

Church Announcements for APRIL 12, 2026

Church-wide

Children’s Church is available on the 1st , 2nd , and 4th Sundays during our 9:00am service for children ages 5 through 12. Parents, we kindly ask that you drop off your children in the church basement. Immediately following the service, please come directly to the basement for pick-up to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal. When signing your child in, please indicate on the sign-in sheet whether your child will be staying for Sunday School, so we can properly prepare and account for everyone.

New Members Orientation Classes WILL BE HELD TODAY

The Union Chapel **Sunday School Department** is excited to announce we have classes for all Youth Ages. **Youth Sunday School Classes will be held each Sunday between the 9:00am and 12 noon Church Services in the church basement from 11:15am to 11:50am.** Classes being offered beginning with **Kindergarten to High School.** We encourage all parents and guardians to get your youth involved in the life changing experiences and benefits of Sunday School studies. All classes will be held in the basement (including Middle & High School). Please direct any questions to Deacon Jacoby Berry.

The Wellness Ministry’s Mental Health Symposium slated for Saturday, April 18 has been canceled.

The 2026 National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education

This year’s Congress of Christian Education **will be held June 22-26 in St. Louis, Missouri.** If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. **The sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 3, 2026.** Transportation will be provided by the Church. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael Malone email mdmalone04@yahoo.com.

The Union Chapel **Annual Graduation Recognition Program will be on Sunday, June 14, 2026, during the 9:00 AM in-person worship service.** All graduating church members are asked to complete a Graduation Information Survey using these links, [High School Graduate Survey](#), [Other than High School Graduate Survey](#) no later than **Wednesday May 6, 2026. NO paper submissions will be accepted.** Please contact the Education Assistance Ministry at uceamaactprep@gmail.com if you have any questions.

***Please note the trip to HOUSTON, TX has been postponed to a later date**

We Need Your Help to Reconnect

Union Chapel is updating its records to reconnect with former members who joined in 1989 or earlier and have not been active as of 2025.

Electronic forms will be available on the church website and Facebook page, and printed copies will be located at the Welcome Center in the church lobby next Sunday. The information collected will help us compile an accurate list of **former members** of the Union Chapel family.

Please submit all forms **no later than May 30, 2026**. For questions, contact:

- Sister Monica Phipps-Stewart
- Sister Norma Reeves through the church office at 256.852.1150
- Email: Connect@unionchapel-hsv.org

Let's come together and welcome our Special Guests Home for the 93rd Church Anniversary Celebration, August 14-16, 2026.

MINISTRY Meetings

Missionary Ministry will meet Monday, April 13 @ 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall— Contact: Mother Wilma Cooke if you have questions

Young adults ages 18–39 are invited to join the Young Women's and Young Men's Ministries on Monday, April 20th, at 6:30 PM. These ministries provide a space to grow in God's Word, connect through meaningful fellowship, and make an impact through service in the church and community. **The Young Women will meet in Classroom 18 and the Young Men will meet in Classroom 12.** For questions, please contact Sis. Nikki Strickland or Min. Marquis.

All veterans, their spouses, caregivers, and other interested individuals are cordially invited to attend the Veterans Ministry monthly meeting scheduled for April 13TH at 6:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Kindly arrive at least 15-20 minutes early to ensure that we can commence the meeting punctually. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please write them down in advance to ensure they are addressed during the meeting. Given the limited time available, we aim to maximize its utilization. Dr. Tricia and Retired LTC Ransom will be presenting on the medical services available at the VA Medical Clinic, as well as the expansion of medical services for male and female veterans. This is an excellent opportunity for us to make the most of the medical services we have earned. We eagerly anticipate your presence at the meeting

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR--

Union Chapel Academy (Grades K – 5th) and Child Development Center (CDC), (ages 6 weeks to 4 years), are seeking those who are enthusiastic about Christ-centered education with a heart to foster positive learning experiences, passionate about working with children and committed to helping all students.

We currently are seeking the following:

1. **UC Academy positions** – Part-time Vice Principle, Teachers and Volunteers
2. **UC CDC positions** – Part-time Cook, Teachers, Substitutes Teachers and Volunteers

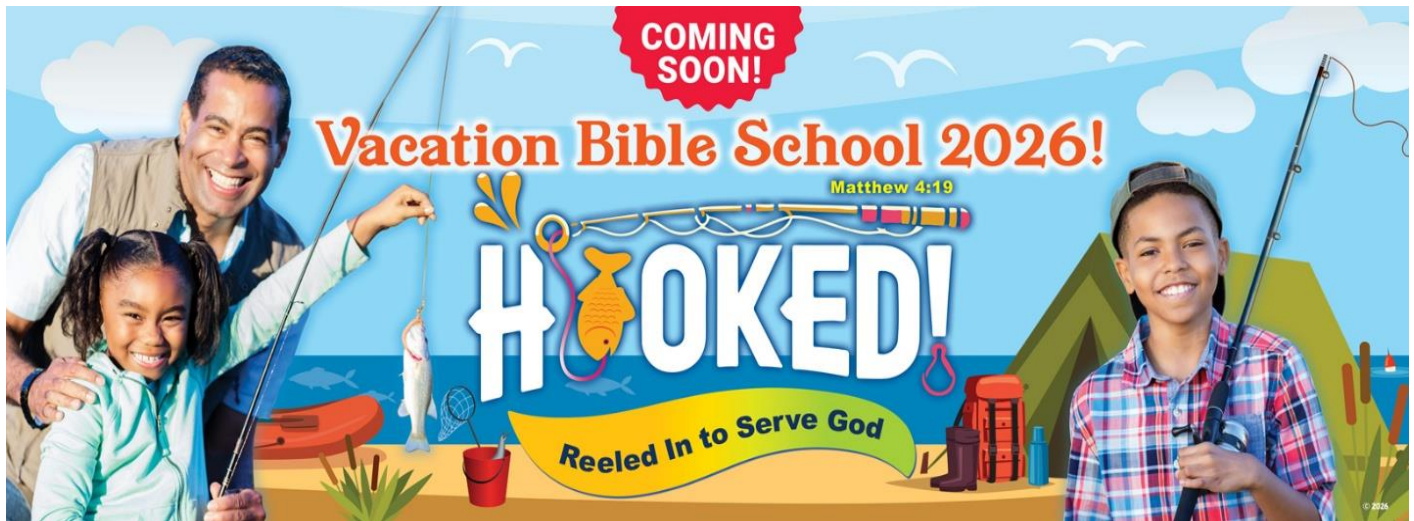
For more detailed information on each position, please visit the Employment Opportunities on the church's webpage @ [Welcome to Union Chapel M.B. Huntsville, AL - Employment Opportunities](#)

How to apply: Visit the church's website at: www.unionchapel-hsv/employment

Ways to Submit:

- Email to: HR@unionchapel-hsv.org
- Mailed to Union Chapel M. B. Church
 - ATTN: Human Resources
 - 315 Winchester Road Huntsville, AL 35811
- Apply in the Church Office on weekdays between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm

Motto: I'm Hooked!



Cast Your Net for an Unforgettable VBS Experience

Prepare to embark on an inspiring summer adventure with the 2026 SSPB Vacation Bible School curriculum. This year's program is thoughtfully designed to engage children, youth, and adults, inviting everyone in our church community to discover the joy of serving God together. Through dynamic activities and meaningful lessons, participants will explore what it truly means to be "hooked" on God's mission to share love and hope with the world.

Theme Verse:

"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!'" — Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

Dear Teachers and Volunteers: We are excited to announce that planning for Vacation Bible School is underway! Our Workshop will be on **April 18, 2026 at 10 am in the Old Library**. We look forward to working together to create a memorable and impactful VBS experience for our entire church family.

Coordinator: Minister Marie Corbett

Co-coordinator: Sis. Gracie Cross

PRAYER LIST FOR HOSPITALIZED & NURSING/REHAB MEMBERS

Please keep our hospitalized members in your prayers.

- **Sis. Janice Fletcher**
- **Bro. Brian Kennamer**
- **Sis. Elizabeth Thomas**

Please keep our members who are in Nursing Homes & Rehab facilities in your prayers.

- **Bro. Clyde "Bill" Thomas**
- **Bro. Charlie Fletcher**
- **Sis. Joann King McCrary**
- **Sis Gloria Wynne**
- **Sis. Vernina Taylor**

PRAYER LIST for Condolences (Members)

Please remember to keep our bereaved families in your prayers

Ms. Mattie Davis, the mother of Sis. Audrey Cooper, passed on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 in Huntsville, AL. **The Funeral Service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, April 11th at Pine Grove M. B. Church, 759 Pine Grove Rd, Harvest, AL 35749. Interment: Valley View Memorial Gardens. Public View: Friday, April 10 from 5pm-8pm Family visitation: 6pm-7pm at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Nelms Memorial Funeral has been entrusted with the final arrangements.**

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Audrey Davis Cooper and family

Mrs. Rosa Elizabeth Rice Walker, the sister of Mother Carolyn Rice Battle and Bro. Milton Rice, passed on Monday, March 30, 2026. **A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, April 11th at the Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church, 229 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35810.**

Family visitation: 5pm-7pm on Friday, April 10 at Royal Chapel of Memories.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to:

- **St. John AME Church Soup Kitchen, 229 Church Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35801**
- **or The Harris Home for Children, 1210 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801.**

Condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Carolyn Battle (Deacon Williams) and Family

Mr. Milton B. Rice (Tracyne) and Family

Dr. Ernest Cebert, the father of Sis. Kristine (Jarriel) Phipps and grandfather of Bro. Kameron Phipps, passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN. **Public viewing: Sunday, April 5th 8am-7pm at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 12th at 11:00am at First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1303 Evangel Dr, Huntsville, AL**

Condolences may be addressed to:

Mrs. Kristine Phipps (Jarriel) and Family
Mr. Kameron Phipps

Mr. Donnell Robinson, the brother of Minister Leo Robinson, passed on Friday, April 3, 2026. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, April 14th at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2820 Winchester Rd NW, Huntsville, AL 35810.

Condolences may be sent to:

Minister Leo Robinson (Donna) and Family

Sis. Pauline Lacy, the mother of Sis. Wendy Renee Lacy, passed on Sunday, April 5, 2026. The Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Rd, Huntsville, AL 35811. Interment: Meadowlawn Garden of Peace, 450 Mt. Lebanon Road, Toney, AL 35773. Public viewing: 12:00 noon- 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14th at Royal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Wendy Renee Lacy and Family

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut in members

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sis. Evonne Burns• Mother Patsy Pope• Sis. Jessie Booker, POC- Son: Vincent Timmons• Bro. James Pope• Sis. Terri Acklin-Lewis, POC-Dau• Sis. Cynthia Lockhart• Sis. Vivian Kelley• Bro. Emery Brook• Mother Annie Woods, POC: Carol Ford• Sis. Minnie Wilson & Bro. Frank D. Wilson, POC: Letitia Walker (daughter)• Sis. Barbara Hampton Steele, POC: Joyce Hampton• Deacon John Butler• Deacon Franklin Brandon• Bro. Howard Gaines, Sr• Sis. Melody Malone• Sis. Linda Turner Chirwa, POC: Evette Turner• Bro. Robert Key | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sis. Annie Bradley• Sis. Janice Fletcher• Bro. Anthony Brown• Deacon Eddie Thomas & Sis. Elizabeth Thomas• Bro. Ontario "Terry" Crutcher, POC: Florence Love• Sis. Sandra McCall• Mother Ernestine Sullivan-NO VISITORS - Please contact Daughter, Cindy Humphrey• Bro. Anthony Hawkins• Bro. Patrick Walker• Sis. Rutha Thomas, POC: Felicia Thomas(daughter)• Sis. Feleshia Perry• Mother Marie Kelley• Sis. Regina Clemons• Bro. Charley Cattage• Bro. Leroy Watkins |
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PRAYER LIST

- **Bro. Joe A. Palmer** (POC-Sis. Bernie Palmer)
- **Mr. Robert Douglas is in Rehab and his son is in Huntsville Hospital** (brother & nephew of Sis. Shirley Douglas)
- **Ms. Jennifer Jones** (daughter of Sis. Margurite Lyles)
- **Mr. Lorenza Poole, Jr** (father of Sis. Ruth Wilson)
- **Ms. Doris Carter** (mother of Sis. Jackie Jefferson)
- **Sis. Genell Pitts needs a kidney transplant** (wife of Bro. Richard Pitts)
- **Bro. David Langston Stewart**
- **Minister Lennon Martin**
- **Sis. Sheri Tims**
- **Brad D. Jefferson** needs a kidney transplant (son of Bro. Archie & Sis. Debra Jefferson)
- **Mrs. Frankie Yarbrough** (wife of Bro. Alexander Gilmore)
- **Ms. Courtnie Perry** (niece of Sis. Sarah Eatman)
- **Bro. Harrison Johnson**
- **Bro. Ryland Landers** (son of Sis. Virdell Landers Mason and Bro. AL Mason)
- **Sis. Viola McWilliams, POC: Nikki Titang** (dau)
- **Sis. Kalexis Jordan Drake**
- **Mother Hattie Burton**
- **Bro. Archie Gurley**

AFTER THE RESURRECTION *Revised Standard Version*

John 20:10-30

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Mag'dalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

John 21:1-25 RV

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tibe'ri-as; and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathan'a-el of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zeb'edee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards^[a] off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

²⁰ Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” ²² Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” ²³ The saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.