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UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Back To School

Our Motto: We are a changing people changing the world for Christ.

# G.T.A.H.

Great Things Are Happening

## Youth Moment

*This year has been a blessing to all the youth. Our 2005 Youth Ministry Blast began with a three day Youth Revival. Each night we were honored by a special guest revivalist, and three guest lecturers. The theme came from the book of 1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." The guest revivalist was Pastor Moody of Florida, and the three lecturers were Minister Little of Macon, Minister Vining of Warner Robins, and our very own Pastor Jenkins, Youth Pastor. The week was a success.*

*Mother's Day:* The youth served the mothers with love and honor. The youth ministry also presented a gift and a rose to each mother for all their hard work, and

for just being a mother. Special gifts were presented to the Mother of the church—Mother Leonard, First Lady—Michelle Clarke, Wife of our Youth Pastor—Sonya Jenkins and Pastor Dunbar's Wife—Sandra Dunbar. The food ministry prepared a wonderful Mother's Day meal. Dinner was served to the mothers by the youth. The youth did an outstanding job taking care of the mothers.

*Graduation Day:* The Youth Ministry presented gifts to all 2005 high school and college graduates. Each graduate received the gift of love and congratulations, for achieving such major milestones. Sis. Marie Anderson was our guest speaker. She brought a word of encouragement by Dr. Seuss. A special graduation moment came when the undershepherd of the house, our very

own Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr, was recognized for obtaining his Bachelor's degree. It is an honor to know that we all can achieve our goals in life, with the strength of the Lord and determination of the mind.

*Father's Day:* Union Grove took special time out to honor our fathers; the spiritual leaders within the home. It was a blessing to have over 150 fathers present. Each father received a gift, and was served a fabulous dinner, prepared by the Food Ministry. The fathers were also surprised by a gift which was placed under each seat. The Union Grove Ladies dedicated a special song to the fathers, "It's Your Time." A poem was read by Sis. Sonya Jenkins. This day was truly a blessed day to honor our Fathers.

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**G.T.A.H. Mission Statement:**

*"To aide others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words."*

## Youth Moment-Sis. Tammy Carpenter, Youth Secretary

J.A.M. Summer Camp: Summer camp began May 31st under the leadership of Pastor Paul Jenkins, Director Sandra Dunbar; Cooks- Dorothy Jackson, Catherine Jarvis, Charles Lenoir, Maggie Bradley, James Wright; Teachers- Keylon Glawson, Mrs. Glawson, Maxine Woodard, Marie Anderson, Minister James Gaines, Lateshia Scott, Janice Scott, Abraham Scott and a host of many more great volunteers.



The camp goal is to help elevate each youth spiritually as well as to meet their educational needs. Each day a hot breakfast and healthy lunch was served to 50 youth campers. J.A.M. campers ages ranged from 5-17, and each group had activities that were designed for their specific age group:

5-7: In math they focused on adding and subtraction. Math also included working with double digits and multiple sets of numbers. They also learned to count by 5's and completed counting patterns. They were tested on spelling words and telling time.

8-9: In math, this group worked on adding and subtracting numbers with 3, 4 and 5 digits, including learning how to carry when subtracting. This group learned to count money. The final part of math focused on multiplication factors and cursive writing. For Language Arts, this group was introduced to spelling vocabulary words. The vocabulary words were used in sentences. Each child was required to tell a story about themselves and upon completion the student was asked several questions about his/her story.

10-17: This class began with "10 Questions", which involved a child telling a story about himself/herself. The remainder of the class participated by answering questions based on the child's story. The intention of this lesson was to build confidence in each child's ability to speak in front of others. This lesson also tested the child's listening, comprehension, memory and writing skills. For Language Arts, they were taught to tell the difference between commonly misused words. Spelling words were used as vocabulary words. In math, the main focus was multiplication of fractions, simplifying fractions, mixed numbers, adding, subtraction, multiplication, and division with different and common denominators.

In addition to the focus on academic achievement, each youth was encouraged to memorize nine Bible verses. This year's summer camp has been a challenge to encourage each youth to enhance their learning abilities, but most importantly, building a relationship with God. The camp staff and volunteers were dedicated to impacting each youth life. J.A.M. Summer Camp ended this year with a trip to Wild Adventure in Valdosta, GA.

Special thanks to all our sponsors and everyone who helped to make this camp year a success and to Keylon Glawson for reporting all the camp happenings.

KRUNK FEST: Saturday, August 6, 2005, 10am-6pm at Warner Robins Civic Center. The main goals of this event is to provide information to the Warner Robins community-at-large about HIV awareness, gangs, and bullying and basic health issues.



## Defining Peer Pressure—Deacon Theo Caldwell

To begin with, I suppose it's best to first define what the words "peer" and "pressure" really mean.

*Peer* is defined as "an equal in natural gifts or social ranks"; and *pressure* is defined as "the act of pressing or the state of being pressed".

Now that we understand the meaning of these two words, we can now ask the question, "Why is it that every time a child gets into some sort of trouble, we as parents immediately equate it with peer pressure, especially if it is the kind of trouble that causes the child to spend some time in a detention or criminal juvenile facility?"

Although peer pressure may be the cause, the underlying question and thought that hovers in my mind is this, "What if the peer pressure that our children have to deal with on a daily basis is really 'parent pressure'?" The parent pressure that I am referring to here is really a lack of positive parental guidance. As parents, we must accept the inherent responsibility of raising our children in such a way that instills within them a certain sense of self-pride, self-dignity, self-worth, and most of all, respect for their fellow human beings.

I believe in order for us to instill these qualities within our children, we must first and foremost place God at the forefront of everything we set out to say and do; and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we will receive the best help and guidance possible.

We should never try to tell our children about things which we ourselves have no knowledge of. We

should be mindful always to strive to teach and show them the difference between what is right and wrong. Of course, telling them



*Peer Pressure: Pressure from one's peers to behave in a manner similar or acceptable to them.*

about the difference between right and wrong without letting them know the consequences involved would be like saying nothing at all. Here again, as parents, we must realize that our children are going to be confronted daily with negative and adverse situations, but if we, the parents, teach them what it is they need to know now, they will be able to deal with those adversities in a more positive way when they arise; they'll feel good about the way they handled the issue and internally, they'll feel good about themselves.

Too often parents put a lot of pressure on their children to do the things they want them to do, regardless of how the children may feel about it. Oftentimes this brings about a great separation between the parents and their children. Because of this separation, children usually end up going to their peers when they have a problem and are in need of help and comfort. Because they choose to look to their peers instead of their parents, they usually end up getting the wrong

information simply because of the void that exists in their relationship with their parents. Speaking from a personal observation, most young children who get into trouble at an early age usually do so in search of attention that, in some cases, is never given at home.

Quality time is another somewhat touchy subject with a lot of parents, but quality time and their parents love is what most children are crying out for when they do things to get attention and wind up getting into trouble as a result. However, parents often make too many excuses as to why they can't spend more time with their children. To me, that's just being plain downright selfish. There is nothing so important that we can't put it off to spend some quality time with them, particularly during their formative years.

Parents, let's stop blaming everything on peer pressure, but instead, step up to the plate and start putting some of the blame on ourselves for not doing what we as parents could and should be doing. We should love our children unconditionally enough to say "no" when we're more likely to say "yes" just to keep them the children from being upset.

In conclusion, I'd like to ask this question: Peer pressure: Is it fact or fiction? Once you do a self examination on what type of parent you are, you'll be able to answer this question honestly from the bottom of your heart.

## Yet Will I Trust Him—Bro. Everard Woodard

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As usual Satan was at the throne room of God accusing the brethren day and night. “You have lost the hearts of your children; they don’t love you. All they want is a Genie who can give them blessings, breakthroughs, and benefits. You are Love, but do any of the ones made in your image have that perfect love?” The adversary queried. “Try my Daughter, Charity; she is filled with my Spirit and perfect in Love.” The Most High thundered. So God removed the protection around her and Satan troubled her life.

Charity was on her way home from a sisterhood meeting; where she had testified of how great God was moving in her life. She had just become the First lady of Triumphant Christian Center. She left early to surprise her husband with his favorite meal. She was the one to be surprised. She arrived home to find her husband in bed with another woman, their daughter. She couldn’t believe what was going on so she ran down stairs towards the door. Her husband yelled at her to stop, but she kept going until she heard the gunshot. The man knew he couldn’t let anyone find out about what happened that day in his house so he decided to let his wife take the blame for it. He knocked her out and proceeded to frame her for the murder of their family. When the police came they believed the words of their crying pastor that his wife had been possessed by a demon and attacked their family. He lied that he was able to disarm her before he fell victim also. The courts were merciless and put her on death row quickly with out any appeal.

While in prison another inmate asked her where was her God now? The inmate said that she used to watch her and her husband on TV and they appeared to be a prosperous ministry. The inmate continued to question how a loving God could allow her to sink so low into a prison for a crime she said she didn’t commit. The inmate’s last question was, “If your faith can move mountains, how come it couldn’t move these walls to set you free?” Charity’s response was, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.”

After years of abuse and mistreatment, she faced the end of her imprisonment for her execution was at hand. Again, a fellow death row prisoner asked her about the God she served. She was confused; after everything the woman had been through, she could still remain faithful to a God who seemed to forget about her. Her response was the same as before: “Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.”

After her last meal, she found it hard to sleep that night; so at midnight, she lifted up her heart unto God and prayed. “Father I have done the best I can. I was lied on, beaten, betrayed, forsaken, forgotten, imprisoned, and ridiculed. Yet through all of this, I didn’t lose faith or love in you. Please, Daddy, my soul is troubled that the enemy will win by my death tomorrow. Deliver me Lord, nevertheless your will be done my life is in your hands.” Satan entered into her cell to tempt her. “Where is your God now? If you bow before me, I will deliver you from this prison”, Satan tempted “Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him”, Charity quoted. With that, Satan fled.

She began praising and singing the rest of the night until the guards came. She laid down on the table and prepared for a lethal injection. They gave her a chance to say any final words and this is what she said: “I have had many hard trials. I lost my family, my friends, my health, my wealth, my justice, my respect, and soon my life. For Christ’s sake will I lose it for Him to give me life eternal. I love you all; don’t think my life was wrongfully taken, for though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.” With that she gave up the ghost.

Immediately her soul stood before the Ancient of Days for judgment. He blessed her for her testimony of being faithful to the end in a perverted world. Finally He presented her with a crown of life as they viewed thousands of souls who would come to believe on Christ because of her faithful love even the ones who did much harm to her.



## School's In: Lessons In Financial Responsibility –Verrett Family

Are your children ready to go back to school? This means getting up on time, catching the bus, studying, preparing for tests, moving to middle/high school, packing for college, etc.

Are you ready? Back to school also means new clothes, shoes, school supplies, tuition, dorm fees, meal tickets, etc. For those who have prepared, congratulations! You have learned that putting a little away each payday or buying a little each payday takes some of the stress out of parenting.

For those who find themselves a little short, don't panic. If you are able, take advantage of back to school sales. Even though it's August, most department stores will be putting out their fall and winter clothing, which means the summer items will be on clearance. **DON'T TOUCH THAT CREDIT CARD.**

According to Larry Burkett, the average American teenager spends nearly \$3,000 per year. Where do they get this money? From us, birth-

days, Christmas, jobs, grandparents, etc. Why should children learn money management?

- (1) Pay fair prices for quality items.
- (2) Avoid being ripped off by misleading ads/salespeople.
- (3) Stay out of debt.
- (4) Save for a car/college.
- (5) Pay tithes.
- (6) Have money in order to do fun stuff with their friends.

If you haven't already done so, now is definitely the time to talk to those college students about credit card responsibility. Remember, "Parents send money" is a legitimate source of income for most credit card companies. They can and will receive numerous cards. Can you explain to them the term "compound interest"? If not, the credit card companies will. Elementary students are not too young to learn financial responsibility. Hopefully you have set a limit for back to school shopping. Let each

child know what his/her budget is and they can decide what to purchase (within BOE guidelines). As you shop, let each child keep track of what they have spent. Be clear, when it's gone, it's gone!

### Age appropriate training:

*Ages 3-5* – Explain each transaction they see you make with money.

*Ages 6-10* – Give an allowance & make them set a budget.

*Ages 11-14* – Get them interested in earning extra money outside the home. Open a checking account for them and teach them to keep it balanced.

*Ages 15-18* – Strongly encourage a part-time job. Discuss tax issues; help them establish savings for college, a vehicle, etc. Reinforce negative and positive aspects of compound interest. Emphasize importance of a budget.

If you need help with any of the above, give me a call. I will be happy to help you get started.

*"As you shop, let each child keep track of what they have spent. Be clear, when it's gone, it's gone!"*

## Sisters of Union Grove and Community – Sis. Emma Harrison, Women's Ministry Leader

What: Women's Bible Study Class Where: Various Sisters' Homes When: Bi-weekly on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The Lord has led Sis. Connie Dinkins to host a Bible Study class for women. Those of us attending over the past few weeks have been truly blessed. The class is not your typical Bible Study. While we are using the book, "Women of Worth", as the catalyst for discussion, the Holy Spirit is our true guide. We spend most of our time communicating by sharing, listening and learning from each other. The goal is to help self and each other by "open, honest, communication". There is no pressure. Those who are led and desire to share are free to share. The quieter spirit is free to remain quiet. We have been able to laugh at, and with, each other and remain free. It is difficult to find words to express what the Lord is doing. You need to be present to witness for yourself. You're reminded that the class is open to all women, members of the Grove Zone and non-members. You are invited to share with us. At the conclusion of each session, the next location is determined by sisters volunteering to host. The next session is scheduled for August 8, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sis. Wanda Verrett. You may call Sis. Connie Dinkins, 923-8072, or Sis. Emma Harrison, 923-2935, for additional information. Everyone has something to offer and we need your wisdom. With your presence, we look forward to being forced to find a location that will accommodate up to 100+ women.

## There's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON! -Bro. Larry Spruill Jr.

When every which way you turn, you hear or see the word NO  
And you feel like you have no where to go,  
Just remember to keep your faith strong through all this messin'  
Because I'm here to tell you there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

When GOD tells you over and over again that He has a plan  
and you lookin at Him like you just don't understand  
Just remember to keep your faith strong through all this messin'  
Because I'm here to tell you there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

Through the cancer, doctor appointments and the heavy rain  
Trying to smile in front of folks, when your heart is in so much pain  
Just remember to keep your faith strong through all this messin'  
Because I'm here to tell you there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

Lord, I have a question for you, "Why so much pain?"  
How can you sit here and tell me, "To not complain!"  
Just remember to keep you faith strong through all this messin'  
Because I'm here to tell you there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

When you see things going right for the unfit,  
And God says child don't despair because if it don't fit then you must  
acquit.

Believe in God throughout this messin'  
Because I'm here to tell you, there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

Praying and fasting is not working and I don't know what to do,  
But Donnie McClurkin said "Watch the Lord see you through."  
Please have faith and stand strong throughout this transgression  
Because I'm here to tell you, there's a BLESSIN' in every LESSON.

From crying to laughing and thinking in every way  
Just praying that I'll be healed someday  
For all the young folks please don't turn away  
Because the God I serve will turn that "F" into a "A".  
To my Mom, Dad, Pastor, and First Lady and all of God's congregation!  
I'm here to tell you, there's a BLESSIN in ever y LESSON.

# Things That Matter: Edifying One Another Matters to God Part III

Deacon Jerome Stephens, Spiritual Enrichment Ministry



Unfortunately, some Christians never learn the lesson about the “Christian-life.” They view their spiritual gifts as if they are primarily for their own use and enjoyment. Christians don’t seem to understand that the greatest sense of fulfillment as believers is to see how God is using their spiritual gifts to enhance the body of Christ and build up a winning team for His honor and glory.

The Apostle Paul authored two texts that speak to this matter, and he leaves no doubt about where he stands. In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:12 – “*Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that seeks to excel.*” That’s pretty plain, isn’t it? You don’t have to look that verse up in order to understand its meaning. Later in the chapter Paul writes, “*How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a Psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation? Let all things be done for edification.*” 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:26, Paul says “*When you get together, folks, don’t be so consumed with how you are going to exercise this or that gift.*” It’s not your gift that’s important; it’s your goal with the gift. What are you doing with it? In my opinion, the gift itself

ought to be incidental. There is no time or room for self-centered preoccupation with gifting. In this hostile culture where believers get torn down just walking out of their front doors, we need to pour all our energies into building up the body of Christ. It’s all about the goal; it’s not about the gift. It’s not about your wisdom, it’s about His Word. How do we know where to start this important task for Christ? You may be asking yourself, “How am I going to turn this around (if you know you have been negative)? I know I say things I shouldn’t and sometimes tear people down - I’ve done it for years. What can I do? Where do I learn to be a better builder?”

Here is a great scripture Paul left for us – Paul encountered the Ephesian elders on the beach. Knowing he would not see these men again, he left them with this counsel: “*So now, brethren, I command you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*” (Act 20:32)

How do you get built up to the point that you can build up someone else? My friends, you need the Book of Books! Read the bible! Study it, memorize it, and meditate on it! If you are not spending time praying and reading the Word of God, I can

almost promise you will tear down your own life and tend to tear down the lives of others also. The word of God is the pull to help you be a continual builder. That’s how you build yourself up, so that you, in turn may build up the lives of others. (See Jude 20-21)

Scripture says, “*Edify the house, and while you are building in someone else’s life, you’ll find your own life being repaired, restored, and remodeled as well.*” (Ephesians 4:12) The Master Builder sees it all.

“*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*” (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:11)

“How do you get built up to the point that you can build up someone else?”



## License Sermon: Minister Lonnie Klutz: 7-13-05

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Title: **Do You Love Everyone?**

Main Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Minister Klutz began by asking the congregation, “*How can you love?*” (Matthew 5:43-6)

### TEACHING ABOUT LOVE

Before people lived by the rule of loving their friends and hating their enemies...BUT later when Jesus came He taught that you should love EVERYONE and pray for your enemies.

### COMMON TYPES OF CONDITIONAL LOVE

#### 1. The Because of Love



The *Because of Love* means I love you because of certain reasons.

#### 2. The Give and Take Love

The *Give and Take Love* means when you can't get anything from me anymore then I don't need you.

### WHAT IS TRUE LOVE

A gift from God, not an emotion. People are looking for love when they come into the church of God.

“*Do you know God?*” (Romans 5:5) He has given true love to you. “*Why is love the first fruit of the spirit?*” If you take away love the other fruits don't work. (1 Cor. 12, 1 John 5:1-5)

You can't know God unless you love everyone. Without love we are nothing, we have to get to the point that we recognize that we really don't love everyone and we have to work on it. **Your love will be tested!**

## License Sermon: Minister Antonia Simmons: 7-27-05

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Title: **Work Your Faith**

Scriptures: Genesis 6:9-14,19-20, and 22

Minister Simmons began by explaining how Noah was a type of church and how he was perfect in Conduct and Character and how he stood alone in a corrupt world. Throughout her sermon she posed several questions to the congregation.

“*How are we to behave?*” We have to submit to authority. If we are under authority, we need to submit if it is not a sin. Maturity in Christ is the goal. We need to have godly principles. There ought to be some

things you just won't say or do. We have to be patient and have integrity.

#### Noah's Time Period:

The earth was full of corruption and violence and there was no bible, church, internet, radio, etcetera. He did not have a variety of support resources like we have.

Noah's Task: God gave him the task of building the ark, but yet no one was converted or saved by Noah's work. Noah walked with God during his time of building and was



obedient supporting the work of God. His purpose was to get to know God. Basically he built the ark and his family got on it.

“*Why must we work our faith?*” A dead faith is useless. Our work shows the world that we are true believers. God knows the work will stretch our faith and grow us up.

“*How do we work our faith?*” Be spirit-filled. Be obedient.

“*What hinders our faith?*” Doubt, fear and unbelief.



## Life Changers Center

### Union Grove Community Enhancement Group (UGCEG)

Executive Director: Minister Rena Laster

*"Mission: Teaching Our Community How To Fish"*

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Greetings,

The Life Changers Center continues to bless the lives of families in Houston County through financial assistance and opportunities for ministry and the plan of salvation. The program is truly a blessing and I feel honored to be used by God to be a blessing to others through my spiritual gifts at the Life Changers Center.

The academic year is about to begin again and once again we are in need of instructors. Instruction will begin on September 6, 2005 and end on December 15, 2005 for Phase I of the program. Classes to be offered are listed below. If you have an interest in teaching a class, mentoring, helping with childcare, refreshments or being a skills coach, please contact Yvonne Caesar, Administrative Assistant at 929-8585.

- Goal-setting and Goals Management
- Introduction to Budgeting
- Credit reporting
- Interviewing Skills
- Dressing for Success
- Customer Service Skills
- Assertiveness Training
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Fundamentals of a Positive Self Image
- Anger Management
- Computer Lab
- Social Behavior
- Childcare Certification

Life Labs will also be offered. These are opportunities for those in business to share tips, interviewing skills, organizational goals and expose students to various organizational cultures in order to prepare them for employment and promotion. If your place of employment is interested in providing this experience to students please contact the Life Changers Center.

**Life Changing Moment: Consider your many blessings. What do you have that can be shared with others?**

Until Next time, May God bless and use you!

Rena Laster ©

Executive Director



# The Union Grove Disciplettes Ladies Softball Team

-Sis. LaShondria Smith

How long has the Women's Softball team been playing ball?

**Coach Willie White:** *The team has been around since the early 1980's back then Joe Brown was the coach. I started coaching in 1986 after the team had taken a year or two off. The first year I coached the ladies won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league. I can only recall a few seasons that were not winning seasons for the team.*



*play ball and WIN. The ladies had faith in each other showing a good spirit on the team. They also kept one another lifted up by sticking together, never giving up and always playing to win.*

Who plays for the team?

**Coach White:** *The team has always been opened to nonmembers and of course any member that wants to play on the team can. With softball being a part of the Outreach Ministry, this allows a strong bond between the ladies and continual fellowship with other local churches. There have been several nonmembers that actually joined the church after playing on the softball team.*

**Coach White:** *This year I know that the ladies communicated away from the field encouraging one another and keeping each other lifted up. As far as fellowships with other churches, for years we had annual softball games and cookouts with Beulahland Bible Church one year in Macon the next here in Warner Robins. Just good fun, fellowship, and eating!*

What are the keys to success?

**Coach White:** *The hard work and dedication that the ladies possess demonstrating that they wanted to win. A genuine sense of love, I really saw the love the ladies had for each other this year. AND OF COURSE, our FANS!!*

Tell me more about the fellowship.

Tell me about this year's winning season for the ladies, only losing 2 games!

*The fans have always been very supportive and it helps the team knowing we have their support.*



**Coach White:** *It was a great year for the ladies and I am very proud of them and all they have accomplished! The ladies showed me they really wanted to*

**THANK YOU!!!!**

# Church Picnic 2005

The annual church picnic was held at Fountain Park on Sunday, July 24, 2005 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Praise God for Bro. Rodney Solomon and his team for putting on such a awesome picnic in spite of the heat. We thank God for all the hands that prepared it and for all of them that served so graciously in the heat . Volunteers were as follows: Dan Mitchell-cook, Tony Brown-cook, transporter; Charles Tuck-transporter, cook; Stephanie Solomon-shopper, errand running; Alando Bray-cook, set up, take down; John Smith-fish; Shirley Smith-server; Clara Smith-server; Nannie Pearl-server; Joe Dinkins-all around helper; and everyone else that lent a hand. We could not have asked for more. There was plenty of food, fun, and (praise God) fans for our enjoyment.



*Union Grove Young Adults. We praise God for the anointing He has given them.*



*Pastor Clarke's first book signing for his book entitled "Starting Over: Five Helps To A New Direction In Life".*

## Tip of the Month

When you receive emails concerning information about heinous crimes, unbelievable accounts, etc., check out the facts prior to forwarding the message. Most email forwards about subjects like: "Microwaving Foods In Plastic Containers Release Cancer-Causing Agents Into The Foods", "Infected Needles In Your Tires", etc. are actually what are called *Urban Legends*.

Urban Legends are basically UNTRUE stories that people pass on and retell as if they were factual. Most often people begin telling these stories in order to instill fear. Check the credibility of these stories, by visiting the website [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and type in key words about your story.

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.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 Clark	953-2044
S	Deac. Charles Lenoir	953-2350
T-V	Deac. Edward Jarvis	923-5139
W-Z	Deac. Nathanel Davis	923-7713
	Deac. Donald Woodard	987-9865



## Happy Birthday!!!

Bates, Ebony	Johnson, Leroy	Simmons, Kay
Bates, Kiara J.	Johnson, Octavia	Sims, Doris
Britt, Cearra	Lane, Nannie	Smith, Patrice
Butler, Audra J.	Lenoir, Mary	Smith, Rose
Clark, Maria	Martin, Carolyn	Stephens, Ella
Clayborn, Mary	Medlock, Martha	Tate, Charles
Colbert, Freeman	Myrick, Alvin	Toaster, Charlene
Colbert, Pearl	Nathaniels, Markita	Toles, Shirley
Cornish, Sandra	Pegues, Anthony	Turner, Shannon
Doe, Helen	Pickett, Pearl	Wafford, Jennette
Dunbar, Martin	Powell, Kenya	Walker, Tiambi
Dupree, Butch	Randall, Xavier	Webb, Felica
Dupree, Quinelle	Reeves, Gwendolyn	Wester, Danaisha
Durham, Jacqueline	Respress, Candance	White, Willie
Ford, James	Royal, Connie	Williams, Dorothy
Gude, Zenobia	Scott, Janice	Williams, Minnie
Ham, Marsha	Scott, Rashad	Williams, Norri
Hardin, Torion	Seed, Jacqueline	
Hicks, Josephine	Shelley, Latorra	
Hunter, Mary Ann	Shelling, Annie	
Jackson, Darren M	Simmons, Antonia	
Jenkins, Syphronia	Simmons, Delois	



**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!!!**

Mother Annie Shelling turned 101 Years Old on August 4, 2005

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

**August 7: Homecoming, 10:45 a.m.**

**August 20: Church Fellowship for Families A-C & G-I**

**August 25: Leadership Development (Church Counsel), 6 p.m.**

**August 28: Sunday School Graduation, 9 a.m.**

*Note: September's issue of the G.T.A.H. will be distributed in October 2005.*

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*To be a global network of learning, loving, and life transforming ministries where hungry worshipers are discovering and walking in their God-given purpose with exceeding great joy.*

**Our Mission Statement:** *To draw people to Christ, maximize our potential, and creatively meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and community.*

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