

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

Reverend Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Senior Pastor



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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

MAKE YOUR SUMMER SEASON ABOUT GOD

Make your ear attentive to wisdom and [incline] your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:2-5 ESV

No one should ever take a break from God, his glory, and the mission he gives each of us. When we break for the summer from some of our regular activities, God still calls us to seek Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Bible constantly calls believers to an all-out, full-abandoned pursuit of wisdom as **Proverbs 2:2-5** declares.

This summer season does not give us permission to pull up a lawn chair and watch the race instead of running the race. When we think of summer activities, and vacations, make sure we don't disengage from seeking God. We should never neglect meeting together and praising Him more, loving Him better, and having more fuel to live for His glory. Don't waste your summer by ceasing to pursue God in all that you do.

Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things (**Colossians 1:18**), including vacations and picnics and softball and long walks and cookouts. He invites us this summer: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (**Matthew 11:28**). This is serious summer refreshment.

Do we want it? That is the question. Christ gives himself to us in proportion to how much we want his refreshment. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" (**Jeremiah 29:13**). Encountering God's presence is a transformative experience that rejuvenates and refreshes us. This encounter can happen in several ways, each as unique as the individual seeking it. Prayer is our direct line to God, a conversation where we can pour out our hearts and receive His "Living Waters" in return.

The summer season shows the glory of God: the new angle of the rising sun; the new night-time order of summer constellations; the creation of leaves out of hard brown limbs; the pushing up of tulips; the snow-buried grass turning into soft carpets; the return of robins and the northbound honking geese; gardening and planting; even, I dare say, the survival of mosquitoes through seven months of cold weather and long lazy days outside.

(continued) All these things and a thousand more, if we have eyes to see, declare the glory of God, and the work of his hands.

God is merciful to this fallen world—day by day and in all circumstances. He restrains his wrath against sin during this period of grace (**Romans 2:4**). But this world is passing! Therefore, we should be eager to share the good news about Christ to a sinful world this summer and beyond.

The earth is most beautiful at this time as the Creator made it! But it only preludes the splendor of our heavenly home. It is a foretaste of the real banquet to come. It is a video preview to the reality of what the eternal summer will be like when "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). So, you see, the summer sun is a mere pointer to the sun that will be -- The glory of God! Amen.

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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
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, 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!

****** THIS SUMMER AT UBC ******

2024 Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday, (June 3-7, 2024) from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for all ages. This year's theme: "Growing with Jesus." **Sis. Gwen Hall** and **Sis. Jean Brown**, VBS Co-Principals.

Annual Father's Day / Men's Laity Day / Juneteenth Recognition

Sunday, June 16, 2024 with **Sunday School at 9:30 am** (under the balcony). Please see page 3 for additional information about the Annual Father's Day and Men's Laity Day Observance.

Graduation Recognition Observance

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. Congratulations! Union Baptist Church salutes you on this milestone marker in your life. **Lynnazja Saville Green**, High School Graduate and **Tristan Cargile**, College Graduate. We look forward to the Union congregation being in attendance. **UBC Scholarship Ministry**

Annual Church Revival

Sunday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Please see page 3 for additional information.

Annual Church Picnic

Saturday, July 13, 2024 - Please see page 4 for additional information.

193rd Church Anniversary

Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. with **Reverend Shawn D. Pate, Senior Pastor** of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church will be bringing the message. Please see page 4 for additional information.

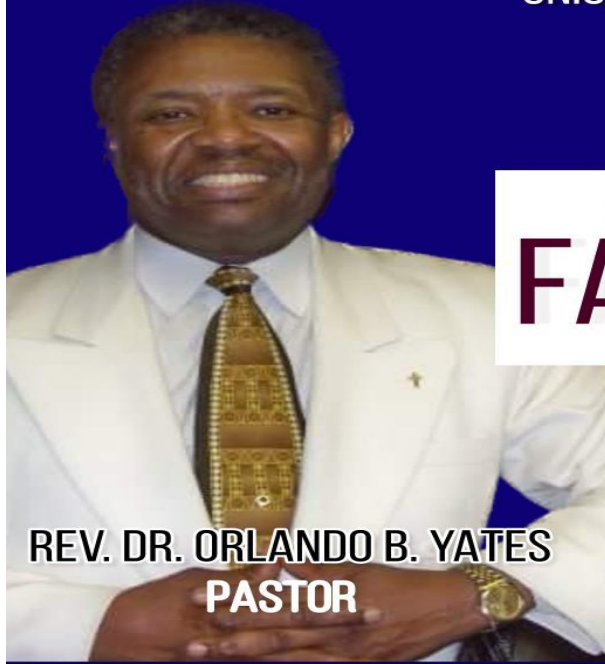
36th Year Pastor Appreciation Observance

Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 10:45am. **Reverend Dr. KZ Smith** of Corinthian Baptist Church will be bringing the message. More information will be forthcoming from the Pastor Appreciation Committee.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 16, 2024

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CINCINNATI**



**REV. DR. ORLANDO B. YATES
PASTOR**

**MEN'S &
FATHER'S DAY**



KALA GIBSON
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF RESPONSIBILITY OFFICER
FIFTH THIRD BANK

10:45AM | 405 W. SEVENTH STREET | CINCINNATI, OH 45203

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI

**Summer
REVIVAL**

**June 30th - July 2nd, 7pm Nightly
Church & Family Emphasis**



6/30 EVANGELIST
Rev. Herbert E. Mabry
*Greater Liberty Missionary
Baptist Church*



7/1 EVANGELIST
Pastor Alphonse Allen, Jr.
Allen Temple AME Church



7/2 EVANGELIST
Rev. Z. M. D. McGregor
Zion Baptist Church

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL TIME OF RENEWAL!

All three services will be livestreamed in addition to in-person worship!

For more info call: (513) 381-3858 or visit www.union-baptist.net
405 West Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI

Church Summer PICNIC

Saturday, July 13, 2024 - 10am-5pm



FAMILY FUN / KIDS GAMES / FOOD & DRINKS
Blue Ash Recreation Center / Maple Shelter
4337 Cooper Road Blue Ash, OH 45242

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CINCINNATI
*Rev. Dr. Orlando B. Yates,
Senior Pastor*

193rd

Church

ANNIVERSARY

JULY 21, 2024
10:45 a.m.

"The Triumphant Church Of Jesus Christ Totally
Committed to the Kingdom Agenda Of God!"
I Corinthian 3: 9-11; Matthew 28:16-20

GUEST SPEAKER
Pastor Shawn D. Pate,
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church
Rutherford, New Jersey



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THANK YOU FROM THE CARGILE AND THOMPSON FAMILIES: To Pastor Yates, Music Ministry and Membership - Thank you for the cards, calls and visits during our time of grief. Also, to the choir members, thanks for blending your voices to complete the homegoing choir at the homegoing service for our mom and sister. Continue to pray for us. We love and appreciate you. "With Gratitude". Thank you so very much. Family of Novella Cargile. Carol, Laura and Kevin

***** MINISTRY UPDATES *****

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry Fellowship and Bible Class will go on summer break from **June 1st to mid-September, 2024**. Pastor Yates is the Lead Teacher.

Music Ministry

Robe Project: After 20 plus years of use to the glory of God, the Word of Life choir will be getting new robes for this coming Fall. The choir is looking for ministry partners within the congregation to support them financially with the purchase of robes and garment bags. As the choir grows in number more robes will be needed. If any members are interested in being a sponsor of a robe purchase, in full or in part, please see **Bro. Jeremy Yates by Sunday, June 30, 2024** for additional details. Thanks in advance. The Music Ministry

Cemetery Ministry



(Dr. Roland McGoodwin; Mayor Pureval; and Pastor Yates)

A Memorial Day Service was held at both Historic Union Baptist Cemetery and Historic United Colored American Cemetery on May 27, 2024.

Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Senior Pastor presided over the service at Historic Union Baptist Cemetery which featured **Keynote Speaker**, the **Honorable Mayor Aftab Pureval**, City of Cincinnati; a Color Guard unit from the University Cincinnati and other special guests.

Reverend Alvin L. Wyatt, Associate Minister, presided over the service at Historic United Colored American Cemetery which featured **Keynote Speaker**, **Dr. Holly Y. McGee**, Associate Professor of U.S. History and African American History (University of Cincinnati); and other special invited guests.

AARC Grant

This month the Union Advisory Committee will finish its work on the \$400,000 grant. We are proud of the accomplishments to date. A final report will be available to review and submitted to the National Park Services by June 30, 2024. As a part of our work, we have also identified the next phases of the work at Union Baptist Cemetery including the need for more grant writing and fundraising. **Sis. Louise Stevenson**, Union Cemetery Advisory Committee Chairman

HER Grant

Historic United Colored American Cemetery received \$750,000 dollars from the National Park Services for the restoration of United Colored American Cemetery. This grant was awarded to our cemetery last month. The planning phase for this work will begin in June. **Sis. Louise Stevenson**, Union Cemetery Advisory Committee Chairman

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Archival Grant

The cemetery record project is moving forward. We have hired an Archivist, **Selean Homes**, to help us along this journey of digitization. The Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library is helping us to create an online catalog which will be available to the public soon. We need volunteers to help with this exciting and rewarding work that we have given our ancestors. Please contact **Sis. Stevenson** for more information about this project.

Cemetery Advisory Board

We have an excellent group of volunteers from across the country, who are experts in their fields, who provide direction and oversight to the various cemetery projects. The Cemetery Board provides information to the Trustee Board of Union Baptist Church for consideration. This has been a great collaborative effort. We praise God for the members of the Cemetery Advisory Board and their dedication to Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati and our historic cemeteries. **Sis. Louise Stevenson**, Union Cemetery Advisory Committee Chairman

Women's Ministry

Matthew 25 Ministries



(Sis. Rogena Stargel, Sis. Louise Stevenson, Sis. Margie Yates and Bro. Eric Brown)

The UBC Women's Ministry ministered at Matthew 25 Ministries on April 20, 2024. We enjoyed ourselves as we worked to be a blessing to others. Our next trip to Matthew 25 Ministry is scheduled for **August 17, 2024**. **Sis. Rogena Stargel**, Women's Ministry

Women's Day 2024 Update

The annual UBC Women's Day will occur on **Sunday, September 22, 2024** at the 10:45 a.m. service. The women of Union are asked to give an **offering of \$100.00** in support of Women's Day 2024. More information regarding Women's Day will be forthcoming. **Sis. Rogena Stargel**, Women's Ministry

**** Calendar Date Change in September 2024 ****

There is a date change for Annual Grandparents / Senior Citizens Day in September. It will be held on the third Sunday in September (September 15th) with **Reverend Damon Lynch Jr.** (Pastor Emeritus) of New Jerusalem Baptist Church bringing the message.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June is Family Emphasis Month



WORSHIP SERVICE AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, June 2, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Monday, June 3, 2024 - Friday, June 7, 2024 from 6:00p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, June 9, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, June 16, 2024, Annual Father's Day / Men's Laity Day/ Juneteenth Observance, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY OBSERVED: June 19, 2024 (Church Office Closed)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: June 23, 2024, Graduation Recognition Observance, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH REVIVAL: Sunday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

A Prayer for June

Dear Lord, guide me in every problem I face and every decision I make.
Help me to treat everyone kindly, fairly, and thoughtfully.
Refresh my spirit and change my thoughts to be in harmony with Your power. Amen
--Norman Vincent Peale (Guideposts)

July is Church and Family Emphasis Month

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED: July 4, 2024 (Church Office Closed)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, July 7, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, July 14, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: 193rd Church Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, July 21, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

THIRD QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE: Friday, July 26, 2024 in UBC Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, July 28, 2024, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

A Prayer for July

Dear Lord, I want to know You and hear Your will for my life.
Infuse me with Your grace, wisdom, and kindness. Remind me,
Almighty One, that Your way is not only the perfect way; it's the only way. Amen
--Guideposts Editors



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August is Fellowship and Family Emphasis Month

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, August 4, 2024, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, August 11, 2024 In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, August 18, 2024 In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, August 25, 2024, 36th Pastor Appreciation Day Observance, In-Person and Livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

A Prayer for August

Thank you, God, for the pleasure of summer,
the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings,
the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.
Thank you for days at the lake and evenings chasing
Fireflies, for summer's pace and summer's grace,
For all your beauty and power, faithfulness and
fecundity displayed in summer. Amen

~~Bob Hostetler (Guideposts)

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.

Grow 
in Christ


Summer
Blessings