Welcome New Members.

Studying the word of God is very important to your Christian growth.

2nd Timothy; Chapter 2, verse 15 as recorded in the Bible states “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (KJV)

You are BLESSED!

Our Pastor is the Rev. Ezekiel G. Bey.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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Salvation – Meaning found in these scriptures: (Romans 10:9-10 & 13)

† Past Tense – You have been rescued from the penalty of sin. (Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 6:23).
† Present Tense – You are being rescued from the power of sin. (1 Cor. 10:13).
† Future Tense – You will be rescued from the presence of sin. (Rev. 21:1-4. 27).

YOU WERE SAVED BECAUSE YOU:

REPENTED – You were sorry for your sins and turned from them to Jesus.
ACCEPTED – Jesus as Savior by Faith.
CONFESSED – Publicly declared your faith in Christ.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST

The moment you received Christ by Faith, as an act of your will, many things happened, such as:
1. Christ came into your life. (Rev. 3:20, Col. 1:27)
2. Your sins were forgiven. (Col. 1:14)
3. You became a child of God. (John 1:12)
4. You received eternal life. (John 5:24)
5. You have begun the life long journey that God created you for. (John 10:10-11, 2 Cor. 5:17, 1 Thes. 5:18)

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

G ...Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
R ...Read God’s Word daily (Acts 17:11); begin with the Gospel of John.
O ...Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
W ...Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).
T ...Trust God God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
H ...Holy Spirit - allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galations 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).

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THE FIRST WORD OF SALVATION

Read Zachariah 1:1-6

“Repent, and believe in the gospel” – Mark 1:15

Evangelist J. Edwin Orr said that “the first word of the gospel” is repentance. It’s a turning away from sin and toward the Lord. The prophet Zachariah cried out to the people of Israel to repent and return to the Lord: “Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds” (Zech. 1:4).

Salvation begins with repentance. It involves a change of mind about sin, which leads to belief in Jesus Christ and brings us the forgiveness of God. Yet repentance is more than a once-for-all act that initiates salvation. It is an ongoing choice – a change of mind that sees sin as wrong, confess it, and rejects it.

Martin Luther put it this way in the first 95 theses he nailed to the door of the Wittenberg church: “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘repent’, He willed that the entire life of a believer be one of repentance.” It’s an ongoing mindset toward sin.

Here’s the point; the change of mind that is the heart of repentance should become a pattern of thinking – a lifestyle. Even though we are secure in Christ, we must continue to see sin through God’s eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when we sin, let’s repent, confess our wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God. – DCE

I reached for His tender compassion
Because I was sinful and weak,
And oh, the sweet words of forgiveness
I heard Him so willingly speak! – Simon

For Worship & Wisdom: Psalm 132; Prov. 30 -31

REPENTANCE MEANS HATING SIN ENOUGH TO TURN FROM IT.
BAPTISM AND THE LORD’S SUPPER

The doctrines of the church are its beliefs and teachings. The ordinances of the church are its observances. Ordinances are called such because Christ commanded or "ordered" them. In the Baptist church, there are two ordinances. These ordinances are Baptism and The Lord’s Supper.

**BAPTISM:**

Baptism is the first of the two church ordinances. Water baptism is the doorway into the church. We are all baptized by the Holy Spirit (spiritual baptism) into the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13).

Baptism is a burial and a resurrection. We are buried with Christ in the likeness of His death. We are raised with Christ in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:2-3, Col. 2:12, Gal. 3:27). It shows forth three things:

1. It portrays the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
2. It portrays our death to sin and our resurrection to a new life in Christ.
3. It proclaims our faith. Our faith is that if we die and are buried, we shall be raised from the dead by the power of God.

**WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?**

Jesus commanded it. It is an act of obedience on our part if we believe in Christ. Matt. 28:18-20). Jesus set the example for us by being baptized by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:13-16).
When we are baptized, we are immersed in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our salvation is not contingent upon baptism. We are not lost if we are not baptized. We are lost if we fail to believe on Jesus. (John 3:18).

**Question:** In what name are we commanded to be baptized?
**Answer:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

**Question:** In Acts 8:26-39, what was the first thing the eunuch wanted to do after he heard the gospel of Jesus?
**Answer:** He wanted to be baptized (Acts 8:36).

**Question:** What was the one requirement he had to meet before he could be baptized?
**Answer:** To believe in Jesus with all his heart (Acts 8:37).

**Question:** How was the eunuch baptized?
**Answer:** He was lowered beneath the baptismal waters (buried with Christ) and he was raised out of the baptismal waters (resurrected with Christ) – Acts 8:38, 39.

**Question:** Who should be baptized?
**Answer:** Those who have repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.
THE LORD’S SUPPER

The second ordinance of the church is the Lord’s Supper. It was instituted by our Savior on the night in which He was betrayed and delivered to die on the cross for our sins (Matt. 26:26-30). We are not saved by partaking of the Lord’s Supper. It is a memorial of the death of Christ. We are to remember His sacrifice for us (1 Cor. 10:16).

The order Jesus gave is very plain (Matt. 28:19-20). We must:

1. Trust Jesus
2. Be Baptized
3. Observe the ordinances that Christ has given us to keep, one of which is the Lord’s Supper.

The two elements of the Lord’s Supper are (1) Bread and (2) “The Fruit of the Vine”. These elements symbolize the body and the blood of Jesus Christ because when Jesus said these words, He was standing before the disciples and His blood was still coursing through His veins. The bread and cup show forth His death. While partaking, we also look forward to His coming again.

There is no specified amount of time that we should observe the Lord’s Supper. Jesus said, “as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you show forth the Lord’s death until He comes”.

We must examine ourselves as we partake of the Lord’s Supper. We should display an attitude of deep humility and reverence (1Cor. 11:27-29)
1. The Bible is God’s library containing law, history, poetry, prophecy, gospels, acts, letters and revelation.

2. The author of the Bible is God.

3. Testament – Covenant – Agreement is the same.

4. When reading the scriptures, we must consider:
   - Who is speaking
   - To whom he is speaking
   - In what time it happens
   - For what purpose he spoke

5. The Works are divided into 3 Ages, they are:
   - Patriarchal………………Eden to Moses
   - Mosaic…………………..Living under the Law
   - Christian…………………..Began when Christ died.

6. The Bible has 2 divisions, they are:
   - The Old Testament
   - The New Testament

7. There are 5 groups of books in the Bible, they are:
   - Old Testament…………………..39 books
     1. Law………………first 5 (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
     2. History…………next 12 (Joshua to Esther)
     3. Poetry………………next 5 (Job to Song of Solomon)
     4. Prophesy………next 17 (Isaiah to Malachi)
   - New Testament…………………..4 books (Matthew to St. John)
   - Acts………………………………1 book
   - Letters…………………………21 books (Romans to Jude)
   - Revelation…………………………1 book
8. The purpose of each book:
   - Old Testament – To lead to the coming of Christ
   - Gospels – To reveal Christ
   - Acts – To tell us the beginning of Christianity and the acts of the Holy Spirit
   - Letters – To teach us how to live a Christian life
   - Revelation – To reveal the prophecy of things to come

9. Classification according to subject matter:
   - Facts – To be believed
   - Commands – To be obeyed
   - Promises – To be received by those who believe the facts and obey the commands
   - Warnings – To be heeded by all

10. New Testament Divisions:
    - Gospels – Biography (4 books)
    - Acts – History (1 book)
    - Revelation – Prophecy (1 book)

11. The Gospel Writers are:
    - Matthew
    - Mark
    - Luke
    - John

   [Gospel means “Good News”]

12. The Letter Writers are:
    - Paul (14 letters)
    - James (1 letter)
    - Peter (1 letter)
    - John (3 letters and 2 books)
    - Jude (1 letter)

   [There are 8 writers in the New Testament]

13. Three characteristics of God are:
    - Omnipotent – All Powerful
    - Omniscient – All Wise
    - Omnipresent – All “Seeing” [or all around]

14. The Old Testament Books of the Law:
    - Genesis – The beginning of life, sin and death
- Exodus – The going out: from sin to redemption, Christ is seen as the Lamb of God.
- Leviticus – Bringing forth the Holiness of God, teaches how to worship, Christ is seen as High Priest.
- Numbers – Numbering of Tribes
- Deuteronomy – Laws and ordinances given to Moses from God.

THE FORGOTTEN BOOK

A young boy noticed a large black book all covered with dust lying on a high shelf. His curiosity was aroused, so he asked his mother about it. Embarrassed, she hastily explained, "That's a Bible. It's God's Book." The boy thought for a moment and then said, "Well, if that's God's Book, why don't we give it back to Him? Nobody around here uses it anyway."

In many homes, the Bible is hardly used or even thought about. The only time anyone picks it up to read it is when there's trouble, sickness, or a death in the family. And even then, the person may not know where to look for the help that's needed.

How long has it been since you've picked up your Bible and studied it for your own enjoyment, edification, and spiritual growth? Yes, it's God's Book—but He doesn't want it back. He wants you to keep it, to ponder it, to understand it, to believe it, and to obey its message.

That's the primary reason for the booklet, "Our Daily Bread". Each devotional article is intended to help you understand God's Word, and it should be used for that purpose. Did you read today's Scripture? If not, why not do so right now? Don't let the Bible become the forgotten book in your home. – RWD

O let me love my Bible more
And take a fresh delight
By day to read these wonders o'er
And meditate by night. —Watts

IF YOUR BIBLE IS IN GOOD SHAPE, YOU PROBABLY AREN'T.
WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is simply talking to God. It is a dialogue between God and us. Prayer is more than just words; it is an attitude and an expression of our hearts toward God.

WHO CAN PRAY?

Our prayers are prayed to God in the name of Jesus (John 14:13,14; 1 Tim. 2:5). God desires that we ask of Him (Matt. 7:7). When we pray we should seek whatever God’s will is for that situation. We are told to ask anything according to His will (1 John 5:14 & 15).

THE LORD’S PRAYER


FIVE FINGERS OF PRAYER (A.C.T.S.I.)

- **ADORATION** – Worship begins and ends with who God is! Why should God be adored? (see Deu. 10:21)
- **CONFESSION** - Admit you specific sin. View your sin as God sees it. Ask God to make you aware of your sins (those known and unknown) – 1 John 1:9.
- **THANKSGIVING** – Express your gratitude for all that God has done for you (Heb. 13:15; 1 Thess 5:18).
- **SUPPLICATION** – Make specific requests to God (Psalms 20:4 & 5).
- **INTERCESSION** – Pray for the needs of others, who are sick, need help, need to be saved, etc. (Romans 8:26, I Tim 2:1, Heb 7:25).

PRAY THE WORD OF GOD

Remind God of His promises in the Bible (not that He needs to be reminded). Some of His promises are found in: Luke 12:31, 32; John 15:7; Rom 4:21; 1 John 5:14, 15; 3 John 1:2.
CONDITIONS OF PRAYER

Prayer must be done with a thankful and a clean heart. Our motives and intentions must be right when we go to God in prayer (Psalms 51:10, Phil 4:6). We can hinder our own prayers (Psalms 66:18, James 4:3, Matt 6:5).

GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS – HE ANSWERS YES, NO, WAIT.

YES – Psalms 116:1, 8, 9
NO – 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
WAIT – Psalms 50:1

STEWARDSHIP

“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF; THE WORLD, AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN.” PSALMS 24:1

A Steward is actually a manager or superintendent of another’s household. We are called to be stewards over all that God has blessed us with. Nothing that we have actually belongs to us. We are to be managers of these things until such time as Jesus comes again. We will have to give an account of our stewardship. Therefore, we must be careful of how we utilize our blessings. These blessings are mainly our time, our talent and our treasury (money).

TIME

Our time here on earth is very short, we must use it wisely. We must beprayful concerning the use of the time that God has given us (Psalms 90:12, James 4:14)

TALENT

As Christians we must recognize that all of our abilities come from God. We have natural gifts as well as spiritual gifts. We must willingly surrender them to God for His glory and honor. We all have at least one spiritual gift. Pray that God makes this gift (or gifts) known to you (1 Cor. 12:11-27, Eph 4:11-16). We need to develop the right attitude toward our spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:3-8).

TREASURY

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Realizing that all we possess comes from God should make us more willing to “give back” a portion to Him. We should surrender our money with joy and gratitude. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7). Summarily, those who give sparingly will reap sparingly (2 Cor. 9:6).

Malachi 3:8-10 – what is a “storehouse”? (Duet. 16:11 & 12:5, 6). How much is the tithe? (Heb. 7:2)

Read 2 Cor., chapter 8 to gain insight on the principals, policies and purposes for giving.

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TITHE YOUR INCOME

In obedience to the head of the church, Jesus Christ, our method of obtaining funds to operate the ministries of Jesus, will be according to the Bible which is the giving of Tithes and Offerings (Mal. 3:8-11; 1 Cor. 16:2, Matt. 23:23).

Each member would give in obedience to the command of Jesus to support the ministries in His church. According to 1 Cor. 16:2, it says, “Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him as God hath prospered him”. The emphasis is on the individual. God made you individually. Your gifts were granted individually. Your soul was saved individually. In obedience and recognition and in appreciation of what God has done through Jesus Christ, we are to give individually.

SCRIPTURES:
Leviticus 27:30; Duet. 8:7-10, 18; 2 Chron. 31:5; Proverbs 19:17; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; Luke 16:10-11; Romans 14:12.
JESUS SPEAKS....

ON BEING WISE

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like wise man. Matthew 7:24

ON MY COMING

I am come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. John 8:42

I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matthew 9:13

ON SIN

The Son of Man (the name Jesus uses when speaking of Himself) has authority on earth to forgive sins. Luke 5:24

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

ON MY DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man must suffer many things…and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Luke 9:22

ON MY ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN

I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. John 7:33
ON BELIEVING

Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.  John 5:24

ON OBEDIENCE

Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.  Mathew 7:21

ON PRIORITIES

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it.  Mark 8:34, 35

ON MY SECOND COMING

For the Son of Man shall come in the glory for his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.  Matthew 16:27

ON MY CARE FOR YOU

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.  Matthew 6:33

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.  John 14:2, 3
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THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS GETTING INVOLVED
JOIN ONE OR MORE OF OUR MINISTRIES

Deacon Ministry
Deaconess Ministry
Trustee Ministry
Board of Christian Education
Church School
Evangelism & Mission Ministry
  • Prayer Warriors
  • Missionaries
  • Transportation Ministry
  • Thanksgiving Ministry
  • Second Chance Ministry
  • Political Action Ministry
  • Radio Ministry

Men’s Ministry
Women’s Ministry
Youth Ministry
  • Jr. Ushers
  • Jr. Trustees
  • Upper Room
  • Sounds of Youth
  • Rosebuds
  • Preston G. Hill Scholarship
  • Jr. Deacons
  • Jr. Deaconess
  • Academic Excellence

Music Ministry
  • Senior Choir
  • Sounds of Youth
  • Rosebuds
  • Bell Choir
  • Voices of Hope
  • Men’s Choir

Hospitality Ministry
  • Senior Ushers Ministry
  • Hostess Club Ministry
  • Pastor’s Aide
  • Kitchen Ministry
  • Nurses’ Ministry

Senior Ministry
  • Golden Links
## Union Baptist Temple Membership profile

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HAVING PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE NEW BIRTH (JOHN 3:5-8), THROUGH FAITH IN THE ATONING BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST; AND HAVING CONSIDERED FAVORABLY THE DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES OF THE BAPTIST FAITH AND BEING IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THEM; AND DESIRING TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE OF LIKE FAITH IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, I HEREBY APPLY FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

I agree to be governed by the rules of the church to attend church regularly as I have opportunity, and to support its ministries with my tithes and offerings, as God shall prosper me.

#### Manner Received:
- [ ] Candidate for Baptism
- [ ] On Christian Experience
- [ ] Reinstatement

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| Date Completed New Member’s Class: |

Signature:

Date:

Pastor’s Signature:

Date: