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Great Things Are Happening



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UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Balancing Family, Work and Ministry

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

### Living the Balanced Life~Intentionally—By Min. Rena Laster



So, you've got two cars, the house, the kids, a dog and a great job. Or, you're now retired. Perhaps you're a student. You're having fun. Or, you can't find the time to have fun. Even with it all, you feel as though something is missing in your life. You don't feel fulfilled. You have no energy left at the day's end. Could it be that your life's account is not balanced? Life must consist of balance in the areas of relationships, desires, dreams, and responsibilities. Think of your life as a ledger. In it there is a column for each relationship, each responsibility, dream and desire. Which columns in your life have the most deposits? Which ones have the most withdrawals? Which ones are completely bankrupt? Withdrawals and deposits will be in the form of time, energy, fulfillment, neglect,

love, and respect. Now, consider your ledger with its withdrawals and deposits. If it was a business, would it survive? Would it flourish? If your ledger represented our ministry, would it be in the red?

During a life coaching session several years ago, one of my mentees said to me, "I feel as if I have all the balls in the air but I can't catch them all. I'm afraid because I don't know which ones will fall." My question to her was, "What are the balls and which ones SHOULD you drop?" You see, in order for her to have gotten into this predicament with too many balls in the air, that much "stuff", that much "busyness", something was being neglected in her life. She was absent-mindedly picking up balls either out of feelings of obligation, guilt or habit. The balls were nicely lined up somewhere in the line of should, would, ought to, can't, and whatever other labels we let categorize our lives. Sadly enough, like her, we don't realize that life is out of balance, that we're dropping balls until we feel burned out and frantic.

Or, we feel just plain sad. Things start falling apart. We bend over to see which balls have fallen but our back gets a crook in it. We're in pain. We feel as though we can't straighten up and get back in the game because we are just too tired. We realize that during the process of juggling, we got older. Our kids grew up. Our marriage went sour. Life kept moving while our balls were on the floor.

How does imbalance happen? I have a few theories. (1) Our stated values and our lives aren't congruent. We verbalize what our priorities are in life but our actions and decisions don't reflect this. For example, we say that God is the most important person in our life. Yet, we have to squeeze Him into our busy schedule. And, that's only an occasional action. We say we want to serve God but can't find time to participate in ministry. We say that family is important to us but we never find time to eat dinner together, play with our children or have date nights with our mates.

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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."*

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

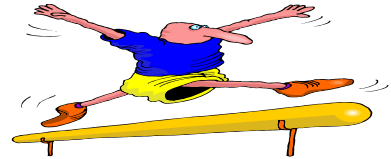
## Living the Balanced Life~Intentionally—con't

(2) We absent-mindedly go about our days without much thought. Almost as if we're on auto-pilot. We don't think about what we eat, how much we eat, when we'll sleep, when we'll rest or whether or not we're even doing what we should be doing. Consequently, we eat too much, rest too little and find out that we still haven't done what really matters in life. (3) We let other people's priorities dictate what we should do. These opinions have us trying to keep up with the Joneses and chasing the "American Dream". Never mind that it doesn't fit into God's plan for our individual life. (4) We pay attention to only a few areas in our lives. It's as if the squeaky wheel gets the grease. You get sick. Therefore, you pay attention to your health. Your spouse threatens to leave so you pay attention to your marriage. Your boss threatens to write you up so you hunker down at work. God designed our lives to be lived holistically—mind, body and spirit all well nurtured. How do we live a holistic life? Let's start by paying attention to our physical health, spiritual health, relationships, finances, and personal growth. Our jobs are not the most important things in life. They must be kept in their proper perspective. We have each been given 24 hours each day to steward. People who live balanced lives are focused, proactive, and resourceful. Their lives are productive. They prosper even as their souls prosper. And, as they prosper, the Kingdom of God prospers.

### CAN YOU WALK THE LIFE BALANCE BEAM WITHOUT FALLING OFF?

(If you can't remember when you did at least 5 of the things below, you have fallen off the Balance Beam!!!)

- When was the last time you actually smelled a live flower? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you were fully engaged in a conversation over dinner with your family at the dinner table? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you were fully engaged in conversation without answering your cell phone? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you left work on time? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you spent time with a friend just having fun? (No discussion about work). \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you spent quality time, individually, with each one of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you engaged in a hobby? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you went through a whole day without complaining about your life? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you spent at least one hour in personal Bible Study? (not at church). \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you spent some time rejuvenating yourself? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you decided to eat healthy? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time that you exercised? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time that you saved some money? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you invested some money? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you read for pleasure? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you learned something about a new subject? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you thought about where ministry fits in your life? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time that you participated in a ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you decided to make changes in your life? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the last time you had a conversation with God about your purpose in life? \_\_\_\_\_



Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven— A time to give birth, and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted, A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build up, A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance, A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing. A time to search, and a time to give up as lost; A time to keep, and a time to throw away. A time to tear apart, and a time to sew together; A time to be silent, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace. (The New American Standard Bible). Maybe now is the time to do some soul searching. Is it the right time to do the things that you are doing? Is it the right season? Is it within God's plan and purpose for your life? Balance in our lives is an ever changing process depending upon life stages, goals and God's purpose for our lives. Like being on a balance beam, we must always be aware of where we are on the balance beam of our lives and the things that will take our focus resulting in a fall. Now is a good time to focus on the area of Ministry in our lives. The Grove Zone needs us all. The Kingdom of God needs us.

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## Family Member Update



Christopher Allen & the former Demetria Chambliss were married January 14, 2006 in a ceremony at Turner Chapel A.M.E. in Atlanta  
Christopher Allen is the son of Bro. Hank and Sis. Annie Allen.



**Jaden Vashron Chapple**  
Grandson of Jeanette Cabbage  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Vashron L. Chapple  
Born: September 21, 2005  
5lbs. 14oz, 19 inches

## New Member



Courtney Keyana Henderson was born and raised in Albany, Ga. She rededicated her life to Christ in September 2005 and joined Union Grove in October. She is single with no children currently works as an overnight Wal-Mart associate. She is planning to attend college in the fall with a major in Early Childhood Education. When asked why she joined Union Grove, Courtney wrote, "I felt accepted by so many people, like I was one of their family members." She also said that the many activities/ministries at Union Grove appealed to her as well. Courtney believes that her spiritual gift is discernment. Some of her hobbies are; talking on the phone, reading, acting, and watching movies.

## Great things are truly happening with the G.T.A.H.

**Special Announcements**- If you would like to share a special announcements (marriages, births, achievements) we here at the G.T.A.H. would love to have them. Please submit a picture, if possible, along with your announcement.

**New Members**—If you are a new member (given the right hand of fellowship within the last year) we would like to hear from you. Please email us with your name and phone number.

**Ask A Minister**—Do you have questions about the bible? Do you have questions about how to live for God? We want to get your questions answered. Please submit your questions for the G.T.A.H's "Ask a Minister".

*All submissions for the GTA H should be submitted by the 3rd Friday of the month. Please submit to newsletter@thegrovewr.org or put in Patrice Smith's box in the copy room.*



I remember when I was trying to teach my daughter, Tenisha, how to ride a bicycle. Normally, I'd keep my hands on the bike long enough to gain speed and then let it go. But, she was so terrified of the thought of riding without the training wheels, I thought I'd run along side of her holding on to the bike to assure her she had nothing to be afraid of. Well, we're rolling down the street, downhill, with Tenisha on the bike and one of my hands on the handle bars and the other holding the back of the seat. BAM!!! We both hit the ground. Tenisha's crying, I'm more embarrassed than the time in tenth grade when I fell in front of all my friends on the ice on my way to the bus stop (never wear dress shoes on icy sidewalks), and I'm thinking she'll never try to ride a bike again. I lost my balance and we both fell to the ground.

In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus had come to visit Martha and her sister, Mary. I imagine the house now being cleaner than it has ever been. I can see Martha throwing all of Mary's old things that should've been thrown away years ago while hiding her own old stuff in a closet somewhere. The paper plates, plastic forks, and Tupperware are nowhere to be seen. The china, crystal, and silver are all on display. But, there's a problem. Martha is working her fingers to the bone while Mary is just sitting on her behind listening to Jesus teach. The nerve! But, Mary is doing the best thing she could do with her time at that moment.

My coaching colleague, Apostle Arthur Tigney, of Tucson, Arizona ([www.dci.nu](http://www.dci.nu)) specializes in coaching pastors and entrepreneurs "to live balanced lives and get more done without doing it." I asked him for his perspective on the text and he has Jesus saying, "Look, don't get so caught up on trying to serve me, because right now the true ministry is being with me." Mary shows us that she knew what to do with the moment. While Martha was doing what was good, Mary was doing what mattered most.

Stephen Covey, in his best seller, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, shares that the third habit is putting first things first. He makes a differentiation between what is important and what is urgent. I suppose we could say Martha was doing what was important while Mary was doing what was urgent. Knowing how to prioritize is what makes the difference between fruitful and failing families, careers, and ministries.

Some people wonder what comes first between family, ministry, or career. Apostle Tigney offers this perspective, "My ministry is to my family and my family is my ministry. And one of the things I think a lot of us do is we try to separate the two, which cause us to sometimes feel scattered and stretched." Apostle Tigney is right. Let me share three things with you to help put things in perspective. I'll call these three things to give yourself permission to do:

**1. Give yourself permission to make time for the family.** Is there anything that you and your loved ones all love to do? Find what you all love to do and schedule it in advance, commit to it, and make it happen. Michelle and I are real good about checking with each other to see what we have going in a couple of days or weeks so we can do things together. We go out for walks or bike riding-Tenisha's improved a lot over the years.

**2. Give yourself permission to serve in at least one ministry with excellence.** In fact, you may need to limit yourself to one ministry. First Lady Michelle Clarke says, "If you are in more than one ministry and it is affecting your family or ME time...you should figure out which ministry best fits your gift and stick with that one. No need to be in three ministries and you aren't effective in any of them." She's right. I'm grateful for the saints who go above and beyond, but I don't want anyone burned out or neglecting their families. And let me add this, if you're not serving in the kingdom and allowing God to use you, your life is imbalanced and you are out of order with God. I Peter 4:10KJV says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

### Make Time To Get Centered

**3. Give yourself permission to advance in your career.** Go for the promotions. Go back to school. Steward those opportunities as God opens the doors before you. At the same time, I'd encourage you to talk your plans over with your family and fellow laborers in ministry. Count the cost of the time and attention you'll need to invest in order to further your career. And remember God's Word in Matt. 6:33a, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Be careful that your advancements do not take you away from having quality time with your family, time to serve in ministry, and time for "me-time."

Apostle Tigney says we must center ourselves in Christ and ask the Lord daily what He wants us to do with our day. He believes God will give us a mission for the day. As we strive to better steward our lives, I encourage you to center yourself in Christ and daily seek Him for your mission for the day and exercise wisdom and discipline to do what facilitates a prosperous, balanced life.

Don't be afraid to take some time off to get clarity and focus. In fact, I closed 2005 out by taking a week off to pray and get focused on my life. I have so many things I want to do for God and I had to be honest with myself and admit that I could not do it all at the same time. So, I continually went before the Lord during that week asking Him, "Lord, what do you want me to do with my life right now?" That week of intense prayer helped me to get the clarity I needed. Mid-Day Manna Bible study is one of the fruits of that time off for prayer and clarity.

Secondly, not only will prayer help us get centered, but getting another set of eyes on our lives is a priceless way to help us get and stay centered and balanced. I thank God for my wife, Pastor Charles Reynolds, and a couple of people at Union Grove that help me with this. I think too many of us stay imbalanced because we're trying to do life as best we can without letting anyone else in our space to examine what we're doing and how we're trying to do it in order to help us prosper. In my book, *Starting Over: Five Keys to a New Direction In Life*, I share how most people don't know what they're doing

when it comes to living, or, as I refer to it, "life-ing." As disciples of Jesus, we are to have at least one other person in our lives to whom we are accountable and help us keep our life responsibilities in perspective.

Thirdly, keeping life balanced has a lot to do with the vision for our lives. We must all have a mental picture of what we believe God desires our families, ministries, and careers to look like down the road. For example, if your vision does not include divorce or an unhealthy family, don't neglect them. Picture it, plan it, share it with someone who can keep their eyes on you, and make it happen.

Finally, if I had to give some tips on balancing it all, I'd share:

**Be fair with yourself and others.** Don't neglect Christ, yourself, or those who matter most in your life. Be fair and give everyone the time and attention they rightfully deserve.

**Be flexible.** Demonstrate a willingness to change your schedule in order to do what matters most.

**Be faithful to everyone you've made a commitment to.** People are counting on you. Don't let them down, especially your kids. They didn't ask to come here.

**Be firm and learn how to say "no".** Saying "no" is hard, but necessary in order to prevent overwhelming ourselves with things we have no time or energy for.

**Be focused.** Get organized. Joshua was told to meditate day and night in order to stay focused on obedient living. Start and finish your days well by having time for centering through prayer, quietness, and reflection.

**Be fun to be around.** When you're overdoing it, you can be easily agitated and cranky. Be a joy to be around and create an environment that would keep your loved ones from hiding at work or church. This happens in the body of Christ more often than most of us realize. [www.pastorclarke.biz](http://www.pastorclarke.biz)

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## Christian Humor

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. There were many cars in front of him although the attendant was working as fast as he could. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Pastor," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean, It's the same in my business."



## Great Things Are Happening at “The Grove”



Deacon and Sister Davis  
Married Couple Valentines Ball, February 10th



Spiritual Enrichment Ministry  
Ministry Workers' Banquet, February 17th



Nursery Ministry  
February Youth Sunday



Pastor David and First Lady Clarke  
Ministry Workers' Banquet, February 17th



Genuine Praise Team  
February Youth Sunday



Youth Ministry  
Ministry Workers' Banquet, February 17th

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Vision Center Ribbon Cutting



The Vision Center Ribbon Cutting  
Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. with the President of Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, Frank Field



Bro. Joseph Dinkins, Deondra Smith, Michael Wester, Kiera Salone  
Life Changers Fashion Show, January 28th



Rashee Ragin, David Clarke II, Leo Finkley, Jr, Leo Finkley  
Pastors Anniversary Gala December 9, 2005,



J. Cohan, E. Jarvis, R. Solomon, L. Finkley, D. Salone  
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## The Balances of Our Marriage (The Byrds Nest) —By Min. Marilyn Byrd



Minister Charles and Marilyn Byrd  
Married February 13, 2005

Bless the Lord, Minister Charles Byrd and I celebrated our first year as husband and wife a couple of weeks ago (13 February), and I wanted to speak on some balances that we've had to embrace to faithfully advance the Kingdom of God. We must say that having each other has increased our faith in Christ – that He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. We hold fast to His promises for us and we strive to do His will.

For a marriage relationship to be successful, the world says to "Get all you can and can all you get." But the word of God says to the husbands to "die," and to the wives to "submit." He says for us to be submitted to one another in the fear of God. The Lord said for husbands to love

their wives as He loved the church and gave himself for it. That means that he died for her. First he gave up his throne-ship to come down and be made a little lower than the angels; I'm told for the *joy* that was set before him. Jesus would be crucified on a cross for joy? What manuscript was he reading? Did he have the correct scroll? How do you spell **J-O-Y** out of **C-R-O-S-S**? It isn't there to the naked eye. But this is what happened, He died for it (the church) that it would live and be prosperous. This is why *you* know about Him - someone who recognized the cross for themselves told you about it and you believed and told someone else about how He loved and died for you. Well the Lord has said to husbands to do the same thing for their wives...talk about a balancing act! The men (husbands) are commanded to be the head of the woman (God's crowning creation), the one reserved to bring forth life as He did, this creature of immeasurable power did God put a regulator over her and she was to desire what was put over her. The Lord said for husbands to be *over* them *and die* for them? It seems that one would cancel out the other in my non-mathematical opinion. However Charles Byrd is showing me what God meant by those statements: rule over and die. There are principles set forth in the word of God concerning marriage that if followed, you will be successful and if not, you won't.

Please allow further extrapolation...

Husbands, you must die to your set ways of "Do it because I said do it," or "I am the head of this family..." or "What are you complaining about now?" The word says to dwell with them according to knowledge, and if she, we, I don't know anything and cannot converse with you intelligently, then you must wash me with the word: cultivating and presenting me without spot or blemish. You must be kindly affectionate towards me because some of us have never been treated with kindness before and we may not recognize it. Fawn over us, fellas. Make us believe that we are the only ones for you. Help us to accept who we are by your love shown to us. Tell us that we are beautiful and smart and desirable, daily, for we feel imperfect and unworthy. Teach us the word of God so that we will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil not giving in to seducing spirits. Affirm us by your concern for us, and when life gets you down as it will do, come to us and let us soothe away the pains. Enter into a place with us that no one else can enter. Be real with us, die for us.

Wives, you must submit to the authority of your husband. I know that God originally set you equal with him, but because of your emotional state, he could no longer trust you to stand without reason, so He gave you a regulator – your husband. Look at the man's makeup; he is the conqueror, the protector, the cultivator, and the teacher. He receives vision from the Lord and he walks it out unnervingly because he is not an emotional creature. He is logical and thinking. He carries out commands methodically and responsibly.

## The Balances of Our Marriage—con't

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He is who God looks to for answers in your family, not you. So even if you have had to sit in the role of husband for your family or was just raised by a strong woman, you must submit to the authority of your husband. He may after striving with you for headship, concede; but know that it will cause further problems for your relationship later on. There is a consequence for every decision that we make. God said for you to reverence your husband. Have I done this to perfection in this past year? Of course not, but God who began a good work in me will complete it until that day. But until then how are we reverencing our husbands? One of the problems that we've encountered in our marriage is my *helping* my husband. I could only help in the sense that I knew him.

Where I thought he needed help, he refused and I was left baffled and confused. We had to talk and pray and talk and pray to agree where I could help him and understand the reason that I am in his life. This was not a pleasant road to travel, but we are making strides and the gap is closing. He is teaching me to play chess and believe it or not, I apply those skills to our real life together. Is it good to do so? Sometimes not, but I'm learning to tell him what I think and feel and he's learning to listen and consider. In chess, there is a winner and a loser, but in marriage, we all win – that's the difference. We cannot keep score with each other because the accuser goes before the throne of God daily with a scorecard. We must balance our lives with the word of God knowing that all things work together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose.

With that said, communication is probably the most important aspect of a successful marriage relationship, next to prayer. Jesus communicated with the disciples because He had to allow them to know him, so they would believe and follow unto leadership. Sometimes we don't get it until it's too late. Well, Charles and I have vowed to listen and adhere because the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Remember the joy that was set before Christ that He left his heavenly kingdom to establish a kingdom here on earth? The Bible says that "The joy of the Lord is our strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) There is a joy that prevails in the midst of trouble when you've vowed to love the Lord with all of your mind, soul, strength and body. The Lord gives us joy when we set our affections on things above and do what we will because of his love towards us.

The balance of this past year has been compromise, agreement, faith, struggle, tears, a lot of laughter, silence, and much, much prayer for us to walk together as husband and wife. The greatest thing about being married to Charles Byrd is his great faith in what God has said. No matter how I disagreed and swished my way through - because he might not have done something exactly the way I would do it, he has stayed focused on the Lord and has kept his stance. He's shown me in our first year of being married that he is committed. This is something that I've never experienced in a relationship prior to this one. It was always whatever I wanted and no support. Scripture says: "And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passes away. But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord that she may be holy, both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit: not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction." (I Cor 7:31-35) I think we both would agree that prior to being married (after our three year hiatus) that we simply fell deeper in love with Christ and his work. While single, we did whatever the Lord said and did not have to discuss whether we could or not. We were so much more holy and not distracted by the things of this world – we could pray at 2:00 am if we wanted to not worrying if someone needed my attention at that time of the morning. We could walk around the house speaking in tongues without someone saying, "What did you call me?" But once we accepted our inner beings and knew we were suitable for each other, we then followed the will of God for our lives and said, "I do and I will." Well it's been joyful, wonderful and blissful in most cases; however, storms have surfaced with a force of power that slammed us both to the ground once or twice this past year, but we held on for the promise. I won't say that holding on was pleasant for either of us, but we are so determined and/or so dogmatic that in some instances I felt we were holding on just to see how God would respond – would He really care to straighten us out? He did care and He did straighten us out. We are by no means perfect in our relationship, but we know who is perfect and we trust Him more than ourselves to be our source and guide. Adjustments are still being made for us, but most importantly, we are thankful for our union and the blessings that are upon it.

*Scriptures to read and meditate upon for the balance of your marriage: Genesis 2:24, 3:16; Exodus 20:12-17; Ecclesiastes 4:8-12; Song of Solomon; Proverbs 18:22, 31:11-12; Matthew 18:19-20; John 15:5; I Cor 7; Galatians 2:20, 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:8-10, 3:15-20, 4:1-8, 26, 32, 5:20-33; Colossians 3:23; Hebrews 13:4 James 5:16; I Peter 3:1-11; II Peter 3:9; Revelation 19:5-9.*

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## What's Going on At "The Grove Zone" in March 2006

- 3-1 Church Counsel, Vision Center, 7pm
- 3-5 WADE 1st Anniversary, 6pm
- 3-7 Leadership development, 7pm
- 3-14 Christmas in April
- 3-17 Youth Candle Fund Raiser ends
- 3-25 Planning for the future part I, Vision Center, 10am
- 3-26 Youth Movie Night, Galleria Mall, 6:30pm
- 3-28 Youth trip to Hollywood Connection, Columbus, 9am-9pm
- 3-30 Youth trip to Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta, 9am-9pm

### PLACES TO SERVE AT THE GROVE:

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- **YOUTH MINISTRY-** Children's Church, Genuine Praise, Nursery, Puppet, Scholarship, & Youth Outreach Ministries: *Contact Pastor Davia Clarke 988-9358*
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