

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

Reverend Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Senior Pastor



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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Reflect On God's Refreshing Power This Summer

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

We should never take a break from God, His glory, or the mission He has given us. Even when summer changes our usual routines, He still calls us to seek Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. As **Proverbs 2:2-5** makes clear, Scripture urges believers to pursue wisdom wholeheartedly.

Summer is not a season to sit back and watch from the sidelines. As we enjoy vacations and activities, we must not drift from seeking God. We should continue gathering with others, praising Him more deeply, loving Him more fully, and finding renewed strength to live for His glory. Do not waste your summer by neglecting to pursue God in all you do.

Jesus Christ is the true source of refreshment in summer. He is preeminent in all things (**Colossians 1:18**), including vacations, picnics, softball games, long walks, and cookouts. His invitation remains the same: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (**Matthew 11:28**). This is the deepest kind of summer refreshment.

Christ reveals Himself to those who seek Him earnestly. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" (**Jeremiah 29:13**). Encountering God's presence renews and restores us, and that experience can come in many ways. Prayer is our direct conversation with God, where we pour out our hearts and receive His living water in return.

Summer displays the glory of God in countless ways: the angle of the morning sun, the patterns of the night sky, leaves emerging from bare branches, tulips pushing through the soil, grass returning after winter, robins reappearing, geese flying north, gardens growing, and even the persistence of mosquitoes and bugs after months of cold. These things—and thousands more—declare the glory of God and the work of His hands to all who have eyes to see.

Summer is a season that beautifully mirrors God's grace—abundant, radiant, and life-giving. Just as the earth flourishes under the sun's light, our souls thrive when we dwell in His presence. This summer, choose to embrace His blessings with a thankful heart, trusting that His love

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will sustain you through every challenge. Whether in moments of joy or times of uncertainty, His grace remains constant, covering you like the warmth of a summer day.

God shows mercy to this fallen world every day and in every circumstance. He restrains His wrath against sin during this season of grace (**Romans 2:4**). But this world is passing away. Therefore, we should eagerly share the good news of Christ with a sinful world this summer and beyond.

The earth is especially beautiful in this season, just as the Creator made it. Yet its beauty only points ahead to the splendor of our heavenly home. It is a foretaste of the greater feast to come—a preview of the eternal summer described when "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (**Revelation 21:23**). The summer sun is only a sign pointing to the greater light to come: the glory of God. **AMEN.** -selected

Worship Services and Christian Education

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Worship service on Spectrum Cable TV (Channel 8) 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 7:15 p.m.- 8:30 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.

EMAIL ADDRESS FROM THE CONGREGATION 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 an email address at the church voicemail box at 513-852-1638 or email directly to the Public Relations Ministry at publicity@union-baptist.net. God Bless!

MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE CLASS: The Men's Bible Study and Fellowship opportunity will resume for the Fall Session at the Church beginning **Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm** with a new and highly motivating Bible Study subject (to be announced later) and will be taught by Pastor Yates.

WORD WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: All members of Union are encouraged to attend Word Wednesday Bible Study via Facebook Live and on YouTube on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** Pastor Yates is the Lead Instructor.

Graduation Recognition Observance

Union Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Recognition Day on **June 14, 2026** during the Sunday morning worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. UBC's percussionist, **Bro. Rodney (RJ) Watson, Jr.** will be recognized this year. He is a proud graduate of Colerain High School. Please extend your congratulations and best wishes to this graduate.



~~Submitted by **Sis. Rogena Stargel, Scholarship Ministry**

~~~ AN INVITATION TO HONOR HISTORY ~~~

Union Baptist Church and Fifth Third Bank invite you to a special gathering at historic United Colored American Cemetery.

We are bringing the community together around a shared commitment to preserve and restore this sacred piece of Cincinnati's history on **Thursday, June 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

The event will be held outside of the Fifth Third Madisonville Office, 5001 Kingsley, right next door to the cemetery.

We will also reveal our new Historic Marker for the cemetery. Parking is available at Fifth Third Bank. Light refreshments will be served. **~~Submitted by Sis. Angelita Jones**

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

MEN'S LAITY

— AND — FATHER'S DAY

A DAY OF CELEBRATION & FELLOWSHIP

 **DATE**
JUNE 21, 2026

 **TIME**
10:45 A.M.

 **LOCATION**
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
405 W. 7th Street,
Cincinnati, OH 45203

 *Guest Speaker*
MR. ANTHONY G. SMITH
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF
FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
JOHN 14:27”

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Since 1831*



REV. DR. ORLANDO B. YATES
Host Pastor

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI

SUMMER *Community* REVIVAL

3 NIGHTS of POWER, PURPOSE & PRAISE!

<p>SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2026 7:00PM</p>  <p>GUEST EVANGELIST REV. MARCETTES L. CUNNINGHAM <i>Senior Pastor</i> Shiloh Baptist Church Dayton, OH</p>	<p>MONDAY JUNE 29, 2026 7:00PM</p>  <p>GUEST EVANGELIST REV. ROUSSEAU A. O'NEAL III <i>Senior Pastor</i> RockLife Church Cincinnati, OH</p>	<p>TUESDAY JUNE 30, 2026 7:00PM</p>  <p>GUEST EVANGELIST REV. DWAYNE D. FLOOD <i>Senior Pastor</i> Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Cincinnati, OH</p>
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All are Welcome!
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THE LIFE-CHANGING
POWER OF GOD!

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI

195TH Church ANNIVERSARY

"Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! His greatness is unsearchable."
— Psalm 145:3

PASTOR
Orlando B. Yates & FIRST LADY Margie Yates

SUNDAY
JULY 19, 2026
at
10:45AM

GUEST PREACHER
REV. MOSES D. EDWARDS, JR.
Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church of Chillicothe
Chillicothe, OH

CELEBRATING 195 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE, LOVE & SERVICE

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI PRESENTS

38TH Pastoral APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Honoring
REV. DR. ORLANDO B. YATES & First Lady MARGIE YATES

GUEST PREACHER
REV. ZION M. D. MCGREGOR
SENIOR PASTOR
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
CINCINNATI, OH

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Thanking God for 38 Years of Faithful Leadership, Vision, and Service!

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THANK YOU FROM THE CARGILE FAMILY: To Our Church Family, Thank you for your many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement. May God bless you and keep you. Family of William Cargile III. ~~Kim Cargile Watson

UBC OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY

Union Baptist Church celebrated Memorial Day during the Sunday Worship Celebration on May 25, 2026 by giving recognition to UBC members who have served in the Armed Services. The veterans provided their branch of service, rank and shared their experiences in the military.



(From left to right: Sis. Kathy Spratley, Reverend Michael Darden, Reverend Alvin Wyatt, Deacon Ernest Norman, Dr. Carolyn Turner, Dr. Roland McGoodwin and Deacon Theodore Craig.)

An Annual Memorial Day Observance was also held at both of Union's historic cemeteries.

The Memorial Day Observance at **Historic United Colored American Cemetery** was led by Pastor. Yates and the Keynote Speaker was Pastor Tracy E. Ventus of New Mission Missionary Baptist Church.

The Memorial Day Observance at **Historic Union Baptist Cemetery** was led by Reverend Alvin L. Wyatt and the Keynote Speaker was Pastor Herbert E. Mabry of Greater Liberty Missionary Baptist Church.



~~Submitted by Sis. Rogena Stargel

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MINISTRY UPDATES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings Union Baptist Church Family,

On **June 7, 2026**, we will begin our summer Sunday school class. If you have not had a chance to attend our winter, or spring classes, I encourage you to make a commitment to join us for classes this summer quarter. All of our classes have a timely message that will help you to understand the times we are facing as children of God. Rev. Alvin Wyatt continues to be our lead instructor, with Rev. Micheal Darden and myself as backup instructors.

As I have asked of parents in the past, we would like to see our children attending Sunday school classes. I will need to hear from you so that arrangements can be made to get classes started. I look forward to seeing everyone on June 7th as we start the summer class. Please remember class starts at **9:30am to 10:20am**. Thank you

Deacon Ernest Norman /Sunday School Superintendent

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

30th ANNIVERSARY

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
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Union Baptist Church
Health and Wellness Ministry

In Existence Since June 23, 1996

Health & Wellness MINISTRY

30th Anniversary LUNCHEON

Celebrating 30 Years of Service, Health, and Wellness

SATURDAY JULY 11, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
405 West 7th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Special Presentation
BOOK SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION
Honoring and supporting the educational pursuits of deserving students through scholarship awards.

\$25 DONATION
SCAN TO DONATE

PINK & RED ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

GUEST SPEAKERS • FELLOWSHIP • DINING • RECOGNITION • SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
— 3 John 1:2 —

We look forward to celebrating with you!

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH | HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

~~Submitted by Sis. Annette Bell, Health and Wellness Ministry Leader

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

MUSIC MINISTRY

~~~The Music Ministry is Looking to Grow! ~~~

Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Do you feel a tug on your life to do more with music and you're afraid of where to start? Have you considered joining the choir but you just don't know where to start or feel you're not talented enough to contribute? We have news for you. You are exactly who God desires to serve, and the Music Ministry is looking for you!

There is a home for all musical gifts in our music ministry. The Word of Life Choir, designed for adults 18 and up; Joy, a musical group specializing in praise and worship music; and our Male Chorus, comprised of men 18 and up, who have a desire to sing God's praises comprise our music department. Singers are needed as well as dedicated instrumentalists.

Also, the Children's Ministry would love to have a dedicated music teacher to assist with more music involvement with our children. If any of these opportunities interest you, please reach out to Bro. Jay Bailey, Minister of Music, to express your interest and to discuss how you can become more involved in growing the ministry of music within your local congregation. God Bless you! ~~The UBC Music Ministry

### **THE UNION FOUNDATION**

Did you know that you can support The Union Foundation and it will not cost you anything? Through our partnership with Kroger, you may sign up for the Community Reward's Program. The Kroger company will make on a contribution to The Union Foundation on your behalf just because you are a Kroger shopper.

To sign up for the Rewards Program, please follow these instructions:

1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.

2. Search for your organization [here](#).

3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.

4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

~~submitted by Sis. Rogena Stargel

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The UBC Women's Laity Day celebration will be held on **Sunday September 27, 2026**. This year's theme is **"Women Walking by Faith", Proverbs 31:30**.

If you are interested in serving on the Women's Day Committee, please see **Sis. Yvonne Fairbanks, Chairperson** or **Sis. Candice Watson, Co-Chairperson**.

The colors for this celebration day will be Burgundy and Gold which symbolizes Christ's blood and God's divinity and eternal glory. Each woman of Union is asked to make a sacrificial offering of \$100.00. **submitted by Sis. Rogena Stargel**

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **Vacation Bible School 2026**



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2026 was held at Union Baptist Church on June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. The VBS theme was "Illumination Station - Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is" with scripture from John 8:12. The VBS Principals were **Sis. Gwen Hall** and **Sis. Jean Brown**.

### **June is Family Emphasis Month**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 1-5, 2026 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION, BAPTISM AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.



**WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION RECOGNITION OBSERVANCE:** Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**UBC AND 5<sup>TH</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> BANK HISTORIC CELEBRATION:** Thursday, June 18, 2026, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**NATIONAL JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY OBSERVED:** Friday, June 19, 2026 (Church Office Closed)

**ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY & MEN'S LAITY DAY:** Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**UBC ANNUAL CHURCH REVIVAL:** Sunday - Tuesday, June 28 - June 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. -8:45 p.m.

#### **A Prayer for June**

Dear Lord, as June graces us with its warmth,  
Inspire our hearts with boundless hope and optimism.  
May the sun's bright rays renew our spirits,  
And Your love guide us toward endless possibilities.  
In Your presence, we find strength and serenity. ~~*Guideposts, Anonymous*

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **July is Church and Family Emphasis Month**



**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Saturday, July 4, 2026 (Church Office Closed)

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Sunday, July 5, 2026** at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY 30 YEAR RED AND PINK BOOK SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**LUNCHEON:** Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 12 - 2 p.m.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOLLOWED BY A WATERMELON RECEPTION:** Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**195TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**3RD QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD/TRUSTEE MINISTRY/DEACONS MINISTRY VIRTUAL MEETING:**

**Monday, July 20, 2026** at 6:30 pm.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**3RD QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD/TRUSTEE MINISTRY/DEACONS MINISTRY VIRTUAL MEETING:**

**Monday, July 20, 2026** at 6:30 pm.

#### **A Prayer for July**

Jesus, our Redeemer, in July we celebrate  
The freedom found in Your loving embrace.  
Liberate our spirits with Your truth and light.

Fill our hearts with the joy of Your grace.  
And grant us peace in Your boundless love.

~~Guideposts, Anonymous

#### **UNION'S HISTORY**

Union Baptist Church is "**A Church On The Move For Christ Since 1831**" and will observe its **195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 19, 2026.**

Union Baptist Church is the oldest African American Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. According to church records, Union was organized July 21, 1831 by fourteen dedicated Christians, ten men and four women.

For a more in-depth history of Union please go to the church website at <https://union-baptist.net/about-us/our-history/>

A more detailed history and authentic records of Union Baptist Church are also housed at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Please visit [Cincinnati-Connections](#) for artifact inquiry of the historic records of Union Baptist Church.

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

August is Fellowship and Family Emphasis Month



**WORSHIP CELEBRATION, BAPTISM AND OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**38<sup>TH</sup> PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY OBSERVANCE:** Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Livestream on Facebook Live/YouTube.

### **A Prayer for August**

Heavenly Father,  
As I journey through August, with its long, golden days,  
Steer my heart, Lord, to follow Your ways.  
In every encounter, in unity or in strife,  
Let me feel Your guidance, my compass for life.  
Each whisper of the summer breeze,  
every star that lights the night.  
Reaffirms Your presence, my everlasting beacon of light.

~~Guideposts, Anonymous

### **UBC GIVING**

There are several methods for giving your Tithes and offerings. You may use your smart phone or other smart device(s) to give your Tithes & Offerings by scanning the QR code. Or you may go to the UBC website at [www.union-baptist.net/give](http://www.union-baptist.net/give) and give at *Tithely and Givelify*. Thank you



### **Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati Website**

For more information about historic Union Baptist Church, please visit our website ([www.union-baptist.net](http://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