

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

You Need To Be Saved

- April 20th** • 4pm Ward #7 Gospelfest
April 27th • 4pm Church Fellowship
Calvary Baptist Church,
High Point, NC
- MAY** Casual Months Begin
May 17th • May 17-18 Women's Wknd
May 17th • 10am Women's Brunch,
1st Lady Felicia Freeman
Speaker
May 18th • 7:27am Rev. Tanya Legette
Lassiter, Guest Preacher
• 11 am Rev. Monica
Redmon, Guest Preacher
May 18th • VBS Pre-registration
May 26th • Church Office Closed
Memorial Day Observance
May 30th • Youth Ministry: High School
Seniors' Cookout
- June 8** • 9:30am Children's
Day Program
June 16-20 • Vacation Bible School

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.

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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.

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of United:

This time of the year at United reminds me of a relay race. In a relay there are four legs of the race. Each has equal importance in terms of finishing the race and winning the victory. The month of March closes out the third quarter of our church's fiscal year. At the beginning of this year, we shared a vision of what God wants to do at United. This is the year of open doors. Throughout this year our focus has been on helping us see what God is showing us and listening to hear God's voice as he speaks through His word. *There is no doubt that God is speaking to us; but are you listening?*

Our vision fasting and teaching series provides a wonderful opportunity to hear what God is saying to us as pastor and people. We have an opportunity over the next several weeks to come together in a period of fasting, prayer and study to better understand United's vision. God has given us a vision of becoming a bible based, spirit led and mission minded church where souls are saved and people ministered to and blessed.

It's our time now to come together, pray together, work together and stand together to fulfill the vision God has given to us. Join us for the journey each Sunday as we go forward as a family of God United to share the love of Christ. On behalf of my wife Felicia, Brandon, Desmond and I, may God richly bless all of you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Freeman

"WE ARE A FAMILY OF GOD UNITED TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST"

The Vision Journey

United's Fasting & Vision Teaching Series

United kicked off its Vision Journey on March 23 for fifteen weeks of learning and exploring the scriptural basis of our Vision Statement. The Fasting component of the Journey began on March 24th, Easter Monday, and will go through Sunday, April 6th; fourteen days of consecration and commitment. The Teaching Series will be covered during Sunday School, fifteen weeks of lessons.

There is no limit to what can be accomplished whenever we come together in the spirit of unity. There is strength in unity. Our unity helps us work together by combining our time, talents, and tithes to achieve a common purpose. **That is the power of vision.**

Vision makes clear to us what God wants us to do and helps us stay focused on carrying out our God-given

purposes. [Freeman, UIBC Congregational Fasting & Vision Teaching Series. 2008]

Vision Teaching Series

What does United's Vision Statement really mean? United's Vision Statement emphasizes the five (5) purposes God gave to His church (applicable Sunday School lessons are in parenthesis):

United To Fulfill The Vision Through WORSHIP

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. (Lessons 1, 2 & 3)

United To Fulfill The Vision Through EVANGELISM

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. (Lessons 13, 14 & 15)

United To Fulfill The Vision Through FELLOWSHIP

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. (Lessons 7, 8, & 9)

United To Fulfill The Vision Through DISCIPLINE

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. (Lessons 4 & 5)

It is a vision of equipping every member for a significant personal ministry by helping them to discover, develop, and utilize the gifts and talents which God has given them. (Lesson 6)

United To Fulfill The Vision Through STEWARDSHIP

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. (Lessons 10, 11, & 12)

*May the vision that God has given
United Institutional Baptist Church
become reality!*

Fasting

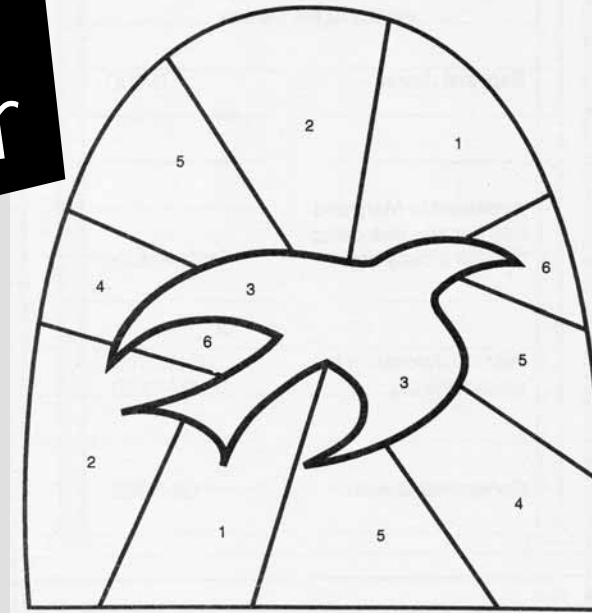
The original Hebrew meaning of the word "Fast" is to cover the mouth: it speaks of a special silence, a holy silence. We deny ourselves of physical food in order to feed our hunger for God [Psalm 42:1-2]. Our motives for Fasting should be to remove all barriers to communion with God in our personal lives as well as promote a shared sense of vision and greater unity among God's people [Proverbs 29:18]

Kids' Corner

Creature Feature:
DOVE: Genesis 8:8-12

Important Role:
Messenger of Hope

When the big flood was almost dried up, Noah sent out a dove three times to see if it would find dry ground. The first two times the dove flew back to the ark. The third time the dove found dry land and did not return to the ark. The dove brought HOPE to Noah that the flood would soon end.



COLOR BY NUMBER

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| 1 = RED | 4 = GREEN |
| 2 = YELLOW | 5 = ORANGE |
| 3 = BLUE | 6 = PURPLE |

Sunday School Easter Program "The Good News, JESUS!"

The "Disciples" Easter Parade led into this year's Easter Program. The Nursery and Kindergarten Classes, in their Easter frills moved anxiously in their seats waiting to say their Easter speeches! One or two students decided to use their time wisely by breaking in their new shoes. The program was enhanced with the angelic voice of Miss Kierah Anderson rendering a solo. From renditions of "He Lives, Easter Time", and "He Arose", all of the performances were to remind us that it was indeed a happy day with the message that Christ Arose!

Much kudos to the Children Division Teachers: Sisters Monica Glover, Carolyn McCrimmon, Keisha McNeil and Rosalyn Posey, Nursery & Kindergarten Classes; Sis. Elsie Virgil and Bro. Craig Littlejohn, Primary Class; Sisters LoAngela McKinzie, Tassin Richards and Deacon Artansy Hailey, Jr., Junior Class. Serving on the Sunday School Program Committee were

Deaconess Joyce Douglas, Sis. Crystal R. Morton, Sis. Geraldine Ray, Deaconess Barbara Terry and Sis. Armeniqua G. Wallace. †

United's Connection to the District's Oratorical Competition

Each year the Church sends bright-eyed hopefuls to the Oratorical Competition hosted by the Rowan Baptist Association. This year was no different as the troop, escorted by General Superintendent Rev. Hattie Easterling and Youth Minister Rev. Montrel Caldwell along with Teachers, Deaconess Barbara Terry and Bro. Craig Littlejohn accompany the contestants to St. Stephens Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Deaconess Joyce Douglas, 10 year incumbent, is the District Level Oratorical Competition Coordinator.

The contestants representing United were Crystal Carmichael, Aiesha Colston (Junior Division 2nd Place Winner), Antonio Kennedy, Portia Oakley, and Barbra

Rankin. Good job!

The General Baptist State Convention provides a list of topics from which the contestants choose. The contestants write and recite their composed work within a given time limit. Time limits are by Divisions: Preparatory (6th through 8th graders)-3 minutes, Juniors (9th through 11th graders)-3 to 4 minutes, and Seniors (rising 12th graders)-4 to 5 minutes. First place winners advance to the State Level Competition, this year being held at Elizabeth City State University, and then to the National Level, held at the Congress of Christian Education during the National Convention. †

Black History Sunday School Program

The Sunday School Children's Division presented its annual Black History program on February 24, 2008. The program began with the appropriate hymn "Oh Freedom". Artansey Hailey, III read scripture and Mercedes Hammond offered prayer.

The Nursery Class paraded into the Fellowship Hall and wore signs with parts of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

The Kindergarten Class presentation was regarding the history and information of soul food. Krystal Carmichael read a poem about soul food, as the Kindergarten Class demonstrated various types of soul food.

The Primary Class recited information about the history and information of Black Music. Dekia Virgil read a poem about Tap Dancing as Kierah Anderson performed a tap dancing routine.

The Junior Class educated us as they recited information about famous African Americans, such as Barrack Obama, Yvonne Johnson, Oprah Winfrey, etc. Krystal Carmichael read a poem about Hand Clapping as Aliyah Anderson and Kianna Scales demonstrated a hand clapping routine.

Many thanks go out to the Children's Division staff and teachers for ALL you do for and with United's children!!! †

Youth Exposure

Matthew 19:13-15

Greetings,

I pray that everyone is doing well and feeling happy in Jesus Christ!!!

The Youth Ministry is changing and evolving with the times. God has done a lot in our ministry, and we want to first and foremost thank everyone who has assisted us in making all the events, activities, trips, and this program as a whole and a success. Without the full church body, none of this would be possible.

In our **TWIST Bible Study** (Teens Worshiping in Spirit and Truth), we are focusing on "Belonging". What does it mean to belong? Do I have to do ANYTHING just to belong? The youth have been very open and have shown growth in God and their love for him, which is astounding! We invite all Teens (13 and up) to participate **every 1st Wednesday of the month**.

Our **Youth Church** is filling up with youth of all ages and their involvement makes learning about God even more exciting. Youth Church occurs **every 2nd and 3rd Sunday during the 11:00 AM service**.

Ashley Le'Gette represented United's youth at the Rowan Baptist Association Youth Bi-monthly Meeting in Burlington. The next Bi-monthly trip is scheduled for April 19th.

6. Spirit of United

Alesha Colson, daughter of Sis. Tammye Colson and oldest grandchild of Sis. Alice Ingram won 2nd Place-Junior Division in the Rowan Baptist Association's Oratorical Competition March 22, 2008 at St. Stephen Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Aiesha attends Dudley High School, where she also is a band member.



Kiarria Watson was the winner of the Miss Black Teen Pageant for our Area!

We know our young ladies have class. Now the whole community knows!



In addition to the Youth events, our children have displayed their acting skills! The Sunday School Black History program had youth of all ages participating and showing off their knowledge of black history. Some of their knowledge just put me to shame! Way to go!

Up-coming events.....

We have some awesome events and exciting activities taking place in and outside of our church walls:

- **Children's Night Out** – This event occurs every 3rd Friday of each

month. (May 16th, June 20th)

- **Rowan Association Oratorical Contest** - Some of our youth will be participating in the contest in April, which is an annual event.

If you would like to participate, please contact Deaconess Joyce Douglas.

- **"March to Calvary"** - Some of our youth participated in the Resurrection Dramatization which took place on March 21, 2008.

- **Senior Recognition Cookout** - This cookout will recognize and celebrate our graduating high school seniors.

- **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for June 16th - 20th.

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



A Popular Tailor & the Guilford Building

Two Histories in Locke Step Two Histories in Locke Step



Jesse Locke's life has been connected to the Guilford Building for 47 years. He found his first professional job here, located his alterations shop here, and met the love of his life here.

It was 1961 when Jesse came to the Guilford Building looking for work as a tailor at a men's clothing store called The Slack Shop. The store was located in suite 100 where the leasing office is situated today. At the rear of the store through a small door, where Hallimar Properties now keeps supplies, was the alterations department. It was there that Jesse found part-time employment.

Jesse liked his new job because it allowed him to continue his vocational training in tailoring at A&T University. After four years Jesse was hired full-time at The Slack shop and continued working in the Guilford Building until 1972.

The Elm Street location was very appealing to Jesse. From there he could keep his eye on a pretty woman named Dorothy Johnson who worked in the Guilford Soda Shop in the front lobby of the Guilford Building. Our guard station is now positioned where the old soda shop stood.

That soda shop was quite a place! The owner, Austin "Jimmy" James prepared wonderful homemade specialities for his customers. Fat sandwiches, deluxe hot dogs, and real ice cream milk shakes were favorite menu items. Dorothy worked at the counter and served up lots of fun to go with the delicious food.

Dorothy's favorite customer was Jesse Locke, and after a long courtship, Dorothy

and Jesse married.

Those were bright times in Jesse's personal history and in the annals of downtown. But as years passed, downtown fell into dark days, and Jesse's business suffered. The Slack Shop departed, and Jesse went on his own, selling and altering clothing.

By 1993 when Hallimar Properties took over the Guilford Building, Jesse was struggling in a small alterations shop across the street on south Elm. His customers were loyal, but the conditions on the street were awful. A bar called Foxx's Den had located next door to Jesse generating constant noise, disruption, and crime. Thieves broke into his shop and almost put him out of business.

Jesse came back to the Guilford Building with his shop called Locke Alterations in 1994, and the community banded together to clean up downtown. The rest of the story is one of renewal and a promising future. Today Jesse and his customers feel safe in his Guilford Building shop at 114 East Washington Street. Business is brisk and downtown is prospering. †



Deaconess Frankie Hicks

participated in the Greater Greensboro 2007 Seniors

Bowling Championship Tournament. She placed 1st in the Females Doubles, 1st place in the Female Singles and 1st place in the Females All Event. Deaconess Hicks will represent Greensboro when she competes in the 2008 State Seniors Bowling Tournament to be held in Gastonia, NC in June 2008. †

"Walk Into Your DUE Season" - Prayer Lock-In

On February 8-9, 2008, the Philathea Class Ministry hosted the Ninth Annual Prayer Lock-In. The theme was "Walk Into Your Due Season", and messengers from all over the city from the Church Family brought enlightening and empowering Words! Starting the Service was the Men's Chorus; powerful. They set the tune for the evening and was reminiscent of Biblical days when it was the men's chorus which provided the sacred music for worship.

If we faint not, in Due season we shall reap, for everything under the sun, there is a season! Grab hold, your season is now! Walk through your open door. †

Fashion Show

Sis. Mary Le'Gette, 2007-2008 Woman of the Year, sponsored a Fashion Show on the evening of February 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Fashions by Ms. Annetta Jessup and personal wear were modeled in the show.

The Fashion categories were: Sports Wear, Youth Casual, Business Wear, Church and Evening Wear. United's models were: Sis. Rosa Lee Mitchell, Sis. Harriet Turner, Sis. Shirley Wilson, Sis. Val McMillian, Sis. Twanna Richmond, Miss. DeKia Virgil, Miss. Aiesha Colson, Miss. Kiarria Watson, Miss. Ashley Yancey, Bro. Neal Le'Gette, Jr., Mr. Neal Le'Gette, III, Mr. Neal Le'Gette IV, Mr. Norman Le'Gette and Mr. Shi Leach.

The Fashion announcers were Deaconess Sharon Yancey and Sis. Donita Wallace.

The evening was full of delicious hors d'oeuvres, fellowship, door prizes and lots of laughter. All proceeds went towards the Special Building Fund. †

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The Missionary Ministry

The Missionary Ministry offers an opportunity for Christian Witness. They have set in motion the principles of Evangelism and Social Service. They are spreading the Gospel, encouraging the unsaved to accept Christ as their Savior, and to better the condition of life for the less fortunate, the sick and shut-in, and those behind prison walls.

In March the Missionaries had the privilege of ministering at the North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women in Lexington, NC. With the help of the church family, fifteen (15) bags of personal items were taken to the women. The Missionaries are looking forward to the Prison Ministry becoming on of its missions. In addition, they are working with the Sunday School to provide donations to the Urban Ministry each month.

Future projects include: Serving food at the Urban Ministry; Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets; and Sunday visits to our sick and shut-in, and bereavement information packets.

Members are Sisters Hanan Barrett-Chair, Mae Brown, Joyce Douglas, Felicia Freeman, Joan Jeffries, Elizabeth Leak, Mary Legette, Bertha Majette, Katie Malloy, Dorothy Marsh, Patricia Mayse, Betty McKee-Vice Chair, Odessa Patrick, Sarah Patterson, Lenora Smith, Mozelle Stimpson, and Betty Williamson. Rev. Hattie Easterling serves as Spiritual Advisor.

The Missionary Ministry meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Come join us! †

Drama Team Production "The Glory Train"

The Drama Ministry presented its first production, **"The Glory Train"** on January 18, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall where dozens of people of all ages gathered with anticipation for the superb performance of the Drama Ministry. The play was directed by Minister Tony Gillion and Sis. Fran Craven.

To the delight of the audience, the cast was decked out in their hats, gloves, fine furs, and feathers as they carefully made their way across the stage with very appropriate attitudes, dignity and class. While causing much laughter with their impromptu ad libbing and tactics, the cast delivered a very serious message confirming what we already know:

"None But the Righteous Shall See God".

Listed are the characters and cast as they appeared:

- Sis. Parson –
- Sis. Dekia Virgil
- Sis. High Class-
- Sis. Janie Dominique
- Sis. Cash Talk –
- Deaconess Sharon Yancey
- Sis. Goody Good –
- Sis. Shirley Wilson
- Sis. Nosey –
- Sis. Trish Mayse
- Sis. Sneaky Round –
- First Lady Felicia Freeman
- Sis. Chance –
- Sis. Tassin Richard
- Sis. Taint't So –
- Sis. Monica Glover
- Sis. Livin' Right –
- Sis. Jamelle Williamson
- Conductor –
- Deacon John Graham

The Drama Ministry plans to present another production later this year. If you are interested in being apart of the ministry, please contact Sis. Fran Craven. †



"The March to Calvary" The Fifty-Ninth Service

Good Friday March 21st marked the fifty-ninth Service of "The March to Calvary" presented by the Ever-Ready/Hour of Power Choir. Dark was the night to Victory in Jesus set the tone for the re-enactment of Christ's crucifixion and His resurrection. The story was told very vividly, vocally, scripturally, by the visual arts, and dramatically. The Fellowship Hall took on the ambience of a market place, Golgotha Hill, and the empty tomb in the turn of an hour.

Choir President Deaconess Mildred Young proclaimed the re-enactment as a Service- for lives have been changed by attending the service. The narrators were Rev. Hattie Easterling and First Lady Felicia Freeman. Soloists were Bro. Luther Manning, Sis. Tina Carter, Sis. Elma Cauthen, Evangelist Iris Johnson, Sis. Daphne Rogers, and Sis. Elizabeth LeGette. The visual art contribution of the angels was by Sis. Rhonda Raley, Sis. Shonda Raley and Miss Barbra Rankin. The host of actors:

- Bro. Douglas Barrett
- Bro. Fulton Leak
- Sis. Hanan Barrett
- Bro. Craig Littlejohn
- Bro. Eugene Bass
- Deaconess Sarah Lowe
- Sis. Agnes Bass
- Evangelist Bertha Majette
- Sis. Elma Cauthen
- Sis. Johnnie Mae Moore
- Sis. Fran Craven
- Bro. Clinton Patterson
- Deaconess Joyce Douglas
- Sis. Sarah Patterson
- Deaconess Winslo Douglas
- Bro. Tony Richard
- Sis. Lucy Floyd
- Sis. Linda Smith
- Sis. Mattie Foskey

- Miss Dekia Virgil
- Deaconess Georgia Graham
- Sis. Elsie Virgil
- Deaconess Johnnie Mae Graham
- Deaconess Lois Wallace
- Sis. Denise Hayes
- Sis. Sandra Weaks
- Bro. Algernon Hill
- Sis. Jamelle Williamson
- Sis. Joan Jeffries
- Sis. Betty Williamson
- Sis. Tiny Joe
- Sis. Sheila Williams
- Bro. Leroy Johnson
- Sis. Shirley Wilson
- Sis. Elizabeth Leak
- Deaconess Mildred Young

Pastor Freeman offered the blessings of the holy season, remarks and gave the benediction. †

Music & Arts Ministry Easter Musical

The Music & Arts Ministry took us back to the day of Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and reminded us that Jesus lives on Easter morning during the 11:00 AM service. The name of the musical was "Since When Is Jesus Not Enough".

First Lady Felicia Freeman wrote and narrated for the musical.

The Mass Choir ministered through song and was accompanied by a small string orchestra. The "Women of Worship", "Joy Bells" and the "Sign Mime" dance teams ministered through dramatic presentations. The musical promoted "thanksgiving" in our hearts with worship and praise of the Lord's greatness! The presence of the Lord was truly in the place!!! †



Men's Day Weekend Celebration

The men of United celebrated their annual Men's Day Weekend March 15 -16, 2008. The theme was "Men Standing Up For the Family, the Church and the Community". The preparation began months prior to the event. Bro. Clinton K. Turner, Man of the Year 2007-2008 asked all men to attend Prayer Meeting services for prayer and preparation of the celebration. Bro. Eugene Bass and Bro. Algernon Hill were the Planning Committee Co-Chairs.

The celebration convened with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 9:00 AM. Some of the brothers arrived at 5:00 AM to start preparing for the breakfast. Bro. Clinton K. Turner was the Master of the Ceremony. Bro. Clinton Patterson read scripture. Bro. Eugene Bass extended the Welcome. The guest choir was the Providence Baptist Church Men's Choir Greensboro, NC. The guest speaker was Dr. Nathan Scovens of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC.

The celebration continued on Sunday, March 16, 2008 during the 7:27 and 11:00 AM Worship Services. United's Men's Choir was handsomely dressed in dark suits, white shirts and gold ties. The choir helped to ushered in the presence of the Lord through song. The Men's Usher Ministry stood tall as door keepers and greeted the congregation with smiles and firm handshakes. The guest speaker was Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the General Assembly Baptist State Convention of NC.

Bro. Clinton Turner thanked the brothers for the cooperative spirit in assisting with the planning, being service worship leaders, working on the breakfast food committee and for being apart of another great Men's Day Weekend. One of Bro. Turner's achievement as Man of the Year was he had rails installed at both entrances to the choir loft for additional safety at the request of one of the choir members. †



Man of the Year Brother Clinton E. Patterson, Jr.

is United's new Man of the Year (2008-2009)!!!

Brother Patterson has been a member of United since 1982. Bro. Patterson serves in the following ministries: Usher Ministry, Men's Choir, Transportation Ministry (Driver), Audio/Video Ministry, Sunday School (Teacher) and Mass Choir. He is also member of Ward #5.

Bro. Patterson wanted to be a captain for Men's Day because of his love for United and his desire to see the church prosper. Bro Patterson is a graduate of NC A&T SU - Greensboro. His hobbies are fishing and spending time with his family and close friends. He also has a love for the greater outdoors.

Bro. Patterson has been married to Sis. Sarah Patterson for 15 years. He has two children: Clinton E. Patterson, III and Callie Patterson. †