



First Union Baptist Church

Pastor Frank Lomax, III

THE LIGHT

Celebrating 151 Years of Christian Service

*Go ye therefore, and
teach all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost.
Matthew 28:19*

Martin Luther King Jr. Observance

By: Deanna Allen

On January 21st, the annual Martin Luther King Jr Celebration was held at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Our very own, Keysha Ahmad-Winborne, delivered an inspiring keynote speech. She advised the audience to do three things:

1. Find your passion. 2. Develop a plan. 3. Be your biggest fan.

The 100 voice youth choir directed by Cedric Copeland rendered the music (picture below). Thank you to Ben, Morgan and McKenna for participating in the MLK, Jr. program. You all did a wonderful job!



After leading the Youth Choir for the last 25 years or so, director Sis. Sylvia Cox turned over the reins. On March 17th, Sis. Becky Cox presented a token of appreciation on behalf of the choir. Thanks Sis. Sylvia for all you do!



FUBC Couples Ministry Valentine's Celebration

By: LaQueta Barnes

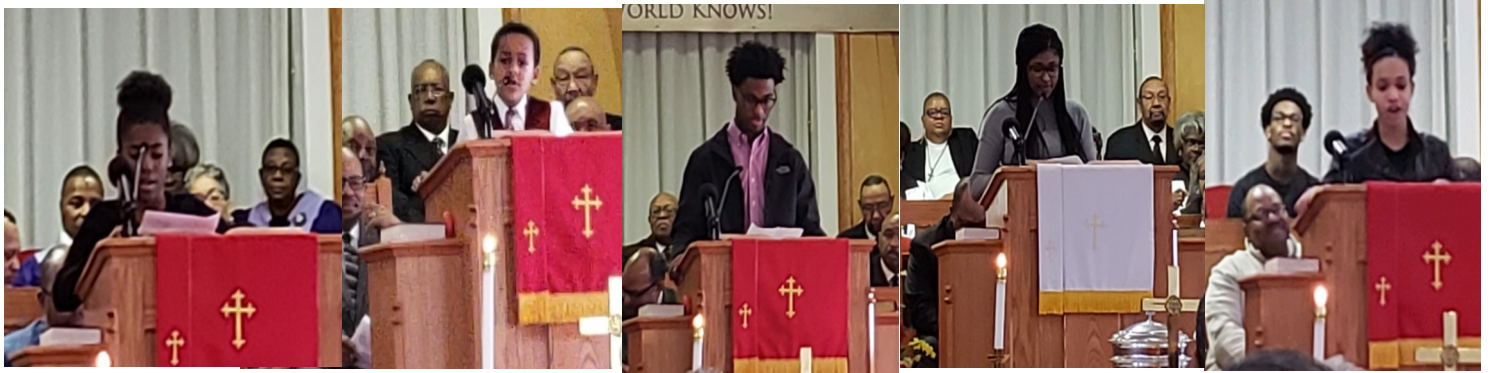
In the spirit of celebrating love and Valentine's Day, the FUBC Couples Ministry held its kick-off event on February 9th in the fellowship hall. There was food, fellowship, and lots of laughter as the couples shared details about how they met. There was even a photo booth to capture the fun times. Thanks to all who attended and look for future couples sponsored events.



First Union Has Been Busy!

Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, we celebrated accomplishments of African Americans through poetry. The youth read poems each Sunday of the month. The Youth Ministry also sponsored a viewing of the Ruby Bridges story set in newly segregated Louisiana in the 1960s.



Watching the Ruby Bridges Story
Saturday, January 19th

Senior Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, March 30th



Spotlight!



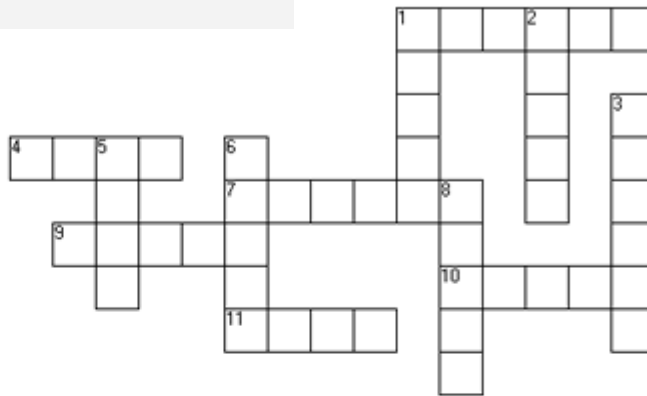
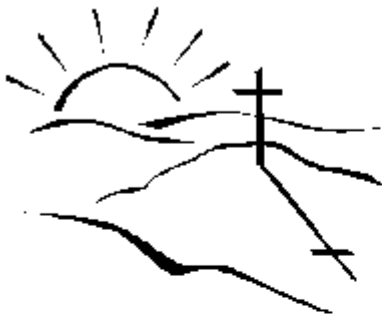
Sis. McKena Allen was a member and team captain of Randolph's Reading Olympics Team. Great job and keep on reading!

Bro. Jamel Allen was a part of the history-making 2018-19 GHS Bulldogs basketball team. They finished the season as James River District Champs and Region A Champs. Congratulations to the team on making to the state's final four game against East Rockingham. Shout out to Bro. Ben Cox, team manager.



We want to hear from you!

Involved in something outside of church? Are you being recognized? Did your FUBC ministry or committee have an event? Send along a brief write-up and/or picture to Sis. LaQueta Barnes or email laquetabarnes@gmail.com



ACROSS

1. The guards were _____ when they saw the empty tomb.
4. A place where the dead body of a human being is deposited; a grave; a sepulcher.
7. The day we celebrate the resurrection is called _____.
9. Jesus was crucified on the _____.
10. When the women came to the tomb, the _____ had been rolled away.
11. The angel's clothes were as white as _____.

DOWN

1. Opposite of dead.
2. The tomb was opened by an _____.
3. The angel came down from _____.
5. The name of the two women who came to the tomb.
6. The Savior of the world.
8. "He is not here. He has _____ as he said."

Mary
angel
alive

afraid
heaven
risen

Easter
stone
Jesus

snow
cross
tomb

Men's Ministry Happenings

By: Corey Barnes

On March 2nd, the skillet was sizzling and plates were full as the Men's Ministry held their annual breakfast. Family and friends gathered as Sis. Keysha Ahmad-Winborne and Bro. Marcus Allen displayed their "Top Chef" cooking skills in the kitchen. The stories that were shared brought joy and laughter that will last a lifetime.

The Men's Ministry also gathered to watch some of the NCAA basketball tournament on March 23rd. There was chicken, pizza and snacks. Add in some great fellowship and that was the perfect recipe for a great game viewing.



Women's Fellowship Bible Study

Hey Ladies! If you have not joined the Women's Fellowship Ministry for Bible Study, you are missing a treat! Our lessons are taken from the Christian book, "Brave Honest Questions Women Ask" by Angela Thomas-Pharr. Each session tackles issues to which women can relate, such as being "Worn Out" and "Suffering a Thorn."

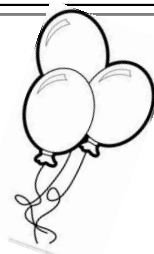
Come join us on the third Friday of every month from 7pm – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Sis. Keysha Ahmad-Winborne

Thanks to Sis. Amaya Wilkerson and Bro. Cooper Barnes for representing First Union at the annual Beulah Baptist Sunday School Union held at Mount Olive Baptist Church on March 30th. Also, thanks to all who came out to support our youth.



Let's Celebrate! Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries



April

4/2 Shirley J. Allen
4/3 Brenda H. Allen
4/6 Annie Harris
4/6 Margaret S. Johnson
4/17 Rev. Frank Lomax, III
4/19 Rosa Allen
4/20 Doris Carroll
4/22 Dea. Michael Allen
4/23 Tamartha Hines
4/26 Eric Banks
4/28 Oscar Allen
4/30 Laura Ross

May

5/1 McKenna Allen
5/1 Dea. Melvin Cox Sr.
5/6 Melvin Cox Jr.
5/9 Candace Wilkerson
5/10 Althea Shelton
5/11 Ruth Williams
5/11 Iris Woodson

5/13 Caeson Barnes
5/14 Dea. Esther Ross
5/16 Dea. Melvin & Sylvia Cox
5/17 Cynthia S. Cox
5/18 Michael Winborne
5/21 Betty Cox
5/29 Gordon Cox Jr.

June

6/5 Mary Carrington
6/6 Rev. Hafiz & Brenda Ahmad
6/8 Jeannette Winston
6/12 Peggy Snead
6/12 Kaitlyn Winston
6/20 Robinette Allen
6/23 Dea. Ralph Redmon
6/26 David Brooks
6/26 Kathy Ross

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Come Worship with Us!

Sunday

9:30am Church School
10:45am Devotional Period
11:00am Morning Worship

Wednesday

7:00pm Prayer and Praise
7:30pm Bible Study