



The Spirit of United

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A word from the **Pastor's Desk** by Rev. Dr. Johnny R. Freeman

Dear Members and Friends of United:

As I write to you, my thoughts have been racing with so many wonderful memories and my heart overflows. For the past twenty years, my wife and I have been allowed to grow together as a couple and raise our family here at United! I'm also eternally grateful for all the ways that we have grown together as Pastor and people and how blessed we've been to see God work in our midst. We have prayed together, worshiped and served God together and have seen what God will do; whenever, we come together in faith and work together for the cause of kingdom building. If you've been a part of **this great family of God**, for any length of time you are a witness that we've been a part of something



awesome and wonderful here at United! I'm also reminded of the time in the life of young Samuel and Eli the priest when the Lord was calling the young man into the ministry. Samuel's sweet sleep was interrupted by a strange voice calling his name. Thinking the voice calling him was Eli's, Samuel didn't really understand the voice he heard was God's. However, it was Eli who quickly understood that the voice

of God was calling Samuel to a greater ministry. God used Eli to point the way for Samuel to answer God's calling on his life. That's what I've been sensing in my spirit as I have been seeking and listening to the voice of God. I hear God saying that He is calling us to a greater work for Him. I'm also sure that God has been dealing with and working on so many of you. I hear God saying "you have a call waiting!" It's time to pick up the phone and answer God's calling on your life. I believe that God is calling us to an incredible opportunity to allow His Spirit to do an even greater work than we have seen. We only have to say what Samuel said 'speak Lord for your servant is listening' and trust God to make His will plain and clear enough for us to understand and follow.

I don't know about anybody else, but I'm expected an even greater move of God here at United, and praying you'll continue to answer God's call, as we keep moving forward in faith to see what God has for us for the future. On behalf of the Freeman family, to my church family, we love you United and pray for you always!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Freeman ✝



Encouragement from the Assistant to the Pastor

Rev. Hattie B. Easterling

Making A Difference, Living God's Way:

My sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a blessing to be able to share what the Holy Spirit has put in my heart at this time.

Over the years God has encouraged me, so I want to encourage you. You are a walking, talking message of hope. Whether you know it or not, your character, words, and actions are all preaching a sermon to those you meet along the road of life. The closer you follow God the more visible he'll be to others through you. Philippians 2:14-15 says, "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

You may never know how wide influence really goes. An act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or a job well done could be what moves a close friend or even a stranger one step closer to knowing God. Take a moment to thank God for the people who've had a positive influence on your life. Ask God to help you become someone else's reason for thanks. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven." Let us continue to work and allow God to use us in a way that others will see him in our lives.

Love You!

Rev. Hattie B. Easterling,
Assistant to the Pastor ☩

Women's Day Weekend

was held May 16-17, 2015. The theme was "A Greater Walk in the Light" with supporting scripture of Mathew 5:14-16.

The weekend convened with a Brunch on May 16th. The theme for the Brunch was "A Spiritual Approach for the Mind, Body and Soul". Rev. Pamela Holder of the New Faith Baptist Church of Greensboro was the guest preacher. Sis. Irish Truesdale, licensed Electrolysis and Registered Nurse, was the guest speaker for the brunch.

The weekend concluded May 17th at the end of the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Rev. Dr. Monica Redmond, Assistant to the Pastor of the St. Paul

Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC was the guest preacher for both services. The Women's Day Choir ministered in song with music of encouragement. The presence of the Lord was in the place all weekend. It was truly a blessed time.

Sis. Ellen Moore (Woman of the Year 2014-2015) thanked everyone for their prayers and support of a great Women's Day Weekend. ☩



Beniqua HINES

United's 2015-2016 Woman of the Year!



Sis. Beniqua Hines has been a member of United for 20 years. Sis. Hines wanted to be the Woman of the Year because she was asked and it was placed upon her heart to be a Captain. She serves in the United Voices of Praise Choir, Vacation Bible School Teacher and is a member of Ward #7.

Sis. Hines is originally from Greensboro. She graduated from Northeast High School and from

Guilford Technical Community College. She is currently attending Grand Canyon University studying Early Childhood and working towards her Master's Degree in Special Education.

Sis. Hines is employed at the Primrose School of Brassfield. She has two children, Breona Hines and Tyriq McNair. Sis. Hines is currently working on building a new Ministry called "SOURCE". SOURCE stands for Sisters, Obtaining and Understanding Relationships through Communication and Empowerment. She believes God will take United to great places through the SOURCE Ministry. More to come.....

Sis. Hines enjoys cooking, reading, singing and spending time with family. ☩

Message from the Youth Pastor

Rev. Montrel Caldwell, Sr.
Matthew 19:13-15

We had an awesome Youth Blitz in August! I want to thank everyone for all that was done to make it a success! The youth Ministry is staying busy and will continue as long as you help reach and touch each child inside and outside of our church walls. Here's what's coming up next:

Time to gear up for the Fall Season:

October

11 **Youth Church** - Assistants are always needed. Notify me if you'd like to help

17 **S.U.R.F.** is back up and ready to help keep our young ladies connected. **Topic:** Monologue teaching young ladies to wait

17 Men's B.I.G. Ministry - "Standing Strong Against Temptations" by Kenny Luck.

18 Pulpit Leaders - Youth Sunday is 3rd Sunday this month due to Homecoming.

31 **UIBC TRUNK OR TREAT:** We will be holding our Annual Fall Festival with the focus on a Trunk or Treat style event. Games will be provided, food will be provided, and help will be needed

November

7 **Willing Workers:** Senior Day - Planning is underway. We will soon have signups and a need for helpers to supervise and donate equipment. Stay tuned!

8 Youth Church

21 **S.U.R.F.:** Guest speaker **Topic:** "Learning how to be thankful".

22 Pulpit Leaders

With all this going on please let me know where you can help.

Thanks and God bless!

Rev. Trel †

S.U.R.F. Dates Continued

December 2015: Guest Speaker

Topic: Ways to give, and ways she has learned to give rather than receive.

January 2016: Focus: "New Beginnings", discovering how to develop and mature as some ladies prepare to go to high school, and others to transition to college.

February 2016: Focus: "True Love", learning the background that love is patient and kind.

March 2016: Symposium, discovering women in our community that are making differences.

April 2016: Community Service feeding our friends under the bridge linking with 16th street ministry.

May 2016: We are looking to close out with an intimate evening of pure girl fun, slumbering, eating, praying and planning for the next year.

God Bless,

Rev. Lakisha Tucker †



United Celebrates Rev. Caldwell

Reverend Montrel Caldwell's Appreciation Services were celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2015 with high energy!

High School graduates, Callie Patterson and Jordon Hawkins, stirred the Spirit with the duet of "Oh How He Loves You and Me". The Youth Choir ministered with music throughout the Service.

The message text *"Gather Together"*

was taken from 1 Corinthians 12:8-14; Rev. Caldwell preference the message with the vocal rendition of "I Will Bless Thee Oh Lord", in the familiar Rev. Caldwell style!

Rev. Caldwell, United appreciates you for using your calling and allowing God to use you to greatly enrich the lives of not only the youth of United, but the life of the Church body!✝



Missionary Prayer Day

The Missionary Ministry hosted the Guilford County Missionary Union for the 34th Annual Missions Prayer Day on June 27, 2015. The theme was *"Committed to Christ, Commissioned for Missions: Reaching the Masses"*. Guilford County Missionary Union is a part of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, under the leadership of Reverend Linda D. Inman. **The Women's Convention Vision Statement is: To have an inspired body of believers faithfully serving and sharing the mission of the Convention.** The service consisted of singing of several hymns and litany response readings. The prayer petitions for the Women's Convention were: Serving, Thanksgiving, Emotions, Sociality, Spirituality, and Sick and Shut-in. ✝



United's Girl Scouts

United's Girl Scout troop invites young ladies from Kindergarten age (Daisies) through High School Seniors (Ambassadors) to participate as Scouts. The ministry provides opportunities for young ladies to discover and to develop their talents and interest to their fullest potential and to be positive role models for others. Some of their activities from this past session included: Community projects (policing Pastor Anderson Way-Adopt A Street Program), horseback riding, a Christmas gift to the Church of the Christ Tree Exhibit, making gingerbread houses, GS Cookie Sale, cooking and baking, a black history event, crafting



(infinity scarves, no-sew pillows, jewelry making, etc...) and representing in the MLK Jr. Parade.

After a summer of camps and vacations, United's Girl Scouts returned in time for the Youth Ministry Expo on Sunday, August 29th held after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Great information was given out and new girls signed up for the ministry! If you are interested in knowing more about Girl Scouting but missed the Expo, just contact one of the leaders at United: Sis Audrey Anderson, Sis. Carolyn McCrimmon, Sis Betty Williamson and Sis. Jamelle Williamson. ✝



B.I.G. (Brothers in God) MEN'S MINISTRY

The goal of the Men's Ministry is to help the men of United become better Christians "through bible study, small groups, family life enrichment and recreation for our members and the surrounded communities". The objectives of the ministry are to mentor men of United to become more active members; train the men to become good Christian Leaders; and build a network of trust and understanding within the church community. As we work to strengthen our leadership skills, we are studying a series of lessons on "Men Leading the Charge". This book explores male leadership in the home, as well as, in the church.

The Men's Ministry meets on the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday from 9:00 - 10:00 am. All men of United are invited to fellowship with us as we continue to learn about "Men Leading the Charge". †

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Community Music CONFERENCE 2015

The Community Music Conference 2015 was held July 8 - 12, 2015. The theme was "Who Gets the Glory? The conference commenced with Worship Service. Back by popular demand, Willie Mason & the Friends of the Triad, guest choir, ministered in song. Elder Bethany N. Heath of Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide Inc. of Winston Salem was the guest preacher.

The workshop classes consisted of: **Vocal Technique, Choir Decorum & Administration, Who Gets the Glory, Why I Sing, What Is My Purpose? Why Am I Here?** The Guest Facilitators were: Sis. Rochelle Gray of First Resurrection Church of God - Statesville, NC; Rev. Carlos Townsend of Mercy Seat Holy Church - Winston-Salem, NC; Bro. Shipp Washington of Trinity AME Zion Church - Greensboro, NC; Sis. Barbara White-Tate of St. James Baptist Church - Greensboro, NC.

Mistress of the Ceremony was Sister Rhonda Corpening. The concert consisted of praise dance, by United's Joy Bells and Women of Worship and Mime Interpretation by Minister Justine Gillion. The concert choir ministered in song to: "When the Lord Delivered Me", "Pray", "For the Rest of My Life", "Redeemed Praise", "By His Grace" & "Make A Way".

The Lord was in the place during the entire conference and blessed in a mighty way! Best one yet!!! †



Spotlight Moments **About United's People...**

Sis. Paige MOTLEY-MIMS

Media Specialist Recognized for Life-Saving Actions

Page Motley Mims named July 2015 Guilford County Schools (GCS) Employee of the Month. Greensboro, N.C. - A media specialist typically has a variety of responsibilities in a school, but assisting in a medical emergency is not usually one of them. But that's just what Page Motley Mims did in May at Bessemer Elementary. A student of hers was eating lunch in the media center when she began choking. Motley Mims sprang into action, performed first aid and cleared the student's airway.

She is humble about her actions, but her fellow media specialists wanted to make sure she was recognized for her efforts. Many of them submitted nominations for Motley Mims as Employee of the Month for July, and on the last day of school, as she set out gift bags for her student media helpers, she was surprised to learn that she had won.

One of those nominations, from Sternberger Elementary media specialist Tricia Goodman, says, "Ms. Motley-Mims is truly a hero! Not only does she instill in her students the love and importance of reading and learning, but she actually saved a student's life! I cannot think of a more deserving Employee of the Month."

Nora Shoptaw, Program Administrator - Communications Guilford County Schools / Department of District Relations - Public Announcement
July 1, 2015 ☩

Bro. Jordan HAWKINS

Final GCS accomplishment... AP / IB Distinguished Scholar Diploma - scored a perfect 5 on 5 or more AP exams.

Congratulations. May you continue the good work the Lord has already begun in you. ☩



Sis. Odessa PATRICK

First African American Academic Staff Member at UNC-Greensboro.

Odessa Patrick became the first African American academic staff member at #UNCG when she started work as a laboratory preparator on February 1, 1958. Her duties included ordering materials, culturing live specimens, collecting materials in the field, setting up experiments and demonstrations for classrooms and supplying each lab with materials needed for specific exercises.

Learn more about Patrick and her work in the Spartan Stories blog post, guest written by Lucy Mason, a senior who worked with us as a researcher this past summer: <http://uncghistory.blogspot.com/2015/09/odessa-patrick-first-african-american.html>

Feature from UNCG Special Collections & University Archives, Sept. 7, 2015 Website Post ☩



Mr. & Mrs. LEGGETT

Two of United's Members Wed in Holy Matrimony

Family and friends gathered together to witness two lives come together as one. Sis. Donita L. Wallace and Bro. Taras A. Leggett wed in holy matrimony at the Weir-

Jordan House downtown Greensboro on June 20, 2015. Pastor Freeman officiated the ceremony and tied them tight.

The Leggetts would like to encourage engaged couples to keep God first; love the same God; trust the Lord to help you through challenges and believe the sun will shine in the morning. You are never too old to receive God's blessings. Have faith and trust in the Lord. If you rely on God and not self, you will make it together. *"Love is a Journey that Begins at Forever and Ends at Never."*

Congratulations to the Leggetts!!! May the Lord bless and prosper your marriage and new life together as examples unto others. ☩



Deaconess Cora DANIEL

Church Secretary 25 Years

There is much work to be done in a church over all. In a congregation, the size and activity level of United's work is consistently ongoing. Much is done behind the scenes by the full body of Christ at United and a large portion in one way or another finds its way to the church office for some sort of connection or assistance. For that reason we would like to do the same for Deaconess Cora Daniel.

Deaconess Daniel joined United Institutional Baptist Church August 1, 1982. She joined the staff as secretary

January of 1990. This year, we would like to recognize her for 25 years of service. For

your steadfast work, commitment and dedication to United, we say "Thank You" and praise God for your service to the church and it's ministries.

Deaconess Daniel is married to Deacon Anderson Daniel, Jr. They will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year on September 29th. They have a son Andrew Daniel, a daughter Amber Daniel, and nephew (who is like a son) Casey Christie. She is the daughter of Deaconess Frankie Hicks. She has two brothers, 1 older, 1 younger and two younger sisters.

In her spare time Deaconess Daniel loves to spend time with her family and read. Her favorite scripture that keeps her grounded is Proverbs 3:5-6 which says "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

United, we ask that you join us in showing appreciation to a beautiful person, member and church secretary. Deaconess Daniel, we truly appreciate you. ✚

Mr. & Mrs. WATSON

Family and friends gathered together to witness two lives join together. Sis. Sharonda and Bro. Raki Watson were united in holy matrimony on July, 2015.

Congratulations to the Watsons! May the Lord bless and prosper your marriage and new life together. ✚

Welcome Back College Students

United has a rich history with college students dating back almost 90 years! Many prominent graduates attended or currently attend United including Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Freeman. Fellowship with United can be done through Watch-care or as a full member. There are many ministries and opportunities you can be graphed into in this great family. ✚

VBS Jesus - The TRUE Superhero

This year's VBS theme, "Jesus - The TRUE Superhero" focused on Ephesians 6:11, teaching attendees to put on the whole armor of God. During the week of June 22 we were reminded of the benefits of: following God's plan, boldness in standing for Christ, protecting and defending others, seeking salvation through Christ, and much more. To close the week VBS divisions presented their education of the week through plays, recitations, music and



trivia. Many of us have grown up watching the heroics of characters such as: Captain America, Batman and Robin, Superman, Iron Man, The Fantastic Four and, my favorite, Wonder Woman! While each of these "heroes" solve problems in a matter of 30 minutes, or 90 minutes if you are catching a box office hit, none will ever, ever, compare to the ultimate powerful Jesus Christ. And that was our focus of UIBC 2015 Vacation Bible School. ✚

Graduate Recognition 2015 28 Members Honored

The following UIBC members were honored during the 2015 Graduate Recognition Sunday:

Preschool to Kindergarten:

Ariyana Christie
Ja'maya Raley

Kindergarten to First Grade:

Ella Tucker

Elementary School to Middle School:

Aaliyah Moore
Genesis Pulliam
Christopher Rhodes
Olivia Roberts

Middle School to High School:

Montrel Caldwell, Jr.
Keishaun James
Larry McMillian, II
Aniyah Taylor
Devon Waterman

High School Graduates:

Aliyah Anderson
Christian Bennett
Brandon Freeman
All Currently Attends East Carolina University

Jordan Hawkins

Currently Attends Pomona College, California

Dwayne James, Jr.

Currently Attends NC Central University

Connell Tre' McLean

Currently Attends Williams College

Callie Patterson

Currently Attends Tusculum College, Tennessee

Alexis Roberts

Currently Attends NC A&T State University

Kianna Scales

Currently Attends GTCC

Kristen Wright

Currently Attends East Carolina University

Ashley Yancey

Currently Attends NC A&T State University

College Graduates:

Krystal Carmichael *from UNC Charlotte*

Miranda Jenkins *from Stoney Brook University in NY*

LoAngela McKinzie *from NCATSU*

Dekia Virgil *from NCATSU*

Kiarria Watson *from NCATSU*

Congratulations to each of you!

Your UIBC family is very proud of you! ✚

GOD'S Plan of Salvation

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Receive the Salvation of the Lord for 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. †

You're Invited!

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 for our

- 7:27 am Worship Service,
 - 9:30 am Sunday School
 - 11 am Worship Services.
- 5th Sundays**
- Sunday School 8:30 am
 - Unity Service at 10 am †



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