

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in His Holy Word, He never failed us yet.

HISTORY OF THE SECOND UNION MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Second Union Missionary Baptist Church was founded and organized under the leadership of Rev. George Washington on March 12, 1894, Rev. Matt Bryar was the second pastor, and he served as pastor until early 1903. The third pastor was Rev. Mack Williams, who became the pastor in 1903, and served until his death in the fall of 1911. Rev. Isaac Williams, who was baptized here and later ordained, carried on the services while Rev. Mack Williams was ill. Rev. Mack Williams was elected pastor in 1912 and served until 1923. During the leadership of both Rev. Isaac and Rev. Mack Williams, Sunday School services and Baptist Youth Planning Unit were held. Additionally, under their leadership, the church purchased 1/3 acre of property. Rev. Lewis Jones became pastor in 1923 and served until his death on May 7, 1929. Rev. J.S. Robinson became pastor in July 1929, and served until 1935. The church purchased an additional ½ acre of property. Rev. Dave Williams became the pastor in 1935, and he served faithfully until 1938.

In the year 1938, Dr. G. C. Jacobs was elected pastor of the Second Union Missionary Baptist Church. Under Dr. Jacob's leadership and guidance, the Second Union Baptist Church prospered in many ways, especially when you consider the time and patience that it took to form the various auxiliaries and organizations that we are so proud of today. The church was torn down in 1958 due to Hurricane Audrey and was later rebuilt. Later classrooms were added and the air conditioning system was installed. Due to illness, Rev. Jacobs resigned as pastor of Second Union in January 1976 after servicing as pastor for 38 years. The Lord blessed us to have Rev. Albert Robinson as an Associate Minister who carried on services until a pastor was elected. In April 1976 Rev. Wilbert Wilson, Jr. was elected as pastor of Second Union Missionary Baptist Church. Under Rev. Wilson's leadership the church prospered tremendously. Under his leadership the Welfare Fund was organized where the church helped many people in need. The church also helped various charitable organizations, such as: The Wolverine Foundation, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation and the Doll and Toy Fund, just to name a few. Our Youth Department was organized and our church membership increased greatly. In 1979 five deacons were ordained: Deacon Curtis Robinson, Sr., Deacon Johnnie Elie, Deacon Wesley Anderson, Deacon Charlie Gilmore (who was later called into the ministry); and Deacon Joseph Hudson, Jr. In 1983, Bro. James Ivory, Sr. was added to the Board of Deacons. In 1985 we were blessed to build a new cafeteria and fellowship hall that was dedicated in the names of the late Rev. G.C. Jacobs and Deacon Dan Taylor. Additionally under Rev. Wilson's leadership, Rev. Charlie Gilmore was appointed as Youth Minister. Rev. Wilson remained our pastor until August 1985.

On Sunday, December 19, 1985, Rev. Theodore Simon was elected as pastor. The installation services were held on Sunday, January 26, 1986 by the United Educational Missionary Baptist Association under the leadership of the late Dr. R. B. Bennett. Under Rev. Simon's leadership, Night Services and Baptist Training Unit classes were conducted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights. In 1988, Deacon Alfred Dearbone was added to the Board of Deacons. The church was blessed with Rev. Charles Dearbone on October 14, 1989. Rev. Charles Simon was called to the ministry and he preached his first sermon on June 2, 1990. Both ministers was appointed by Rev. Simon to conduct Wednesday night Bible Studies. In 1993, Bro. Gary Phillips, Sr. was added to the Board of Deacons. During 1996 and 1997 many needed improvements to the church and fellowship hall were made. In 1999, Bro. Roosevelt Anderson, Sr, and Bro. Willie Young were added to the Board of Deacons. For the New Year, the Millennium 2000, we came together for our first Watch Care Service. In June 2001, Pastor Simon announced that he would be retiring as Pastor of the Second Union Missionary Baptist Church, due to his illness. He preached his last sermon on the 4th Sunday in June, 2001. The church hosted a retirement service for him on the 2nd Sunday in July 2001. During his leadership we can truly say we were fed with the Word of God. Pastor Simon encouraged us to "keep on keeping on."

On Sunday, October 14, 2001, Rev. Joseph Martin, Jr. was elected as Pastor. With his vision, many updates were made to the church. In 2002, a major restoration of the Inglewood Cemetery were done, which included the purchase of crosses and a flag pole. A dedication service for the restoration of the Inglewood Cemetery was held on Sunday, May 25, 2003. During the dedication ceremony a bronze memorial was donated and unveiled by Mrs. Polly Keller Winters. In 2003, Deacon

Frederick Carr was added to the Board of Deacons. In 2005, the church acquired through donation by Mrs. Patricia Fowler an additional .51 acres of land that was appraised at \$10,000.00. The church also signed a Land Use Agreement between the church and Scott and Katherine Anderson.

In 2009, four new deacons were added to the Board of Deacons: Bro. Anthony Sewell, Sr., Bro. Michael Robinson, Bro. Tommy Robinson, Jr. and Bro. James Woods, Sr.

On Saturday, August 20, 2011 the church held a Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin the building of the new sanctuary, which we considered to be a historical event. Several Ministers, Councilman and Elected Officials were present to witness this event. In November 2012, the new sanctuary was completed. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Sunday, December 9, 2012 assisted by the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce and its officials. In addition, a passing of the Torch Ceremony was held. The torch was passed by an older church member down to the youngest church member. December 9, 2012, marked a very heart felt, spiritual and memorable occasion in the history of the Second Union Missionary Baptist Church. On Sunday, December 16, 2012, the Dedication of the new Sanctuary was held. We can never forget the past foundation of Second Union church and its members who have gone on to be with the Lord. We will always remember those members who laid the early foundation. We continue to rejoice and give praise to God for His bountiful blessings as we share in Pastor Martin's vision and goals of expanding our outreach efforts and as such, we continue to strive to live the creed of the purposes of our church. Worship – Magnifying His Name; Reach – Sharing the Message of Love; Teach – Equipping God's People for Ministry; Grow – Developing Christians to Model His Character and Serve – Ministering to the Needs of the Community. In July, 2015 our Church's Website (www.secondunionmbc.org) was established and later four Deacons were added to the Board of Deacons: Bro. Jerrell Antwine, Sr., Bro. James D. Hickman, and Deacon Jerry Phillips. In October, 2015 the foundation was laid for the parking lot which is the second phase of our building fund project. In 2016, Bro. Kevin Johnson, and Deacon George Buckner was added to the Board of Deacons. On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Second Union held a service for the dedication of the conference room to be named the Fowler and Davis Conference Room, and the old sanctuary to be named; Simon and Martin Family Center. In September 2017, Deacon Calvin Balque, was added to the Board of Deacons. In addition, by the grace of God, Keller Enterprise, LLC, blessed our church with a monetary donation that allowed us to complete the parking lot in front of the church. In 2018, many updates and accomplishments were made. On Sunday, September 16, 2018, Second Union held an Ordination Service, ordaining eight Deacons: Roosevelt M. Anderson, Sr, Jerrell Antwine Sr.; James D. Hickman; Kevin U. Johnson; Gary W. Phillips, Sr.; Tommy Robinson, Jr; Anthony Sewell, Sr.; and James Woods, Sr., with the UEMBA Officiating. In addition, on July 10, 2018 the Board of Directors of Inglewood Grace Community Outreach Ministries, Inc. met with Attorney Ingrid Johnson to discuss, and to accept the donation of property of 0.312 acre by Moreland Farms, LLC. By the grace of God, on September 26, 2018, all legal documents for the donation of property was signed and notarized. On today, we will remember the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future with greater expectations by Faith, in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.