronger. A faith that is never tested and strengthened soon becomes a shrinking one. But if our faith is real, it will stand every test and prove to be an overcoming faith.

This hymn text, which is an exposition of Luke 17:5, is from William Bathurst's *Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Use*. The song was originally entitled "The Power of Faith." The first three stanzas describe a victorious faith amidst some of the most difficult circumstances in life. The final stanza affirms the believer's desire to have such trust that even now life becomes a foretaste of heaven itself.

William Hiley Bathurst was an Anglican minister who wrote more than two hundred hymn texts. The composer of the music, William H. Havergal, the father of Frances Ridley Havergal, was also prominent in the Church of England, as a minister and writer of many hymns.

"O FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK"

- "O for a faith that will not shrink tho pressed by many a foe that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe.
- That will not murmur nor complain beneath the chast'ning rod, but in the hour of grief or pain will lean upon its God.
- A faith that shines more bright and clear when tempests rage without, that, when in danger, knows no fear, in darkness feels no doubt.
- **Lord, give me such a faith as this, and then, whate'er may come, I'll taste even now the hallowed bliss of an eternal home."**

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 # 73490206480. 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.

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: 1-712-770-5505 (code 344097). The teacher is Sis. Shirley.

Inspiring Quotes to Ponder

"When the world seems at its worst, Christians must be at their best." ~**Unknown**

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe." ~**St. Augustine**

Discouragement can easily cause our faith to shrink, and we may even at times consider quitting our service for God. Perhaps we have all experienced these sentiments: "I've taught a class for many years; borne many burdens, toiled through tears— But folks don't notice me a bit, I'm so discouraged, I'll just quit." ~**Unknown**

Success is failure turned inside out—The silver tint of the clouds of doubt, and you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems so far, so stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.

It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit. ~**Unknown**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST



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**.

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. Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER: If you have an email address and have not had a chance to provide your email address to the church office, please do so by contacting **Sis. Marionnetta Hayes-Rodgers**, Administrative Assistant at (513) 381-3858, ext. 3, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from **10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, or you can email your address to her at marionnetta.rodgers@union-baptist.net. God Bless!

UBC NEWSLETTER: In addition to electronic mailing of the newsletter, a copy of the UBC Summer 2022 Newsletter can be found in the vestibule of the church and is also posted on the church website in color. If you would like to provide an article for the UBC Fall 2022 Newsletter, please send to publicity@union-baptist.net by **August 26, 2022**.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY: For additional information about the Children's Church Ministry, please visit the UBC website at <https://union-baptist.net/> and click on the Ministries tab. If you have any questions, you can also contact Rev. **Emanuel Marshal, Minister Leader**, by calling 513-381-3858, ext.7.

PURPOSE DRIVEN YOUTH MINISTRY (PDYM) WILL SOON START IN-PERSON WORSHIP: PDYM will begin their service in their worship area on the second floor beginning **Sunday, July 10, 2022**. They plan to meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month based on teen attendance. PDYM has planned a Bible study for the teens at the home of Rev. Alvin and Sis. Kim Wyatt on Saturday, July 16, 2022. The PDYM will also plan their next outing by late August or early Fall. **Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt, PDYM Minister Leader**

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH - SCHOLARS RECOGNITION DAY

Sunday, June 26, 2022

High School Graduates

Bro. Jamar Henry - Colerain High School
Butler Technical College – Major: Construction

Sis. Ta'nyah Hoover - Western Hills High School
UC Raymond Walters – Major: Graphic Design

College Graduates

Sis. Lauren Phillips - Xavier University
Master's Degree in Health Services Administration

Sis. Morgan Phillips - University of Cincinnati
Master's Degree in Communication: Public Relations

Sis. Brooke Shirley - Northern Kentucky University
Master's Degree in Business
(Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society)

Sis. Louise Stevenson and Sis. Rogena Stargel, UBC Scholarship Ministry Leaders



INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

CEMETERY MINISTRY UPDATE

A Memorial Day Observance was held simultaneously at **historic United American Cemetery** and **historic Union Baptist Cemetery** on **May 30, 2022**.

Pastor Orlando B. Yates officiated at the ceremony at **United American Cemetery**. Also present were **Pastor Herbert E. Mabry** of Greater Liberty Baptist Church in Madisonville; **Pastor Tracy E. Ventus** from New Mission Baptist Church in Madisonville; **Dr. Gary P. Zola, Rabbi**, from Hebrew Union College; **Rev. Alethea Botts**, Lead Pastor from Gaines United Methodist Church in Madisonville; **Stephanie Summerow Dumas**, President, Hamilton County Commissioners; members of Union and the Madisonville community were also in attendance. Pastor Yates and John Stillpass (UBC Lawyer) spoke briefly with a reporter from WCPO Channel 9 about issues related to the cemetery.

Rev. Alvin I. Wyatt, Associate Minister officiated at the ceremony at Union Baptist Cemetery. **Rev. Damon Lynch Jr, Pastor Emeritus** of New Jerusalem Baptist Church was the guest speaker. UBC members and the Price Hill community were also in attendance

A Special Thank You to J.C. Battle Funeral Home for providing the tents and everyone else who assisted in making the Celebration a success. **Sis Dorene Dillard, Cemetery Ministry Leader**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Sis. Louise Stevenson and Sis. Rogena Stargel, Women's Ministry Leaders

The **Annual Women's Day celebration will be held on Sunday September 25, 2022**. This year our **theme** is "Precious Lord Take My Hand." Our **colors** for this year will be **white with red corsages**. Our chosen speaker is still praying on this assignment. We still **need volunteers** to serve on our initiatives this year. If you would like to help, contact one of the following team members: **Sis. June Gizzard, Sis. Margie Yates, Sis. Denise Harris or Sis. Louise Stevenson**.

Women's Outreach Project

Our Outreach project this year will be donations to the Bethany House. We will donate black beauty products, hair products (all types of combs, brushes, bobby pins, rubber bands, barrettes, night caps), lotion, Vaseline and much more. A tub for our collection of products will be in the vestibule from **Sunday, July 3 to Sunday, August 14, 2022**. If you want to give a financial donate, please give to **Sis. Melanie Williams** or **Sis Doris Walker**, our outreach coordinators.

A Walk-a-thon with Jesus

Join us for a morning walk with Jesus at Winton Woods Park, **Saturday, August 13, 9am -11am**. Come and walk and talk about Him with your Sisters in Christ. Healthy morning snacks will be available. **Sis Annette Bell** and **Sis. Phyllis Matthews** are the coordinators.

Patron List for our Women's Day Celebration

(Recognition of our Seasoned Saints in Our Life)

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, Bearing fruit in each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. ~ Psalm 1:3 NLT

A "Seasoned Saint" is one who has been through a few more years of growth in the Lord, experienced some trials and tribulations and has enjoyed times of triumph and joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our knowledge and wisdom has increased in Him and that enables us to share with those on the same path.

Our patron list will be available to you as of Sunday, **August 7- September 4, 2022**. To add names to our Seasoned Saint List, the cost is \$2.00 per name. If a name is nominated more than once a star will be put beside that name (*). For more information contact **Sis. Gwen Hall** or Sis. Portia Fuller, the coordinators.

Women's Day Assessment - \$100

Please remember to give your \$100 assessment above your tithes and offerings this year. The Men's Ministry gave more than the women of Union for the past 2 years. Can we **TURN UP** this year? Please see **Sis. Rogena Stargel**.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

THANK YOU PASTOR YATES: “Words are powerless to express my gratitude”. Thank you for your prayers, love and support during this difficult time. ~ Mrs. Pamela Anderson & Melissa Bailey & Family

June is Family Emphasis Month

June 5, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and Holy Communion on YouTube at 10:45 am

June 12, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

June 19, 2022: In-Person & Livestream **Annual Father’s Day / Men’s Day Celebration** on YouTube at 10:45 am

June 26, 2022: In-Person & Livestream **Worship and Grad Recognition Observance** on YouTube at 10:45 am

July is Church Emphasis Month

July 3, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and Holy Communion on YouTube at 10:45 am

July 4, 2022: Independence Day Observance (Church Office Closed)

July 10, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

July 17, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and **191st Church Anniversary Observance** on YouTube at 10:45 am

July 24, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

July 29, 2022: Third Quarter Church Conference at 7:00 p.m.

July 31, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

August is Fellowship Emphasis Month

August 7, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and Holy Communion on YouTube at 10:45 am

August 14, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

August 21, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration on YouTube at 10:45 am

August 28, 2022: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and **34th Pastor Appreciation Day** at 10:45 am

A Summertime Prayer



Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. **AMEN**

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