



The Spirit of United

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The Vision "Where there is no vision...The people will perish" Proverbs 29:18

A Word from the Pastors Desk

Dear Members and Friends of United:

It's hard to believe that another year has almost passed here at United. Since we started our church fiscal year last July, it has been non-stop for us. Our trustees have been busy keeping up with our finances and helping to make things comfortable for us as we come and go through the doors of this great church. Our Ward participation continues to increase as a result of the change to second Sundays and what can I say about our Wonderful Wednesday in the Word bible study. There is a saying that it is no secret what God can do. I continue to be blessed by the growing attendance at our Wednesday bible study series on "thoughts, words and deeds." We have been learning

that through God's power at work within us it is possible to discipline our thoughts, guard our tongue and change our actions.

Another bit of good news to share is the status of our new construction project. During our Quarterly Church Conference on April 20th, Brother William Jennings, a Trustee, as well as building and grounds committee member reported that our project is within view. According to Brother Jennings, we will break ground for the new elevator, new bathrooms and new classroom space July 2010. Hallelujah! In the words of the late Sam Cooke, "its been a long time comin' but I know a change is gonna come." Well, our answer to the words of that song is change has come to United! We have been talking about the project and planning for a long

time but now the vision is becoming a reality. We ask you to continue praying for United as we move forward with our construction project in the next two or three months that God will bless our efforts for His glory and crown them with great success.

Last but not least I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your prayers and support over the past year and I celebrate what God has helped us accomplish. As our economy continues to struggle, and many look for jobs to support their families, God is bringing us through it all; bless the name of the Lord! On behalf of my wife Felicia, Brandon, Desmond and I, we love you United and may God's favor always rest upon **this great family of God!**

Grace and peace,
Pastor Freeman

2009/2010 Vision Focus:

18b "And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18b



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 everyone to stay busy in the Lord. The kids are growing so fast and we still have so much to grow together in. So what has been happening this season? I'm glad you asked:

- In **TWIST Bible Study**, we focused on Pressures. We all go thru pressures in life, from Peer Pressure to Stress from School. Our first lesson was on Stress Overall. Using **Mark 4:35-41** we learned about the Disciples fear of the unknown and how Jesus always has a way out if we just trust in him. Another lesson focused on Parental Expectations. The students learned from **Matt:20.20-24** that sometimes even parents have expectations that may be unsure and that we should try to put ourselves in our parent's shoes and see where they are coming from with their expectations. We are looking for all teens to step up and participate in **TWIST** every first Wednesday of the month. (Come out 5/5; 6/2)

- In **Children's Church**, we are using Bible Stories to help influence our choices in life. Joseph's Dream taught us how to be careful with bragging over what God gives us; Balaam's Donkey taught us about how to listen to God since he knows our hearts; and Samson's Gift taught us about how important it is for us to cherish the gifts God gives us. **ATTENTION 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 **Teen Church**, our main

focus was on Breaking the Bond: Can We Be Free? Our major focus was that God loves us and wants to rescue us from the bondage and death that comes from disobeying him and going our own way. God offers us forgiveness and a new start through Jesus Christ. The scripture was **John 3:1-17** and the teens came out able to admit a need for forgiveness, confess their faith in Jesus as he one who gives new starts; and commit to extending the forgiving power of Jesus to others.

- Our Youth Ministry had our annual **Matters of the Heart Seminar on 2/20**. We had a great turnout and we want to thank Sis. Wanda Mackey for always being there to encourage our youth to choose to love their body more than pleasing others. Abstinence is not something to be afraid of.

- A big congratulation to **Dekia Virgil** for getting First Runner Up on this years Oratorical Contest (3/20). Sis. Dekia did an amazing job speaking and we are so proud of her doing over and above what she had to do.

- Call Out! Great job to VIP Mime Ministry performing at St. Matthews on 4/11/10; Way to go Princes of Praise for performing at Manasseh Baptist Church on 4/14/10.

- Up Coming Events: Parent's Conference (5/23/10); Senior Graduate Cookout (5/28/10); Children's Day Program (June); VBS (June)

- 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.

- 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 Thursdays after the 1st Wednesday 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 **DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP**. All members, leaders, staff, parents, and grandparents, we ask you to pray for our youth, that they realize thru learning more about God, they can learn more about themselves and that true Worship is all about showing love to our Savior in every way we can. Please, let a child know you are praying for them and love them.

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



It's About Prayer... 12th Annual Prayer Lock-in "Overwhelmed to Overflow"



The Philathea Class Ministry hosted its Twelfth Annual Prayer Lock-In on February 12th through the 13th. The Service Facilitators were Sis. Joan Jeffries and Sis. Elizabeth LeGette, along with Sis. Harriet Turner. A host of witnesses gather for the mini-sermons and messages around the theme and Scripture. Annually, the Philathea Class Ministry invites area preachers and lay persons to expand on the subject topic. The Praise and Worship Team assisted in ushering in the Spirit. Area church members were also in attendance. †



Men's Day

The men of United celebrated their annual Men's Day weekend March 20 -21, 2010. The theme was "Christian Men Uniting To Strengthen the Family, the Church and the Community." The celebration convened with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The Guest choirs were: Providence Baptist Church Male Chorus and the Ebenezer Baptist Church Men's Choir. The guest preacher was Rev. Dr. Larry Covington of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Burlington, NC. The celebration continued on Sunday during the 7:27 and 11:00 Worship Services. The guest preacher was Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Scovens of the Galilee Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Dr. Scovens' topics were "What Kind of Christian Are You?" and "Are You a Part-time Christian?" Dr. Scovens challenged the men of United to carry their weight and to be the leaders that God has ordained them to be. Dr. Scovens preached an encouraging word and inspired our hearts!

Bro. James Weaks (Man of the Year 2009-2010) thanked the brothers of United for their cooperative spirit in assisting with the planning of the events, their participation as worship leaders, singing in the choir, ushering, helping with the breakfast and for being a part of another great Men's Day Weekend celebration. †

2010/2011



**Man of the Year
Bro. Leroy Johnson**

Bro. Johnson has been a member of United since 1995. Bro. Johnson serves in the following ministries: Board of Trustees, Usher Ministry, Men's Choir, Praise Team and the Transportation Ministry. He is a member of Ward # 7 and Sunday School (class # 3). Bro. Johnson wanted to be Man of the Year because he wanted to step forward and be a leader among the men of United and help raise money for the church. Bro. Johnson is originally from Pleasant Garden, NC. He graduated from Dudley High School. He served 4 years in the U. S. Marines. He enjoys working outside in his garden, watching sports, singing and being "helping hands" to his elderly neighbors. Bro. Johnson has been married to Sis. Veronica R. Johnson for 40 years. They have 1 child, Terri L. Carson and 3 grandchildren. Bro. Johnson expressed his love for United and that he is always willing to lend a helping hand to help move the church ministry forward. †



Gospel Fest

Ward #7 hosted its 14th Annual Gospel Fest on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The theme was "Praising God In Song". The United Voices of Praise Choir and soloist, Sis. Tanya Roberts, jump started the service with songs of praise and worship. The guest groups were: J. J. J. Gospel Singers, Chosen Sons of Jamestown, Spiritual Travelers, Generations, Gospel Stars and Minister Elaine Hines. The presence of the Lord was in the midst and our hearts were blessed. Ward # 7 raised over \$5,000 for the Scholarship Fund!

Ward # 7 would like to THANK EVERYONE for your contributions and support in making this year's scholarship drive the best ever! ✚

Welcome Back Seniors Ministry!

United welcomed back the "Retooled" Seniors Ministry on April 7th! A nice sized group returned to see what it was all about on the celebratory Wednesday. Seniors were met by greeters as they entered the facility. Good fellowship, games and food were had by everyone.

The month continued with Second Wednesday Bible Study which meets at noon each second Wednesday. The topic was "Forgiveness" which got to the heart of the matter. The topic for May's Second Wednesday Bible Study is "Fruit Bearing Disciples". Second Wednesday Bible Study is open to anyone interested in furthering their spiritual development through study of the Bible. The first Second Wednesday included many "working" folk who took their lunch time for the study; a bag lunch was provided for the travelers. Second Wednesday Bible Study is taught by Pastor Freeman.

United was honored by presenters Dr. Vivian Barnett and her assistant Mr.

Sammy Ngetich, for the "Not too Blessed to be Depressed" seminar on April 21st. There was good dialogue between the presenters and those in attendance as the aspects and possible solutions of depression were explored. Dr. Vivian Barnett is a leading psychologist in the field and is Director of Counseling Services at North Carolina A&T State University. Mr. Ngetich is a Human Services Practitioner in the Counseling Office.

Interested in quilting anybody? Well, Crafts Wednesday was exciting and our very own Sis. Sarah Lowe taught the session on the techniques of quilting. Got crafts that you'd like to share? Just contact one of the committee members to let them know.

The Seniors Ministry is strong at United! The doors open for ministry activities each Wednesday at 11am with activities beginning at 12pm. Try us again for the first time!

Look for Seniors Ministry activities on the monthly church calendar! The Steering Committee members are Sis. Doris Canada, Deaconess Elma Cauthern, Deaconess Cora Daniel, Rev. Hattie Easterling, Sis. Harriet Turner, and Sis. Betty Williamson. ✚

Fourteenth Annual Prayer Breakfast



The Fourteenth Prayer Breakfast, held March 27th, continued the flow from the Prayer Lock-In held in February. Pastor Wanda Barnett delivered a divinely inspired centered on "Overwhelmed by

the Holy Spirit to the Overflow". Those in attendance witnessed heart stirring testimonies and spirit led singing as members of Upper Room Ministries offered praise in song. Kudos to Bro. Douglas Barrett and Bro. Eugene Bass for a well prepared breakfast. Sis. Shelyn Easterling Goins was the Mistress of Ceremony. ✚



The Music & Arts Ministry held its 2nd Rainbow Tea on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Jones Elementary School. The focus of the Tea was on Holidays versus Colors. The parades of Holidays consisted of: St. Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- The St. Valentine's Day Table received the "Most Creative" Award (JVOP Choir & V. I. P. Mime)

- The Easter Table received the "Most Impressive" and "Best Talent" Awards (Sanctuary Choir & Women of Worship Dance Team)

- The Thanksgiving Table received the "Most Eloquent" and "Best Dressed" Awards (CCS Drama/Joy Bells/P.O.P. Rap/ Audio/Video)

- The Christmas Table received the "Most Appealing" and "Most Monies" Awards (Men's Choir & Youth Choir)

The Tea brought about wonderful fellowship of delicious food, fun, entertainment, door prizes and lots of creativity. The tables were beautifully decorated!

The money raised will be used to purchase additional microphones the ministry needs for the various divisions of its ministry. ✚



Fellowship OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar Events

May

May 9th | 2nd Sunday

Mother's Day
Ward Meetings

May 14th - 16th | 3 Day Weekend

Women's 2010 Conference
"Women Walking in Virtue"

Friday May 14th 7:00pm

Rev. Pamela Holder, First Lady
New Faith Baptist Church,
Greensboro

Saturday May 15th

Workshops
Registration 8-8:30am
Rev. Monica Redmond,
Associate Pastor
St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte

Sunday May 16

7:27 & 11:00am
Rev. Linda Bryant, Executive
Secretary-Treasurer Women's
Home & Foreign Mission,
General Baptist State Convention

May 22nd - 23rd | 4th Weekend
Church Fellowship Trip to
Greater Walters A.M.E. Zion
Church, Newport News, Virginia

Outreach Ministry OPPORTUNITY

Outreach Ministry Opportunities
The Missionary Ministry solicits
your help with the following
donations for the Urban Ministry
food bank:

MAY Canned Fruit
JUNE

Boxed Marconi & Cheese

JULY Apple Sauce

Boxes are located near the
Security Office and in the front
lobby. †



"Always thank your nurse,
sometimes the only one between
you and a hearse."

"Nurses are the hospitality
of the hospital. "

"We'd all be worse
without a nurse. "

The UIBC Nurse Ministry is

looking for a few good women
or men to join our team.
You need to be at least
10 years old and love
caring for God's people.
If you are interested please
drop by one of our meetings that
takes place the **3rd Saturday**
of each month at 10 am.
This position may peek an
interest in the medical world and
be the start of an exciting career.
Nursing has changed over the
years, nursing offers a diverse
career with many opportunities.
We look forward to you being a
part of our ministry. †

Girl Scouts

The Cadette and Senior Girl
Scout Troops took a "Road
Trip" to the International Civil
Rights Center & Museum on
Saturday April 10th. While most
of the young ladies are from
Greensboro, they all came with
expectations to see and to hear
about more than the Greensboro
Four at the Sit-In of 1960. As
they meandered through the
facility, outwards emotions were
displayed as history unfolded
with sights and sound. It was
indeed a learning experience
located within a "stone's throw"
of the Church. Accompanying the
young ladies were Troop Leader
Sis. Betty Williamson and Asst.
Leader Sis. Elsie Virgil. †

Church Office Closed May 31st – Memorial Day Observance

GOD'S Plan of Salvation You Need To Be Saved

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

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.

An 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 11a.m.

Worship Services.

Join Us!



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