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Rededication of Union Baptist Church May 3, 2009

Please join Pastor William Wright and the congregation of Union Baptist Church for a rededication of their sanctuary on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:30 pm. Union Baptist Church is located at 1102 Greene Street in the Augusta Downtown Historic District.

Built as a Presbyterian Church in 1851 to serve the workers in Augusta's textile mills, it was expanded in 1883 when it was purchased by the Union Baptist congregation. The present façade and two corner towers were constructed and the Gothic stained glass windows were installed at this time. Other significant architectural features include its board and batten siding, steeply pitched pressed metal shingle roof, theatre-style seating, baptismal pool, and mosaic tile floor in the vestibule.

The restoration of Union Baptist Church began in the 1990s when a state grant was awarded to the church for repair of the roof. Adopted as a project of Historic Augusta, Inc., over \$500,000 has been raised through generous donations and grants in order to preserve this architectural gem. Revitalization of the Greene Street corridor, including the preservation of several other nearby structures, has been catalyzed due to the impact of this project.

The small, but active, congregation has continued to worship in the building throughout the restoration process. The public is invited to a brief ceremony in order to celebrate the preservation and rededicate the sanctuary.

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