



# 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 I write to you I am reminded of what the Psalmist said “behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” (Psalm 133:1) Over the past fourteen years I have watched God bring us together as pastor and people. I am so humbled and grateful by the overwhelming support, love and encouragement I have had in response to the vision God has given me to lead United into the future. Through your ceaseless prayers and labor of love we continue to see the vision unfolding. I give God praise and express my sincere appreciation for your commitment in expanding our ministry and extending yourselves.

As another church fiscal year comes to a close we look forward to our mortgage burning/groundbreaking service and the start of our church expansion project this fall. Please keep us in your prayers as we go forward together in the name of our Great Savior! He deserves our best and promises us His best.

On behalf of my wife, Felicia, Brandon, Desmond and I may God continually bless all who are a part of this **great family of God**.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Freeman

“behold how  
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*Psalm 133:1*

## United Retires Its Capital Loan in Seven Years!

During the quarterly Business Meeting on April 23rd, Trustee Ministry Chair, Sis. Shirley Wilson announced with great joy and praises to God for His provisions that the churches 20 year debt was paid

off! The Business Meeting erupted in praises to the Lord! The twenty-year loan, nearly a half million dollars, was paid off in seven-years! The major purposes for the loan were for the purchase of the corner property at East Market Street and Murrow Boulevard, and for the renovation of the sanctuary. Praise be to God!

Look for information concerning a Debt Retirement Celebration to come soon.



## PASTOR ROLLS OUT THE CHURCH'S EVANGELISM DVD AND NEW LOGO

Pastor Freeman debuted the new and exciting evangelism DVD and Church's logo during the Quarterly Church Meeting, April 23rd. He said that the intent of the DVD was to capture or to give a snapshot of this Family of God united to share the love of Christ!" that we call United. The Newsletter Ministry along with Bro. Jerome Malloy worked many hours to give a "product" that we all can be proud to share throughout the community, regardless of how large your community or how far reaching you define your community to be. The ministry solicited the membership for their input as well as solicited a few members to have talking portions in the film. Copies of the DVD will be available soon, as Pastor said, for members to have a copy and a copy to share as you minister throughout the unchurched community.

Prominent throughout the Evangelism DVD was the new Church's Logo! The Newsletter Ministry prayed for inspiration to design a logo that would capture a little of what United

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about, Sis. Tanya Roberts received it. There is an article on the meaning and concept behind the logo in this issue of the Spirit. Look for the logo to be displayed throughout the church! t

## UNITED INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH LOGO INSPIRATION

United Institutional Baptist Church affectionately

known as "United" is a loving family of God, "United" to share the love of Christ. That in essence is what the elements of our logo represent.

*THE CIRCLE* that surrounds is in reference to the unity of the church body. It represents both people inside the walls of the church, as well as, the people we are and will be reaching out to in the surrounding community; *Expanding Our Ministry, Extending Ourselves.*

Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:**

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

*THE STEEPLE HAND* that overlaps the left side of the logo is a reminder that we must seek God **FIRST** in all that we do as the body of Christ both corporately and individually.

Matthew 6:33

33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

*THE PEOPLE* with hands lifted up are representation of the family unit lifting up praises to God for all that he has lead us to and through since our journey began. We give praises unto God for all he's done in the past, is doing at present and is leading us to do in the future.

Psalms 8

1) O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2) Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3) When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4) What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

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- 5) For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6) Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
- 7) All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8) The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9) O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! †

## Philathea Hosted its 10th Annual Prayer Lock-In & Its 12th Annual Prayer Breakfast

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What a time! The annual Prayer Lock-In was held February 9-10th, starting with the Lois J. Anderson Prayer Circle and going through the night until 8am Saturday. Messengers brought the Word which flowed from the theme "Going Forth with Empowerment", scriptural reference Philippians 3:13-14.

There were returning messengers as well as first timers from all over the Triad area. The first time messengers, ministers and laypersons, committed to returning next year! The Spirit was high through the lock-in and "overflowed" through the next few Sunday worship services, through the Prayer Breakfast which was held in March, and continues even until today. Many members are caught on fire; visually displaying it

by waving "the Red Cloth" The Red Cloth symbolizes the movement of the Holy Spirit of the person waving it. Making the red clothes available was the inspiration that came to Sis. Elizabeth "Wittie" Legette, Philathea Class Ministry member. Many UNITED members rallied "Stirring up the Gift" of the Holy Spirit as they are caught-up in worship of our Most High.

The 12th Annual Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Philathea Class Ministry was held on Saturday March 28th. Minister Sheila Hunt from Embassy Church International Fellowship, Greensboro, delivered the message. The Prayer Breakfast theme was "Going Forth with Empowerment", continuing from the Prayer Lock-in which was held in February. †

## Revival at United

Health Fair and African American Heritage Festival

On March 14th, the Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops attended a Health Fair at NC A&T State University and continued the trip to the African American Heritage Festival held at the Cultural Arts Center.

The Health Fair was hosted the by the Sociology Department at A&T. The young ladies had the opportunity to talk with several health officials, to listen to presentations and to collect printed materials and t-shirts. Many of the young ladies plan careers in the medical fields and the Health Fair was wealth of information.

The African American Heritage Festival at the Cultural Arts Center was exciting for the troops. There were local groups in the visual and performing arts on hand; exhibitors of African Americans art, vendors, free food, and the art studio were opened to welcome visits. There was a character portrait artist

located on the center court, drawing his interpretation of all attendees that desired. The young ladies stood in line for an hour but felt that it was well worth it as they smiled at the finished products! A fun and educational time was had by all!

The troop leaders and assistants are Sis. Barbara Terry, Sis. Carolyn McCrimmon, Sis. Audrey Anderson, Sis. Rosalyn Posey and Sis. Joan Jeffries for the Brownie and Juniors Troops. For the Cadette and Seniors troops, the leader and assistant leaders are Sis. Betty Williamson, Sis. Tiny Joe, Sis. Rhonda Raley, and Sis. Shonda Raley. The Girl Scout Ministry serves the young ladies at United and young ladies from the community. †

## Girl Scouts on the Move

### Movie-thon

On Friday April the 17th, from 10pm to 6 O'clock Saturday morning, the Brownie and Juniors Girl Scout troops participated in a Movie-Thon at the Carousel Theatre on Battleground Avenue. Mt. Zion Baptist Church was the host; a fundraiser for their troop. The UIBC Girl Scout Troops brought their pillows and blankets. As soon as one movie was over, they moved to another. The Refreshment stand stayed open all night!

### "Road Trip" to the Natural Science Center & Zoo

March 14th, the Brownie and Juniors Girl Scout troops took a "Road Trip" to the Natural Science Center and Zoo. Even the rain could not damper the excitement of the adventure. The troops, with the 3-D glasses took in a 3-D movie. Pre-historical Animals was the exhibit. †

# Youth Exposure

Matthew 19:13-15

**The UIBC Youth Ministry exists to INVITE nonbelievers to Christ and CONNECT them with other believers by LIFTING His name through LEARNING about Him and HELPING those in need.**

In other words C.H.I.L.L.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are always keeping busy and encourage each and every one of you to stay busy in the Lord. The kids are growing so fast and we still have so to do. So what has been happening this season? I'm glad you asked:

- We are a **PDYM (Purpose Driven Youth Ministry)** and with us having a Purpose we want to continue informing you of what we represent. As the Youth Pastor I am here to help guide the Spirituality of your children. That is no easy duty, but it does go smoother when I know I have the support of all parents as well as guardians, family, and friends. That is why your participation is so important. Not just because of need for chaperones or assistants, but also for the growth and encouragement of your child. Your aid is necessary thru participation, prayers, and contributions (financial and resource-wise). If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to talk with me so we can come to a consensus of how to help your children. With your help the Youth Ministry will continue to flourish and be there to support you in building your child's Love of God.

- In **TWIST** we focused on Relationships. In January we talked about the **DATING GAME** and concentrated on how to resolve conflict. Our example was the way Abram and Lot decided to separate and take on two different paths (Gen. 13:1-13). We learned that

there are worldly ways to break off a relationship as well as Godly ways. We didn't have **TWIST** in February due to our Abstinence Workshop that weekend. In March we talked about **MAKING IT RIGHT** and concentrated on handling anger. Our example was the conversation Jesus had with the people about not just sinning if you kill but sinning even if you act out in anger against your brother or sister (Matt. 5:21-26). We learned that there are other ways to handle our anger in more constructive, and not destructive, ways. We are looking for all teens to step up and participate in **TWIST** every first Wednesday of the month.

- In **Children's Church** we are still concentrating on our 5 Purposes. Currently we have discussed Evangelism and Discipleship. The children have gone down to the fellowship hall and practiced what to say to people to bring them to Christ. They have also been encouraged thru scripture (Phil. 4:13) and discussed what they want to do when they grow up. **CALLING ALL ADULTS:** If you have a desire to encourage and train up kids we need you to help with Children's/Teen Church. Don't feel you aren't experienced enough. We have the materials and information. All we need is your love, enthusiasm, and mind to work with our children. If you're interested, notify me or one of the Youth Leaders.

- In **God's Training Program (GTP)**, Teen Church, we learned that Surrendering your life to God's will means living by His values instead of the world's (Phil. 2:5-11); and that In order to receive His grace and forgiveness when we sin, we must respond to God thru confession and repentance (Heb.12:1-11). We learned that God's will is like an umbrella that is stationary and always there to protect us but we

are the ones who stray outside of its protection. We also learned that there will always be Rules, Rule-Givers, and Consequences for Breaking Rules so it's best if we stick to the rules that protect us (even if we don't like them).

- Big Ups to the Youth for trying the Church Fast! Many youth came up saying that they fasted from the TV, Playing, and (God forbid!) the phones (both texting and calling). They understand and are definitely giving their all for God. Way to Go!

- Our new ministry **WILLING WORKERS** had their first project in January and reached out to two of our elder members homes. We went out on a Saturday and helped clean the outsides and insides (when permitted) of their homes. The kids vocalized their enjoyment and are excited about doing it again soon. Praise God for the youth giving back to those who gave so much to them.

- In February we held our **Annual Abstinence Workshop**. Ms Wanda Mackey came out from Guilford Health and talked with our teens about protecting themselves and being cautious while dating. It was inspirational and the teens came out with an appreciation of their bodies being the Temple of God. Keep them in prayer that they keep God in the front of their minds when temptation comes.

- Other news: **CONGRATULATIONS James Weeks** for getting Man of the Year this year! Thanks **Portia Oakley** for stepping up and representing United in the Annual Oratorical Contest thru the Rowan Association! March 31st we held our first **Parent's Conference** and we had a decent group in attendance. If you want to know what was discussed,

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pick up a flyer across from our Youth Calendar.

• **Up Coming Events:**  
**Rowan Bimonthly 4/18; Christian Education Institute 4/19-22; Senior Recognition Cookout 5/29; Vacation Bible School 6/15-19**

• Our Purpose Driven Youth Ministry is running full steam with a Purpose Statement, new set of Values, and eager set of Team Leaders. However, we can't do this alone. We need your help! We need to convey our message in as many ways as possible.

• First, let us know HOW you can help. Can you give Hands-On Volunteer support? Can you give Supplies and/or Resources support? Or maybe can you give Prayer support?

• For **Hands On Service** come to our meeting that occurs monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month (January's will be on the 8th due to the holidays) and help us by lending a hand or voice.

• For **Resource Support** let us know by phone call, email, or face-to-face meeting of what you can offer or donate to help make our events run smoothly.

• For **Prayer Support** we ask that this seasons Focus be on **MINISTRY and EVANGELISM**. All members, leaders, staff, parents, and grandparents we ask you to pray for our youth that their worship be innocent, honest, and full of life and excitement. And let a child know you are praying for them and love them.

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

## College Student Outreach Fellowship Luncheon

What a wonderful fellowship was

had for the final College Student Fellowship Luncheon this school year on Sunday April 26th. Because of its size, the Luncheon was moved from the Dining Hall to the Fellowship Hall, the first time this year. Upwards of 80 college students were on hand. Also, the North Carolina A&T State University Football Team, with Coach Alonzo Lee, gathered for lunch.

Long time fan of the A&T Football Team and Philathea Class Ministry member, Sis. Bertha Majette, gave a little pep talk in a style that only she could do it! She informed the team that she's been their NUMBER ONE Fan for the past 50 years and continues to be. She told them that she prays for them whether they win or not. She was happy at 85 years to be their supporter. The Team gave her a rousing round of applause. Man of the Year 2009-2010 Bro. James Weak, a NCA&TSU football player, invited the team to worship and to luncheon.

Throughout the year on the fourth Sundays, the Philathea Class Ministry, host for the Church's College Students Outreach, hosted the Luncheons with students from Bennett College, NCA&TSU, UNC-G and Guilford Technical Community College in attendance. Students were invited to leave their home addresses for contact during the summer. Ministry Vice Chair Dee Brown and Ministry Chair Rev. Hattie Easterling gave encouraging remarks to the students as they prepare for their exams and as many prepare to leave the city for the summer. †

## Gospel Fest 2009

*Ward #7 presented their 13th Annual Gospel Fest* on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The theme was **"SINGING PRAISES TO GOD"**.

Bro. Algernon Hill was the Master of Ceremony and Sis. Hanan Barrett was the Program Chair. Congratulations to both for doing a fantastic job!

The presence of the Lord was in the midst! Everyone was ministered to through song. United's Praise Team and soloist – Sis. Patricia Mayse jumped started the service with songs of praise and worship. The guest soloist/groups were: Minister Elaine Hines, the Silveraires, the Generations and the Spiritual Travelers.

Over \$3,000 was raised for the Scholarship Fund!!! Ward #7 would like to thank everyone for helping to make the event successful with your prayers, participation and donations. †

UIBC Nurse Ministry  
Health CORNER



Spring is the time of year when seasonal allergies sniffing and sneezing.

Although, no magical cure for seasonal allergies, there are many ways to combat them, from medications to household habits. Please always consult with your physician prior to taking any over-the-counter medications for possible drug interactions.

UIBC Nurse Ministry

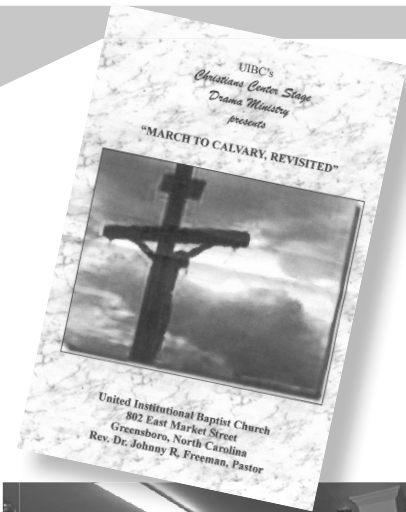
# "MARCH TO CALVARY, REVISTED"

The *U.I.B.C. Christian Center Stage Drama Ministry* presented the "March To Calvary, Revisted" Play on Good Friday, April 10, 2009, under the capable direction of Sis. Fran Craven.

The play took us back to the time of Judas seeming to have Jesus arrested, the Last Supper with the 12 disciples, Jesus' trial, the crucifixion and rising on the third day back to heaven.

The play received rave reviews and has been requested for an encore presentation in the future. The play cast consisted of several members of United and from community churches.

If you missed the play, it was captured on DVD. See Sis. Fran Craven if you wish to receive a copy. t





# SAVE THE DATE

## 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.

- **May – Canned Fruit**
- **June – Boxed Mac & Cheese**
- **July – Apple Sauce**

## Church Fellowship Engagements

### Rev. Freeman Preaching

#### May 17th • 3pm | 3rd Sunday

Calvary Baptist Church,  
High Point, N.C.  
U.V.O.P. & WOW

#### May 19th • 7pm | Tuesday

Greater First United Baptist  
High Point, NC  
Men's Choir & V.I.P. MIME

#### June 28th • 3pm | 4th Sunday

Beulah Baptist Church,  
Madison  
Praise Team

#### July 2nd • 7:30pm | Thursday

New Bethel Baptist Church  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Senior & H.O.P. Choirs

#### July 23rd • 7pm | Thursday

Mt. Zion Baptist Church,  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
U.V.O.P. & W.O.W.

#### August 23rd • 4pm | 4th Sunday

First Baptist Church  
McLeansville, NC  
Youth Choir & Joy Bells

# MEN'S DAY 2009



The men of United celebrated their annual Men's Day Weekend March 14th – 15th, 2009. The theme was **“Christian Men Being Steadfast, Unmovable, Abounding in the Work of God”**. The preparation began weeks prior to the event. Bro. Clinton Patterson (Man of the Year 2008-2009) asked all men to attend Prayer Meeting services for prayer and preparation of the celebration.

The celebration convened with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:00 AM. Some of the brothers arrived at 6:00 AM to start preparing for the breakfast.

The guest choirs were Providence Baptist Church Male Chorus of Greensboro and the St. Stephens Baptist Church Men's Choir of Winston-Salem, NC. The guest preacher was Dr. James Cook, Pastor of St. Stephens Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.

The celebration continued on Sunday, March 15, 2009 during the 7:27 and 11:00 Morning Worship Services. United's Men's Choir was handsomely dressed in dark suits, white shirts and

red ties. The choir helped to usher in the presence of the Lord through song. The Men's Usher Ministry stood tall as door keepers and greeted the congregation with welcoming smiles. The guest preacher for both services was Dr. Frederick Davis, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC. Dr. Davis shared an awesome Word with United. His topic was **“Obtaining the Blessings of God”**. Dr. Davis challenged the men of United to enhance their relationship with the Lord in order to be steadfast, unmovable, abounding in the Work of God.

Bro. Patterson thanked the brothers for their cooperative spirit in assisting with the planning of the event, participation as worship leaders and in the choir, helping with the breakfast and for being apart of another great Men's Day Weekend.

Bro. Patterson is planning a fishing trip in November for the brothers to help promote more fellowship among United's men. We will be hearing more about the trip later in the Fall. †



## MAN OF THE YEAR 2009-2010 BROTHER JAMES D. WEAKS

Bro. James D. Weaks is United's new Man of the Year (2009-2010)! Bro. Weaks has been a member of United since 1997. Bro. Weaks has served in the following ministries: Audio/Video Ministry, Usher Ministry, Youth Choir and Sunday School Secretary. †

Bro. Weaks wanted to be the Man of the Year because he wants to be an advocate voice for United's young people. He believes being the Man of the Year will give him the avenue to be able to reach more young people and help express their thoughts and ideas.

# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

## INVITATION

### 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 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.

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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