
The Vision

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
UNIVERSITY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome New Deacons!

Thank you to all who voted on-line or in-person. Our six new deacons are:



Edem Agedzi



Vernon Allen



Rob Boyer



Tony Dean



Joe Moreau



Bob Wiley

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Indoor Worship | Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 a.m.

- We will continue with our recommendations to wear face coverings and to physically distance at least six feet from those not in the same household.
- We will continue seating households at least six feet apart from other households, so face coverings may not be necessary during the worship service (unless you are seated in the “mask only” section).
- (From [Frequently Asked Questions for Executive Order No. 147](#)) “A face covering does not need to be worn by a [person] meeting one of the following exceptions:
 - Should not wear a face covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance);
 - Is under eleven years of age;
 - Is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience”
- We will continue to provide a “no-touch” experience with doors open, offering collection in a designated place, no paper worship documents.
- Plan to stay home and join us [online](#) if you have any of the following Covid19 symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
- The lyrics and order of worship can be found on the Church App (download the app [HERE](#)). If you would like a printed copy, please print at home and bring with you on Sunday. You may also use your mobile device to view the lyrics.

Annie Armstrong 2020

Given So Far: \$9,439.00

(Almost to our goal of \$10,000.00!)



UNCC Students Need Food!!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jamil Niner Student Pantry at UNCC is now helping 150-200 students per week instead of their normal 40-50 students!! For the month of August, we are going to collect food items to help them out!

Please purchase one or more of the items from the list below (only these items please) and put them in the designated box in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. If you are not attending church, you can drop the items by the church office on Mondays–Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thank you so much!!!

- Dried Chickpeas
- Dried Black Beans
- 1 LB bags of White or Brown Rice
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese (boxes)
- Pasta – any variety, boxes preferred
- Canned FRUIT – pineapple, pears, peaches, mandarin oranges and fruit cocktail

BOUND TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

As I invite you to participate in our Lord's Supper gathering on Sunday morning, August 16 at 10:30, I am recalling where we were just before our last Lord's Supper service on May 3. At that time, we were six weeks into a new and very unwelcome relationship with Covid-19. Since those early days of the pandemic much has changed while much remains the same. One thing, or should I say, "One Person," who has remained eternally unchanged is our consistent and



unmovable heavenly Father. One adjective that comes to mind when I think of our steadfast God is "Immutable." We don't use that word often, but my online dictionary uses synonyms like "unchangeable, permanent, unshakeable, abiding, and lasting," to help me understand what it means to be in a relationship with the triune God, a relationship that is dynamic, alive, and enduring through all generations and all seasons of life.

On Sunday, August 16, we will have an opportunity to meet with God around the Table of the Lord's Supper—at his invitation. Separated, but bound together by the Spirit of God, the Table of the Lord's Supper is one of the places where God meets us and draws us individually and collectively to himself. It is the place he has designed for us to recall his covenantal action on behalf of his people:

Now as [the disciples] were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:26-29).

As we prepare for the Table event on August 16 at 10:30 a.m., please note these instructions. If you attend the worship gathering in person, individually wrapped juice and wafer sets will be provided as you enter the Gathering Place. Please approach the juice-and-wafer station with an open hand, and a juice and wafer set will be placed in your hand. If you participate in the August 16 worship service online, we ask that you have some provisions on hand, including something to drink (preferably, grape juice) and something to eat (preferably, a cracker). We trust that every person who desires to participate in the Table event has the necessary provisions to do so (something to eat and drink). If you find that you need the necessities of food and drink, please reach out to someone in the church office for assistance.

I look forward to worshipping alongside you every Sunday as we fix our eyes on Jesus . . . together.

Mike
Pastor for Worship

CONNECT GROUP Leaders of the Week

Adult J: C.L. Chappell

3rd-5th Grade Guys: Vernon Allen and David Gardner

We are so grateful for these Connect Group Leaders! Pray that the Lord continue to use them to grow Gospel centered community in their Connect Groups and to multiply Connect Groups by raising up and sending out new leaders.

Check out universityhills.org for a complete list of Connect Groups.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The following dates are still available for altar flowers for the remainder of 2020:

August 23 and **30**

September 6 and **20**

October 4 and **25**

November 1, 22 and **29**

The poinsettias will grace the sanctuary **December 20th**.

If you wish to provide flowers for our worship service on a particular Sunday, please call or text Avery Phillips at 704-773-2908

CONGRATULATIONS

The UHBC Family extends our love and best wishes to

Matthew Ellis Seel and **Gabrielle Rose Parker**

who were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Reverend Richard Allen “Bo” Riley, Jr., pastor of University Hills Baptist Church in Charlotte officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony held at Summerfield Farms in Summerfield (Guilford County), NC near Greensboro. A reception followed at the same location.

Matthew was born in Columbia, SC but when he was just ten months old in 1996, his family moved to Harrisburg (Cabarrus County), NC where he has lived his entire life until entering college in 2014. His parents are Rhett Hinnant Seel and Lisa Ellis Seel. He received his education at Harrisburg Elementary School, C. C. Griffin Middle School and Hickory Ridge High School (all in Harrisburg), graduating with the Class of 2014. He furthered his education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 2018. He is employed as Mechanical Design Engineer with Mussett, Nicholas and Associates in Raleigh.

Matthew's parents were former members of Westford United Methodist Church near Harrisburg until joining UHBC November 17, 2002. He made his profession of faith and was baptized into UHBC membership at that time and was active in all activities the church offered for children and youth, including playing in the Praise Band for several years before leaving for college.

Gabrielle, affectionately known as “Gabby” is a native of Oxford (Granville County), NC where she lived her entire lifetime until entering college.

She is the daughter of Timothy Glenn Parker and Cynthia Sneed Parker of Oxford. She was educated at West Oxford Elementary School, Mary Potter Middle School and J. F. Webb High School, graduating with the Class of 2014. She also furthered her education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, where, in May 2018, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work. She and Matthew met at a meeting of Campus Crusade at NC State. She is currently employed as a full-time Nanny for a Raleigh family. Her home church is Tabbs Creek Baptist Church in Oxford. She and Matthew are now members of Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh where she joined in 2018 and he moved his letter earlier this year. The newlyweds are making their home in Raleigh.



The UHBC Family also extends our love and best wishes to

Blair Emily Austin and Zachary Taylor Hunn

who were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. ceremony held at The Farmstead in Mount Pleasant (Cabarrus County), NC. Officiating at the rites was Reverend David Michael Dykes, Pastor of Discipleship at Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. A reception followed at the same location. Blair, daughter of Barry Douglas Austin and Laurin Marley Austin of Harrisburg, NC, was born in Louisville, KY while her father was a student at the seminary. The family first lived in Durham, NC before settling back into their hometown, Charlotte, NC, later moving to Harrisburg. Blair is also a granddaughter of longtime active UHBC members, William Blair Marley and Harriette LeMaster Marley. She made her profession of faith and was baptized into membership at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte in August 1997. She has been an active member of UHBC since joining when her parents did, January 11, 1998. Blair served at UHBC for six years as co-leader with Rebekah Gardner and later, Griffin Templeton, of the Young Professionals Connect Group. She was a member of the Adult Choir and co-song leader with Eden Still at the weekly Wednesday night Prayer Meeting. She was educated in Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, attending University Meadows Elementary School and James Martin Middle School and then in Cabarrus County, Central Cabarrus High School near Harrisburg, graduating with the Class of 2007. She furthered her education at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC where, in 2011, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Grade Education. She taught at Knollwood Elementary School in Salisbury, NC and then several years at C. C. Griffin Middle School near Harrisburg. In August 2019, she entered the Masters Program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY where she is pursuing her Masters of Divinity in Christian Education.



“Zach” is a native of Billings, Montana, son of Reverend John Frederick Hunn and Alexis Albright Hunn. His early years in Billings he attended the Rimrock Baptist Church where his father was serving as pastor. When Reverend Hunn accepted the call in 2001 to pastor Anchorage Grace Church in Anchorage, Alaska, Zach began attending the Grace Christian School there. He made his profession of faith and was baptized into church membership at the Anchorage church in 2001. His father was called in 2008 to pastor Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon, TN and Zach now considers this his home church. He attended the Lebanon High School, graduating with the Class of 2011. He furthered his education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Following completion of his college education, he lived for one year in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where he worked with the North American Mission Board in Collegiate Ministry at a church plant, Central Community Church. Following this, he returned to school, attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, pursuing a Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry. In August 2019 he transferred to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville to complete his studies.

Blair and Zach met in their small group at Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville (where our own Coye Still IV is on staff) and plan to transfer their church memberships there on August 23rd. While studying at the seminary, Zach is employed part time as Dispatch Supervisor with UPS and Blair works part time in the Admissions Office at the Seminary. They are making their home in Louisville.

WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

The UHBC Family extends our love and deepest sympathy to
Sandy & Gerald Simpson in the passing of their nephew,
Jackson Seth McCoy
July 20, 1996 – August 1, 2020

We also extend our love and sympathy to
Irene Kerr and Linda & Tom Williams
in the passing of their sister and aunt of Roxboro, NC,
Grace Elizabeth Black
October 2, 1933 – August 2, 2020



WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

The UHBC Family also extends our love and sympathy to the family of our dear brother, friend, and former longtime member,

John Wiley Martin, Sr.

August 14, 1933 – July 25, 2020

Wiley was born at the Tuckasegee Road home of his parents in west Charlotte's Enderly Park neighborhood. The youngest and last surviving of four children, he was the son of James Frederick Martin and Rosa Mae Westbrook Martin. He attended the neighborhood schools, graduating from Thomasboro High School with the Class of 1951. A promising basketball and baseball player, shortly after graduating, he had the once in a lifetime opportunity to be drafted by the New York Giants. However, his career in professional baseball was short-lived. In 1954 he entered the United States Army. He was deployed to

Kaiserlautern, West Germany where he was assigned to a telephone company tasked with building communications infrastructure in that region. He dutifully served his country for two years, returning to his hometown of Charlotte after active duty. He continued serving with the Army Reserves until his discharge August 31, 1962.

Upon graduation from high school in 1951, Wiley became employed with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company as cable repairman's helper. With the brief interval of his military service, he would go on to work for the company, which became known as BellSouth, for 42 years, retiring in 1994. Over the years he was promoted to numerous positions within the company: sales manager for the Charlotte districts, chairman in General Enterprise Division, general directory manager of Southern Bell, and others, retiring as a member of Senior Management across the Southeast. Representing BellSouth, he was involved for a number of years in the company's participation in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg United Way campaigns. While working full time with the telephone company, in 1956 Wiley began attending Charlotte College (now the University of North Carolina at Charlotte). He was a business administration major and was involved in many other activities at the school, including freshman class president, student council president and in 1959 student body president.



UHBC Choir in 1982
Wiley on back left row

The Martin Family's ties to our church fellowship go back almost to the beginning, when his parents joined Glenwood Baptist Church March 1, 1930, about the time the name was changed to Enderly Park Baptist. His parents and three older siblings were very active in the church. Wiley became a member upon his profession of faith and baptism May 5, 1946. From the beginning he was active in the work of the church, children and youth activities on through young adulthood and middle age. The following is a partial list of the leadership positions he held at Enderly Park and University Hills over the years: Deacon (Chairman at times), Young Adult Sunday School teacher, Building Committee 1977-78, Committee on Committees, Youth Committee, Music Committee, Training Union Young Peoples Department Director, Pulpit Committee, Church Treasurer, Brotherhood Director, Personnel Committee, Adult Choir and numerous others. Wiley and his family moved their memberships to Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte on June 26, 1988. True to form, he became immediately involved in positions of service: Sunday School teacher, Deacon and Chairman of Deacons, Professional Staff Chairman and was ordained as Executive Pastor. He was instrumental in bringing to reality Hickory Grove Christian School. After serving with this congregation for 14 years, he retired, again. He and his wife and children had moved in 1992 to Lincoln County, settling in the Denver area near Lake Norman. They became members of Denver Baptist Church January 18, 2009. He taught an adult Sunday School class, served on the Long Range Planning Committee, helped re-write the constitution and by-laws of the church, helped restructure the Deacon Ministry, was an honorary staff member for several years and was active in the Joyful Living Ministry for senior adults.



Teaching UHBC Young Adults
Sunday School, Mid-1980s

Wiley joyfully served his Savior throughout his life. He also thanked God daily for blessing him with the love of his life, Jeraldeen Scruggs Allen Martin, his wife of over 66 years. He fell in love with "Jerrie", the girl next door (actually about two doors down as both families lived and grew up in the 3000 block of Tuckasegee Road in west Charlotte). He lovingly often called her "Scruggs". She was the youngest of four children of John Claudius Allen, Sr. and Teula Thelma Scruggs Allen. Both families were very involved in the work of Enderly Park Baptist Church, just across the street from their homes. Wiley and Jerrie were united in Holy Matrimony at Enderly Park Baptist Church on June 6, 1954, the first wedding held in the newly

completed sanctuary. When his sweetheart's health began to fail, Wiley threw himself into around the clock loving care of his beloved wife. His commitment to her and the life they had built remained at the forefront of his mind. Their marriage has truly been an inspiration to their family and everyone who knows them.

John Wiley Martin, Sr. passed away at 6:20 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Presbyterian Hospital–Main in Charlotte, seven days after suffering a severe stroke. His death came just 20 days before his 87th birthday.

Wiley was preceded in death by his father who died at age 62 on February 9, 1949, his mother who died February 14, 1983 at 85 years of age; his three older siblings, Frederick “Fred” Wesley Martin who died December 1, 2006 at age 82, William Francis “Bill” Martin, Sr. who died at age 84 on March 16, 2012, and Lourine Martin Bryant who passed away July 6, 2015 at age 88. His father-in-law preceded in death March 13, 1988 at age 94 and his mother-in-law died at age 93 on March 23, 1991. Other family members preceding Wiley in death were in-laws, Mack Arthur Bryant, Jr., Edna Lillian Parks Martin (Bill's wife), Lucille Wallace Deese Martin (Fred's widow), Joseph Willie “Joe” McKellop, Jr., John Claudius “Jack” Allen, Jr., Jimmie Dwight Allen, Margaret Lillian Beam Allen (Jimmie's widow) and Doris Jean Allen McKellop. Also two nephews preceded in death, William Francis Martin, Jr. and James Bailes Allen.

Survivors include his beloved Jerrie; their children, Sally Michelle Martin Simmons and William Bryan Simmons of Denver, John Wiley Martin, Jr. of Memphis, TN, and James Frederick Martin and Emilee Susanne Rice Martin also of Denver; his five grandchildren, John Palmer Martin, Jackson Atticus Martin, Kaylee Blair Martin, Jacob Bryan Simmons and Benjamin Allen Simmons; one sister-in-law, Virginia Mae Bailes Allen (Jack's widow, now 100 years old) of Charlotte; three nieces and five nephews along with their families.

Funeral services were held for Wiley at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Denver Baptist Church followed at 2:00 p.m. with a graveside service at Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Denver. Officiating at the rites was his pastor, Dr. Christopher John Griggs, assisted by Dr. Joe Bill Brown, former pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist, now pastor of Restoration Church of the Carolinas in Indian Land, SC, and Dr. Stephen Nelson Rummage, pastor of Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK.



Martin Family
UHBC Directory Portrait, 1985

Getty Music SING! Global Conference 2020

In recent months and years, we have added a collection of songs written by Keith and Kristyn Getty to our worship repertoire. I am thankful for the ministry of Keith and Kristyn, along with other hymn writers, past and present, who display an unwavering commitment to writing songs for worship that abound in theological truth. It is important that the songs we place on our lips and the truths we imbed in our hearts come from a rich and accurate understanding of Scripture.

Last August, Bo, Tammy, and I had the opportunity to attend the *Getty Music SING! Conference* in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference was hosted by Keith and Kristyn Getty and included a variety of speakers, breakout sessions, and of course, many opportunities to worship through singing. Late last year I made reservations for several people to attend the conference this year, before the unexpected onset of Covid-19. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the in-person conference has been canceled. The great news for many of us, however, is that



the conference has morphed into a global event over the last several months, permitting people from around the world to set their hearts and minds on renewal in worship. The theme of the *Getty Music SING! Global Conference 2020* is *The Centrality of God's Word in our Worship*. Some of the conference speakers include John Lennox, Alistair Begg, John Piper, Os Guinness, David Platt, and Joni Eareckson Tada, along with many more. Some of the worship leaders include Shane & Shane, CityAlight, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa (their works include *His Mercy Is More* and *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*) and Matt Merker (his works include *He Will Hold Me Fast* and *I Will Wait for You*).

I have given you a preview of the Getty Music SING 2020! Global Conference to let you know that you can be a part of the conference for free between August 30 and September 2, right here at University Hills. We will plan to hold a socially distant, and as we understand it, a legal “Spiritual Gathering,” on the University Hills campus for anyone who would like to attend. I’m sure you have questions, so please feel free to reach out to me at miketoney@universityhills.org to let me know of your interest and I will send you a conference schedule, complete with events, dates, and times. For now, you may view the conference introduction using the following link, to see a short preview of the [Getty Music SING! Global Conference](#).

All for His Glory!

Mike Toney, *Pastor for Worship*