



Frequently Asked *Questions*

1. WHO ARE THE DEACONS? WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEACONS?

At United Believers Community Church, deacons are assigned to care for families. They are assigned families through an alphabetical listing. You can call the church office at North or South Campus to get to know your deacon.

The deacons are: Edward Newsome, Jerome Turner, Henry Keys, Burnut Woods, Eldon Spears, Steve Edgerson, Elbert Johnson, Ron Hamilton, Sylvester Rhynes, Robert Newsome, Ron Sims, Chris Dukes, Lee Brown, and John Pitts.

Biblically, deacons support the Pastor in care leadership through relieving him so that he can more fully focus on preaching, teaching, and leading the congregation.

2. I AM GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT FAMILY CRISIS IN MY LIFE, DOES THE CHURCH HAVE COUNSELING AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES?

Our deacons are instructed to care for you! Please email the Chairperson of Deacons -- Sylvester Rhynes at sylvester_rhynes@yahoo.com and he will ensure that your deacon contacts you. Until then, be encouraged!

3. WHAT IS PASTOR'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY?

Pastor Edwards has a four-fold emphasis to preach, teach, cast vision, and set the overall direction of the church. With an increased membership, two campuses, and busy itinerant preaching and teaching schedule, all other matters are delegated to responsible church leadership.

4. I AM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CAN I STOP BY AND SEE PASTOR EDWARDS?

Sure. Pastor Edwards loves to meet with his parishioners and people in general. However, your visit may have to be limited due to his complex schedule and prior commitments. The best way to ensure a visit is to schedule an appointment through the his secretary – MS BETTY HARDIN at msbettyatubcc@yahoo.com

5. TELL ME ABOUT PASTOR EDWARDS AND HIS FAMILY

Pastor Darron LaMonte Edwards, Sr. is originally from Waxahachie, Texas (20 minutes south of Dallas, Texas). He is married to his college sweetheart -- Michelle - who is a high school English teacher. They are the proud parents of four wonderful children (DJ, DeMarcus, Keianna, and Adrianna). They reside in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

6. WHAT ARE OUR CHURCH'S WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES?

We are ONE CHURCH located on TWO CAMPUSES.

South Campus Schedule:

Life Development at 8:00 a.m.

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Night Teaching at 6:30 p.m.

North Campus Schedule:

Life Development at 10:00 a.m.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Word on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

All corporate preaching and teaching is led by Pastor Edwards unless an unforeseen occurrence or extremely rare pre- scheduled appearance will have him out of his pulpit on Sundays. Our bible studies (TNT & WOW) is an interactive time with Pastor as he takes us in-depth into the subject matter discussed on Sunday. Feel free to ask questions, laugh, and join in for one hour on these days.

7. WHAT IS LIFE DEVELOPMENT? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT?

Life Development is a non-traditional systematic approach to empowering lives. through small group study. Much like taking collegiate elective courses, members sign up for their preferred course and attend it for 3 months. We also have a traditional Sunday School Class.

Responsible leadership, dedicated volunteer teachers and you are keys to the success of this ministry. You can contact Minister Winnie Stuckey at stuckeyjewell@aol.com

8. HOW DO I GET A COPY OF TODAY'S SERMONS?

Stop by the media center on both campus and you can get a copy of the message for that worship service. You can also email the Media Ministry at ubccmedia@yahoo.com

9. DOES THE CHURCH OFFER CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND NURSERY SERVICES?

Yes. The church is honored to take care of your children and offer them an experience with God. Our children's leadership is CPR trained and certified and has established security measures to ensure the safety of your children.

10. WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT FINANCIAL MATTERS, MINISTRY OPERATING FUNDS, AND TAX STATEMENTS?

Our financial chairman is Brother Jerry Newsome. You can email him at jerrynewsome@kc.rr.com -- He is assisted by several others who can lead you to find the answers that you need as it relates to church finances.

11. WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON TITHES AND OFFERINGS?

The scriptural treasures of the Holy Word, foundation of the church, and the teachings of Pastor Edwards instruct us to be a totally tithes and free will offerings ministry. At United Believers, we give because it is right to give! Selling, raffling, baking, and collecting dues are improper methods to finance kingdom operations. For we understand that in God's eyes, when our faith is raised -- the funds are raised.

12. HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHURCH'S SPONSORED EVENTS AT THE CHURCH?

Due to time restraints, verbal announcements are limited. However, if you will watch and read the video screen -- it will give you the most up to date information about the happenings at the church. You can also sign up for the church email list.

13. WHO DO I CONTACT IN CASE OF DEATH IN MY FAMILY?

Please contact your family deacon and the church office. Your family deacon or church office will alert Pastor Edwards who will respond to you personally.

14. ALSO, WHO DO I CONTACT IF I AM GETTING MARRIED?

First of all, contact the church office. You will need to schedule 3 counseling sessions (mandatory if Pastor Edwards will be performing the nuptials) with Pastor or his designee, confirm date and location and make sure Pastor and all said parties have that date cleared on their personal calendars.

15. HOW CAN I JOIN A MINISTRY AT UNITED BELIEVERS?

If you have completed New Members Orientation, that's it. We also give you free assessments of your Spiritual Gifts to help you better determine where you can be used to your fullest potential. Once you have determined what you want to do, speak with your deacon and he will get you in contact with the respective ministry leader who will inform you of small group activities.

16. WHAT ARE THE DOCTRINAL POSITIONS OF UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH?

We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. Second Timothy 3:16 , Second Peter 1:20-21.

We believe God is the creator of the heavens and the earth. GOD, The Self-Existent One, has existed eternally in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He rules over and cares for everyone. Matthew 23:9, John 1:3

We believe Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He is the Redeemer who came and died, in order to bring mankind into fellowship with God, and reconciled the lost through his bodily resurrection. He is the only way to God. John 14:6, John 19:10

We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, guides people into a right relationship with God, convicts the world of sin, and provides the Christian with power for living above and beyond mediocrity. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation and gives every believer a spiritual gift. Second Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, John 14:16-17, I Corinthians 12:7 11, Galatians 5:25

We believe salvation is a gift from God, received by faith, and purchased through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Romans 5:15, 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10

We believe in Eternal Security - Once saved, always saved. John 3:14-18, John 10:28-31, Romans 8:1 Romans 8:33-39, Hebrews 11:13, 32-33.

We believe the church is the body of Jesus Christ made up of persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The church is to exalt God, evangelize the lost, and edify the saints. Matthew 28:19- 20

We believe in water baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper. These are acts of obedience and by no means offer any hope of salvation alone. Acts 8:39, Mark 1:5, 10, Romans 6:3-5, First Corinthians 11:23-26

We believe that those who have accepted Jesus Christ are given at least one spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit. They are God-empowered abilities which enable the believer to serve Christ. First Corinthians 12:7, 11

We believe Satan is a real, living and an active being, who is the enemy of God and the deceiver of mankind. First Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11, First Thessalonians 2:18

We believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ, the rapture of the saints, and the bodily resurrection of the dead. After the judgment, mankind will live in heaven or hell. First Corinthians 15:44, Matthew 25:41-46, Matthew 25:34-36

We believe people are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude that separates people from God and causes many problems in life. Genesis 1:27, Psalms 8:3-6, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:1-2

17. HOW DO I JOIN UNITED BELIEVERS CHURCH?

There is a point in every worship service (The Open Door) when the pastor will ask you to pray. Once God speaks to a person's heart, it is then that person's total responsibility to respond to the voice of God by leaving his/her seat and walking towards the altar. For unsaved people, this is a step towards accepting Christ as their personal Savior. For saved yet unchurched people (you do not have any active membership in a local church), this is a step towards reuniting with the church.

Persons are not required to speak before the church. A Deacon, Minister, or Altar worker will escort the individual to a private room for brief biblical advice and information sharing.

18. WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE?

www.BelieveAndBelong.org

19. WHAT ARE THE CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS?

North Campus 816-361-9996

South Campus 816-761-3777

20. WHAT IS THE "SLOGAN" OF UNITED BELIEVERS CHURCH?

We build people!