



# UNION BAPTIST CHURCH



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*The church in the heart of the community with the people of the community in it's heart*



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# Old Testament

*Psalms 2:1-8 | NKJV*

**1** Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

**2** The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

**3** “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

**4** He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

**5** Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

**6** “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

**7** “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

**8** Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.

## *New Testament*

*Matthew 28:16-20 | NKJV*

**16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

**17** When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted.

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20** Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## Church Covenant

**Leader:** Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the LORD Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully renew this covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

**Cong:** We engage, therefore, by the aid of Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every other organization of human origin.

**Leader:** To contribute cheerfully and regularly as God has prospered us, toward the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

**Cong:** We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study the Word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance.

**Leader:** to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our service.

**Cong:** We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, bear one another's sorrows; and to cultivate Christian courtesy.

**Leader:** To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior to secure it without delay.

**All:** When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

# **May 2026 - Weekly Witness Guide**

## **Scripture Readings and Devotional**

### *WEEK 1 - May 3, 2026*

Theme: "The Risen Christ Commissions Imperfect People"  
Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus gave the Great Commission to disciples who were worshiping Him while some still doubted; He commissioned them anyway. Your imperfections, your inconsistencies, and your unanswered questions do not disqualify you from being used by God. The risen Christ has always worked through imperfect people, and He is not about to stop now.

### *WEEK 2 - May 10, 2026*

Theme: "Love Opens the Door"  
John 21:15-17

When Jesus restored Peter He connected love directly to purpose, "If you love Me, feed My sheep." Genuine witnessing is never a religious obligation or a spiritual technique but simply love for Jesus overflowing into love for people. When people feel truly cared for and genuinely noticed, they become open to hearing about the One who taught you to love them.

# **Weekly Witness Guide**

## **Scripture Readings and Devotional**

*WEEK 3 - May 17, 2026*

Theme: "The Unlikely Witness"

John 9:20-25

The man born blind could not answer every theological argument the Pharisees threw at him, but he could say with absolute confidence, "I was blind and now I see." Nobody could take that from him. Your history, including the parts you are most ashamed of, are often the most powerful evidence that Jesus Christ is alive and still changing lives. The people who knew you before Christ are watching you after, and that contrast is a sermon no one can argue with.

*WEEK 4 - May 24, 2026*

Theme: "The Holy Spirit Makes You a Witness"

Acts 1:1-11 - Ascension Sunday Week

Before Jesus ascended He made an extraordinary promise, that His disciples would receive supernatural power to be His witnesses in the world. You are not sent out expected to witness in your own strength. The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead goes before you, speaks through you, and seals the results after you. Your responsibility is simply faithful availability - the Holy Spirit handles everything else.

# **Weekly Witness Guide**

## **Scripture Readings and Devotional**

*WEEK 5 - May 31, 2026*

Theme: "Go - The Witness Never Stops"

Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost was the beginning of a witness that has never stopped, from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the ends of the earth and all the way to you. The same Spirit who fell on those first disciples, that turned fishermen into preachers and frightened followers into fearless witnesses, lives in every believer today. The commission has not been cancelled, the power has not been withdrawn, and the harvest is still waiting the only question, is whether you will go?

*MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE*

*Acts 1:8 (NKJV)*

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*





# SERMON NOTES

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