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*Great Things Are Happening*



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*He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.  
Jesus was risen early the first day of the week...*

**Matthew 28:6a & Mark 16:9a**

G.T.A.H. Mission Statement: *"To aide others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words."*

## Do You Need Any Help?



“Nothing in all creation can hide from him. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done. That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.” Hebrew 4:13-16 NLT

I truly treasure my relationship with Jesus. Not only did He secure my salvation, but I can open up and talk to Him about my temptations as He and I work my salvation out (Phil. 2:12). I need that type of relationship with Him because life can be a trip sometimes. *Can I get a witness?* I’m grateful that the Lord already set up a way for me to get the help I need when I really need it most.

We all need some help from time to time and we need to know how to get it for the challenges that come our way. Jesus has endured many temptations and trials and now sits on the throne of grace to help us victoriously live in His image. In order to get the help you need, I exhort you to do the following:

**1. Admit you need some help.** To never admit that you need help with your temptations is to live in pride and disobedience. We are told that God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. This is because proud people act like they never need help with anything while the humble admit, “Hey, I’m having a hard time with this one. Help a brotha/sista out.” You don’t lose any “*cool points*” by admitting that you’re in the middle of a situation that’s too much for you to handle alone. You’re no less anointed nor are you less mature by admitting

you need help. Mature believers obey the word of God and ask for help when we need it. *Swalloweth thy pride and admitteth thou needest some help. Fa realeth!*

**2. Stop making excuses to justify your weaknesses.** None of us are perfect and the Lord does not expect us to be. Although the King James translation of the Bible records Jesus telling us to be perfect, the actual translation has Jesus telling us to be holy or mature. In other words, the Lord commands us to grow and become more like Jesus. We cannot do this by constantly making excuses to justify our weaknesses. Excuses such as, “*I can’t help it*” or “*The Lord doesn’t mind if I \_\_\_\_\_*” or “*Nobody’s perfect*” or “*But I tried to stop, but...*” will forever keep you from walking in victory. God understands and He’s merciful, longsuffering, and slow to anger, but don’t play with God by making excuses for indulging in weaknesses that you can overcome.

**3. Pray and pray some more.** I thank God for the privilege of prayer. I will admit that there are times when I’m praying and telling God, “Lord, I prayed and asked you to help me in that last temptation and I still went on and did the *doggone thang* anyway, but I repent and ask you to forgive me and help me to walk in victory.” What I’m saying is that I pray and pray some more. In other words, I keep praying no matter what. Continual prayer keeps me from giving up on the God who wants to help me and it keeps me from giving up on myself. Prayer gives me power to give Him what He wants the way He wants it all the time. Keep praying. As long as you can keep praying, you can find yourself progressing toward walking in more consistent victory. Don’t let shame keep you away from the throne of grace. Come before the risen Savior in confidence and get the help you need when you really need it most. The hymn writer said, “Just ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen, and keep you. He is willing to aid you; He will carry you through.”

-Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

## ***He Is Risen***

*Interview with Sis. Maggie Bradley*

*Reporter: Minister Marilyn Byrd*



I asked Mother Maggie, as she is so fondly referred to, “How would you link the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign that we just finished participating in to our theme *He Is Risen*?”

“Well,” she said, “I truly enjoyed the entire 40 Days Campaign, but thoroughly enjoyed the portion on ‘Ministry.’ It was an eye-opener for me. It caused me to question with authority, ‘Are we doing stuff just to satisfy ourselves or are we serving because of the Most High God?’” She reflected on the fact that Rick Warren asked the same question in the

*Purpose-Driven Life* book.

Maggie went on to say that her purpose for being on this earth is ultimately, to please and worship God, and further to connect and communicate with kindred spirits of women – those that are quiet and modest but need to be released for greater works. Understanding many facets of communication, she is privy and open to spoken and unspoken manners of communication, as well as gestures that can tell the whole story; but she doesn’t stop there, for even our tones indicate some of our challenges. Mother Maggie is able, through the guiding of the Holy Spirit to ‘see’ when she should intervene and /or intercede for someone. When brought to a spirit that is not naturally ready to be released, she says, “Then God does the communicating.”

Maggie really liked the class that she participated in (which was mostly women) as it helped to identify needs that would otherwise go undetected. She says of the class, “It broke the silence, and we were able to hone in to the pain.” Mother Maggie spoke of the lecture-type classes and how they are good but not always practical because in small groups, those who are quiet spirits are freed up to speak. “Small groups need to be continued here.” As we talked, I told Mother Bradley that she was, in my opinion, a quiet spirit herself and I reminded her about a specific time that I witnessed this form of communication from her. There was “total silence”, yet she was surrounded by people from all walks of life and the irony is that she held her peace. This is when she told me, “God said to me then, ‘I want to show you a more perfect way to worship Me’”, so He brought her to an ‘unspoken’ word of communication: Silence.

Mother Maggie said that reading the book, *The Purpose Driven Life* has helped her to focus on herself. She recalled the days that she taught and led the Women of Union Grove in Weekly Sunday School classes back in 1986. She and Minister Bradley had just returned from overseas as a military family where worship was very liberating and focused. To her chagrin, she found women being taught in one classroom and men being taught in another; also women sat on one side of the church while men sat on the other. She said that it took patience to not conform to what was an obvious tradition, but she set out to teach what God through His scriptures had to say about every situation and circumstance in their lives.

“The 40 Days of Purpose is an awakening for us as a church body,” invoked Maggie. “It symbolizes the Great Phoenix rising from the ashes of despair. It is a new beginning. This Resurrection Sunday, March 27th, should be different for us and if we can picture Christ lying dormant in each of our hearts for so long [salvation], but as we catch this Purpose Driven Life – does He rise to finally fulfill what He began in us [service/purpose].”

## LOCAL CHAPTER: Rebuilding Together With Christmas In April 2005 Project

(Bro. Slater S. Thorpe Jr., 2005 House Captain)



“Safe, Warm and Dry” is the goal of Rebuilding Together With Christmas In April and this year

The Grove Zone team has been blessed to serve Mrs. Bessie Head. We will be making several interior and exterior improvements to her home including making it more handicap accessible and repairing windows, door casings and eaves to make her home more energy efficient.

A key component in this process is the House Captain. Deacon Jerome Stephens was The Grove Zone’s first House Captain and later became president in 2003. Some of the previous captains have been James Booker, Alvin Striggles, Rodney Solomon and Deacon Charles Lenoir. The House Captain is responsible for ensuring that the homeowner is aware of all work that will be performed and coordinating dates and times when work will be done. The House Captain is the link between the homeowner and the Rebuilding Together Board of Directors. Other responsibilities include soliciting volunteers, ordering materials and supplies and ensuring work is completed.

Any House Captain will tell you that the heart of Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April is the volunteer. Union Grove has consistently stepped up to the plate and met the challenge to make a difference in the lives of low income, elderly or disabled members of our community. This is my third year as The Grove Zone’s House Captain and I can testify that there is no greater feeling that seeing teens and adults, men and women working together painting, cutting grass, raking yards and giving a face lift to the homeowner’s residence. To volunteer you must be 14 years old or older and sign a volunteer waiver of liability. All volunteers receive the famed Rebuilding Together “**TEE SHIRT**”.

The work day for this year’s project is **23 Apr 04**, and there is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulleting board in the church fellowship hall. I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions about this year’s project, please contact me at 218-8736.

## NATIONAL CHAPTER: Christmas In April

(Deacon Jerome Stephens)



Rebuilding Together is our nations largest volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low income homes and communities. We ensure that low income homeowners, especially the elderly and disabled live in a safe, warm and dry environment.

The organization started in Midland, Texas in 1973 from a small Sunday School Class. The small group of volunteers devoted the last Saturday in April to repairing the dilapidated homes of low income and disabled homeowners in their community. One of the recipients said "Lordy! It’s just like Christmas in April” and the name stuck. The idea spread like wild fire across the United States. At the present time, according to our National Office in Washington DC, we have 256 affiliates in 50 states, to include Hawaii and Alaska.

In 1996, the Warner Robins community-at-large, churches (to include The Grove Zone) , civic groups, the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, businesses, volunteers, and the City of Warner Robins officials came together to spread the joy here in Warner Robins to our elderly and disabled homeowners who qualify for the program. A great deal of the credit goes to Col. Richard and Mrs. Flora Rider; they were the spark plugs for getting it started here in Warner Robins. The first workday took place in April 1997, and the volunteers did 15 homes on that day. Since that first workday through 2004, we have done 300 homes. This year our goal will be approximately 60 homes. These repairs add value to the community and truly bless the homeowners.

On the April 23, 2005 workday we are scheduled to repair 45 homes. We will have the "Kick Off" at the Recreation Center with breakfast at 7:00 AM. We will be at the work site at 8:00 AM.

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## PRAYER REQUEST



Recently my husband and I (Bro. Jermaine & Sis. Patrice Smith) had the task of signing up our oldest child, Donna, for Pre-K at Lake Joy Elementary during the weekend of March 19-21, 2005. We literally camped outside of Lake Joy to hold our place in line on Saturday afternoon with all of the other parents... as if we were trying to get concert tickets. Pre-K registration was scheduled for Monday morning and only ~40 slots were available in our school zone. We would have preferred to be somewhere else during that wonderful sunny weekend, however; we were able to make new friends and fellowship with the other parents. Please, pray that a solution to this high demand for Pre-K be resolved soon.

Initially, we were disappointed on Sunday because we missed Worship Service at Union Grove, but to our surprise we were invited to attend the service held by Pastor Floyd McKeel Of Freedom Baptist Church in one of the classrooms at Lake Joy Elementary. We were also able to fellowship with one of our Union Grove members, Sis. Nannie Lane (who works for Lake Joy and opens the building for Freedom Baptist to have their services every Sunday). Pastor McKeel and his wife Patsy asked us to PRAY for their congregation. Pastor McKeel is seeking the Lord for a more permanent location and an expansion of ministry to include Sunday school and Wednesday night bible study. Please lift Freedom Baptist up in prayer. Pray for the expansion of the ministry that God has purposed under the leadership of Pastor McKeel and also pray for one of their members that has cancer.



***Pictured above: Top-Parents camped outside of Lake Joy for 2 days waiting for Pre-K registration.  
Middle-Pastor Floyd & Patsy McKeel of Freedom Baptist Church.  
Services are held every Sunday between 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in a classroom of Lake Joy Elementary.  
(Lake Joy Elementary is located at 995 Lake Joy Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088)  
Contact information: 478-987-6500***



## **Life Changers Center** **Union Grove Community Enhancement Group (UGCEG)**

Executive Director: Minister Rena Laster  
"Mission: Teaching Our Community How To Fish"  
Volume 1-No. 4-Issue 4



### **From The Director's Heart**

*"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25,26*

We have all heard the story of Lazarus. Would you agree with me that Jesus could have healed Lazarus from a distance, from where he was? After all, He was Jesus, the Son of God. But Lazarus had to die because the "sickness was not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby". Since the death had already occurred when Jesus arrived, what does this point out to us? That He is always in God's timing and that He knows exactly when to show up. Just like the old folks used to say when I was growing up, He may not come when you want Him, but He's always on time."

The death was not permanent. Jesus prevailed over death, His last enemy. Then why don't we believe that He can prevail over situations in our lives? Those seemingly dead dreams, aspirations, marriages, careers, self-images...as with Lazarus, although the wailers and mourners have shown up to mourn your losses (and some even to rejoice!), Jesus still can raise those situations in your life from the dead. Jesus loved Lazarus very much. Jesus loves you, too.

In the presence of dead situations, we can find comfort in His Presence. As with Mary and Martha, He'll also come if we call Him. He cares for us and about the things that concern us. Jesus showed compassion for them and wept at the death of Lazarus. He also feels our pain. Learn to lean and depend on Him.

In the presence of dead situations, we can also find comfort in His Person, in who He is. He is a Healer, our Friend, our Intercessor, our Counselor, our Financial Planner. Who do you need Him to be? He's only a call away. Call Him anytime, day or night.

Lastly, in the presence of our dead situations, we can find comfort in His Promise. He will be with us beyond the grave.

Imagine with me the dead hopes and dreams in the life of the woman at the well. Having had many men in her life, her self-esteem was probably low. She was probably not accepted by many in her community. But, just as Jesus raised her from a life of sin and death to a life of faith and joy in the Lord, He do the same for you. Today, Jesus still raises us out of the grave of despair, depression, drug abuse, adultery, marital problems, and rebellion and uses us as instruments to reveal His glory and grace. Aren't you glad today?

#### **Life Changing Moment:**

*I serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today  
I know that He is risen whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy. I hear His voice of cheer.  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

*He lives, He lives*

*Christ Jesus lives today.*

*He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.*

*He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!*

*You ask me how I know He lives?*

***He lives within MY heart.***

*Until Next Time Be Blessed,  
Minister Rena Laster  
Executive Director*



**Maximum Impact:  
The Influential Leader  
Equipping Leaders for Workplace Simulcast**

**Speakers:**

- John C. Maxwell**, Founder, INJOY Group
- Bill Hybels**, Senior Pastor, Willow Creek Community Church
- Bob Reccord**, President, North American Mission Board
- Howard Dayton**, Co-Founder and CEO, Crown Financial Ministries
- Bob Buford**, Founder, Leadership Network and Halftime
- Lloyd Reeb**, Director, Halftime Group
- Bishop Eddie L. Long**, Senior Pastor, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

**Audience:** Church Staff, Key Lay Leadership, and Congregation Members

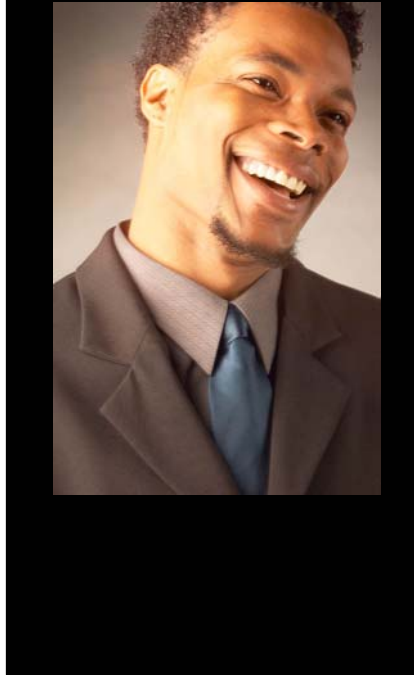
**Purpose:**

To equip the local church to prepare and unleash workplace leaders to glorify God in their work. This evening session will help equip the church staff and church membership with an understanding (why), perspective (how), and ministry (what) to correctly represent Christ in the workplace.

**Price:** No cost

**Location:** Union Grove MBC  
809 S. Davis Dr  
Warner Robins, GA 31088

**Contact No.  
478-922-5514**



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## *Let Me Rise*

(Written By Min. Marilyn D. Byrd-March 17, 2005)

*When* I think about rising, I think about rolls  
How mama used to flour and roll them just right  
Then she'd set the pan in a corner with a cloth over top of them  
to let them rise to the temperature of the room giving them life.

*When* I think about rising, I think about creeks  
That could not contain themselves because the rain continued to pour  
Washing away all the staleness that lay beneath  
And of course relieving me of my responsibility.

*When* I think about rising, I think about a young wo/man's esteem  
Exposing the vulnerabilities within; yet standing in the promises  
Of their creator never to return to that ol' nature of defeat, but  
Climbing, reaching, striving to do the good work.

*When* I think about rising, I think about having a teachable spirit  
Walking in the newness of this day, capturing every thought  
Being subject to my own condition of life; yet allowing my redeemer  
To reign, dominate, subdue, regulate my thoughts, and fix my heart.

*When* I think about rising, I think about a hill far away  
That proclaimed my destiny and set me free  
Because the one who gave his life for me went down to where my soul  
Lay dormant, unable to revive, but instead confiscated the keys to His Kingdom.

*So* when I think about rising, it is with glory in my Spirit  
Knowing that because He rose will I rise... Let me rise, let me rise

*I rise.*

### **Christmas In April** *(Continued from page 4)*

We do emergency repairs year round. For any and all work or to volunteers call 929-1123. Applications can be submitted August 1 through October 31 each year. All of our Board of Directors are volunteers. Rebuilding Together is very pleased with the community support from all walks of life from the Middle Georgia area - many local churches, businesses, personal donations, financial institutions, utilities, Robins Air Force Base, HQ Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base Civil Engineers, Local Media, Civic Organizations, City of Warner Robins, contractors, other community organizations and yes, our "Great Volunteers". We had a record of 800 volunteers for 2004.

Union Grove sponsors a home each year, and we will continue to support this program, because we must be about our Father's business,...I am my brother's keeper. It's our purpose to assist those who are less fortunate than others. I am very humble to be a part of this very diversified group known as *Rebuilding Together with Christmas In April Warner Robins*.

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

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Cameron T. Richardson was born and raised in New York City, New York. He was saved on Jan 10, 1999 and joined Union Grove in August of 2004. He is married to Sis. Ruby J. Richardson. They have two children, JeBri, 11 years old and Milani, 3 years old. They are a military family and just relocated from McGuire AFB, NJ. His hobbies are running, visiting historical sites and spending quality time with family. He is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and Support Equipment Program Manager at WR-ALC. When asked about his spiritual gifts, his response was "I'm still seeking God to find out what my spiritual gifts are and where I can be best utilized within Union Grove. In the meantime I am apart of the Finance ministry and the Greeting ministry." He was led to Union Grove because of the warm hospitality he and his family felt when they first started attending church services at Union Grove. He feels that Union Grove will continue to be a blessing to him and others if we keep extending that warm hospitality to first time visitors and carry on Pastor Clarke's initiative to fellowship in smaller more personal groups.



### TIP OF THE MONTH



**Technical Tip:** Ever need to show someone exactly what you are doing on your computer? Talking them through it on the phone not practical? If so why not download a the free Windows Media Encoder to capture your computer movements into a window media format for later viewing. Download the encoder at: [http://www.soft32.com/download-Windows\\_Media\\_Encoder\\_9\\_0-980-5.html](http://www.soft32.com/download-Windows_Media_Encoder_9_0-980-5.html)

Have a tip to share? Please send your information to [newsletter@thegrovetwr.org](mailto:newsletter@thegrovetwr.org).

*Note: This Tip of the Month section is for 'all' practical tips. The goal of this column is to make life a little easier. Therefore send us your home/car maintenance, finance, child-care, etc. tips.*

### PURPOSE WORKSHOP

*Purpose Driven Small Group Workshop*

**Date:** Sat., April 23, 2005 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Location:** Victory World Church, Atl, GA

**Individual Costs:** Ranging from \$25 to \$65 (the exact price depends on the group size)

We will be attending the Saturday sessions. Please sign up in the annex if you are interested. More information about the details of this trip will be forthcoming in upcoming announcements.

### YOUTH REVIVAL



WHEN: April 13-15th, 2005  
(Wed.-Friday)

TIME: 7 p.m. nightly



SPEAKER: Pastor Venable H. Moody II  
Executive Pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist  
Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

*\*Refreshments will be available at 6 p.m. nightly*

## Singles Ministry

***Can I get your attention for a moment?*** If you missed the **Single But Not Alone 2005** conference last month, you missed a true blessing. God is real and He's searching for some REAL worshippers! If we are living contrary to His Word, then we **cannot** worship Him "in Spirit and in Truth."

**Following is a recap of some of the messages given to us during the conference:**

**Dr. Wanda Turner:** 1 Corinthians 6:9 says "...do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers...shall inherit the kingdom of God." You are sleeping your way out of the kingdom. Sex is like fire in a fireplace. In the fireplace, fire will give you comfort, warmth, and protection. But if it gets out of place, it can burn the whole house down. To be free, come to Jesus and tell Him you are tired of this trap; tired of bowing to flesh instead of worshipping Him. And He says, if you will let Me kill you, then you can live. God says even if your flesh rises up in you and buries you, if you have anyone near you who can send for me, I will show up.

**Bishop Noel Jones:** Who can find a virtuous woman? A faithful man? The mechanism by which I choose is the heart, but the heart is deceitful. So, how can I make a good choice when my heart has already fooled me? We judge a man by his physicality but God looks into his heart. When anyone builds the inner part, God is impressed and immediately the price goes up. This means if you could find a virtuous woman, could you afford her? If you could find her, now in God's sight, she has a high price. God knows where every virtuous woman is, and God knows where every faithful man is. You cannot find him/her because you are dealing with a faulty mechanism. God says, in order to get My chosen (those I have set upon My shelf), you have to impress Me, and I will give one to you!

**Bishop Noel Jones:** What makes people hate the fact that you have a vision is because God selects you. Once He selects you, they no longer have control of you because your vision is going to take you out of their grasp, out of their reach, and out of their neighborhood. People get really upset when they can no longer control how you think, how you talk, and your destiny. You have to dare to be different. When God separates you, you can't be everybody's friend. And if Satan can't get you from the outside, he's going to try to get you from the inside.

**Single Ladies/Single Men,** I know what it's like to want to live right but yet be overtaken by the desires of the flesh. This thing is demonic and you have to be honest with yourself and ask the Lord to curse it at the ROOT! I'm not here to judge or condemn; if you want to be FREE, you can be. Question: When you look in the mirror, do you like what you see? Not that man-made mirror; the one where the Holy Spirit reveals the REAL you!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Women's "Becoming Whole" Conference:** September 22-24, 2005 (For ALL Women)

Location: The Grove Zone. Cost: FREE. Food will be served. This year the focus is on "Keeping It Real!"

**Singles Cruise 2005:** October 21, 2005; 3 night Bahamas Cruise; Depart Friday and return Monday.

**Real Life Issues:** Proverbs 23:7-- "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:" The battle is with our thinking! Just because the devil places a thought in your mind don't mean you have to entertain it. If you do, you will lose every time--trust me. Sign up for our "Battlefield of the Mind; Winning the Battle in Your Mind" study. Books will be \$10. The study will begin once we complete *Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer* by Dr. Myles Munroe. Your going to the next level is up to you. God is asking the question, but you have to make the choice.

**Meeting dates and location:** For book review/discussion on Prayer, we will meet the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th of April at 9:00AM. Location: TBD

***If you're single and you know it, come on out and show it.*** The various events/discussions are for all of us (not just ministry workers) to come together and fellowship one with another.



POC: Jennifer Shortt (328-9021)

## CELEBRATION OF VICTORY

### Purpose Driven Life Campaign Culmination

Sunday, March 13, 2005

After studying *The Purpose Driven Life* book, we had a celebration that began with Baptism and Communion. We also had testimonials, entertainment, door prizes, a photo slide show, fellowship and refreshments.

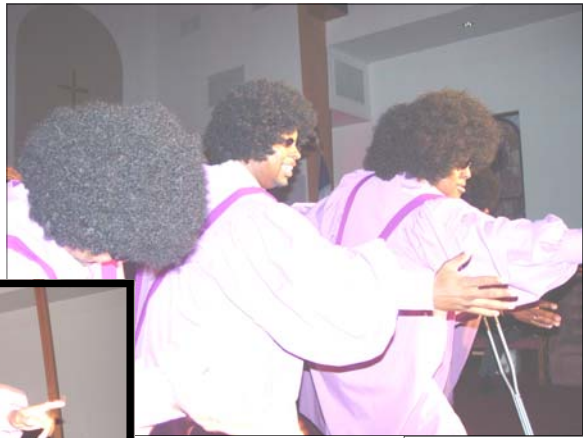


*Praise God! On this day some rededicated themselves to Christ, while others recently gave their lives to Christ.*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

*Matthew 28:19-20a*

### FIVE HEARTBEATS IMPERSONATORS: What Talent We Have At The Grove Zone!



*Someone needs a haircut!*



At the end of this 40 Day's skit the judge sentenced the defendant to serve 40 days. His last words to the bailiff and the onlookers was "What do I do with these 40 days?" We pray that you, unlike the defendant, prayed to God concerning your purpose!

## Ministry Fair



**Business Stewardship Ministry**

**Operational Support Ministry**



**Outreach Ministry**



**Spiritual Enrichment Ministry**

**Teaching Ministry**



**Worship Ministry**



**Youth Ministry**

**Life Changers: UGCEG**



**A member gathering information**

On Sunday, March 6, 2005, Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church had a Ministry Fair. Many people came out to find out about the potential areas where they could serve. If you missed this event it is NOT TOO LATE. Contact any ministry leader for serving information. If you have other questions, contact your assigned deacon.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Business Stewardship Ministry

### Trustees

Henry Allen	929-2931
Ben Respress	923-4310
Jermaine Smith*	218-0106
Charlie Tuck*	988-3321
Al Thomas	956-0674
Emma Harrison*	923-2935

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Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.	988-9358
Pastor Paul Dunbar	953-3793
Youth Pastor Paul Jenkins	953-4365
Min. Milo Bradley, Jr.	971-3346
Min. Lee McCants	953-5139
Min. John Dukes	953-8789
Min. Rushia Jackson	923-1350
Min. Mary Ann Lollar	328-8810
Min. Grace King	929-2676
Min. Charles Byrd	218-0185
Min. Rena Laster	929-4658
Min. Shane Hardee	825-0446
Min. James Ford	929-0577
Min. Marilyn Byrd	218-0185
Min. James Gaines	922-4664

### Deacons

A-C	Deac. Jerome Stephens	929-1476
D-F	Deac. Michael White	923-2938
G-I	Deac. Louis Laney	329-0957
J-K	Deac. Robert Simmons	953-1173
L-N	Deac. T.C. Caldwell	714-0155
O-R	Deac. Monroe Clarke	953-2044
S	Deac. Charles Lenoir	953-2350
T-V	Deac. Edward Jarvis	923-5139
W-Z	Deac. Nathanel Davis	923-7713
	Donald Woodard*	987-9865

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### "The Grove Zone"

*Where the Holy Spirit meets our souls, the wounded are made whole, the lost are found, and captives are no longer bound.*

## Happy Birthday

Barnes, Cheryl	Jackson, Barbara L.	Sipp, Corey
Brown, Cassandra	Johnson, Julius	Smith, Fatema
Clarrington, Theresa	Jones, Debra	Smith, Kevin
Clarrington, Theresa J.	Leonard, Bennie	Stallworth, Arlisa
Colbert, Loma	Marlow, Thelma Lee	Steedley, Anthony
Colbert, Margaret	Mathis, Antwanece	Stephens, Jerome
Davis, Kenneth	Mathis, Thelma	Striggles, Alvin
Dawkins, Naomi	McCants, Lee	Thomas, Laurice
Dukes, John	McClean, Fannie	Toles, Ta Shay
Falls, Tori	Murphy, Robert	Tuck, Kiara
Freeman, Arie William	Myrick, Pamela	Warren, Cassandra
Gilmore, Blanche	Oliver, Gloria	Wilcox, Reginald
Hayward, Hilda	Percy, Sarah	Wright, Andre
Howard, Mattie	Rutledge, Maggie	
Hunter, Christopher	Sims, Jeremy	



## What's Going on At "The Grove Zone" in April 2005

- 4-3 Habitat Home (224 Orchard Way) Dedication 3 p.m.
- 4-6 Spiritual Gifts Bible Study begins 7 p.m.
- 4-13 thru 15 Youth Revival 7 p.m. nightly
- 4-22 Purpose Small Group Workshop-ATL 8:30-3pm
- 4-23 Preparing for the Future Seminar, 10 a.m.
- 4-23 Christmas In April Kick Off-Rec. Center 7 a.m.
- 4-26 Church Quarterly Conference 7 p.m.
- 4-28 thru 29 Simulcast 6:30 p.m. Thurs. & 9-5p.m. Fri.
- 4-29 Glory Girls Book Review (Sis. Solomon) 6 p.m.
- 4-30 Perspectives on Preaching 9 a.m.
- 4-30 Pearl Stephens School Reunion 6 p.m.

## ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Attention Union Grove Members who own or are affiliated with a business. This includes people who work on commission or may sell products i.e. Mary Kay, car salespersons, etc. We will be updating The Grove's website to include business contacts. We want to have this information available so our members know who they can contact for their business needs. If you would like to be included please fill out the form located at: [www.thegrovewr.org/forms/business.pdf](http://www.thegrovewr.org/forms/business.pdf). If you do not have internet access please contact the church office for a copy of the form at 922-5514.



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*To Draw people to Christ;  
To Provide for their spiritual growth;  
To Meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and the community!*

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