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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 is 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.

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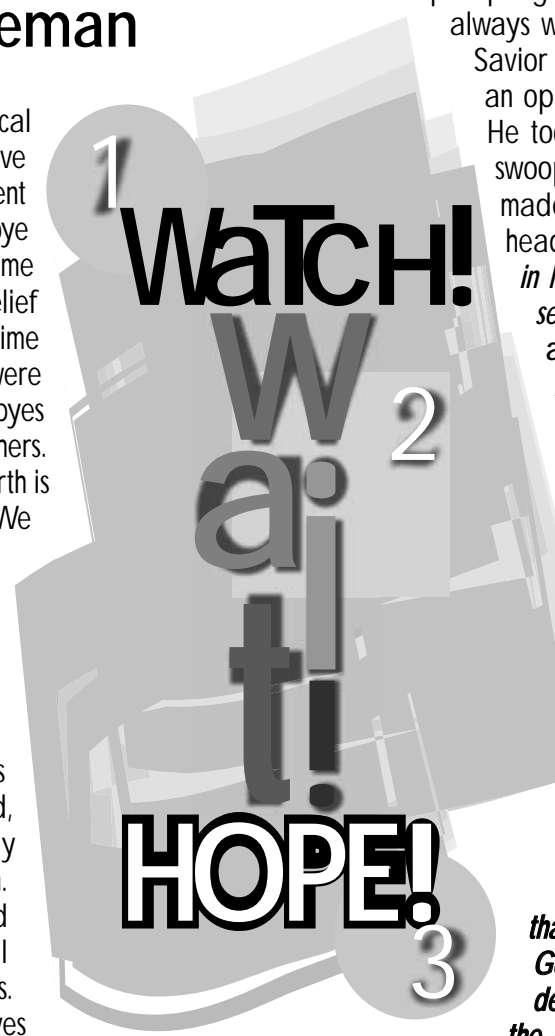
SUMMER 2008

A Word from First Lady Mrs. Felicia Freeman

As we approach a new fiscal year, I'm sure that many of us have wondered what God is up to. In recent days, we have had to say good-bye more times than we have wished. Some good-byes were coupled with the relief that comes from the end to a long time of suffering. Some good-byes were totally unexpected. Some good-byes were certainly more painful than others. And we've wondered, "What on earth is God doing?" We have watched. We have waited. We have hoped.

Yet, once we take the focus off of self and place it back onto God, we find great hope. We discover that God is doing great and mighty things in our midst. He is preparing us for a transition. He is preparing us for a new God-focused, Christ-centered season and He is fully equipping His own with a new vision. He is doing a new thing at United and He will not be denied. Nor will He pour new wine into old wineskins. As we watch, so does God. His eyes are in every place. He does not miss a thing! He is fully alert to both evil and to good.

It is precisely because God is watching, that we are encouraged to wait. Those who understand the vision have already seen hearts changed and the house filled. Those who understand the vision have already seen the prayer warriors in place. Those who understand the vision have already seen spirit-filled and righteous leaders lifting holy hands and singing new songs! Those who have ears to hear, understand that we do not wait anxiously but with eager anticipation of what God has planned for us. Those who have eyes to see, are not waiting blindly, wandering about in the dark. No! Our waiting is coupled with great hope.



This hope springs from the knowledge that God is in control. This hope springs from the knowledge that things aren't always what they seem. The enemy saw Christ our Savior defeated in the grave. But our God saw an opportunity to demonstrate His great power. He took away the enemy's "victory" in one fell swoop. God raised Christ from the dead and made Him the ultimate ruler of all things and head of the Church. Paul put it this way: *"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."* Romans 8:24-25. Our hope lies not in physical sight. Our hope is rooted in a God-given spiritual vision that is on its way to becoming a natural reality.

So to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see; to those who have grasped what the Spirit has said through our pastor, I say keep watching, keep waiting and keep hoping! God is doing a new and great thing in our midst. And, those who have trusted in God will not be disappointed. As The Message Bible records in *Romans 8:5-8* **Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.**

So keep watching faithfully. Keep waiting eagerly. Keep hoping greatly. And know this, our God is able to do far more than we could ever ask or think or even imagine. To my family of God who is united to share the love of Christ always remember our God is an awesome God!

Trusting in God and Anchored in Christ,
First Lady Felicia Freeman

The Vision Journey

United's Fasting & Vision Teaching Series Draws to a Close

As the Vision Teaching Series have come to an end, the vision work, service and leadership in our community has just begun. What comes to mind when you think of leadership? Do you think of great leaders from the past? Or do you think of certain characteristics that you feel a good leader should possess, such as possessing qualities of a visionary, self-confidence, communication skills, and decisiveness? In the Christian setting, many of us hesitate to lead when asked. Perhaps we don't feel we possess the skills needed to be a good leader.

Jesus' leadership was not about leading in the business sense, but rather about doing what God called him to do. Likewise, we have unique talents and gifts from God, and we are called to use those gifts for serving and building up the Body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12 says "For the

perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." At times we may pretend we don't hear God calling us to serve, or we may rationalize that we are too busy. We may even try to convince ourselves that we are not capable because someone else is more qualified. However, God doesn't call the qualified; God qualifies those called.

The heroes of the Bible were ordinary people with typical human flaws and weaknesses. They show us that when it comes to serving in God's kingdom, we don't have to be spectacular...just available. Spiritual leaders are ordinary people, called and enabled by God.

Are **YOU** available to serve today?

22) *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* 23) *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24)and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.* 25) *But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.*

- James 1:22-25

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.

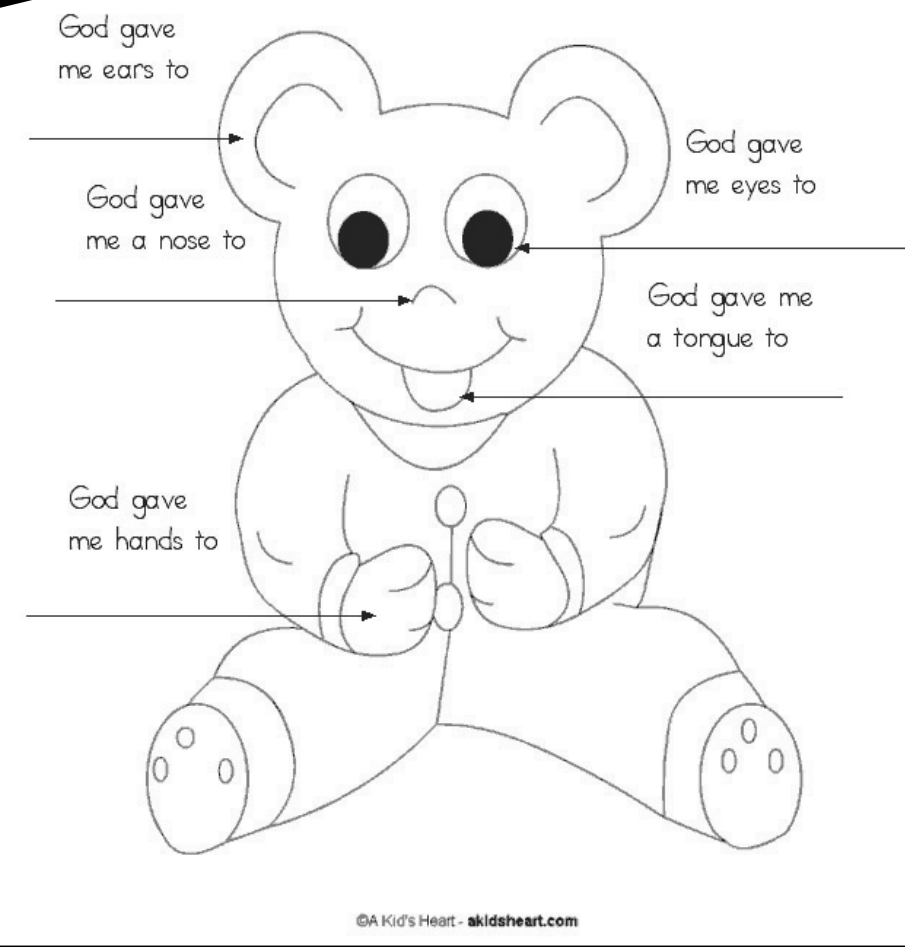
May the vision that GOD has given United Institutional Baptist Church become a reality.

Kids' Corner

GOD Made You Special The 5 Senses

Finish the each sentence by writing one of the senses in each blank. Then color the bear.

Feel Hear Smell See Taste



GIRL SCOUTS.

"BECOMING ME"

For the final Cadette and Senior Scout meeting this school year, Sis. Chastiny Caldwell presented a seminar "Becoming Me" on May 24th,

2008. The seminar was a vehicle for discussing self-esteem, what Godly teens look like, and dealing with peer pressure. The young ladies had the opportunity to engage in conversation and in activities. They were presented received gift bags from Sis. Caldwell. Reverend Easterling came to lend support. "

The Girl Scouts is an outreach ministry of UIBC. The Cadette and Senior Scouts leaders are Sisters Tiny Joe and Betty Williamson. †

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On June 8th members of the parent's, family and UIBC Sunday school members gathered to watch the talent of their youth in the Annual Children's Day Program. The program was presented by the Sunday school's Children's Division. This year's program focus was Jesus Made Me and the Ten Commandments.

Our Nursery, Beginners and Kindergarten classes joyfully sang "Jesus Made Me Just Like Him" while carefully watching the direction of their teachers. Our Primary and Junior classes presented a skit titled: The Ten Commandments. The two scene play depicted children witnessing to their peers and a Sunday school class discussing the Commandments.

Prior to the closing of the program UIBC graduating seniors presenting flowers to their parents and guardians and explained to onlookers their appreciation for the influence they had in their lives!

We would like to thank Deaconesses Douglas & Terry along with their teachers and Sis. Geraldine Ray for their work with our children! †

GOSPEL JUBILEE

The Youth Choir participated in the 7th Annual Children's Choir Gospel Jubilee program sponsored by Providence Baptist Church. Ten local church children choirs worshiped the Lord in song. United's choir encouraging everyone to "Jump, Get Excited" about Jesus Christ. The Youth Choir received a trophy in acknowledgement of participation, along with gift bags. It was truly a blessing to see and hear the excitement of young people praise the Lord in song.†

Youth Exposure

Matthew 19:13-15

Summer's here & man
It's hot! But God
is still working,
whether we want
Him to or Not!

The youth are really going forth in ministry and in activities. They are truly on the move so you better grab on and ride unless you want to get passed by. What's going on? Let's see:

- We began this season with a joint UIBC Fast. Many of the youth became creative with their fast. Knowing they couldn't miss out on meals, some gave up TV, some gave up the telephone, and others gave up their sweets. It took boldness for Christ to make those sacrifices. Way to Go!
- **TWIST Bible Study** discussions have been about Being Real (who we really are without masks), Helping Our Brothers and Sisters, and Appreciation of Others (thinking outside of self and recognizing who's really there for us). It's amazing what insight our teens have in this church. Teens, please encourage your friends to join us. Parents, bring and drop them off. It's an hour that is well worth the time. TWIST meets every first Wednesday at 7pm.

At the April Rowan Bi-monthly seven (7) of our youth participated. Thanks to Bobbie Rankin, Mercedes Hammond, Shonda, Rhonda, and Jasmine Raley, Aiesha Colson, and Adrienne Weaks for joining in the festivities. We participated in

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Teen/Youth Classes, as well as, the Association Service.

The Children's Ministry held the **Children's Night Out Finale** at Chuck E Cheeze for this church fiscal year. Many children were able to truly enjoy this joyous time. Thanks to Deaconess Joyce Douglas and Children's Ministry Leaders for your faithfulness in planning these events for our children.

On May 30th, we held a **Senior Recognition Cookout and Bowling Party**. There was wonderful attendance at the Cookout and the church was able to give each graduate a token of appreciation for pressing through the school years and making it out of High School. Each graduate spoke on what they planned to do after graduation. The celebration ended with a Teens-Only Bowling Party at All Star Lanes. The competition was on... (Boys vs. Girls). You'll have to find out from the teens who won.

The **Children's Day** program was a great success! The children all learned their parts and showed boldness and intelligence in stating their bible verses.

The Vacation Bible School themewas "**CHOSEN CHAMPIONS FOR JESUS**". We saw a great batch of Champions here at United. For the closing ceremony our youth did everything from quoting bible verses, to doing a skit about Superheroes, and a Step representing the sections of the VBS booklet.

We want to congratulate all those graduates moving from Pre-School

to Kindergarten, Kindergarten to First Grade, from 5th grade to Middle School, from 8th grade to High School, and graduating from High School.

It can be a difficult journey but you show through your determination that you can do it. Just know the church is there for you!

Upcoming Summer Events:

- **Summer Trip to Wet N Wild July 26th**
- **Youth Ministry Blitz Month of August**
- **Youth Explosion '08 August 27th**

Join Us!!!

If you have an interest in working with children or youth, please attend the **Youth Ministry Meetings**. The meetings occur **every first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM**. It takes a village to raise a child. You are welcomed to help be apart of the village by raising United's youth to love the Lord, love themselves, and love each another.

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



UIBC
Nurse Ministry
**Health
CORNER**

Summer is here! Remember the importance of using sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful ultraviolet rays. The sun's rays are strongest from 10am to 4pm. Be sure to use sunscreen with at least a SPF of 15+ for adequate protection. So, get ready enjoying the rays while staying protected. t

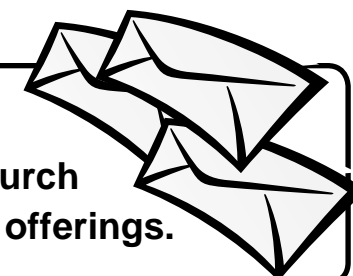
"Check Your Engine Light" Prayer Breakfast

The Philathea Ministry hosted its Twelfth Annual Prayer Breakfast on April 12, 2008. Evangelist Regina Meadows from the Anointed Tabernacle was guest speaker.

The Spirit filled the place as the message elevated our thinking as being parts of the Body. Members of Anointed Tabernacle and its Pastor, Apostle Linda Guy, were in attendance. Sis. Irene Isaiah and Sis. Elizabeth Leak were Mistresses of Ceremony. t

Reminder!

Please remember to use your church envelopes when tithing & giving offerings.



Congratulations High School & College Graduates

High School Graduates:

Terrell Carmichael
Artansy Hailey III
Mercedes Hammonds
Tony Richard
James Weaks
Terreck Willis

College Graduates:

Lafloyd Isaiah
Guilford Technical
Community College

Crystal Hall –
North Carolina A&T
State University,
Masters Degree

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bill Bailey

Brittney Bailey

Trina Gabriel

Lacy Joyner

Tranance Daye

Eric Richmond

Larry J. Griffin

Percy Dominique

The Summer Enrichment Institute

A Collaborative Effort
of
United Community
Development &
United Institutional Baptist
Church

On June 16th, the Summer Enrichment Institute (SEI) started its sixth year in community outreach tutoring to reinforce the basics-- reading writing and arithmetic, that the students learned during the school year sprinkled with fun/educational outings. Reverend Hattie Easterling is this year's Director.

With a donation from UIBC, the SEI opened its first year of tutoring in 2003 with Sis. Chastiny Caldwell and Sis. Sarah Patterson as Co-Directors. They served also as tutors along with Sis. Keisha McNeill that first year. Now with the additional donations from the Marques Douglas Foundation and from church Wards and members, the SEI has been able to "widen its net" to serve more students. The SEI operates totally from donations.

The SEI runs for four weeks, usually beginning the week after Vacation Bible School. The "basics" have been enhanced over the years with students being exposed to Spanish and to physical science as part of the curriculum. SEI directors: Sis. Chastiny Caldwell and Sis. Sarah Patterson (2003), First Lady Felicia Freeman (2004 - 2006), and Rev. Hattie Easterling (2007-2008). t

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Gospel Fest

Ward #7 presented their 12th Annual Gospel Fest on Sunday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m. The theme was, "We Praise His Name In Song". Bro. Chester Smith, with the help of family and friends, started the Gospel Fest. It has been very successful through the years. All proceeds were donated to the UIBC Scholarship Fund.

Even though the storms were raging outside, the spirit and praises were high inside. Those in attendance were blessed with songs from United's Men's Choir, Soloist Stephanie Evans, and the Vocal Aires. Representatives from the New Beginning Gospel Group and the Silveraires rendered songs, as well. United was also honored to have had recording artist, Gospel Stars perform once again.

Deacon David King was the Master of Ceremony and Sis. Hanan Barrett was the Program Chair. Congratulations to both for doing a fantastic job for the second year!

On the behalf of Ward #7, thank you United for your love, prayers and support of this event. Because of your contributions, all graduates

were recognized and the High School graduates received a \$1,000 scholarship. t



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held June 16th-20th. The theme was "Chosen Champions for Jesus". An abundance of children and adults were in attendance from United and the surrounding community to learn of God's word.

The first day began with a general assembly for the traditional opening of prayer, scripture, pledges and song. After breaking into appropriate classes, VBS was

under way with class discussions, demonstrations, arts/crafts, music, recess and delicious snacks.

On the closing night, the classes made presentations of their learnings. The Nursery Class demonstrated some of their learnings; the Kindergarten Class recited memory verses they studied; the Primary Class shared in their own words, how they worship the Lord; the Junior Class demonstrated through a skit how to be superheroes for the Lord and the Senior Class demonstrated their learnings through a step presentation.

On the behalf of the Rev. Hattie Easterling and the Co-Directors, Deaconess Barbara Terry and Deaconess Carolyn McCrimmon, gratitude is express towards EVERYONE who took a part t help to make VBS 2008 a success!!! t



Music & Arts Ministry Appreciation Banquet

The Music & Arts Ministry held its 2nd Appreciation Banquet on the evening of July 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the church Fellowship Hall. The meal was catered by Chef Larry Lewis Catering Services. The evening was filled with delicious food, fun, fellowship, door prizes and lots of awards and recognition!

Tony Gillion, Minister of Music, presented awards to all of the division leaders for their hard work and dedication to the Music & Arts Ministry. The Division Leaders presented awards to their members for their faithfulness to the ministry.

Sis. Ella Barham received a special award for serving as President of the Senior Choir for more than 25 years. Sis. Barham also received the highest award of the event, the MOM (Minister of Music) Award for her untiring service as choir president from Minister Gillion. Sis. Carrie Coln was also recognized for more than 60 years of service to the Hour of Power Choir.

The evening ended with special presentations giving to Min. Tony Gillion by the divisions for his commitment, faithfulness and untiring service to the Music & Arts Ministry of United. t



Women's Day Weekend Celebration

The women of United celebrated their annual Women's Day weekend May 17th and 18th. The theme was "Kingdom Minded Women". The celebration actually began on Wednesday, May 14th during Prayer Meeting. Sis. Agnes Bass spoke on the behalf of the Altar Guild Ministry. Her topic was "Mountain, Get Out of My Way!!!" The spirit of the Lord moved in a mighty way.

The Women's Day Brunch was held on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 A.M. The "Gospel Impressions", guest group led songs of praise throughout the service. First Lady, Felicia Freeman was the speaker. Her topic was "Am I Pretty Now?" First Lady Freeman gave a real-life demonstration of the many things and sometimes bad choices, women endure to try to look pretty

The celebration continued on Sunday, May 18th during the 7:27 and 11:00 A.M. worship services.

Rev. Debra White, Associate Minister of the Light of the World Christian Church of Indianapolis, IN was the guest speaker for the 7:27 A.M. service. Rev. White's topic was "A Kingdom Minded Praise".

For the 11:00 A.M. service Miss Mia Lassiter sang the sermonic solo, "I Won't Complain". The solo helped to prepare the hearts of parishioners to receive a word from the Lord from Rev. Tanya Le'Gette-Lassiter of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church of Waxhaw, NC. Rev. Lassiter's topic was "Kingdom Minded People".

The pulpit worship leaders were dressed in white and their heads were adorned with beautiful hats. The Women's Day choir was also dressed in white. Their angelic voices filled the sanctuary.

The weekend celebration was truly a blessed time in the Lord!!! t



OUTREACH Ministry Opportunities

The Missionary Ministry and the Youth Sunday School Division ministries solicit your help with the following donations for the Urban Ministry food bank. Donations are received in boxes near the Security Office.

- July APPLE SAUCE
- August RICE
- September CANNED VEGETABLES
- October CANNED MEATS t



Woman of the Year Sister Sarah B. Patterson

is United's 2008-2009 Women of the Year!

Sis. Patterson has been a member of United since 1997. She serves in the following ministries: Music & Arts Ministry Advisory Board, Praise Team, Youth Choir Advisor/Director, United Voices of Praise Choir Member/Director, Mass Choir Member/Director and on the Spirit of United Newsletter Staff. She is also member of Sunday school, (Class #5), Ward #5 and the Missionary Ministry.

Sis. Patterson wanted to become the Woman of the Year to help raise money for the church in efforts to retire the debt loan. Sis. Patterson is seeking the Lord regarding some opportunities to focus on uplift and inspiration for the women and young ladies of United.

Sis. Patterson is originally from Seagrove, NC. She graduated from Eastern Randolph High School of Ramseur, NC. Sis. Patterson is an alumna of NC A&T SU of Greensboro with a Bachelor's of Art Degree in Mass Communications. Sis. Patterson has been employed with American Express for 19 years, where she works as an Employee Relations Specialist in Human Resources.

Sis. Patterson enjoys singing, planning events, traveling and spending time with her family and close friends. She has been married to Bro. Clinton Patterson for 15 years. They have two children Clinton E. Patterson, III and Callie S. Patterson. Sis. Patterson resides in the McLeansville, NC.

Sis. Patterson would like to thank everyone for your prayers, support and well wishes as United's new Woman of the Year!t