



# THE SPIRIT OF UNITED

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## VISION SCRIPTURE

“Where there is no vision...  
The people will perish”  
Proverbs 29:18

## THE VISION

GOD has given United Institutional Baptist Church a vision of being a church where people find needs and meet them, find problems and solve them, find hurts and heal them, find relationships and nurture them by the grace of GOD and through the Power of GOD.

It is a vision of sharing the positive power and good news of Jesus Christ and reaching the unsaved and unchurched in the surrounding communities and the Piedmont Triad Area.

It is a vision of building a caring community of baptized believers committed to loving one another, learning GOD’S Word, laughing and living in harmony together.

It is a vision of developing people to spiritual maturity through Bible Study, small groups, family life enrichment and recreation for our members and surrounding communities.

It is a vision of equipping every member for significant personal ministry by helping them to discover, develop and utilize the gifts and talents which GOD has given them.

It is a vision of supporting the work of missions locally and all around the world; through our prayers, participation and contributions to further the cause of kingdom building.

May the vision that GOD has given United Institutional Baptist Church become a reality.

## From the Pastor’s Desk...

Dear Members and Friends of United:  
As we celebrate our 78th year, our nation faces one of the most challenging and uncertain periods since the Great Depression. From Wall Street to Main Street, from the race to the White House to your house and to mine, people are troubled and worried. People are wondering where to turn and what to do.

*As Charles Dickens put it, these are the “best of times and the worst of times.”* Corporate greed at every level of the business community has made this the worst of times. We have seen our retirement funds take unprecedented losses. For the masses of everyday Americans the financial crisis of Wall Street is largely responsible for bringing about the worst of times. Finger pointing and character assassination among political hopefuls sickens and saddens all who seek positive and meaningful change in our government.

But as Charles Dickens said that these are also the “best of times...” ***I believe this is where the church comes in. As born again believers in Jesus Christ we have the solution from the only ONE who really matters. Jesus said “the thief comes only to kill, to steal and to destroy. I am come that you may have life and that more abundantly”. (John 10:10) The church has a message, a mandate and a ministry. What makes***

**today the best of times is the church has a pivotal moment in our nation’s history to make history. Like the Great Awakening revivals of the 1730’s, and the Azusa Street revival in 1906, the harvest is ripe to expand our ministry by extending ourselves to reach and bless others. We can do it United by allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us to call this city back to God one soul at a time.**

In closing, I wish to thank the Homecoming and Revival Committee, every ministry and member for your prayers, support and labor of love to help make our 78th year a great success. On behalf of our First Lady, Brandon, Desmond, Isaiah and myself, congratulations to all who are a part of this great family of God on another year in God’s service.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Freeman



# DISCIPLESHIP

## EVANGELISM TEACHING SERIES

Rev. Robert A. McLaughlin, Pastor of United Friendship Church – Greensboro facilitated four evangelism sessions in September. The theme was **“What Every Christian Needs to Know About Sharing Christ”**. Scripture focus **Matthew 28**.

The first session was about Conversion. Rev. McLaughlin taught about the Twelve ‘R’s’ in making the Steps to the Christian Life: Repent, Receive Him, Regeneration Follows, Rejoice Publicly, Request Water Baptism, Read The Word, Reaching God in Prayer, Relate Your Experience To Others, Resist the Devil, Restitution, Render and Regularly Church and Sunday School Attendance.

The second session was about “How to Know When God Gives You A Divine Appointment”. The focus of this session was about Witnessing. Rev. McLaughlin advised shared once you have established a relationship with the Lord, you will know when to reach out to someone. Once identified, we should ask the Lord for his guidance on how to witness effectively. Rev. McLaughlin taught there are two types of witnesses: Those who talk about the lost and those who talk to the lost. Which one are you?

The third session was about “Preparing Yourself to Share Christ With Others”. Rev. McLaughlin talked five “P” ways to face and overcome our fears:

- 1) Passion- God wants every Christian to have a heart of love for the lost. Witnessing is being a part of the answer when an opportunity presents itself to share your faith.
- 2) Prayer – God needs people to take the Good News to the lost.

Pray for God touch your heart. Ask him to burden you for the harvest.

3) Partnership – It is your own special relationship with Christ. There are two ingredients: Confidence (Joshua 1:9 and Philippians 4:13) and Commitment (Acts 1:8)

4) Power – God can use your testimony...He cannot use your silence.

5) Preparation – Observe what God is doing and join him. It is God who provides the opportunities to share Christ in abundance! Pray and be Ready!

The last session was about “Dealing with Difficult People of Other Religions”. The scripture focus was from Acts 26:19-32. Rev. McLaughlin shared some unique approaches to use with individuals from different religions and how to overcome some of the obstacles will face with various spirits and attitudes. †

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

In case you’ve missed Sunday School during the last quarter, here’s what’s we’re studying:

### In our Adult Division classes **THE DEVELOPMENT AND WORK OF A NEW COMMUNITY**

In these four lessons, which were held during October, the work and ministry of the community was explored. The lesson focused on the empowered and expansion of the Christian community as well as some key witnesses and their commission for ministry.

### **THE NEW COMMUNITY FACES GROWTH PAINS**

In these five lessons, being studied

during the month of November, the Adult classes will focus on the early struggles of the Christian community. The lesson series will explore four aspects of the community member, discovering how they were equipped for ministry, how they handled conflict, their witnessing, and the persecution they faced.

In our Youth classes  
The topics discussed during the month of September were:

- A different kind of band
- What can I do?
- What makes you happy?
- Don’t wait to serve

The topics discussed during the month of October were:

- Given power from God
- New Level, New Devil
- I’m not the same
- Called for a Purpose

The topics for the month of Nov. are:

- What’s my gift?
- We don’t agree
- Staying close to God
- Sharing the truth
- Struggling to do God’s work

In our Children’s classes

The topics discussed for the month of September were:

- God keeps his promises
- Be a light
- Be Helpers

The Topics discussed for the month of October were:

- God gives power
- Seven helpers
- Jesus calls Saul
- You are chosen

The topics for November are:

- Be a friend
- All together
- Be happy
- Talk about Jesus
- Jesus can Help †

## MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRY: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Music and Arts Ministry held its first of many community outreach gatherings the 3rd week of August. The outreach consisted of all divisions conducting their rehearsals on the

front porch of the sanctuary. Our effort of being seen and heard was improved by the Audio Video Ministry providing microphones and speakers. Musical instruments were also on the scene to further enhance our outreach. Our endeavor of reaching out was not in vain. Several

passer- Byers waved, blew their horns, and some even stopped and made requests. The final evening of our outreach concluded with Pastor Freeman praying on the sidewalk for a gentleman in need and with the Senior Choir giving a smashing performance under the stars.

The next community outreach will consist of the Ministry marching through the community singing, praising, worshipping, passing out flyers, and compelling to men, women, and children. Our theme will be "Taking the Church to the Community".

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## UIBC Nurse Ministry Health CORNER



## "THE TUMBLE WEED SPIRIT" PHILATHEA CLASS MINISTRY RETREAT

The Philathea Class Ministry journeyed to Caraway Conference Center on their ---- retreat, September 19-20th. Scaled back to a one night- one and a half event, the ministry got an opportunity to reflect upon what makes us be women of God, and was armed with resources to aid our spiritual growth. This year's presenter was Sis. Joan Jeffries, with Sis. Betty Williamson facilitating the Gifts Assessment portion. The Retreat was rich and rewarding. Rev. Hattie B. Easterling is Ministry Leader. t

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. It is the leading cause of death in women after lung cancer. As a woman, your chances of getting breast cancer during your life are 1 in 8. Although men have less breast tissue than women, they do have breast cells that can undergo cancerous changes. Male breast cancer makes up less than 1 percent of all cases of breast cancer, and is usually detected in man between 60 and 70 years of age. Remember, there is no way to prevent breast cancer. That means early detection is key. This is doen through:

\* Mammograms

- \* Breast exam by physician
- \* Breast self exam t

**Reminder!**  
United will host a  
**FREE**  
**Diabetes**  
**Screening Clinic**  
**Sat., November 8th**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**United Institutional**  
**Baptist Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**

# WORSHIP

## SENIOR CHOIR DAY 2008



Sis. Ella Barham Honored



This year, the Senior Choir called former members to join them for a joyful celebration called The Senior Choir Day 2008, on Sunday October 12th; and they responded! Former members came from far and from churches all over the city to participate. Choir rehearsals started four weeks ago to blend the many voices the "Senior Choir" way! What an anointed Service that was had!

The special honor of "The Spirit of United" was bestowed upon Sis. Ella Barham, evident by a plaque given to her as family and friends bore witness during the 11am Worship Service. Pastor Freeman started by saying that many people seek after accolades which they may not be deserving of while some people deserving accolades shy away from recognition with the heartfelt desire only to have honor given to God. The later being Sis. Barham. Pastor Freeman said further, "But, for this moment and because we want to, we recognize Sis. Barham for her many years as leader of the Senior Choir, for using her God given gift of "Giving", and for sharing her talent of voice with so many. Sis. Barham embodies the Spirit of United!"

Sis. Barham had led the Senior Choir as President for just over 27 years with

position a year ago. She'd been a member of the choir since 1941—67 years! When ask how she came to the choir, she said, "Bro. L.D. Martin [Sis. Quick's brother] invited me to join when I first came to United and I was so happy that he did. You see, I'd just moved to Greensboro and away from my home choir and I just didn't know what to do." Well, she received her answer from the invitation that was extended to join the choir. Sis. Barham is humbled by the recognition and always appreciates what anyone does for her. She gives honor to God for her gifts and talents and she "just enjoys" singing to Him. She added, "I'm so thankful to God and to everyone that had anything to do with this special day!" †

## REVIVAL AT UNITED

Pastor Freeman stated that the Senior Choir Day with the Reunion Senior Choir was the prelude to United's 78th Homecoming Revival. On Sunday, October 19th, Reverend Doctor Jeremiah Tillman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Petersburg, VA kicked off what will be remembered as a powerful time in the Lord! First Baptist Church of Petersburg is the oldest African American congregation in America.

Dr. Tillman topic message was "When Nothing is enough for God from scripture text 2 Kings 4:1-10. His message left United primed for the next three days of Revival.

The next three days, Monday through Wednesday, brought our President of the General Baptist Association, Dr. Gregory K. Moss as Revival Evangelist. Monday's message was "We've Got to Change the Paradigm", Tuesday's message "Hope Anyhow" and on Wednesday "Whatcha Gonna Do Now?"

Dr Moss greeted everyone in Jesus'

joy each evening! By the end of Services, the congregation was responding to every phrase that Dr. Moss proclaimed. "Hope Anyhow", "Whatcha Gonna Do Now!" Indeed there was Jesus' joy!

The Hour of Power Choir had the honor of leading in praise and worship on Monday while the Shiloh Baptist Church Men's Chorus offered song for the Service. On Tuesday, was had the joy of participating in praise and worship with "United Together", a community praise and worship group, and the United's Reunion Senior Choir returned for the Service. For Wednesday's praise and worship, the Hour of Power Choir was again leading, with the St. James Baptist Church's Will Green Gospel Choir providing music for the Service. Testimonies were share. What a good time in the Lord! †

## UIBC CELEBRATES 78 YEARS

### The Best Is Yet To Come!

78 years ago some faithful and hopeful charter members from Mt. Sinai Baptist and East Market Street Baptist Church look beyond their surroundings of depression, injustice and naysayers to found what is now called United Institutional Baptist Church. It is safe to say that 78 years ago those same domestic workers, laborers, educators and degree required professionals may have said to themselves, as well as others, that though it may not be much now, but the best is yet to come! And 78 years later, on October 19th UIBC celebrated another glorious Homecoming!

The Mass Choir ushered in the Spirit with a soul stirring rendition of "O Lord How Excellent Is Thy Name." Our hearts were farther lifted and one of UIBC

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# FELLOWSHIP / ABOUT THE PEOPLE

very own youth elevated herself on a stepstool so that she could deliver the morning scripture. The combination dance to the Prayer of Jabez by: Women of Worship, Joy Bells, and VIP Mime Ministries reminded the sanctuary occupants that God does and still can enlarge your territory. And the culmination of morning worship was a powerful reminder from our pastor, taken from 1 John 3:3, discussing the topic "The Best Is Yet To Come"! †

## USHER BOARD FELLOWSHIP



The Usher Ministry held its annual picnic fellowship on September 27, 2008. Family and friends gathered together for a good old fashion cookout. Everyone pitched in to help in bringing food, food preparation, cooking and serving. United is blessed with a dedicated and faithful Usher Ministry, under the leadership of Sis. Katie Malloy. We will be hearing more from our Usher Ministry in 2009 regarding their Anniversary. †



## NEW DEACON

Brother  
Cornelious  
Lamberth

Bro. Lamberth

accepted the call of Deaconship for United. After a year long Deacon Training, Deacon Lamberth began this service August 2008. Deacon Lamberth was already an ordained deacon.

Deacon Lamberth has been a member of United since 1998. He serves in the following ministries: Ward Leader for Wards 1, 8 & 9 and Sunday School Teacher (Class #1). Lambert grew up in Rockingham County, Ruffin, NC. Deacon Lamberth graduated from the Sedalia High School in Whitest, NC. He attended NCA& TSU.

Deacon Lamberth retired from United Parcel Service in 1995. He enjoys spending time with his grandson.

Deacon Lamberth has been married to his high school sweetheart, Sis. Ida Lamberth for 41 years. They have two children and 1 grandson. †



## JONATHAN LOCKE

was selected to attend the Navel Junior Reserve Officers Training

Corps Leadership Academy. The academy was held at the Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South

Carolina. He spent fifteen-hour days of physical training and classroom work. Johathan graduated from the Academy on July 26, 2008 as a Junior Lieutenant. Jonathan is the son of Jesse and Dorothy Locke. He is a Junior at Page High School †

## CELEBRATING 13 YEARS WITH UNITED

Pastor and Mrs. Freeman, and their family, have shared our joys and tears. They pray with and for us during times of testing storms. They've helped us to discover the will the Lord has for our lives. They teach us how to understand the word and help us to grow stronger in the Lord. Shepparding a flock of 300 plus members is truly a full time job, with a lot of over time! So, on September 21 the members of United stopped to say Thank You!

Pastor Freeman, and the Freeman family, recently celebrated 13 years of covering United Institutional Baptist Church thru spiritual guidance. The Reverend J.D. Ballard rendered both the 7:27 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service giving Pastor the opportunity to enjoy two things he is rarely able to do, sit with his family during service and experience worship service from a seat he usually does not occupy, the pew. Rev. Freeman and the Freeman family were showered with tokens of appreciation through song, dance and personal tokens. †

# Youth Exposure



Matthew 19:13-15

***The Fall Winds Blow,  
The cool breeze enters,  
Enjoy the Sun and outside,  
Because after this is Winter***

This Summer was a productive and enjoyable one. We are going full force pushing a Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry so without further ado:

- TWIST Bible Study is still concentrating on Belonging. Our latest lessons have been TOUGH LOVE (Dealing with those things that stop us from becoming more); and GOING THE DISTANCE (Becoming ministers of Christ for our friends). Our September TWIST was very low in attendance. We want all parents to know that this service is available every 1st Wednesday from 7-8pm.

- At our Annual Session with ROWAN ASSOCIATION our Joy Bells showed their ministry gifts and blessed the crowd.

- Our Summer Trip this year was to Wet N Wild. It was a joyful event. Lots of children registered. The Men's Choir (Bro. Algernon Hill) assisted with food and supplies. Everyone returned to church looking like a box of raisins.

- I would like to thank everyone for such a blessed and Special Youth Pastor's Anniversary. You are a church that cares, not just about me but especially about our children. Keep them at the forefront of your mind always..

- August was the Month of our Youth

**6. Spirit of United**

Blitz. It began with our VIP Mime Team Dancing for Genesis Baptists Youth Explosion on Friday the 1st. It continued that Saturday with Workshops for children of all ages. Bro. Maury Moffitt supplied our church with Youth Brochures which are still available in the downstairs lobby.

- This year we began a new church. Now we have both a Children's Church in the Upper Room for youth age 5-12, and Teen Church for the age of 13-18 located in the Choir Room. We invite all youth to participate in both areas. This gives more freedom to focus on basic training for the young children and more applied and advanced bible study for teenagers. If you are interested in assisting in either church, contact me or any of the youth leaders.

- On the 23rd of August we held our first Youth Blitz (initially called Youth Explosion) and it was a wonderful success. Our youth have talent pouring from every pore. We had a devotion team, young drama team, a couple solo dancers (Olivia Roberts & Kierria Watson), our wonderful VIP Mime Team and Joy Bells Dance Team, an Artist (Ashley Legette), and our own melodious Youth Choir. This years Blitz collected a mass amount of School supplies for children in need.

- The month of September has been the month of Purpose. We are beginning a new process of building our Youth Ministry from the inside

out. Our focus is growing our youth from just being a part of the crowd to becoming a Core student able to start a ministry on their own if they desire. We need your help with this in just two ways:

- First, we want to know what you desire/value within a ministry. What do you hope we touch on within whatever events we do? What would you like to know about our Youth Ministry here at United?

- Second, we need your assistance. I realized that everyone cannot be hands-on and participate in every activity. (Some can, but not all). Some people are in support of our ministry and all youth auxiliaries but don't feel the need to participate. If you feel like that, we need you as a Cheer-Leader. Some feel like not only supporting thru word of mouth but spiritually. If you feel led to pray for our needs and concerns, we need you as a Prayer Leader. Some people aren't able to participate in person, however if you would like to donate anything or have items you would assist in providing, we need you as a Resource Leader. Finally, if you have a desire to help in any events, contact us as a Hands-On Leader. Every Leader is important so you are not looked at differently if you prefer to be one over another. Just be there to help. Every little bit counts. So if you are interested, contact us and tell us which leader you feel most comfortable with. We would love your assistance!

*God bless,*  
Rev. Montrel R. Caldwell, Sr.  
Youth Pastor

## SAVE THE DATE

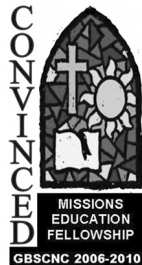


**November 7th | Friday • 7pm**  
Fellowship Hall

## “Sheep’s Clothing Boutique”

A cabaret presented by the Drama Ministry  
Featuring: Gospel Trumpeter • Gospel Comedian • Mime Ministry

## “MISSIONS LOCALLY & ALL AROUND THE WORLD!”



### November 4th

Final Presidential Election  
Voting Day

*Let your voice be heard!!!!*

### November 16th

Rev. Easterling Appreciation  
Service 3pm

### November 27th - 28th

Thursday • Friday  
Church Office Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 14th

Sunday School Christmas  
Program 9:45am

### December 15th | Monday

Sunday School Christmas Party

### December 21st

Music Ministry Christmas Program  
11am Worship Service

### December

Wednesday 24th through  
Thursday January 1st  
Church Office Closed for  
Christmas Holidays

### December 31st | Wednesday

Watchnight Service 10pm

Dr. Gregory T Moss, while here as Evangelist for Homecoming Revival, shared good news as 2nd Vice President for the Lott Carey Foreign Missions. Lott Carey is our missionary arm of the General Baptist State Convention and is supported by United’s mission dollars.

Lott Carey, expounds Dr. Moss, is one of the few missionary entities still in Mississippi and Louisiana assisting the survivors of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina assisting with housing, counseling, and job training. Lott Carey also provides a resurrection center that provides food and clothing to the hurricane survivors. Lott Carey is currently in Texas assisting with Hurricane Ike displaced survivors.

Lott Carey supports and is partner in twenty-five (25) mission fields around the world.

Further, Lott Carey applied for and received a \$2M donation grant from the Lilly Foundation to expose ministers in foreign fields. After the first year, Lilly Foundation donated an additional \$1M to Lott Carey for its missions efforts. The grant program provides for a 3-year program called Pastors in Excellence Program (PEP). PEP provides an opportunity for ministers’ emergence with indigenous people, working side by side for 10-day period per year, doing the work as called by Jesus Christ. Currently, our missions’ partners, our mission’s fields, are located in Guyana, Jamaica, and Italy. †

## THE UIBC WEBSITE IS BACK & BETTER! WWW.UNITED-INSTITUTIONAL.ORG

### UIBC Website Monthly Update Schedule\*

<u>Info deadline to Committee Chair</u>	<u>Info to Webmaster</u>	<u>For Period</u>
10/26/2008	10/29/2008	November
11/16/2008	11/19/2008	December
Use newsletter info	12/17/2008	January
1/11/2009	1/14/2009	February
2/15/2009	2/18/2009	March
3/15/2009	3/18/2009	April
4/12/2009	4/15/2009	May
5/10/2009	5/13/2009	June
6/14/2009	6/17/2009	July

\*Updates will be made on a monthly basis through the Newsletter Ministry. Please submit information to Newsletter Ministry Members for posting.



# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

## You Need To Be Saved

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

### YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man it not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### JESUS PROVIDED SALVATION

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### ACCEPT JESUS BY FAITH TODAY

**Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

## INVITATION

We the family of United would like to extend to you an open invitation to join us in fellowship or become a part of our family.

We're a body of Christ growing spiritually day by day,

“Expanding our ministry & Extending Ourselves.”

Join us Sunday Mornings at our

7:27 a.m. or 11 a.m. Worship Services.

**Join Us!!!**

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