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**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Pastors’ Birthdays:**

**Feb. 7 – Ed Hollis, Vienna 1st**

**Pastor’s Wife Birthdays**

**Feb. 11 – Kim Coram, Immanuel**

UBA theme for 2015: THE POWER OF ‘AND’ -

It’s you AND me working TOGETHER to bear witness to the POWER OF JESUS CHRIST in Jerusalem, AND in all Judea AND Samaria, AND to the ends of the Earth

**Please pray for the following church that is currently without a pastor:**

**New Beginnings**

The “35 Challenge” is getting underway. At this time, we have eight churches involved with some additional churches thinking about holding a challenge in the future. The churches involved are: Metropolis First, Brookport First, Karnak First, Hillerman Missionary, New Beginnings, Revelation Road, Mt. Zion, and Dixon Springs. Through these churches, we have four hundred homes being intentionally focused on and ministered to.

The “35 Challenge” is a very simple event where church members choose homes around the church and, for six weeks, they pray for those who are living in these homes. During the following six weeks, the churches begin to make personal contact with the residents of each home and to minister the gospel to them. At the end of these twelve weeks, the residents are invited to an event such as a cookout or a block party. I’m so looking forward to seeing what God is going to do through this event!

The “35 Challenge” came as a result of a speaker I heard and the passage of scripture in John 13:35, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

As Director of Missions for the Union Baptist Association, I am very encouraged by all of our churches that are involved in some great and exciting outreach events and who are ministering to the people in their community.

Please remember all of our churches as they reach our Jerusalem with the gospel.

Serving the Lord together,

Terry Mathis, Director of Missions

**February 16th**

**Our office will be closed.**

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in December)***

Brookport First $ 425.88

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 87.00

Dixon Springs $ 198.00

Hillerman Missionary $ 821.59

Immanuel $ 382.57

Joppa Missionary $ 824.34

Karnak First $ 606.16

Life Church Eastland $ 200.00

Metropolis First $ 2,614.09

Mt. Zion $ 543.94

New Beginnings $ 0.00

New Hope $ 0.00

New Salem $ 0.00

Oak Grove $ 59.50

Seven Mile $ 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 433.34

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 25.00

**Secretary’s office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

***If you have information that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please call or email the UBA office by the 20th of the month. We would be happy to promote any special events (revival, singing group, special programs/ministries, etc.)***

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Brookport First $ 0.00

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 0.00

Dixon Springs $ 152.00

Hillerman Missionary $ 532.34

Immanuel $ 213.64

Joppa Missionary $ 732.76

Karnak First $ 837.06

Life Church Eastland $ 200.00

Metropolis First $ 2,030.76

Mt. Zion $ 936.36

New Beginnings $ 87.21

New Hope $ 0.00

New Salem $ 30.00

Oak Grove $ 42.70

Seven Mile $ 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 433.34

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 25.00

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