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100 YEAR HISTORY  
of  
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH  
1887 - 1987

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A beautiful stretch of land lay between Florence and Beaver Lick. Many homesteads had already been built within a two mile radius, and the neighborly minded people felt it should be called a settlement.

Old documents such as diaries, deeds, and geneology reports show that Union existed as a settlement, of a sort, within a two or three mile radius many years ago. The old stone house one mile north of Union on Highway 42 was built by slaves. It has been listed as a historical structure in Kentucky for some time. It was originally built by the Fowler Family. In one of the diaries the writer tells of coming to Union from her home and spending over \$100 for needed necessities, which the general store carried. She also tells of her anger toward the Union soldiers who had set up camp in her church of Old Sardis, and then asking God to forgive her for her evil thoughts.

It has been recorded that Union was incorporated in 1871, but minutes show that Union was organized as a city as early as 1854. City officers were elected and served for the betterment of the roads, businesses, and convenience of the residents.

Rigid laws were made and enforced. Sabbath rules were very important and the religious minded citizens were protected against any disturbances on that day.

UNION! Why was it named Union? The only explanation known is that it became a connection point between Florence and the already famous Big Bone Lick. The sulphur springs, bountiful supplies of salt and the excavation of massive bones of prehistoric animals, had become quite an attraction.

The sulphur spring water was proven to be healthful for drinking and bathing. The "Henry Clay" hotel was busy, accommodating the many attracted vacationers. Many came down the Ohio River, landed at the closest point and were taxied by horse drawn carriages or rigs to Big Bone Lick.

Salt was manufactured there before 1812 by the Indians and whites. It was brought to Union and picked up by members of other settlements.

A post office was in operation by 1850, and a bank in 1905. James L. Frazier, grandson of an early settler became the first banker. He later married the teacher of the White Haven private academy, (located two miles south of Union on what is now U.S. 42), Nannie D. Bristow.

The hotel called "The Eagle" was owned and operated by "Uncle Lon" and "Aunt Lib" Voshell.

The Millinery shop, supplying the hats and gloves for the ladies, was located in a small building on a lot next to the post office, and the Presbyterian church was built next to it in 1870.

A large general store of two stories was located on the corner of Mt. Zion Rd. and was owned and operated by Mr. Clements. The second floor was used by the "Grange" for a meeting place. The frame building burned and was replaced by the brick building still standing. The store was later owned and operated by W.M. Rachal and Ben Norman until their retirement.

A cobbler kept busy making new shoes and mending the old ones.

The drugstore on the corner opposite the general store, supplied the medicines needed by the two doctors, Dr. Blanton and Dr. Lassing. Memories of these two men have been handed down through the years, for their untiring services ministering to the peoples' needs. Calls were made day and night by buggy or horseback over mud roads, in all kinds of weather.

A village blacksmith had located around the corner from the bank. One could hear the bellowing and ringing sounds, as the smithy worked keeping the wheels turning and the horses shod.

The creamery, operated by Mr. Mollett, was a flourishing business, in the area that is now the home of Johnye Ligon. The bubbling springs of bountiful icy water (still flowing) was used for the operation.

Two toll houses, one on the north end and one on the south, each a mile from the center of Union, (still standing) collected tolls that helped to maintain the pike and the city board walks.

A Hard Shell Baptist Church, "Sardis", was built in the 1850's, past the hotel, across Fowler Creek. Old Gunpowder Church was organized in 1851 on Pleasant Valley Rd.

Big Bone Baptist Church, organized in 1843, located near the Big Bone Springs, was a flourishing church and many of the Union citizens were members there, because they agreed with their mode of worship and religious beliefs. Horses were hitched, each day of worship, to buggies and surreys, and some rode horseback to attend services at Big Bone Church.

By the year 1886, those living in Union realized a need for a meeting house in Union. The long cold winter months prevented some from attending services for many weeks.

A petition of 35 names, was presented to Big Bone Church, December 1886, asking for dismissal from Big Bone to organize a church in Union. With tears of sadness the petition was granted.

Land that had been purchased by Big Bone earlier, was now deeded to Union to erect their meeting house of worship. Adjoining land was donated by the J.W. Conners', The B.L. Rices' and Mrs. Rachel Rice for the purpose of parking their conveyances.

Thus UNION BAPTIST became a church of 35 members, January 1887, determined to serve the Lord and be a lighthouse in this community of Union.

Four men of high spiritual caliber and excellent leadership were chosen as deacons: C.T. Rice, James A. Huey, J.W. Conner and William Adams. On March 2, 1887 Bro. Lafayette Johnson accepted the pastorate. Bro. R.E. Kirtley and James A. Kirtley, of Bullitsburg Baptist Church, moderated the early meetings.

The records show a great first year, adding many to the membership by letter and by statement. Emma Riley, mother of Opha Bristow, was the first addition for baptism. The baptismal pool was in Fowler Creek at Old Sardis Church.

In the Fall 1887, Frogtown Grange Hall (Excelsior) near Lexington Pike was secured as a mission field for preaching. Union Baptist Church paid for repairs on the building.

The first year expenses of Union Baptist Church were as follows:

Housekeeper	\$ 20.00
28 Bushel Coal	6.15
Coal Oil	1.70
Lamp Chimney & Globe	.70
Matches	.10
Recording of Deed	1.75
Pastor's Salary	175.00
Insurance (for 5 yrs.)	22.00
Missions	15.25
TOTAL	\$242.65

In September 1887 Union Baptist was received into the North Bend Association.

The ladies of the church soon saw the need of helping the church to grow, so banding together they organized their womens group, which turned out to be the first Womens Missionary Society in the Association.

They made quilts, beautiful crochet and tatting, tithed their egg money, and had socials which strengthened their fellowship greatly. Through their efforts the pulpit furniture was purchased. Presently, the chairs are being used in the ladies lounge. They were saddened by the death of one of their dear members Mrs. C.T. Rice, October 1887 at age 58, ( wife of C.T. Rice, one of the deacons).

Bro. Johnson served acceptably for almost five years. G.W. Hill pastored for eight months then Bro. Johnson served again for eight months. Sam M. Adams became pastor in 1895 and served until December 1904. In September 1901 the envelope plan was started to raise money for missions. In April 1902 it was agreed to extend an arm of support to Old Gunpowder Church in Sunday School and preaching services. J. Sam Wilson was pastor from December 1904 to August 1907. J.T. Stewart served from April 1908 to September 1908. Bro. Stewart later went as a missionary to Rome. Marshall Calvin Frazer was pastor from October 1908 to August 1909.

G.B. Reed was licensed to preach by the church and remained as pastor from January 1910 to May 1912. Union began to use students from Louisville Baptist Seminary as pastors. J.M. Balentine and John C. Taylor served in turn from June 1913 to October 1915. Bro. Stockhouse from October 1915 to December 1916.

The parsonage, the C.T. Rice home, was purchased September 1916. Bro. B.F. Swindler was probably the first pastor to live there. He served from May 1917 to April 1919. W.G. Potts came to Union October 1919 and left October 1920, and also lived in the parsonage. In 1920 the church voted to send the pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D.C.

John H. Garber became pastor in January 1921 to July 1924. He and his wife, Ami and baby Mary Frances lived in the parsonage. The ones who were fortunate enough to know them still remember Mrs. Garber's beautiful story telling, and John Garber for his three wonderful years here. Virginia Glenn, thier second daughter was born just before leaving this pastorate.

John Barker came in November 1924 through September 1926. Mrs. Barker taught school at Union. They had a son, Maitland.

A.R. Abernathy served from May 1927 to April 1928. He is remembered as the oldest pastor we have had.

Victor Y. Stephenson came to Union with his wife, Vivian in July 1929 and left August 1931. Vivian is still living and is heard from occassionally. He played the musical saw which was quite an attraction. In June 1930 the church went to full time services, but in December returned to part time.

The city of Union still has a few citizens who have lived here since birth. They will remember that the appearance of the once tree lined pike through their beloved village was so changed when Highway 42 was brought through in 1929.

The beautiful trees, which had grown, no doubt, since the early settlement days were cut down with no more thought or effort than the sything of a large weed in the way. Those who remember were cut through the heart, knowing that never again would citizens enjoy the shade, or children play in the dust at the edge of the pike.

Union looked bare and bleak. Progress?? Well, guess it had to be! The quietness was broken though, by the sound of large machinery and the many workmen joking and laughing, seeming to enjoy this invasion of privacy.

It has been said, through the years, that no one ever left Union who didn't yearn to return to remember "the good ole days".

D. Staley Hammock, who is still living, became pastor August 1932 until September 1935. He was a gentle sort of man, but so powerful in the pulpit.

Josiah Hoover served as pastor from December 1935 to June 1936. He was known as a young man with a great future in the Lord's work and was one of the most polished we had had in the pulpit. Each week he came from Louisville, usually bringing the Riley sisters with him to their home in Union.

John R. Johnson, another student, pastored from October 1936 to April 1938.

Henry Beach began his pastorate at Union in June 1938 and remained until 1948. He was nineteen and a real go-getter! By February 1942 we again went to full time preaching, with his salary of \$60.00 per month. The salary was raised to \$25.00 weekly in September 1943 and by July 1944, to \$44.00 weekly.

In September 1943, Faye came to Union...Henry's new bride, and what a lovely one! It is the first record that any pastor had married while serving the church as pastor. She became our organist and served until July 1947. Mary Glenn Newman then became our organist at the age of thirteen.

We were saddened to hear the resignation of Bro. Beach to go to Utica, Kentucky. A beautiful baby had been added to their family, named Brenda Kay, in June 1945. He had held the longest pastorate in the churches' history.

One of our young deacons, Wayne Brooks, was reported killed in action in service of our country. A memorial for him was sent to the Louisville Orphans Home.

The erecting of a new sanctuary had been discussed for several years and plans were being made toward that end. It has been reported that Jimmy Ned Mason, (son of Ruth and Winston Mason), whom the Lord called home at age 16, tithed his first tobacco crop at age 6 to start the Building Fund.

Bro. Foy Martin, with his lovely wife Ethelee and little son, Foy, came in August 1948 to the pastorate and left October 1949. During his ministry here the (present) sanctuary was finally built and dedicated August 7, 1949. Bro. Beach returned to preach the dedication sermon.

Lemuel Stamper became pastor from March 1950 to April 1951.

In November 1950, Elaine and Sue Allison Greenup presented the beautiful baptistery painting in memory of Willian Greenup who had passed away June 29, 1950.

Jason Ross, also a student, came in June 1951 with his wife Pauline, but only stayed until April 1952. Bro. Ross had to take a leave from the ministry for a while because of ill health.

At this time the church felt we needed time before calling another full time pastor on the field, so Bro. Clarence Lassiter came as Interim Pastor in April 1952, and served until December 1952. He returned to perform wedding ceremonies of our girls, Kathleen Noe, and Mary Ann Smith, and was often called to fill the pulpit.

Elbert Carpenter was called to the pastorate in January 1953 and served until March 1957. He and his wife, Margaret, were truly dedicated in serving the Lord and His people. They were outstanding in meeting the needs of the church. It was during his ministry that new pews and carpet was installed in the sanctuary, and a bathroom in the old parsonage building. Elbert could often be seen behind a plow or driving a truck, helping one of his ailing members. They had a small son, Neil, when they came and later a son, Jim. Elbert felt a call to be a chaplain in the military branches of service so left Union to enter the service chaplaincy. He is retired from service and is now serving as an associate pastor in San Diego, California.

Bro. Ray Stewart became our pastor May 1951 to July 1963. He was a good "follow-up". His leadership was great with the people, and he met many needs of the people. He and his wife, Jean had a strong Youth Program and Jean was quite talented for planning programs for youth and W.M.U. They had one son, David, and were the first to live in the new parsonage, built in 1958, on Mt. Zion Rd for the cost of \$14,500.00. Bro. Stewart also left to serve as a chaplain in the Navy. He is now living in Nashville, Tennessee and is serving as a women's prison chaplain.

After the death of C. Woodrow McKay in 1958, his wife, Kathryn, so conscious of the library need, donated the many needed books, and equipment to operate. The library was named in his memory "The C. Woodrow McKay Library".

Larry Cook who was a student at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville accepted the position as Minister of Music in 1963, serving until his graduation in 1964. He is now Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Bro. Charles Alford's ministry here started in September 1963 and ended in July 1969. Bro. Alford came from Anniston, Alabama where he had a much noted ministry called "Dial-A-Prayer". Many members experienced his prayer power here at this church. His wife, Evelyn, was our organist and her beautiful music enhanced our services. The choir was large at this time and quite good under the leadership of Charles Nichols with Evelyn Alford as pianist. During Bro. Alford's ministry we had four different Ministers of Music: Larry Cook, Randy Bryon, Jim Chase, and Charles Nichols. We had our record Sunday School Attendance on Easter 1964 of 260. In March 1968 the church voted to build an educational building at the cost of \$128,000.00. The debt for our sanctuary had been liquidated and a note burning ceremony was held December 26, 1965. Bro. Alford retired from the ministry when he resigned our church.

Edwin Kirkpatrick served as interim pastor for a year 1969-1970. Edwin was a powerful preacher and the church still holds him in high esteem. He has a prison ministry in Boone County today.

The educational building was dedicated in October 1970.

In June 1970, Bro. Dick Moeller came with his wife, Fran and two little girls. Dick was a good leader and promoter and was loved for his interest and friendship toward his congregation. Fran had a beautiful soprano voice and her addition to the choir and many solos will always be remembered. John Atherton served as our Minister of Music during Bro. Moeller's pastorate.

In January 1980 the church body enjoyed a note burning ceremony. The \$104,596.60 borrowed in 1972 to cover educational facility and property purchasing was now paid.

After Bro. Moeller's leaving the church felt again the need for an interim pastor. Bro. Roy Johnson came in April 1976 and nurtured the church until September 1976. Bro. Johnson was retired, and in his later years of life, but much experienced, having pastored many churches in the county, beginning with Big Bone, at an early age. He had the answer, and a loving way to soothe ruffled feelings and to pull a church together.

By September 1976 the church felt ready again for a full time pastor. Bro. Ward Spencer and his dear wife, Dorothy, came and pastored until May 1979. Bro. Spencer was another much experienced man and led the church in many good projects. Dorothy was strong in W.M.U. work and they were very gracious hosts in their new home built in the church area.

The Lord blessed us with a young seminary music student, Bobby Huguley, Jr. Bobby is a great music scholar and a loving young man. He taught the choir the art of reading music notes and signs. He is now with Eastwood Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Bobby has composed many arrangements for Southern Baptist Publications. Today's choir anthem...."WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME", is one he has written especially for this day, dedicated to the choir on the 100th anniversary of the church.

Everett Walters came as Interim Pastor in June 1979 until September 1980. Bro. Walters had wonderful, inspiring sermons and was so well liked by the people that he was considered for full time, however after looking at all points involved, it was decided against, both parties agreeing.

Bro. David S. Carter, who received his doctorate while here, was called as pastor in October 1980 and served until August 1986. His wife, Linda, who had a lovely soprano voice, sang in the choir and rendered many solos. They have a daughter, Ginger.

Don Whitis, his wife Beverly and two little girls were added to our music program in January 1981. Don was hired part-time as our Minister of Music. He has been a source of strength to us not only for his knowledge of music, but for his leadership and his great love for the Lord. Don is still with us and the church hopes to keep him and his lovely family for a long time to come.

In 1981 a part-time church secretary was hired, and a Family Training Hour was started.

In 1982 the church added to our property, the Heimbrock lot for \$42,000.00. The Kirtley house was converted into office space for the church.

Our church is now, again, without a regular pastor. Bro. George Munro is serving as Interim Pastor. He has indeed met the needs of the people, with his beautiful messages and his loving way. He has a lovely wife, Eva.

As this history of UNION BAPTIST CHURCH draws to a close, we the present members, look back with great love and appreciation to those faithful 35 persons who made the dream of Union Baptist Church become a reality.

We have had many joys, but some sorrows. All the time, we have tried to stay within God's will, Glorifying His name and Praising Him for His Great Faithfulness to us.

#### IN SUMMARY:

Forty-two deacons have been ordained or elected to serve the church. Four men were licensed to preach and one ordained.

Many have dedicated their lives to the teaching of God's Word in our Sunday School. Many Superintendents have led the Sunday School with great devotion for the school.

Our mission groups have existed since that first W.M.S. in 1887. Missions have been stressed to all ages and untiring leaders have given their utmost efforts to impress the great importance of missions.

Vacation Bible School was first started in the 'early 1930's and has been one of our highlights each summer, with many children being reached for the Lord.

The music of the church, has inspired both the Minister and congregation, led by many volunteer laymen and those who have been called by the church as ministers of music. The choir has been made up of members who just love to sing for the glory of the Lord, and many whom God has gifted with beautiful voices.

Our trustees have been outstanding men and women willing to work and observing the many duties to keep the church property in tip-top condition.

The programs for youth had an early beginning. Young men and women served, at an early age, as teachers, secretaries, and musicians.

Baptist Young People's Union flourished in 1925 with 42 members attending.

In 1952-1953 one intermediate Sunday School class had 25 active members.

The youth of today still hold a high priority in our church and many dedicated leaders sponsor these programs. We have leaders, still serving in some areas, that were youth trained to serve the Lord by our past pastors and leaders.

The progress that invaded Union in 1929 has made Union one of the fastest growing areas in Boone County. The potential for missions is great, we are "A Growing Church in a Growing Community".

We the church of Jesus Christ in Union, Kentucky wish to adopt what apostle Paul said in his letter to the Philippians, (Phil.3:13-14):

*"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".*

May we praise God for His sustaining Grace through these first 100 years. God has given our church strength for today and great hope for tomorrow. All we have needed His hand has provided. In a spirit of unity, may we join together in proclaiming.....

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

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Union Baptist Church

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Anniversary

Sunday, August 2, 1987

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

of the

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Union, Kentucky

Sunday, the second of August, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

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GUEST SPEAKER, DR. HENRY BEACH



Henry, at an  
early age

DR. HENRY BEACH became pastor of Union Baptist Church 1938-1948, at a very young age. The salary was \$60.00 a month. Henry was educated at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville while here.

He later pastored at Utica, Ky., on to Owensboro, Ky., then to Ninth & O, the second largest church in Louisville, both of which became quite large.

Henry retired in La Grange, Ky. only to start another mission, which he now pastors, The La Grange Heights Baptist Church. He celebrated his 50th year in the ministry June 17, 1984.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH extends a cordial greeting to Dr. Henry Beach and is proud that he is part of our heritage.

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The Church Staff 1987

INTERIM PASTOR . . . . .	George S. Munro
MINISTER OF MUSIC. . . . .	Don Whitis
CHURCH SECRETARY . . . . .	Bobbie Craddock
CHURCH TREASURER . . . . .	Byron Nelson
ORGANIST . . . . .	Joy Houston
PIANIST. . . . .	Becky Taylor
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR . . . . .	Phil Craddock
WMU DIRECTOR . . . . .	Deborah Moak
*CHURCH CLERK . . . . .	Geneva Gruelle*
TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN . . . . .	Grover Hatton
CUSTODIAN. . . . .	Lee Godbey

\*Held office in church longest - 18 years\*

## Our Deacons

1887 - 1987

1887	C.T. Rice J.A. Huey William Adams J.W. Conner	1955	Tom Brown Charles Fibbs
1907	Richard Head James Kennady	1958	George Kearns, Jr. James Dameron* Vic Mullins*
1923	Harry Riley	1959	E.G. Carpenter*
1933	Raymond Newman Volney Dickerson	1961	Roy O. Widener Donel Tanner* Robert Craddock*
1937	Austin Gschwind*	1971	Harmon Tanner
1938	George Kearns, Sr.	1975	Tony Gruelle* George Ratcliff* Tom Ross* Mel Wilkerson*
1942	John Masters* William Greenup	1981	Byron Nelson* Danny Smith* Roy F. Widener*
1942	Wayne Brooks	1982	David Craddock* Howard Hale* Paul Huff*
1946	Earl Washmuth, Sr.* John Shay T.C. Crume* J.A. Fothergill	1984	Lowell Wood*
1950	Jim Beagle	1986	John Cornett* Robert Craddock*
1951	Robert Ryle* Robert Smith*		

(\*) Denotes Deacons still living

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## Deacons Now Serving

David Craddock	George Ratcliff
Robert Craddock	Robert Smith
Paul Huff	Donel Tanner
Byron Nelson	Mel Wilkerson
Earl Washmuth	

## Our Pastors

1887 - 1987

L. Johnson	April 1887 - February 1892
G.W. Hill	May 1892 - December 1893
L. Johnson	March 1894 - December 1894
Sam M. Adams	March 1895 - June 1904
J. Sam Wilson	December 1904 - August 1907
J.T. Stewart	April 1908 - September 1908
Marshall Calvin Frazer	October 1908 - August 1909
G.B. Reed	January 1910 - May 1912
J.M. Balentine	July 1913 - June 1914
John C. Taylor	June 1915 - October 1915
_____ Stockhouse	October 1915 - December 1916
B.F. Swindler	May 1917 - April 1919
W.G. Potts	October 1919 - October 1920
John H. Garber	January 1921 - July 1924
John Barker	November 1924 - September 1926
A.R. Abernathy	May 1927 - April 1928
Victor Y. Stephenson	July 1929 - August 1931
*David Staley Hammock	August 1932 - September 1935
*Josiah Hoover	December 1935 - June 1936
*John B. Johnson	October 1936 - April 1938
*Henry Beach	June 1938 - June 1948
*Foy Martin	August 1948 - October 1949
*Lemuel N. Stamper	March 1950 - April 1951
Jason Ross	June 1951 - April 1952
*Clarence R. Lassiter (Interim)	April 1952 - December 1952
*Elbert Carpenter	January 1953 - March 1957
*Ray Stewart	May 1957 - July 1963
*Charles J. Alford	September 1963 - July 1969
*Edwin Kirkpatrick (Interim)	_____ 1969 - _____ 1970
*Richard Moeller	June 1970 - April 1976
Roy Johnson (Interim)	April 1976 - September 1976
*L. Ward Spencer	September 1976 - May 1979
*Everett Walters (Interim)	June 1979 - September 1980
*David S. Carter	October 1980 - August 1986
*George S. Munro (Interim)	January 1987 -

\*Denotes pastors still living



THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH

In memory of: *Bristow Family*  
*Riley Family*  
*Smitty Noe*

Given by: *Emily Bristow &*  
*Mary Belle Noe*

In memory of: *Thomas Brown*  
Given by: *Tommy Jr., Sandra,*  
*Donna & Marcia*

In memory of: *Her Mother & Father*  
*and son, Jimmy Ned*  
Given by: *Ruth & Wink Mason*

In memory of: *Clara Mae Gilpin,*  
*Hallie & Russell*  
*Craddock*  
Given by: *Bobbie & David Craddock*

In memory of: *George Kearns*  
Given by: *Mary Lou Kearns &*  
*family*

In memory of: *Willian Greenup*  
Given by: *Elaine & Sue Allison*

In memory of: *Our loved ones*  
Given by: *Bro. & Mrs. Munro*

In memory of: *The Newman Family*  
Given by: *Mary Glenn*  
*Hockensmith*

In memory of: *Dolpha & Mabel*  
*Sebree*  
Given by: *Their children*

In memory of: *Anna Smith*  
Given by: *Bob & Jeanette*  
*Smith*

In memory of: *Harmon Tanner*  
Given by: *Don Tanner Family*

In honor of: *Alma Washmuth*  
Given by: *Earl Washmuth*

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LIVING 50 YEAR MEMBERS

*Lucille (Craddock) Bailer*

*\*Emily Bristow\**

*Marilynn (Dickerson) Craddock*

*Mabel Cress*

*Johnye (Dickerson) Ligon*

*Mary Belle (Bristow) Noe*

*Marie (Head) Stephens*

*Hubert Townsend*

*Robert Smith (49 years)*

*\*Longest Continuous Member - 63 years\**

A special thanks to all who helped in the  
presentation of the heritage of UNION BAPTIST CHURCH:

For the memorabilia of our church's history.

For the beautifying of our buildings and  
grounds.

For the numerous pages of typing and other  
secretarial duties.

For our beautiful cover page.

For all who prepared special desserts and  
drinks.

For all who helped with posters, and the arrange-  
ment of picture displays in the basement.

To RANDALL DILL for his talent to combine  
pictures and records, creating a beautiful  
video for all to enjoy.

THE HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

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*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*