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UNION COUNTY IS OUR MISSION FIELD

DO WE DO THAT ?

There is an ancient story of a sentry standing day after day at his post with no apparent reason for his being there. One day, a passerby asked him why he was standing in that particular place. "I don't know," the sentry replied, "I'm just following orders." The passerby then went to the captain of the guard and asked him why the sentry was posted in that place. "I don't know," the captain replied. "We're just following orders." This prompted the captain of the guard to pose the question to the higher authority. "Why do we post a sentry at that particular spot?" he asked the king. But the king didn't know. So he summoned his wise men and asked them the question. The answer came back that one hundred years before, Catherine the Great had planted a rosebush there in that spot and had ordered a sentry placed there to protect it. The rosebush had been dead for eighty years, but the sentry had still stood guard.

Many times in our churches we may catch ourselves doing things that we really do not even know why we are doing them. We are just doing them because that is just the way we have always done them. We may have spent many hours, much effort, lots of sweat, and multiple rounds of financial resources to do something that we just don't know the purpose behind it. Someone (at some point of time) thought it was a great ministry idea (and it may have been the right thing, at the right place, at the right time) but it serves no purpose for the church today. We catch ourselves guarding something (as a sentry) that has no fruit for us today.

Every church wants to think that all of its ministry to both a lost and dying world and its membership at large are firing on all cylinders. If we are not careful we will start viewing the ministries of the church through the lens of “crock pot” mentality. What does that mean? It simply means once we get something set, we turn it on, and forget about it. We walk away and leave and never think about checking on it.

It is always good for the church to evaluate every ministry often to see if it is reaching the purpose it is seeking to achieve. For instance, nothing is more confusing to me in church life than a nominating committee, especially when it comes to supplying Sunday School teachers. You have a group of people that come together to fill slots with teachers that may or may not even have the passion to serve in the position they are being asked to serve within. All of a sudden, you have a warm body teaching a children’s class that has no desire to be there. That person would rather be with a group of adults - who feels obligated to teach a class just because they can find nobody else to do it. To me, this is a way that a church “shoots itself in the foot” ministry wise.

So it is with good reason that I believe that our churches need to constantly evaluate the purpose of our ministries. It is when ministries are continually seen within the scope of the gospel that we see their soundness. We are just to not do “something” for the sake of doing something; but to find the right ministry, that has the right people, that have the right spiritual gifts, who have the passion and calling to see God move it in - this is a ministry with purpose.

You are the individual believer that makes up the body of the church. If you are not on the right bus (calling), and in the right seat (ministry) on that right bus, headed to the right place (reaching your world), then my question to you is “Why?” Why waste time, energy, effort, and resources doing something that you know God did not call you to do? Why not do what you know that God is calling you to do?



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For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body - so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and we were all given one Spirit to drink. Indeed, the body is not one part but many.

1 Corinthians 12:12 -14

UCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

AMAZIAH - COREY HALL, PASTOR
1163 CR 10 - HICKORY FLAT, MS 38633

BEECH SPRINGS - CORY LANCASTER, PASTOR
1263 CR 188 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

BETHEL - LEE DILLARD, PASTOR
1011 CR 42 - ETTA, MS 38627

BEULAH - EASTON SMITH, PASTOR
1102 CR 72 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

BLUE SPRINGS - ALLAN CASTEEL, PASTOR
1739 CR 278 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

CENTER - JARED BUSBY, PASTOR
1701 CR 121 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

CORNERSVILLE - PERRY REED, PASTOR
103 CORNERSVILLE ROAD - POTTS CAMP, MS 38659

ELLISTOWN - MIKE POWELL, PASTOR
1006 CR 185 - BLUESPRINGS, MS 38828

ENTERPRISE - ROBERT SHEPPARD, PASTOR
1522 HIGHWAY 30 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

FIRST BAPTIST - DR. ANDREW CHESTEEN, PASTOR
200 EAST BANKHEAD - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

FREDONIA - J.D. HANKINS, PASTOR
1616 CR 86 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

GLENFIELD - KODY MOORE, PASTOR
1032 WEST BANKHEAD - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

HARMONY - DANIEL SMITH, PASTOR
1015-1 CR 59 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

HILLCREST - CHARLIE DAVIS, PASTOR
216 HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA - SANTIGO DAMIAN,
PASTOR
216 HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652
HILLCREST BAPTIST OLD SANCTUARY

INCOMAR - DR. THOMAS MAGERS, PASTOR
1112 CR 90 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

JERICHO - CHRIS MCCLUSKEY, PASTOR
2179 CR 171 - GUNTOWN, MS 38849

KEOWNVILLE - JERRY BISHOP, PASTOR
1601 STATE HIGHWAY 30 EAST - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

LIBERTY - ROGER STACY, INTERIM
1298 CR 107 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

LIGHTHOUSE - DON MCCUTCHEN, PASTOR
721 COULTER DRIVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

Macedonia - SETH KIRKLAND, PASTOR
1033 CR 19 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

MARTIN - ANDY RUSSELL, PASTOR
1352 CR 86 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

MOSS HILL - MITCHELL HALL, PASTOR
1111 MOSS HILL DRIVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

MOUNT GILEAD - LARRY BAIN, PASTOR
1281 CR 252 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

MYRTLE - EARL FARLEY, PASTOR
1714 HIGHWAY 178 WEST - MYRTLE, MS 38650

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585 HILLCREST COVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

NEW HARMONY - NOAH WHITEHEAD, PASTOR
1064 CR 204 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

NEW HOPE - KEN WHITE, PASTOR
1501 CR 51 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

NORTHSIDE - MIKE BENEFIELD, PASTOR
782 HIGHWAY 15 NORTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

OAK HILL - VIC GARRISON, PASTOR
1241 CR 73 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

OAKVIEW BOBBY WILBANKS, PASTOR
1165 CR 171 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

OLD OAK GROVE - BOBBY BUTLER, PASTOR
1561 CR 14 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

PARKS - SCOTT DULEY, PASTOR
1359 CR 171 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

PLEASANT DALE - DON SPARKS, PASTOR
1014 CR 36 - THAXTON, MS 38871

PLEASANT HILL - STEVE LITTLETON, PASTOR
1398 CR 126 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

PLEASANT RIDGE - DR. TIM MIMMS, INTERIM
1016 HIGHWAY 370 - DUMAS, MS 38625

POOLVILLE - LARRY HARRISON, PASTOR
1015 CR 58 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

TEMPLE - DONNIE SCHUMAN, PASTOR
1025 NORTH STREET - MYRTLE, MS 38650

WALLERVILLE - JOHNNY RAKESTRAW, PASTOR
1441 CR 121 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

ZION HILL - KELVIN MEEKS, PASTOR
1004 CR 172 - GUNTOWN, MS 38849

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARES

JANUARY

- 3 - SHERRY SHEPPARD - ENTERPRISE
- 17 - ALYSSA WHITEHEAD - NEW HARMONY
- 21 - LARRY & JOYCE HARRISON - POOLVILLE
- 22 - STEVE LITTLETON - PLEASANT HILL
- 30 - COREY HALL - AMAZIAH

FEBRUARY

- 5 - MENDY DAVIS - HILLCREST
- 8 - PATTY WILBANKS - OAK VIEW
- 17 - MARGARET SPARKS - PLEASANT DALE
- 25 - JOYCE HARRISON - POOLVILLE

MARCH

- 7 - CHARLIE DAVIS - HILLCREST
- 8 - MIKE BENEFIELD - NORTHSIDE
- 12 - CORY LANCASTER - BEECH SPRINGS
- 12 - COREY & MELANIE HALL - AMAZIAH
- 15 - EARL & BETTY FARLEY - MYRTLE
- 16 - KEN & TABITHA WHITE - NEW HOPE
- 20 - MIKE & LISA BENEFIELD - NORTHSIDE
- 24 - KIM KIRKLAND - MACEDONIA
- 25 - DON MCCUTCHEON - LIGHTHOUSE

APRIL

- 2 - SUSAN RUSSELL - MARTIN
- 8 - MITCHELL HALL - MOSS HILL
- 19 - SANTIAGO DAMIAN - NUEVA VIDA
- 19 - PENNY MEEKS - ZION HILL
- 23 - AUDRA CHESTEEN - FIRST BAPTIST

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WEDNESDAY 8AM-4PM
THURSDAY 8AM-5PM

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JERICHO BAPTIST

KODY MORE- VICE MODERATOR
GLENFIELD BAPTIST

SHERRY JONES - TREASURER/CLERK

ANDREW CHEESTEN - CONVENTION
BOARD MEMBER
FIRST BAPTIST NEW ALBANY

Union County Baptist Association General Account

| 2025 Year to Date Report | 1/1/2025-3/31/2025 | 4/1/2025-6/30/2025 | 7/1/2025-9/30/2025 | 10/1/2025-12/31/2025 | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Income - Churches: | | | | | |
| AMAZIAH | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 3,000.00 |
| BEECH SPRINGS | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| BETHEL | 550.00 | 460.00 | 517.00 | 519.00 | 2,046.00 |
| BEULAH | 0.00 | 750.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 | 1,450.00 |
| BLUE SPRINGS | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| CENTER | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 6,000.00 |
| CORNERSVILLE | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 200.00 | 1,100.00 |
| ELLISTOWN | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 |
| ENTERPRISE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| FBC NEW ALBANY | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| FREDONIA | 2,831.00 | 1,116.00 | 1,666.00 | 2,928.00 | 8,541.00 |
| GLENFIELD | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 1000.00 | 3,250.00 |
| HARMONY | 300.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | 300.00 | 1,200.00 |
| HILLCREST | 250.00 | 450.00 | 650.00 | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| INGOMAR | 2,652.87 | 2,725.06 | 2,551.84 | 2,514.82 | 10,444.59 |
| JERICHO | 1,067.13 | 962.18 | 627.22 | 1,244.81 | 3,901.34 |
| KEOWNVILLE | 671.00 | 749.00 | 967.50 | 773.00 | 3,160.50 |
| LIBERTY | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 2,250.00 |
| LIGHTHOUSE | 0.00 | 870.20 | 981.74 | 0.00 | 1,851.94 |
| MACEDONIA | 2,068.53 | 1,546.74 | 1,085.47 | 2555.02 | 7,255.76 |
| MARTIN | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 1,200.00 |
| MOSS HILL | 0.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| MOUNT GILEAD | 0.00 | 1,133.00 | 419.00 | 380.00 | 1,932.00 |
| MYRTLE | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 500.00 |
| NEELY | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 600.00 |
| NEW HARMONY | 1,428.60 | 1,369.20 | 1,158.05 | 1,386.77 | 5,342.62 |
| NEW HOPE | 1,033.88 | 1,705.13 | 1,913.35 | 1,731.78 | 6,384.14 |
| NORTHSIDE | 152.80 | 327.40 | 0.00 | 153.20 | 633.40 |
| Nueva Vida | 0.00 | 480.00 | 360.00 | 360.00 | 1,200.00 |

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|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| OAK HILL | 30.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| OAKVIEW | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| OLD OAK GROVE | 1,069.88 | 602.52 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 2,272.40 |
| PARKS | 742.67 | 789.36 | 271.04 | 683.28 | 2,486.35 |
| PLEASANT DALE | 1,613.03 | 1,468.45 | 1,546.12 | 1,272.52 | 5,900.12 |
| PLEASANT HILL | 1,466.68 | 733.34 | 1,100.01 | 1,100.00 | 4,400.03 |
| PLEASANT RIDGE | 750.11 | 479.11 | 544.45 | 498.78 | 2,272.45 |
| POOLVILLE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 915.00 | 0.00 | 915.00 |
| TEMPLE | 0.00 | 500.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| WALLERVILLE | 1,032.00 | 774.00 | 774.00 | 774.00 | 3,354.00 |
| ZION HILL | 259.20 | 221.28 | 242.40 | 278.40 | 1,001.28 |
| TOTAL GIVING FROM CHURCHES: | 29,919.38 | 29,261.97 | 30,490.19 | 27,603.38 | 117,274.92 |

Continued: Union County Baptist Association General Account

| Income Reimbursed & Designated: | 1/1/2025-3/31/2025 | 4/1/2025-6/30/2025 | 7/1/2025-9/30/2025 | 10/1/2025-12/31/2025 | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 105 First Choice Center for Women | 1,000.11 | 525.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,525.11 |
| 108 Equipment (Party Trailer) | 0.00 | 778.94 | 5,979.00 | 0.00 | 6,757.94 |
| 110 Leadership Training | 375.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 125 Missions | 0.00 | 98.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 98.42 |
| 145 Good Samaritan Maintenance | 780.00 | 33.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 847.00 |
| 302 Senior Adult Rallies | 0.00 | 32.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 32.95 |
| Total Reimbursed & Designated | 2,155.11 | 1,843.81 | 6,354.00 | 375.00 | 10,727.92 |
| EXPENSES: | 1/1/2025-3/31/2025 | 4/1/2025-6/30/2025 | 7/1/2025-9/30/2025 | 10/1/2025-12/31/2025 | Total |
| Designated Expenses | 1,031.37 | 7,756.36 | 375.00 | 493.10 | 9,655.83 |
| Associational Ministries | 467.02 | 1,422.04 | 578.24 | 1,939.04 | 4,406.34 |
| Associational Operations | 7,638.61 | 3,066.84 | 2,959.17 | 3,538.16 | 17,202.78 |
| Personnel | 19,381.19 | 18,980.57 | 19,229.68 | 19,688.90 | 77,280.34 |
| Taxes | | | | | |
| Federal Payroll Taxes | 4,061.33 | 4,085.10 | 4,085.10 | 4085.10 | 16,316.63 |
| State Payroll Taxes | 590.00 | 603.00 | 603.00 | 603.00 | 2,399.00 |
| TOTAL Budgeted EXPENSE | 32,138.15 | 4,688.10 | 4,688.10 | 4,688.10 | 117,605.09 |
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2025 | 74,484.53 | | | | |
| INCOME FROM CHURCHES | 117,274.92 | | | | |
| Designated Reimbursed | 10,727.92 | | | | |
| TOTAL YTD EXPENSE | 117,605.09 | | | | |
| Designated Expense | 9,655.83 | | | | |
| Ending Balance as of 12/31/2025 | | 75,226.45 | | | |

January 2026

This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
SBC International & Global
Missionaries

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|-----------|---|--------|----------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month | 6 | 7 | 8 Ministers' Meeting 11:30 a.m. UCBA Office | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Sanctity of Human Life | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Small Church Youth Ministry Workshop Jericho Baptist Church | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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February 2026

This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Our Military Families

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------|--|--|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Pathways to Partnership Union County Baptist Association | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Focus on WMU | 16 Presidents Day Association Office Closed | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |

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March 2026

**This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Pastor's Wives
(Appreciation Month)**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|-----------|--|--------|----------|
| 1 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis | 2 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight Savings | 9 Association Office Closed for Spring Break 9 - 13 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Ministers' Meeting 11:30 a.m. at UCBA | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |

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April 2026

**This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Lost & Unchurched**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---------|-----------|--|--------|----------|
| 29 Worship Leaders & Musicians Appreciation Month | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 Association Office Closed for Easter Holiday | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Easter | 6 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 State Bible Drills FBC, Tupelo | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Assoc Bible Drills Hillcrest B.C. Registration 1-2 Drills begin 1:30 p.m. | 20 State Bible Drills Hillcrest B.C. 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | |

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