

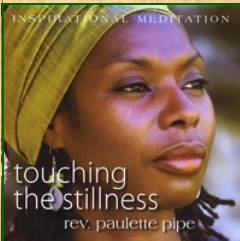
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## CD of The Month:

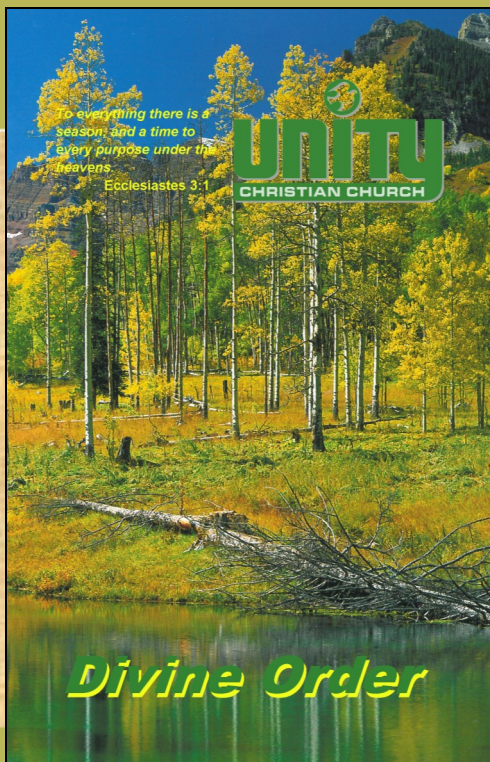


### Touching The Stillness by Rev. Paulette Pipe

Rev. Paulette Pipe is an ordained Unity Minister, known for her intuitive ability to facilitate inspired meditations and rich sacred prayer experiences that help others deepen their connection with God. On this CD Paulette transports the participant beyond thoughts and listening, to a sacred place of soul-remembrance, where Universal Truths about self, oneness, true source and identity, can more easily be embraced in a meditative state.

# Divine Order.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP FOCUSES ON DIVINE ORDER



**Power:** Divine Order

**Disciple:** James

**Color:** Olive Green

**Location:** The Navel

### Description

*Order is the first law of the universe. Orderliness is the test of true spiritual science and abundant life.*

### Scripture

*"The steps of a good man/woman are ordered by the Lord."*

*Psalm 37:23*

### Affirmation

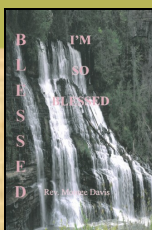
*I am at the right place at the right time.  
I am in tune with the order of  
the universe.*

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## BLESSED, I'M SO BLESSED!: A BOOK REVIEW

Assistant Minister Montee A. Davis Celebrates Her First Published Offering



*"Blessed, I'm So Blessed,"* by Reverend Montee A. Davis, is a joyful, exuberant volume that will introduce the reader to the high-spirited adven-

ture of a beautiful African American girl now grown to womanhood under the guidance of a nurturing and privileged family. The Falls-Davis family produced not less than three generations of educators and minis-

ters who led the author's family through and triumphed over the many racist and misogynistic practices so common a few years before the climactic civil rights movement of the 1960s. (continued of p.5)

## UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**Sunday September 25, 2011**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*PRELUDE*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

*THE STATEMENT OF BEING*

*"I AM a child of the living God. I have within me the all-creating power of the Christ. It radiates from me and blesses all whom I contact. I AM now in the presence of pure Being, and immersed in the Holy Spirit of life, love & wisdom."*

*A SONG IN THE SILENCE*

*THE DAILY AFFIRMATION*

*NAMASTE MOMENT*

*"I honor the place in you, in which the entire universe dwells. I honor the place in you, which is of love, of truth, of light and of peace. When you are in that place in you and I AM in that place in me, we are ONE".*

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER*

*THE DAILY WORD*

*A CENTERING MOMENT*

*A MUSICAL SELECTION*

*A LESSON IN LIVING - Rev. Paulette Pipe*

*MUSICAL SELECTION*

*Prosperity Prayer & Offertory:*

*"Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all the Good I AM and have, all the Good I give and receive".*

*RECOGNITION OF VISITORS*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*BENEDICTION*

**THE TWELVE POWERS**  
**(Hymn #163)**

**Love and Wisdom, Faith and Power,  
 They are mine,  
 yes, they are mine!  
 Strength and Order, Will and Judgment, All are mine;  
 I let them shine!**

**Life and Zeal, Imagination they are mine,  
 yes, they are mine!  
 Understanding and Forgiveness , All are mine;  
 I let them shine!**

**To the Christ I now surrender All my faculties divine. Christ now guide them to fulfillment,**

**So to let my true Light shine!**

### Our Prayer List

Rev. Eric & Valencia Donaldson and Family

Rev. Mary Hardy

Willie Gales

Omie Harding

Charles Randle

JaMarcus Johnson

Marcus Terrell & Family

Willie-Mae Withers

Lenny & Gabrielle Parker

Clyde Exum

Marcus Westbrook

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



The other night I dreamed I was a princess. No... I dreamed I found the wallet of a princess. The purse was bulging richly with notes, valuable currency, and gold coins precariously contained and in danger of spilling. I looked around to see to whom the fortune might belong and saw no one. Immediately I became alarmed realizing that someone might think that I --- an impecunious but honest citizen--- had "pinched" it. Close behind that thought, I envisioned praise and reward for seeing the wallet and its contents safely returned. I sensed that the many papers inside might be irreplaceable documents or beloved engravings and their restoration

would be gratefully proclaimed. In the manner of Diogenes, I began to look for an honest man.

In this dream I wanted to do what was right, but I also want to receive any fair benefit that might result from my discovery. After wandering through the lavishly decorated palace, where I was an invited though not so prominent guest, I finally came upon a trusted and wealthy friend and asked her to take me to her private suite. Much to my dismay and increasing trepidation, when my friend turned the key in her lock, we found that her room was filled with courtiers and other guests who routinely enjoyed my friend's hospitality as well as I. We searched for a private corner in which to speak to no avail. I finally managed to whisper my secret, and my friend understood my concern. Her Royal

Highness (Emma) then retrieved and gave me a satchel inside which I could camouflage the stumbled upon loot until I could identify its true owner, secure its safe return, and receive any offered value for my deed. I awoke before I completed my journey and pondered the meaning of my dream.

I surmised that intent cannot always be determined by appearances and justice can be refuted or denied. Impoverished circumstances do not necessarily impugn integrity, and wealth, position, and power do not always mitigate greed. Honesty does not always ensure earthly justice. I concluded that studied self-direction on a desired path is the safest if not the only route to success. What Do your dreams say to you?

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR—Rev. Eric Ovid Donaldson



At a recent U.C.C. board meeting, it was determined that one way to grow the church is to bring more exposure to our message. Although U.C.C. has ministered in Memphis for nearly 59 years, there are many people who do not know us nor our unique and empowering message. In response to our observations, Spirit gave me a divine idea. As many Unity

ministers and teacher have done in the past, I decided to create a video that introduces people to the New Thought message, one that incorporates what people are familiar with, and that people would share. It should be something that people would follow and subscribe to on a daily basis. But rather than use the older and more expensive mediums of television and radio, we will broadcast it via the internet. The best way to do it would be to send a video message daily to people's emails; first at

12:01 midnight, then much later in the day, post the video on our Facebook fan page.

### **IT IS WORKING!**

Beginning September 1, 2011 we began "A Daily Word with Rev. Eric Ovid Donaldson." "A Daily Word..." is a free video email / social media commentary based on the Daily Word Magazine - A Unity devotional publication prayerfully helping people live better lives. Since its inception in 1924, the Daily Word has provided people of all faiths with positive words of

## FANNIE AUSTIN BECOMES PRESIDENT OF TOASTMASTERS!



Unity Toastmasters International is where leaders are made.

Fannie Austin was introduced to Toastmasters International by her sister-in-law Pat Brewer in 2003. Mrs. Austin wanted to be a better impromptu speaker in general but had a more specific goal of effective public speaking. Fannie and her twin sister, Annie McCullough, are the co-owners of Professional Hair Designers, Inc. on Park Avenue in Memphis, and are platform performance artists who demonstrate products for corporate suppliers of hair care products. Their outreach is both national and international (You can look for more about their upscale, stylish Salon on Facebook).

Fannie was recently elected President of the Toastmasters International club here at Unity Christian Church. There are currently 20 members of the group. Fannie succeeds Mrs. Betty Gales, who was the catalyst for establishing the International speakers group in 2008 at Unity Christian Church. Mrs. Gales served as President of the group from its inception. Mrs. Gales and Mrs. Austin conducted induction ceremonies for

new officers earlier this month. Other new officers are Vice-President for Education Linda Kaye Houston, Vice-President of Public Relations, Rosanna Kendall, Vice President of Membership Patricia Snell, Secretary Hattie Nelson, Treasurer Patricia Brewer, and Sergeant-at-Arms Joyce Richardson.

As newly elected president, Fannie Austin's duties will include opening and presiding over all club and executive committee meetings. She will serve as managing director and motivator for club events, coach, and all around cheer leader while promoting club activities. Fannie's main goal as the current president is to continue, as under Mrs. Gales, Unity Toastmasters merit as a "President's Distinguished Club" by growing member expertise in skills outlined by Toastmasters International. These requisites include demonstrated ability in areas such as: Competent Communicator in Advanced Bronze, Silver or Gold; Competent Leader in Bronze, Silver, or Gold, and, there must be at least one Distinguished Toastmaster. The requisites are specific throughout Toastmasters International and every club shares the same mission: "... to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership

skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth." Unity Christian Church Toastmasters has already competed and won honors in local and area wide contests. There is an International contest scheduled for September 27, 2011 in which the club will compete based on honors.

Among other goals for Fannie Austin as new president will be the induction of at least eight new members, the training of four club officers, and the timely submission of the Club renewal report by June 2012. With this completed, Unity Toastmasters International will retain the highest distinction to which any individual Toastmasters club may aspire.

In addition to being a leader for Toastmasters, this October Fannie will celebrate 25 years of marriage to Nathaniel Austin Jr. They have three children and five grandchildren.

***"Odd how the creative power at once brings the whole universe to order."***

*~Virginia Woolf*

## REV. MONTEE DAVIS REVEALS HER NEW BOOK! (continued from p. 1)



Davis chronicles her own birth and her siblings into this loving Christian family and celebrates the legacy of

her grandparents and parents. She talks about the joys, the sad times, and a few of the frustrations, but ultimately speaks of transcendence through her families teachings of God, Love, Truth, and Divine Order.

Reverend Davis' grandmother, the Late Reverend Dr. Montee Falls was the primary catalyst in introducing the new thought

movement of Unity to the African American community in Memphis, Tennessee. Described as "a persistent, highly intelligent, renaissance woman," Reverend Dr. Montee Falls had the determination to study and begin her own Unity Church as an ordained minister. Dr. Falls influenced her husband who was also the principal of a high school, to study at Unity Headquarters and become ordained as well. Reverend Montee Davis' mother, the Late Reverend Mildred Falls Davis, carried on the Unity tradition as do Reverend Montee A. Davis and her sister the Reverend Davine Davis carry on as ordained

ministers today.

*Blessed, I'm So Blessed* is eloquent while being plain spoken. Reverend Montee's joy of life and her loving Christian spirit is apparent throughout. Also apparent is her love of the finer things in life – she exudes and likes the classical and eclectic. Read about her travels to Europe, Australia, the Fiji Islands and more and you'll feel her "abundance" in living. If you haven't read it, get the book! You will feel Reverend Montee A. Davis' assertion of "...human but divine."

## A DAILY WORD COMMENTARY (continued from p. 3)

inspiration and wisdom. Each magazine includes two months of daily affirmative messages, feature articles and spiritual poetry.

The commentary is serving as a wonderful complement to the Daily Word. To subscribe to the commentary, people simply go to the U.C.C. website, Find the "A Daily Word" button on the menu, type their name and email address in the red subscription box on the page, then press the sign up button. Their email address is safely collected and placed with

other subscribers who receive the video commentary in their emails regularly.

To date nearly 200 people have subscribed to the commentary. Here are some of the comments from around the country:

**Rev E,**

***I'm truly blessed to have you in my life. ... Thank you for the daily Word that the Lord is giving you to share with the world.***

***Blessed To Be A Blessing, D. Etheridge, San Antonio, TX***

***Eric, I want to compliment you! Your Daily Word is excellent in every respect. I personally am receiving support and inspiration from your messages. The format you are using is very good and very professional. Judy and I are back from our summer home in Michigan and hope to be able to share with you via a visit to your church and possibly another***

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# A DAILY WORD COMMENTARY (continued from p. 5)

*New Thought Ministers gathering. Good work my friend! In Our Unity..... Don Crooks*

*Rev. Donaldson, Your Daily Words inspire me & brighten my day! God Bless you and your Congregation! I hope to worship with you soon! God Bless*

*Brad Rainey, Connecticut*

### **IT GETS BETTER.**

One subscriber was particularly touched by one of the commentaries. In the commentary, I spoke about my brother's transition at an early age. I - 5 years younger than my brother - began to take on the same symptoms my brother had before he passed. Were it not for some quick and potent motherly advice, I might not have made it through. Little did I know that this subscriber's mother passed 90 days prior to the commentary. She forwarded the com-

mentary to her siblings as a healing balm.

Someone may ask how this commentary project puts people in the seats of the sanctuary. It just so happened that a family from Collierville visited the church the 3rd Sunday in September. As they intro-

duced themselves to the congregation they mentioned that the church was recommended by Ms. Sonya Grier, a good friend of mine from Washington, DC. It just so happens that that friend is a subscriber to the commentary.

*A Daily Word* With Reverend Eric Ovid Donaldson

What Denomination Is God?

What Faith/Denomination Is God?

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2: Name:  Email:

3: Name:  Email:

Subject:

Message:

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Leroy Brooks Memorial Prayer Breakfast 9am Rev. Montee Davis' Birthday
2 Communion Sunday, 11am Women of Unity meets (after service)	3 Adriene Gipson's Birthday	4 Social Media Training 11am-12:30pm Cheryl Gales Gauden's	5 Lessons in Truth 7:00pm-8:30pm Lula Martin's Birthday	6 Toastmasters 8am-9am	7 Jorita Billups' Birthday Nathaniel & Fannie Austin's Anniversary	8 Journey To The Village
9 Sunday Service 11am	10 Columbus Day	11 Social Media Training 11am-12:30pm	12 Lessons in Truth 7:00pm-8:30pm	13 Toastmasters 8am-9am	14 Deja' Donaldson's Birthday	15 Journey To The Village
16 Sunday Service 11am UCC Board meets (after service)	17	18 Social Media Training 11am-12:30pm Jarred Williams' Birthday	19 Lessons in Truth 7:00pm-8:30pm	20 Toastmasters 8am-9am	21	22 Charles Randle's Birthday George Warren's Birthday
23 Friends & Family Day 11am Mi'chaela White's Birthday Sam Perkins' Birthday	24 Kathleen Adam's Birthday	25 Social Media Training 11am-12:30pm Rev. Eric Ovid Donaldson's Birthday	26 Lessons in Truth 7:00pm-8:30pm	27 Toastmasters 8am-9am	28	29
30 UCC Anniversary Sunday, 11 am Celebration in Song	31					

## A DAILY WORD COMMENTARY (continued from p. 6)

### YOU CAN HELP!

- If you have an email account or know people who do, subscribe to the commentary.
- Forward the commentary to others. There is a "forward video" button under the

video box that reveals the "Share The Moment" forwarding box (see commentary sample on p. 6). Forward to family, coworkers and friends

- Share the Daily Word, the commentary, then tell

people why you appreciate U.C.C.

This is by no means a quick solution, nor the only one but with steady and diligent intention, we will see our sanctuary filled with people seeking the truth and blessed by our message.

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*Our Mission*

**Unity Christian Church** is a congregation of Christ-Centered Bible based believers demonstrating the "abundant life" as taught and exemplified by Jesus the Christ.

*Our Vision*

**Unity Christian Church** is a center of spiritual service and activity via worship, teaching, counseling, healing, charity and spiritual self-realization. We are committed to the growth, care and development of the whole person: Spirit-Soul-Body, as demonstrated by Jesus in fulfilling the practical needs of all humanity.

***We love you! We bless you! We appreciate you!  
And we thank God for you!***

**Coming Next Month: U.C.C. Celebrates 59 Years and The Spiritual Gift of**

**ZEAL**

*"For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.*

Romans 10:2

*"Zeal is a volcano, the peak of which the grass of indecisiveness does not grow." Khalil Gibran*

*"When you are laboring for others let it be with the same zeal*

*as if it were for yourself. "*

Confucius

Zeal is the urge behind all creation . It is the affirmative impulse of existence. Its command is, "Go Forward."

What is Zeal?

- Which disciple represents zeal in scripture?
- What should I do when I am

not enthusiastic about life?

- What does the spiritual gift of zeal have to do with living a better life?

All of these questions and more will be answered during the Sunday Worship Services at Unity Christian Church during the month. Service begins at 11am. Also join us for online discussions at

[www.Facebook.com/UnityChristianChurch](http://www.Facebook.com/UnityChristianChurch)