



NEW MEMBERS HANDBOOK

Union Baptist Church

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Welcome to Union Baptist Church

We are delighted to have you join our family. As you begin your journey with us, we encourage you to explore the various opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service that Union Baptist Church offers. Whether you are new to the faith or seeking a deeper relationship with God, we are committed to supporting you along the way and walking beside you as you discover your place in our church family.

Our Mission

The Mission of The Union Baptist Church of New Castle County, Inc. is to WIN DISCIPLES through the preaching of the gospel and teaching an organized Christian Doctrine, while demonstrating a social concern for its community through spiritual activity and community outreach, referred to as the 5 CMs:

- Commitment to the Master
- Commitment to Membership
- Commitment to Maturation
- Commitment to Ministry
- Commitment to Multiplication



THE OFFICIAL CHURCH LOGO, N.D.

DECLARATIVE STATEMENT:

We Are Union Baptist Church

We exist to:

Exalt God Through Spiritual Worship

We exist to:

Edify People Through Scriptural Work

We exist to:

Expand The Kingdom of God Through Soul Winning

We are Union!

I'm a new member, now what?

Congratulations!

You have made the most significant commitment a person can undertake in life. By accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you have experienced what the Bible refers to as a new birth.

Just as you entered the world as an infant and matured in your physical life, the same principle applies to your spiritual journey. Now that you have undergone a spiritual birth, it is essential to develop into a mature follower of Jesus Christ.

"till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Just as a baby requires support to grow physically, a new believer needs assistance to grow spiritually. We are eager to help you on this journey of spiritual growth. This class is designed to help you get started.

Pray for God's strength to continue and complete this study.

You may find it helpful to pray a prayer similar to the one below:

"Dear God, I recognize that I will need Your guidance as I work through this booklet and seek to understand the lessons You want to teach me. I desire to grow spiritually. Please help me remain committed to completing this class. In the name of Jesus, I pray. - Amen."

New Member Orientation

As a new member, you can look forward to the following:

- Within one week, you will receive a call from your temporary family deacons at the church, along with an invitation to join the New Member Orientation Classes. Completing all classes will lead to baptism (for new converts) and a promotion certificate, along with a shout-out during the morning worship services.
- You will be introduced to your permanent family deacons, who are dedicated to assisting you in your journey with Christ.
- You will have opportunities to participate in various fellowship activities, join a ministry, and grow in your relationship with Christ.

A message from our Pastor

Blessings and Peace!

Welcome to the Union Church! I am elated and excited that you have decided to choose the Union Baptist Church as your own spiritual home and house of worship.

I want you to know that we endeavor to be a place that seeks to know God and make Him known. We take serious our assignment to disciple the world for Christ and extend the influence of the Kingdom of God in every space that opportunity gives us. You will find here that this demands that we make learning the Word of God a major goal and I encourage you to take full advantage of our Bible-centric emphasis leading us to become a **'Bible-Believing, Bible-Teaching, Bible-Practicing'** church where spiritual growth is not only experienced, it is expected.

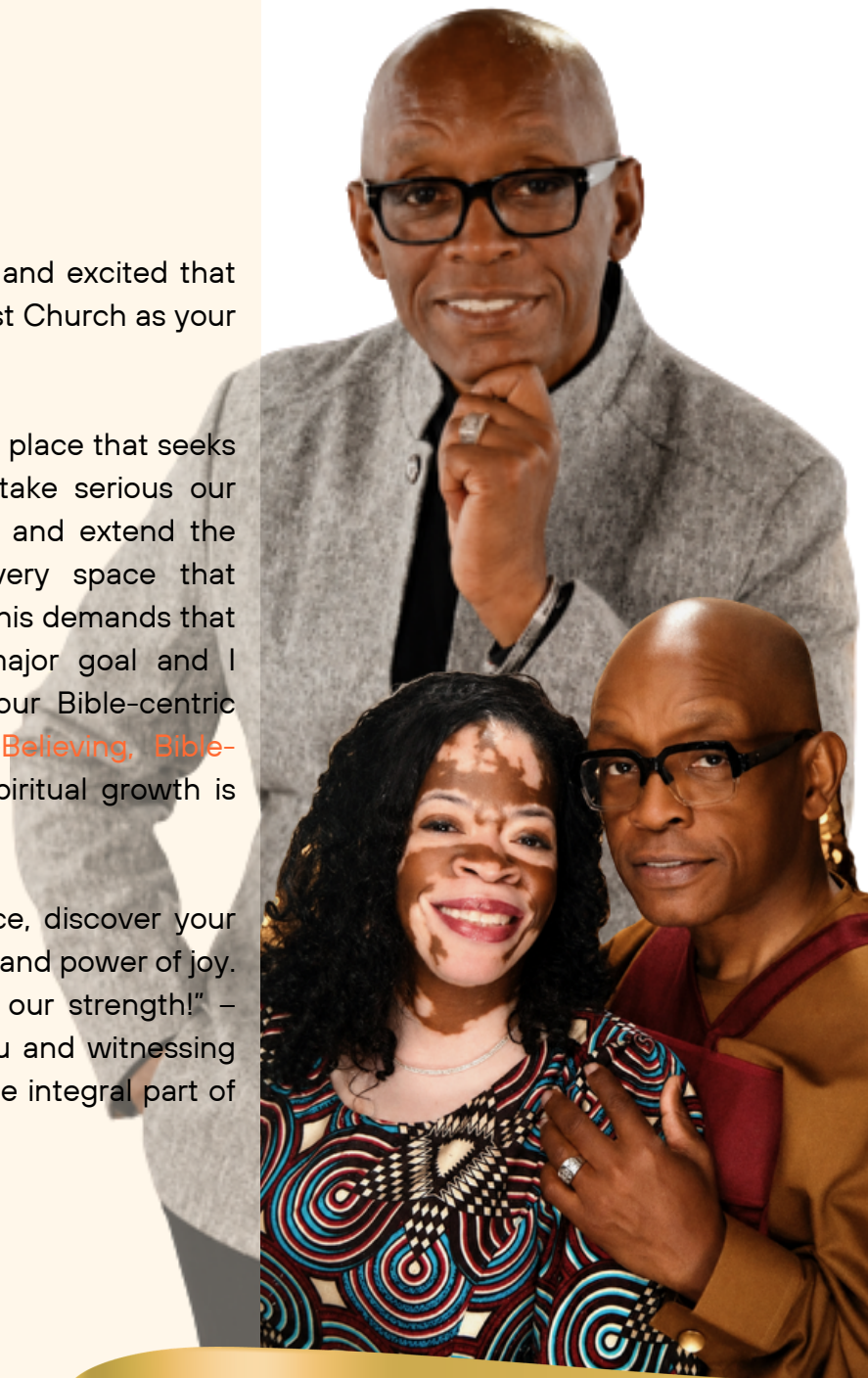
I issue to you this challenge; Find your place, discover your purpose and learn to work it with the passion and power of joy. The Bible says that the "joy of the Lord is our strength!" – Nehemiah 8:10. I look forward to serving you and witnessing what God will manifest in you as you become integral part of our family of faith.

Again, Welcome!

YOURS BECAUSE OF CHRIST,

DR. LABARRON F. MCADOO, SR.
SENIOR PASTOR

PASTOR LABARRON F. MCADOO, SR.
& LADY ANGIE MCADOO



Our Team

Sister Karen Campbell

Secretary



A member of Union Baptist Church for 24 years, Sister Karen retired after 40 years in corporate America and translated her professional skills into faithful church service. She draws strength from Psalm 5:1-3 – “In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning, I plead my case to you and watch expectantly.” Whether serving through nursing or administrative leadership, she finds joy in helping others and supporting the church community. Her strengths in organization, timeliness, accuracy, and follow-through allow her to contribute meaningfully to the church’s mission.

In her role, Sister Karen oversees day-to-day operations that support church programs, events, and administrative functions. She serves as a key communication link between church leadership and congregation members, managing ministry schedules, the church calendar, membership database, and overall function of the church office. She strives to lead by example through humility, teamwork, and a willingness to step in wherever needed. Her advice to future leaders: “Dependability and teachability – you don’t need to know everything, but you must be willing to learn. A servant-leader mindset is ultimately about serving others and making a positive impact on the church and the community.”

Sister Katie Claude

Pastor’s Aide

Longest Serving Administrative Support Staff



A member of Union Baptist Church since September 1984, Sister Katie was introduced to church life as a child, sparking a lifetime of service. At Union Baptist, Rev. Otis A. Herring recognized her willingness to serve and encouraged her growth until she overcame her shyness and found joy in serving. Guided by her favorite scripture, Psalm 84:10 – “For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand”, she has remained steadfast: “When I joined the church, I joined to stay.”

Sister Katie served in multiple capacities, including secretary for Rev. Otis A. Herring and later Rev. McAdoo, Pastors’ Aide, and Usher President at Union Baptist Church until her retirement in 2024. She now serves as an Aide in a limited capacity. Known for her quiet strength, she encourages others to “do what they can with what they have and make church the place they want to be.” Her testimony reflects the church’s values of dedication, commitment, and service – a reminder that faithfulness is not about position, but about a heart willing to work.

Associate Ministers, Decons & Deconesses

ASSCOIATE MINISTERS

- MIN. KERRY GALLOWAY JR
- MIN. JERRY JOHNSON SR.
- MIN. TERRENCE MANLOVE
- REV. KEVIN PALMER
- MIN. JEFF MERINA

FAMILY DECONS

- DEACON KERRY GALLOWAY SR
(*CHIEF SERVANT FAMILY DEACONS*)
- DEACON J.P. CHRISTIE
(*VICE CHIEF SERVANT FAMILY DEACONS*)
- DEACON CLARENCE BYRD
- DEACON BILL HASKINS
- DEACON CARLTON MOSS SR
- DEACON KIP LEE
- DEACON ROLAND MARSHALL
- DEACON BERNARD HERRING
- DEACON JAWARA JONES
- DEACON FREDRIC NORMAN
- DEACON RICHARD WRIGHT
- DEACON ANDRE HALEY

FAMILY DECONESSES

- DEACONESS CAROLYN CHAMBLISS
(*CHIEF SERVANT FAMILY DEACONESS*)
- DEACONESS RHONDA GALLOWAY
(*CHIEF SERVANT FAMILY DEACONESS*)
- DEACONESS BETTY HASKINS
- DEACONESS CRYSTAL MARSHALL
- DEACONESS KOYA LEE
- DEACONESS ARDIE STRIBLING
- DEACONESS DEBRA BYRD
- DEACONESS SANA BROWN
- DEACONESS CLAUDETTE SWAN
- DEACONESS MELINDA HALEY
- DEACONESS BENITA JONES

FINANCE MINISTRY

- DEACON ALVIN HALL
(*CHIEF SERVANT FINANCE MINISTRY*)
 - DEACON RAYMOND BROWN
(*VICE CHIEF SERVANT FINANCE MINISTRY*)
 - DEACONESS CARMELLA HARRIGAN
(*TREASURER*)
 - DEACONESS OMEKA MUMFORD
 - DEACONESS ANNETTE HALL
 - DEACONESS CYNTHIA MANLOVE
 - DEACON J.P. CHRISTIE
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Our Church

In the Beginning

On Sunday, May 22, 1921, a group of twelve Christians gathered in a small schoolhouse in Claymont, Delaware. United by their faith and a shared vision, they made the decision to form a Baptist church in their community. By unanimous vote, this group chose to become known as the Union Baptist Church of Claymont, Delaware. This foundational moment marked the beginning of a journey rooted in dedication, fellowship, and a commitment to serving God and one another.

God's Messengers: 1921–Present

Reverend Robert H. Butcher was called to serve as the first pastor of Union Baptist Church. Following his resignation, Reverend Dan Heath became the church's leader and faithfully served the congregation for fourteen years. Upon Reverend Heath's resignation, Reverend John Hayes assumed pastoral duties and continued until Reverend Herman L. Brooks was called upon to serve as pastor on April 11, 1948.

During Reverend Brooks's tenure, the church received a significant blessing when the Worth Steel Company of Claymont donated a place of worship to the congregation in 1949. Reverend A. H. Harrison succeeded Reverend Brooks and led the church as pastor for six years.

In September 1962, Reverend Otis A. Herring—an ordained son of the church—was elected and installed as pastor. He served faithfully until his passing in July 1996, guiding the church through times of growth and change.

The leadership legacy continued when, in April 1998, Reverend LaBarron McAdoo Sr. was named pastor elect. His official installation took place in September 1998, furthering the tradition of strong spiritual guidance for the Union Baptist Church family.

A New Era and Relocation

In September 1963, the original church building in Claymont was sold, prompting the congregation to relocate. Members gathered for worship at the YMCA in Wilmington for three years, during which time they initiated a building fund to secure a permanent home for the church. Their efforts bore fruit when they purchased a lot at 26th and Pine Street, and the new church building was occupied in March 1967.

As the Union Baptist Church family continued to grow, plans were made in 1974 for a new sanctuary to better serve the needs of the congregation. The dedication and opening services for the new sanctuary were celebrated over two weeks, from October 23rd through November 6, 1977, marking another important chapter in the church's history.

Though the original founders of 1921 and the challenges of their time have passed, the spirit of dedication, commitment, and love remains at the heart of Union Baptist Church. Today, the congregation holds fast to its founding commissions: "Enter to worship, Depart to serve."





Our Beliefs

Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men who were divinely inspired of God; has God for its author, redemption for its end, and truth without any mixture of errors for its content. The bible reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.



God

There is one, and only one, living and true God. In the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of glorifying God.

Man

Man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his maker. The consequences of his voluntary transgressions changed and transmitted his holiness into unholiness. All, therefore, are sinners before God, both by nature and choice, standing in need of salvation.

Salvation

"God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but shall have everlasting life." John 3:16

Church Polices & Guildlines

At Union Baptist Church of New Castle County, Inc. we believe that membership is a joyful covenant—a commitment to follow Jesus together and to build up His body in love. As you consider membership, or as you renew your dedication, we want to clearly share the expectations we embrace as a church family. These practices help us grow as disciples, serve our community, and strengthen the fellowship of believers.

Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

- Participate regularly in discipleship training designed to deepen biblical understanding, personal holiness, and practical obedience to Christ.
- Engage in Bible enrichment studies (small groups, classes, and midweek studies) where we learn, ask questions, and apply God's Word together.
- Pursue a vibrant personal devotional life of prayer and Scripture, complementing our shared learning.

Worship Attendance

- Prioritize faithful attendance at Sunday worship services, gathering to glorify God through Word, prayer, and praise.
- Prepare your heart for worship and come expectant—inviting others and welcoming guests with warmth and hospitality.

Evangelism, Mission, and Community Impact

- Join our impact events and outreach efforts as we share the gospel in word and deed.
- Participate in missional initiatives that meet tangible needs in our community—serving with compassion, generosity, and humility.
- Look for everyday opportunities to witness to Christ in your relationships, work, and neighborhood.

Fellowship and Belonging

- Be actively involved in fellowship opportunities that build genuine relationships, mutual encouragement, and accountability.
- Practice unity, peacemaking, and Christlike love—bearing one another's burdens and celebrating one another's joys.
- Use your spiritual gifts to serve, building up the church in practical and consistent ways.

Stewardship and Support

- Support the ministry of the church through faithful giving, prayer, and volunteer service.
- Honor the church's leadership and participate in congregational life, meetings, and shared decisions as appropriate.

Our hope is not to create a checklist, but to call one another to a life shaped by the gospel. Membership is a partnership in mission—standing side by side for the faith of the gospel and for the flourishing of our neighbors.

If you have any questions or would like help finding a discipleship group, service team, or outreach opportunity, please reach out to any of our leadership team at (302) 762-9103. We are elated and excited to walk with you.

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Our Ministries

Joining a Ministry: A Path to Service and Connection

Becoming part of a ministry is a fantastic opportunity to utilize your gifts, cultivate meaningful relationships, and create a positive impact on both the church and the broader community. Each ministry organizes specific times for meetings, where members focus on addressing the spiritual needs of their community.

In these smaller, more intimate settings, individuals come together to meet particular spiritual requirements.

- Whether your passion lies in music, education, hospitality, or assisting others, there is a place for you to connect, serve, and grow.
- We invite you to explore where your talents and interests can flourish within these ministries.

Explore these church ministries and contact our church office for details to join or learn more:



01

Alms

The Alms Ministry is dedicated to supporting individuals and families in need by preparing aid packages for outreach efforts. Members of this ministry work together to gather essential items, assemble care packages that bring relief and hope to those facing hardships.

02

Audio Visual

Operate sound equipment, manage live streams, and maintain quality audio/visual experiences for worship services and events. If you're interested in technology and want to contribute behind the scenes, join the Audio-Visual Ministry—no experience required, just a willingness to learn and serve.

03

Christian Education

We offer Bible studies, Sunday School, and faith-focused educational programs for all ages. If you enjoy learning or teaching, join us to help others grow spiritually and expand your own understanding of God's Word

04

Culinary

The Culinary Ministry prepares and serves meals for church events, fellowship, and outreach. We welcome anyone who enjoys cooking or helping; your skills contribute to a warm, community atmosphere.





05

Family Deacons

Our Family Deacons Supports church families through care, prayer, and encouragement to strengthen relationships and spiritual well-being. Family Deacons provide practical help and prayer; if you're compassionate, consider joining to make a meaningful impact.

06

Flower

The Flower Ministry creates floral arrangements for worship, special events, and church décor to enhance our space. Join us if you enjoy creativity and want to help design beautiful arrangements for services and celebrations.

07

Finance

Our Finance team Handles church budgeting, accounting, and financial planning to ensure effective resource management.

08

Hands of Jesus

The Hands of Jesus Ministry delivers care packages to those in need, offering hope and support through outreach. By joining, you help extend Christ's love beyond the church wall directly into the community.

09

Men's

The Men's Ministry is a dynamic group dedicated to helping men develop as leaders, servants, and ambassadors of the gospel both within our local community. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other men who share your values, build lasting friendships, and strengthen your faith through meaningful fellowship and spiritual growth. The ministry provides practical ways for men to support one another, serve others, and make a positive impact through outreach, mentorship, and involvement in church activities.

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Music

The Music Ministry welcomes anyone who sings or plays instruments to help lead worship and inspire praise. No audition is needed—just enthusiasm for music.

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Pastor's Aide

Demonstrate appreciation and support for our pastor and their family by participating in the Pastor's Aide Ministry. Assist with personal, administrative, and ministry responsibilities, and help foster a supportive church environment.





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Service Guild

The Service Guild organizes volunteer opportunities and service projects to encourage involvement in our church and communities. Join to actively contribute and help build connections both within and beyond the church.

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Singles (Living for Christ)

Union Baptist Church's Singles Ministry provides a supportive space for single adults to connect, grow in faith, and serve. Through life groups, service projects, and activities, singles deepen their relationship with Christ and are encouraged to join others to walk together in faith.

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Tillers

Tillers Ministry is dedicated to evangelism and outreach, sharing Christ's love and welcoming new believers. Join us to help spread hope and connect with our community.

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Ushers, Nurses & Hospitality

Greets and directs worshippers while promoting a welcoming and orderly environment throughout services. Provides fundamental medical aid, welcomes visitors, and fosters active participation in community life.

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Womens

The Women's Ministry fosters a supportive environment for women of all ages, encouraging fellowship, spiritual growth, mentoring, and service both within the church and in the wider community. By organizing Bible studies and outreach projects, it helps women connect, grow in faith, and share their experiences—both joyful and challenging. Whether you're looking for friendship, encouragement, or a way to contribute, you are invited to join us; your presence and talents are truly appreciated.

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Youth

Youth Ministry helps young people grow through faith-based, educational, and social activities. Your participation inspires future leaders and supports their development.



Foundation of Our Faith & Christian Life

From Salvation to Stewardship

As members of Union Baptist Church, our faith is rooted in biblical truth and expressed through daily Christian living. This section introduces our core beliefs and spiritual practices, offering guidance for growing in faith and walking faithfully with God.

The Plan of Salvation

Salvation is the total work of God in bringing men from a state of sin to a state of glory through Jesus Christ. Salvation is wholly of God and is received as a gift through faith alone without works.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4: 12 [NIV]) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so that no one can boast." - (Ephesians 2:8-9 [NIV])

Steps to Salvation

The act of being saved- the redemption of man from the bondage of sin:

- Repentance
- Confession
- Forgiveness
- Accepting Jesus Christ in the heart

What do I need to be saved?

I need to be saved because of sin. Sin brought into the world through Adam and Eve, the first couple God made. Sin broke the fellowship man had with God and caused a separation between God and man. [Genesis 3:8-11]

What is sin?

Sin is disobedience, ungodly behavior and unrighteous living. It is both an act and a principle. God's plan was for man to worship Him, to live in obedience to His Holy word and to have fellowship with Him. Sin derailed that plan and so God had to make preparation to have mankind return to Him.

How could God redeem us and bring us back in fellowship with Him?

- God sent His son Jesus to pay the price for our sin. [Matthew 1:21]
- God's law requires the shedding of blood to pay the price of sin. [Hebrews 9:22]
- Jesus became the perfect sacrifice to pay the price for our sin. [Isaiah 53:4-5]



To obtain God's salvation we need to follow this a, b, c, plan:

a **cept** the fact that I am a sinner and need to be saved.

Romans 3:23

b **elieve** that Jesus died to save me from sin

Acts 16:31

C **onfess** my sin(s) and then confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

Romans 10:9-10

“The total work of salvation involves faith, justification, and sanctification.”

Justification

Justification is the act of declaration by God, whereby He (God) declares righteous him who believes on Christ. The reversal of God's attitude toward the sinner – because of the sinners' new relationship to Christ. God did condemn, and now He acquits. [Romans 5:1-51]

What is involved in Justification?

1. **The removal of the penalty of death.**

There are three types of death:

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Eternal

2. **The separation from God has been removed through Christ.**

[Romans 6:23, 1 Peter 2:24]

- The restoration to favor through justification is secured when we become sons of God by faith in Jesus Christ.
- The sinners' acquired penalty has been satisfied (paid). [Romans 8:1-2, Galatians 3:26]
- The righteousness of Christ has been imputed (credited) to the believer. [2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:17-18]

Imputation

- To reconcile one
- To regard as being righteous
- To judge as being righteous

Sanctification

Sanctification is the separation to God. An imputation of Christ's righteousness as our holiness, purification from moral evil, and conforming to the image of Christ. [Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:15-161].

There are four steps to help us to be sanctified:

1. We are separated from defilement, worldly thoughts, actions, speech, and the things we own. [1 Peter 1:2, Hebrews 10:14, 1 Corinthians 1:12]
2. We as believers should be clothed in the holiness of Christ. Our righteousness and character are to be evident, accompanying us at all times. [Corinthians 1:30, Acts 26: 18]
3. We as believers are to be pure from moral evil, separated from the ungodly; in general, from false teaching and defilement of the flesh. Our purification should be evident (clear) both inwardly and outwardly. [2 Timothy 2:20-22, 2nd Corinthians 7: 1]
4. We should be conforming to the image of Christ. Clearly, this is a process extending throughout life and coming to fulfillment only when we see the Lord Jesus Christ. [Romans 8:29-39, Philippians 3: 10-11, Philippians 1:4-6]

“The sinner is now pardoned for past sins and supplied with a positive fellowship of righteousness with God.”



“Man must yield himself to God that He may accomplish this work in him a definite surrender of one's life”

Prayer

Prayer is an honest conversation with God. Jesus is my mediator and high priest. Through Jesus, I have direct access to God.

“Communication between God and man”

Types of Prayer:

Prayers of:

- Communion (Talking to God)
- Thanksgiving (Giving thanks)
- Confession (Confessing our sins)
- Petition (Asking for blessings)
- Intercession (Prayers on behalf of others)

Prayer should be:

- Humble
- Bold
- Simple
- Sincere
- In accordance with God's will



Why Pray?

Prayer is worship, creates fellowship with God, preserves from evil, brings forgiveness, and provides guidance.

- Prayer is a form of worship. [Proverb 15:8]
- Prayer creates a close fellowship with God. [Matthew 6:9-15]
- Prayer preserves me from evil.
- Prayer brings forgiveness. [1 John 1:9-10]
- Prayer secures me, strengthens me, and gives me personal guidance.

What Should My Prayer Include?

- Praise and adoration. [Psalm]
- Thanksgiving. [Psalm 103]
- Communion [Luke 6:12, 1 John 1:3]
- Confession of sins and wrongs [Psalm 51]
- Petitions (plea for personal help) [Matthew 6:14-15, Philippians 4:6]
- Intercession (prayer for others) [Romans 9:1-3; 10:1]
- Submission [Luke 22:42]

The Need for the Word of God

Just as physical health requires food, air, rest, and exercise, so does spiritual health. The spiritual equivalents are:

- The Christian's food the Word [1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4]
- The Christian's breathing: Prayer [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6-7]
- The Christian's rest - Abiding in Christ [Matthew 11:28-30; John 15:10]
- The Christian's exercise - Witnessing [Acts 1:8]

Effective Bible Study: From Reading to Deep Understanding

Key Steps for Transformative Scripture Study

When you personally received Christ as your Saviour and Lord, you began a great adventure. Approach the Bible in prayer, with reverence, awe, expectancy, with a willing mind; with a thirst for truth and righteousness and fullness in the Lord Jesus Christ; with a humble and contrite heart, trusting God the Holy Spirit to engraft therein the cleansing power of His eternal Word. Above all, in the study of God's Word be eager to obey all that He command and rejoice in the knowledge that you are an ambassador for Christ, beseeching men in His stead to be reconciled to God.

Casual Bible reading uncovers valuable spiritual facts that lie near the surface. But to understand the deeper truth require **STUDY**. Often the indifference between reading and study is a pen.

1. **Designate a "special" time for study - Mornings (early) is better for many.**
2. **Plan a specific place.**
3. **Make an appointment with God, then keep it.**
4. **Be sure you have a pen or pencil.**
5. **Meditate.**
6. **Commit certain Key verses to memory.**
7. **Trust God to teach you.**
8. **Read with an attitude of Prayer.**
9. **Evaluate how the word applies to you and your life situation.**
10. **Close with prayer of thanksgiving, commitment, and surrender; asking God for wisdom.**

Required tools for bible-study

 First, obtain two translations of the Bible. Study both translations. You would not expect to learn much about the physical laws of our universe without diligent and persistent study. Should you expect to acquire much knowledge of God and the unsearchable riches of His Word without studying with equal diligence and persistence?

 Other books you will need and should plan to add to your study library as soon as possible are a Topical Bible, a Concordance and a Bible Dictionary.

 As you consider each study of the Scriptures, may I suggest you record God's Word to you in a journal. This will not only help give a deeper, more serious study, it will also give you a written record of how God speaks to you and of your response to Him.

Additional Bible study books are helpful and can be added as convenient. However, always remember, Bible study involves just that - studying the Bible. The other things are merely tools to assist you in getting the rich truths God has for you in His Word.

The Bible

The Bible contains 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Each testament is divided into major sections, with specific books listed under each division.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

66 Books • 39 Old Testament • 27 New Testament

OLD TESTAMENT

Law (5)

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

History (12)

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetry (5)

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Major Prophets (5)

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

Minor Prophets (12)

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

Gospels (4)

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

History (1)

Acts

Pauline Epistles (13)

Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

General Epistles (8)

Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

Prophecy (1)

Revelation

The Triune God

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit



‘God is one yet, exists as three distinct persons.’

This is revealed in the Bible from beginning to end. It is intimated in the Old Testament by using a plural form of the Deity, Elohim. Thus, a singular God is expressed as a plurality. Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 6:8. It is clearly taught in the New Testament.

Five Instances:

- Matthew 3:16-17
- John 14: 16-17
- 1 Peter 1:2
- Matthew 28: 17-19
- 2 Corinthians 13:14

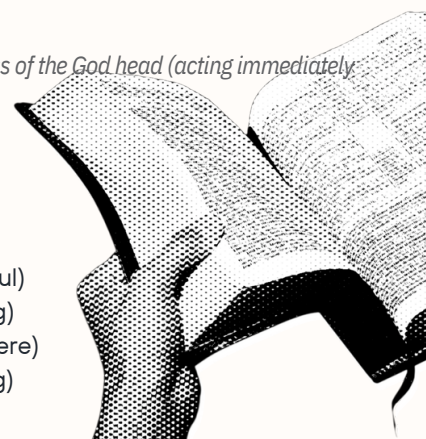
† *God is one, yet He is three. That is a mystery, yet a concept not unparalleled in our experience. The Bible sets forth: God the Father who is all the fullness of the God head (Invisible) John 1:18; Romans 1:7.*

† *God the Son who is all the fullness of the God head (manifested): John 1:14-18; Hebrews 1:8.*

† *God the Holy Spirit who is all the fullness of the God head (acting immediately upon man): Acts 5:3-4.*

Attributes of God

- God is Holy
- God is Omnipotent (all powerful)
- God is Omniscient (all knowing)
- God is Omnipresent (everywhere)
- God is Immutable (unchanging)
- God is Eternal (everlasting)



Baptism

Baptism is a Christian sacrament signifying spiritual rebirth and admitting the recipient to the Christian community through the ritual use of water.

- A command from Jesus (Matthew 28: 19)
- Baptism follows salvation (Acts 10:44-48)
- Baptism is a symbol of the believer's identification with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. (Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3)
- Before water baptism must come instruction, repentance and faith. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Acts 2:41)

Symbolism and Practice

Question: Does the Bible say that one must be immersed to be baptized?

Answer: No, but scriptural reference to baptism represents immersion:

- **Matthew 3: 16:** 'As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God.'
- **Mark 1:9-10:** 'At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.'
- **Acts 8:38-40:** 'Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away.'

Communion

Communion [**the Lords Supper**] is a Christian sacrament in which bread and wine are partaken of as a commemoration of the death of Christ.

Practice of Communion

1. Our hearts should be right with God before we take communion. (1st Corinthians 11: 27-29)
2. It is a memorial to Christ. (1st Corinthians 11:24)
3. It is a pledge of the new covenant. (1st Corinthians 11:25)
4. It is a proclamation of Christ's death. (1st Corinthians 11:26)
5. It is a fellowship with Christ and His own.

Tithing

Why Should Every Christian Tithe - "Time - Talent - Treasure?"

Every Christian should tithe because it is biblical.

Consequences for Disobedience Regarding Tithing

1. **Malachi 3:8** - Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings
2. **Malachi 3:9**
 - 9: Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Blessing for Obedience Regarding Tithing

3. **Malachi 3:10-12**

- 10: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it
- 11: And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your wine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 12: And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

YOU SHOULD TITHE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF GOD ON EARTH.

4. **1st Corinthians 16: 2** - Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE A TITHE IS TEN PERCENT OF INCOME.

4. Genesis 14:20; Numbers 18:26; Hebrews 7:4

Giving should be generous and cheerful, whether it's time, talent, or resources.

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302-308-7207

The Church Covenant

Having been led as we believe, by the spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as on body in Christ.

We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use on intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, be power and glory forever.

Amen.

A Closer Look at the Church Covenant

Church: (ek-klessia) – the called out or the called-out ones. The body of Christ or group of believers that make up an assembly.



Covenant:

- agreement between two or more people where God is actively involved and party to the agreement. Like a contract but with no proper escape clauses (no way out).
- an agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified.
- a solemn agreement to engage in or refrain from a specified action. It is commonly found in religious contexts, where it refers to sacred agreements between God and human beings.

The two types of covenant:

- **Parity** - covenant between two people of equal status or equal investment with proportionate returns.
- **Suzerain** - covenant between two people distant status (like king and peasant) with shared returns based upon unlimited access to assets available.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (KJV)

¹ Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.
² Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.
³ For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.
⁴ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
⁵ Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
⁶ Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
⁷ For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NCV)

¹ Be careful when you go to worship at the Temple. It is better to listen than to offer foolish sacrifices without even knowing you are doing wrong.
² Think before you speak, and be careful about what you say to God. God is in heaven, and you are on the earth, so say only a few words to God. ³ The saying is true: Bad dreams come from too much worrying, and too many words come from foolish people. ⁴ If you make a promise to God, don't be slow to keep it. God is not happy with fools, so give God what you promised. ⁵ It is better not to promise anything than to promise something and not do it. ⁶ Don't let your words cause you to sin, and don't say to the priest at the Temple, "I didn't mean what I promised." If you do, God will become angry with your words and will destroy everything you have worked for. ⁷ Many useless promises are like so many dreams; they mean nothing. You should respect God.

Year at-a- GLANCE

JAN

- **MLK Day Service** - 3rd Monday
- **Installation of Officers** - 4th Sunday

FEB

Black History Month

- African attire encouraged all month.
- United Negro College Fund & the Union Baptist Church Fundraising Initiatives.

MAR

- **Palm Sunday & Passion Week**
Dates vary by year

APR

- **Seven Last Words Service**
- **Sunrise Service & Breakfast**
- **Resurrection Sunday Service**
Dates vary by year

MAY

- **Mother's Day service** - 3rd Sunday
- **Church Anniversary** - 4th Sunday

JUN

- **Pastor's Anniversary** - 1st Sunday
- **Father's Day Service** - 3rd Sunday

JUL

- **Vacation Bible Study**

AUG

- **Family Focus Month**
- **Church Picnic** - 4th Saturday
Reduced ministry activities.
Casual, respectful attire welcome

OCT

- **Trunk or Treat** - Oct 31st

NOV

- **Thanksgiving Service**
Thanksgiving morning

DEC

- **Christmas Service** - Dec 25th
- **Watch Night Service** - Dec 31st



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If you have any inquiries regarding church facilities or services—including funerals, christenings, prayer requests, or outreach missions—or if you have any other needs, please reach out to the church office. To arrange a meeting with the pastor or a member of the church staff, kindly schedule an appointment through the office.



Stay Connected

We encourage all members and attendees to stay connected with the church community. Please promptly notify your Family Deacon or Deaconess Team of any changes to your contact information so that we can keep our records up to date.

We love celebrating your achievements, big or small. Proverbs 21:31 reminds us, "The horse is prepared for battle, but victory comes from the Lord." To share your Bragging Rights, email the church clerk at clerks@unionbc.org. Please send submissions by Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month.

For special prayer requests—including requests to add or remove names—please email Sister Karen at K.campbell@unionbc.org by Tuesday to process your request for Wednesday's announcements.

JOIN US

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Sunday School at Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM
Sunday Worship at the Sanctuary



Zoom: Virtual Meeting
Access (Evening Adult
Bible Study)
Meeting ID:
891-8522-5300
Passcode: 006984

WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Dinning at Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Youth Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Adult Bible Study at the Sanctuary

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Rev. Dr. LaBarron F. McAdoo Sr.

05.24.26

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“Which One Are you? Do You Criticize or do You Celebrate?”

LaBarron F. McAdoo Jr.

Senior Pastor Eastview Missionary Baptist Church

05.12.26

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“If You Can Turn It Loose You Can Have It All”

Pastor LaBarron F. McAdoo Sr.

05.03.26

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04.26.26

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07.13.25

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“Why Are You So Special?”
Pastor LaBarron F. McAdoo Sr.
04.19.26

Congratulations on completing the new member's course! We truly appreciate the time you've dedicated to learning about our community of faith. Our hope is that, as you journeyed with us through this experience, you gained a deeper understanding of what it means to be a member of Union Baptist Church.

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