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UNION COUNTY IS OUR MISSION FIELD

FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE ?

The following is taken from the book *Illustrations Unlimited*.

Have you ever wondered what happened to those fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence? What are some of the events which took place after that historical document was sealed to show us how freedom is never free?

Five of the signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Here are some of the examples of what freedom cost these men and their families:

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships destroyed by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals, soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General Washington to open fire, which he did. The home was destroyed and Nelson died in total bankruptcy.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year, he lived in the forests and caves, only to return home after the war to find his wife dead and his children completely vanished. He died a few weeks later from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston faced similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. These were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: **“For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”** (Last line of the Declaration of Independence).

We live in the most free country in the world. God has given us this amazing opportunity to be born in the United States. As followers of Christ, we must always be mindful that the greatest freedom is found in and through the person of Jesus, who is the Messiah. There is no other freedom like the kind that He alone can give. That freedom should demand total surrender of everyone of us who claim His name. He has liberated us from the dominion of sin and transferred us into His everlasting Kingdom. We are free, but our freedom was not free - our freedom cost Jesus His life.



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**So if the Son sets you free, you
really will be free.**

John 8:36

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

CORNERVILLE - PERRY REED, PASTOR
103 CORNERVILLE 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

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

JERICO - 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

NEELY - JEREMIAH MCMILLEN, PASTOR
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

MAY

- 4 - EASTON & SUANNA SMITH - BEULAH
- 5 - MIKE & BRENDA POWELL - ELLISTOWN
- 8 - JERRY BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
- 11 - PERRY & PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
- 12 - NOAH & ALYSSA WHITEHEAD - NEW HARMONY
- 13 - KELVIN & PENNY MEEKS - ZION HILL
- 14 - JEREMIAH & CHRISTI MCMILLEN - NEELY
- 15 - DEBRA MCCUTCHEN - LIGHTHOUSE
- 17 - KELVIN MEEKS - ZION HILL
- 25 - ALLAN & JOY CASTEEL - BLUE SPRINGS
- 30 - DON SPARKS - PLEASANT DALE
- 30 - SELAH SMITH - HARMONY

JUNE

- 5 - ANDY & SUSAN RUSSELL - MARTIN
- 7 - DANIEL SMITH - HARMONY
- 9 - DONNA RAKESTRAW - WALLERVILLE
- 10 - JD & AUGUSTE HANKINS - FREEDONIA
- 15 - PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
- 16 - TABITHA WHITE - NEW HOPE
- 25 - CORY & MARIANNE LANCASTER - BEECH SPRINGS
- 26 - BOBBY & PATTY WILBANKS - OAK VIEW
- 28 - LISA BENEFIELD - NORTHSIDE
- 29 - EASTON SMITH - BEULAH
- 30 - JERRY & MARY ANN BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
- 30 - PAULETTE SCHUMAN - TEMPLE

JULY

- 1 - STEVE & SUSAN LITTLETON - PLEASANT HILL
- 5 - ALLAN CASTEEL - BLUE SPRINGS
- 7 - HEATHER DULEY - PARKS
- 7 - DON & DEBRA MCCUTCHEN - LIGHTHOUSE
- 8 - SETH KIRKLAND - MACEDONIA
- 9 - MITCHELL & LISA HALL - MOSS HILL
- 10 - SCOTT DULEY - PARKS
- 13 - BETHANY BUSBY - CENTER
- 18 - LARRY & PAM BAIN - MT. GILEAD
- 18 - AMANDA MAGERS - INGOMAR
- 24 - BOBBY WILBANKS - OAK VIEW
- 24 - SETH AND KIM KIRKLAND - MACEDONIA
- 25 - BRADLEY & BETH BAKER - UCBA
- 27 - BETTY FARLEY - MYRTLE
- 31 - CHRIS MCCLUSKEY - JERICHO

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JERICHO BAPTIST

KODY MORE- VICE MODERATOR
GLENFIELD BAPTIST

SHERRY JONES - TREASURER/CLERK

JARED BUSBY - CONVENTION
BOARD MEMBER
CENTER BAPTIST

RISE

TRAINING

2026

Association Union County & Pontotoc Associations
Date August 11, 2026, at 6:00PM
Location Ingomar Baptist Church
1112 County Road 90, New Albany

SCHEDULE

6:00 Welcome/Overview
6:10 Meal
6:30 Breakout #1
7:20 Break
7:30 Breakout #2
8:45 Dismissal

Breakouts

Returning to a Missional Mindset in the Local Church

Mapping and Demographics for Missional Impact

Reach Your Community Through the Power of Prayer

Reaching Today's Families

Hospitality Matters

Growing Sunday School, Flakes 5

Outward Connection and Care

How to Reach College Students in Non-College Towns

Register by scanning the QR Code or by visiting mbcb.org/rise.

You can also call the Union County Association at 662.534.3940 to register or for any questions.



May 2026

This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Local/State/National
Government

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Senior Adult Rally 10 a.m. Ellistown B.C.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Assoc. Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

July 2026

**This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Our Nation**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month Assoc Office Closed For 4 th Holiday	7	8	9 Central Hills Children's Camp 9 – 11	10	11
12	13 Central Hills Children's Camp 13 – 15	14	15	16 Central Hills Children's Camp 16 – 18	17	18
19	20 Central Hills Children's Camp 20 – 22	21	22	23 Central Hills Children's Camp 23 – 25	24	25
26	27 Central Hills Children's Camp 27 – 29	28	29	30	31	

June 2026

This Month's Prayer Emphasis:
Our Churches

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 First Monday's Prayer Emphasis for the Month Central Hills Student Camp 1-4	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Central Hills Student Camp 8 - 11	9	10	11 Ministers' Meeting 11:30 a.m. at UCBA	12	13
14	15 Central Hills Children's Camp 15 - 17	16	17	18 Central Hills Children's Camp 18 - 20	19	20
21 Father's Day	22 Central Hills Children's Camp 22 - 24	23	24	25 Central Hills Children's Camp 25 - 27	26	27
28	29 Central Hills Student Camp 29 - 7/2	30	1	2	3	4

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Bro. Chris McCluskey called the meeting to order and read from 2 Timothy 4. Opening in Prayer.

MINUTES:

Minutes from October 6, 2025, were presented in a handout. Time was given for all to look over the minutes.

Bro. Larry Bain made the motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

Second was by Bro. Jared Busby. Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The YTD Financial report was presented in a handout, with Ms. Sherry pointing out expenses and the ending balance of \$74,428.49 at the end of March.

Bro. Larry Chism made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented..

Second was by Bro. Noah Whitehead.

Motion Carried.

STATE BOARD MEMBER:

Bro. Noah Whitehead made the motion for Bro. Jared Busby to serve as Union County Baptist Association's Mississippi Baptist State Board Member for a term of 3 years.

Second was by Bro. Donnie Schuman. Motion Carried.

There was no Old Business:

AMS REPORT:

Bro. Bradley discussed problems we have been having with our copier and how difficult it has been to get it fixed in a timely manner. He also shared it had been taken apart several times to be worked on and still the copies are unsatisfactory. Bro. Bradley shared the different things happening in the Region with a Church Conflict Conference and an upcoming RISE Conference hosted at Ingomar. Also, sharing about the Pastor's Cohort that meets monthly about Church revitalization. The Cohort is funded by MBCB.

He discussed looking at the next 10 years plus and how the Associational Ministry is changing. How can the Association be relevant in 10 years? We are looking at moving in with a church & selling the Associational building. If we do this the Executive Board will make this decision. We have met with the administrative and finance teams and discussed this.

Sherry will be retiring at the end of the year. We are looking at keeping her 10 plus hours a month to continue to do our finances, paying bills, payroll, financial reports, and paying taxes. Due to the many changes, we are not looking at replacing her. This will save the association approximately 37,000 a year. We can allocate her salary to missions and ministries.

We have a good buffer in the general account and are looking at moving 42,000 into a 5-month CD to earn 3.9% to be a good steward of what God has given us.

Bro. Bradley discussed estimated yearly cost of the building. Upon approval from the administrative and finance teams we met with a realtor to get an idea of what the building could sell for. Bro. Bradley shared comps from the realtor, and he suggested we would fall between 50 and 55 dollars per square foot. Funds from the sale would be put in an interest-bearing High Yield Money Market account to compound interest. This would set the Association up to be healthy for the next 15 to 20 years.

Bro. Bradley open the floor for discussion. There was concern about Good Samaritan, but they would have first option to purchase the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bro. Chris recognized Annette Hickey, Associational Finance Team member. Ms. Annette made the recommendation on behalf of the finance team to purchase a new copier from Copy Write for \$4,000 plus tax.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Annette made the recommendation from the finance team to sign the service contract with Copy Write.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Continued

Ms. Annette made the recommendation from the finance team to move 42,000 from the general account into a 5-month CD to draw interest, at BNA Bank. Signers can remain the same as on the general account; Bradley Baker, Sherry Jones, Amy Creighton, Mike Nobles, and Mike Scott. But due to convenience the CD signers will be Sherry Jones and Mike Nobles.

Motion Carried.

Bro. Chris recognized Bro. Larry Wood, Chairman of the Associational Administrative Team.

Bro. Larry made the recommendation from the Administrative Team to give the Administrative and Finance Teams the authority to take any and all steps in selling the building.

22 votes to approve

0 opposition

Motion Carried.

Bro. Bradley shared in light of the decision on taking steps to sell the building, we need to renew Good Samaritan's Lease from May 1st to November 1st with no changes. We will revisit the Lease in October.

Bro. Bobby Butler made the motion to accept the Lease from May 1st to November 1st with no changes.

Second by Bro. Noah Whitehead

Motion Carried.

ADJOURN:

Bro. Bobby Butler made the motion to cease business and adjourn.

Second by Bro. Larry Wood

Motion Carried.

Churches Represented: 21 Churches represented with 32 in attendance, 3 officers and 1 Finance Team member. 29 Voting members.

Zion Hill, New Harmony, Pleasant Hill, Beech Springs, Cornersville, Amaziah, Poolville, Center, Ellistown, Northside, Pleasant Ridge, Mt Gilead, Old Oak Grove, Macedonia, First Baptist, Liberty, Harmony, Parks, Jericho, Hillcrest, Temple.

Union County Baptist Association General Account

2026 Year to Date Report	1/1/2026- 3/31/2026	4/1/2026 - 6/30/2026	7/1/20206 - 9/30/2026	10/1/2026- 12/31/2026	Total
Income - Churches:					
AMAZIAH	750.00				750.00
BEECH SPRINGS	450.00				450.00
BETHEL	550.00				550.00
BEULAH	695.00				695.00
BLUE SPRINGS	0.00				0.00
CENTER	1,650.00				1,650.00
CORNERVILLE	100.00				100.00
ELLISTOWN	0.00				0.00
ENTERPRISE	0.00				0.00
FBC NEW ALBANY	3,000.00				3,000.00
FREDONIA	5,050.00				5,050.00
GLENFIELD	500.00				500.00
HARMONY	300.00				300.00
HILLCREST	550.00				550.00
INGOMAR	3,058.90				3,058.90
JERICHO	677.91				677.91
KEOWNVILLE	328.50				328.50
LIBERTY	1,500.00				1,500.00
LIGHTHOUSE	978.56				978.56
MACEDONIA	1,868.87				1,868.87
MARTIN	300.00				300.00
MOSS HILL	400.00				400.00
MOUNT GILEAD	198.00				198.00
MYRTLE	0.00				0.00
NEELY	150.00				150.00
NEW HARMONY	1,257.89				1,257.89
NEW HOPE	1,616.04				1,616.04
NORTHSIDE	302.98				302.98
Nueva Vida	0.00				-
OAK HILL	0.00				-
OAKVIEW	0.00				0.00
OLD OAK GROVE	1,200.00				1,200.00
PARKS	845.47				845.47
PLEASANT DALE	1,278.39				1,278.39
PLEASANT HILL	1,103.01				1,103.01
PLEASANT RIDGE	598.86				598.86
POOLVILLE	0.00				0.00
TEMPLE	0.00				-
WALLERVILLE	774.00				774.00
ZION HILL	289.20				289.20
TOTAL GIVING FROM CHURCHES:	32,321.58	-	-	-	32,321.58

Continued: Union County Baptist Association General Account

Income Reimbursed & Designated:

108 Equipment (Party Trailer)	0.00				
110 Leadership Training	375.00				
125 Missions	0.00				
145 Good Samaritan Maintenance	820.00				
302 Senior Adult Rallies	0.00				
Total Reimbursed & Designated	1,195.00	-	-	-	1,195.00

	1/1/2026- 3/31/2026	4/1/2026 - 6/30/2026	7/1/20206 - 9/30/2026	10/1/2026- 12/31/2026	Total
EXPENSES:					
Designated Expenses	430.08				430.08
Associational Ministries	1,537.43				1,537.43
Associational Operations	854.10				854.10
Assoc Facilities & Equipment	7,459.52				7,459.52
Personnel	17,713.27				17,713.27
Personnel Benefits	1,500.00				1,500.00
Federal Taxes	4,217.14				4,217.14
State Taxes	603.00				603.00
TOTAL Budgeted EXPE	33,884.46	-	-	-	33,884.46
BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2026	75,226.45				
INCOME FROM CHURCHES	32,321.58				
Designated Reimbursed	1,195.00				
TOTAL YTD EXPENSE	33,884.46				
Designated Expense	430.08				
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2026	74,428.49				