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(Great Things Are Happening)

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Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



*David Anthony Clarke, Sr.
Senior Pastor*



any MAN CAN BE A
FATHER,
BUT IT TAKES
A special PERSON TO BE A

DAD

HAPPY father's DAY

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

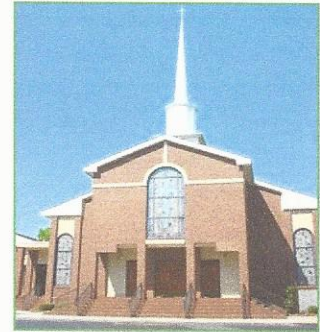
"To draw people to Christ, maximize our potential and creatively meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and community."

~ June Events ~

1	Summer Camp Training & Set up	3:00 p.m.
2	Summer Camp begins	7:30 a.m.
2	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
3	Praise Team	7:00 p.m.
5	Vision Leaders meeting, Conference Room	6:30 p.m.
7	PLACE, VC	8:00 a.m.
7	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
9	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
10	Man Up, VC	6:30 p.m.
11	SWAT & Jr. SWAT, VC	6:00 p.m.
12	Singles Ministry, Conference Room	6:30 p.m.
12	Healthcare meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
14	Youth Yard Sale/BBQ, VC	8:00 a.m.
14	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
14	Golden Achievers meeting, VC	12:00 noon
16	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
21	Ministers meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.
23	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
24	Teachers meeting, VC	6:30 p.m.
24	Intercessory Prayer, Classroom #4	6:30 p.m.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Church Service Hours



Sunday Morning Prayer
7:45 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Midday Manna
12:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

Radio Broadcast
Sundays, 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
"The Light" FM 100.5

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

~ VISION STATEMENT ~

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

Learn, Serve, Give, Connect

Five Reasons My Deacons and I Get Along So Well

By David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

The Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church deacons and I get along great. It makes a huge difference in how much I enjoy serving our congregation. Here are five reasons why we get along so well.



1. **We're qualified to serve in our positions**

By the grace of God we fit the scriptural qualifications for pastor and deacons. The Word of God emphasizes character traits more than skill, education, experiences, or anything else to qualify deacons and pastors for serving the Lord's people. Almost all of us have served in the military and several of us have college degrees. But, I believe what helps us get along so well is being men of character.

2. **We truly want to glorify God**

The deacons and I are not perfect angels. But, I really believe we all love the Lord and want Him glorified in what we say and do. When a senior pastor and deacons truly desire to glorify God you can expect enough integrity and trust amongst them to empower them to get along well.

3. **We have a sense of humor**

We poke fun about each others' favorite sports teams, military backgrounds, height, you name it. You can expect laughter in the deacons' monthly meetings and even during Communion on Sunday morning! I'm serious. It's crazy. Pray for us. Anyway, the laughter amongst us makes a big difference in our relationships.

4. **We truly love each other**

There's no doubt in my mind that Union Grove deacons love me. I love them, too. We've gone through sorrows together as I lost my parents and some of them have lost children during our time together. We've had disagreements over the years—plenty of them—but we can still keep things moving without disrespecting one another. When there is love amongst leaders in an organization their relationships will thrive and their organization will, too.

5. **Our communication has improved over the years**

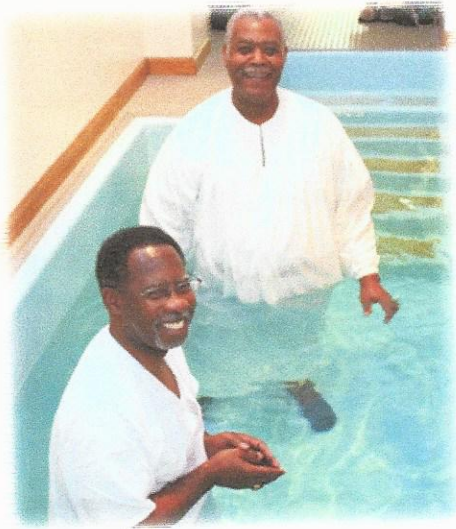
Effective communication is critical in any relationship if it is expected to thrive. Good communication in relationships is like a slingshot in King David's hand. Improve communication and your team will kill the giants that want to render you ineffective.

There is an abundance of horror stories of deacons and pastors who can't get along. Praise God we do not have that problem. Keep the Grove Zone deacons and I in prayer. When a church's deacons and pastor get along it is a great place to be!

-D. Clarke, Sr.

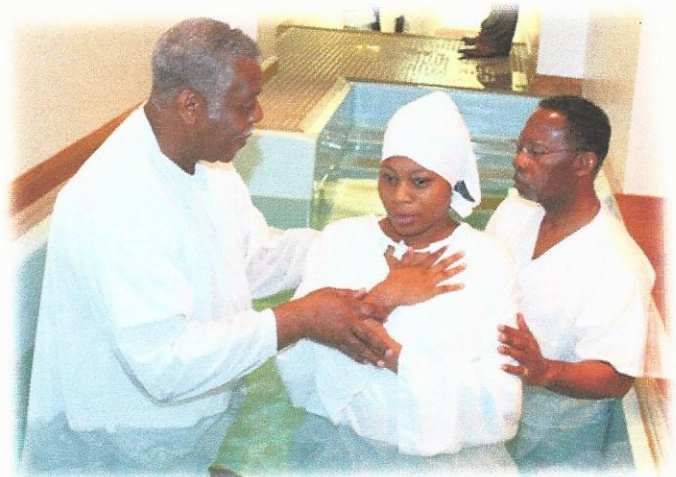


May 18, 2014



For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3:27-28

Elder James Ford and Deacon Slater Thorpe



Sister Mitchell and Sister Gibson

~ Fiscal Fitness Corner ~

LET'S GET OUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER PART IV

Sister Wanda Verrett

STEP 4 – (PRAY) – Making the necessary changes in behavior - We have determined our net worth (Step 1), reviewed our credit report (Step 2), and taken a few steps to improve our credit (Step 4). We need to back up just a little bit. During Pastor Dukes' sermon, "Background Check" he mentioned that we should live on less than 70% of our income. You may have thought that it isn't possible. If you think about it, you are already doing it. Some of us are not however, making it work to our advantage.

Let's use this hypothetical salary: \$60,000

-15,000	(Taxes)	25%
-11,500	(Housing)	20%
<u>- 10,000</u>	(Utilities)	16%
\$23,500		
5,200	(Food)	
6,000	(Transportation)	
2,000	(Clothing)	
<u>1,800</u>	(Childcare)	
\$ 8,500		
2,800	(Credit card and other debt)	
2,400	(Health Ins.)	
2,400	(Life Ins)	
1,000	(God's tip)	
<u>900</u>	(Entertainment)	
\$ 0		

Does your budget look like this? Oops! Forgot to pay tithes, forgot to save! Just make a few adjustments over time, and we will be operating in God's will. If you include \$6,000 in tithing, this will reduce your tax bill. Consider contributing at least 10% to your IRA and again you reduce your tax bill. Shave small amounts from utilities, housing, and transportation to pay down debt and to start your emergency fund.

Sometimes we commit God's money without thinking. The creditor looked at our income and told us what we could afford to pay and we signed the dotted line. The creditors don't take into consideration what we have pledged to God. They are not concerned about your child's education or your retirement. You have to be.

If you have any questions, you may submit them to the GTAH or directly to me, or place a note in the Teaching Ministry slot in the mailroom.

2014 Graduation Recognition Celebration

Sister LaShondria Smith



On Sunday, May 18, 2014, ten graduates were recognized for their academic achievements from June, 2013 to May, 2014.

Makayla Asim, high school graduate of Houston County High School, will attend Columbus State University majoring in Theatre with a minor in Communications.

Caleb Doe, high school graduate of Central Fellowship Christian Academy, will attend Central Georgia Technical College.

Kymori Edwards, high school graduate of Warner Robins High School, will attend Clayton State University majoring in Kinesiology and Exercise Science.

Nicholas Jones, high school graduate of Warner Robins High School, will attend Georgia Southern University.

Maalik Leggette, high school graduate of Veterans High School, will attend St. Augustine's University on football scholarship majoring in Engineering.

Wesley Lockhart from Warner Robins High School. Special thank you to Principal Steve Monday for providing Wesley's gifts.

Alexander Pegues, honor graduate of Houston County High School, will attend Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Jasmine West, honor graduate of Northside High School, will attend George Mason University to pursue a career as an FBI agent.

Aundra McCants, magna cum laude graduate from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders will continue at AASU pursuing a Masters in Speech Language Pathology.

Kea'ya Reeves, graduated with a Masters of Public Administration from Columbus State University.

The **Mary Burnette** and **Annie Simmons Scholarship** recipients were **Kymori Edwards** and **Maalik Leggette**; \$500.00 will be awarded to their institutions.



Makayla Asim



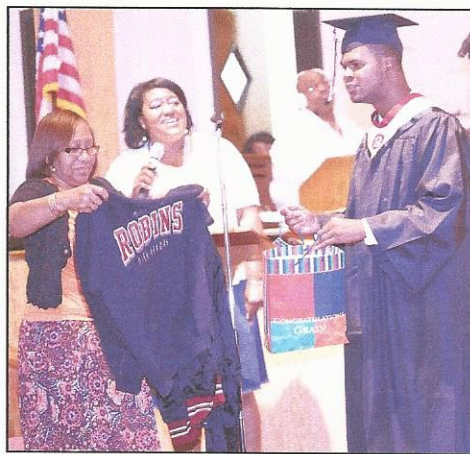
Caleb Doe



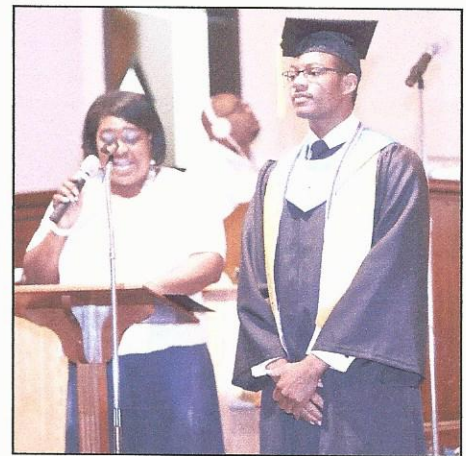
Kymori Edwards



Nicholas Jones



Wesley Lockhart



Alexander Pegues



Jasmine West



Kea'ya Reeves



Jalea Davis



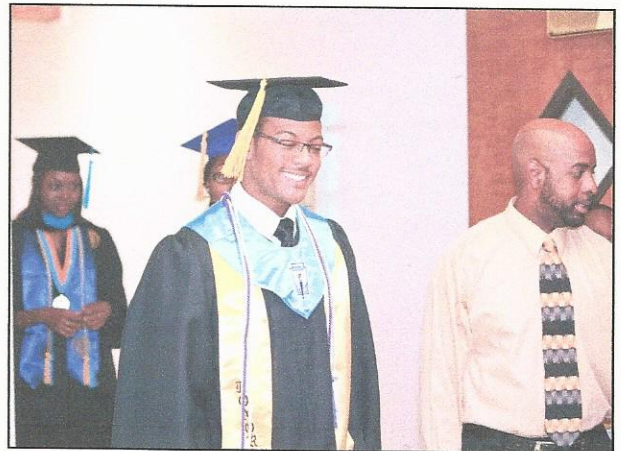
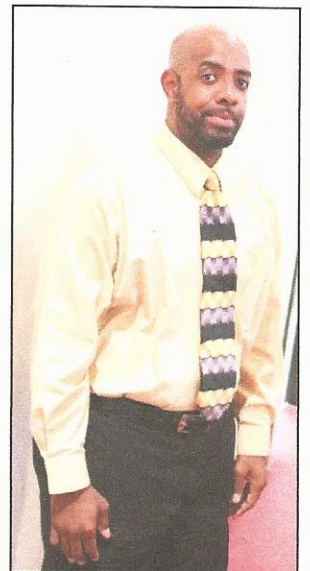
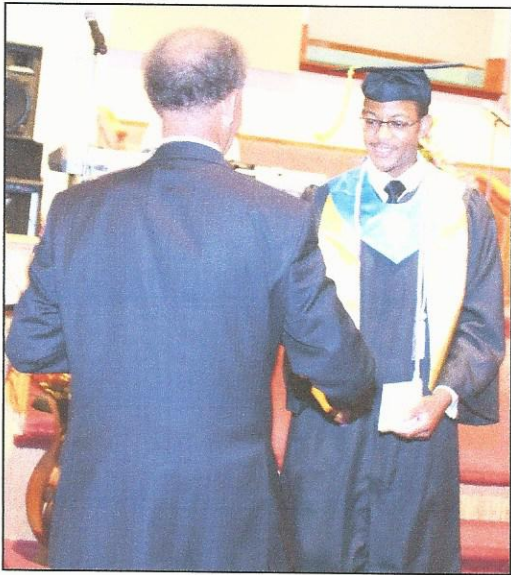
Maalik Leggette



Gayla & Anthony Pegues



Eunice Jones



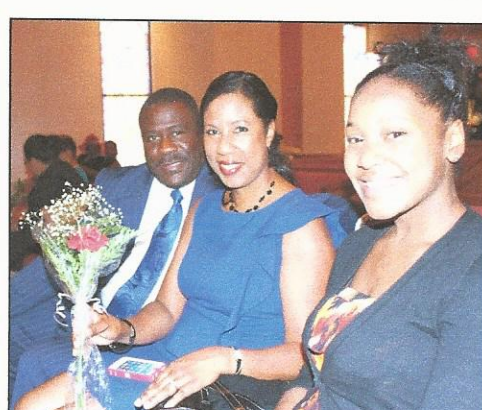
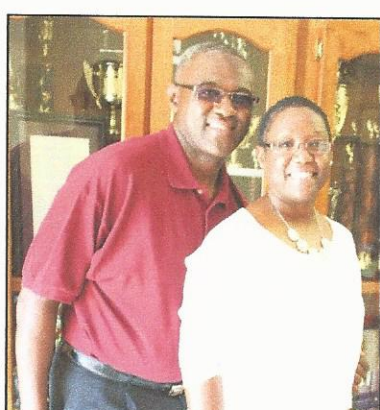
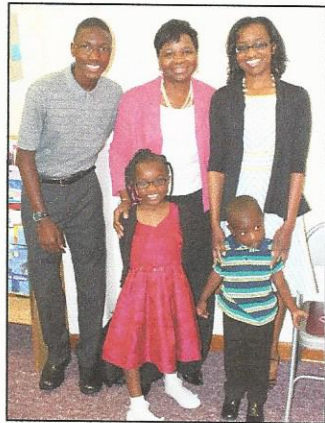
~ Mother's Day Gallery ~



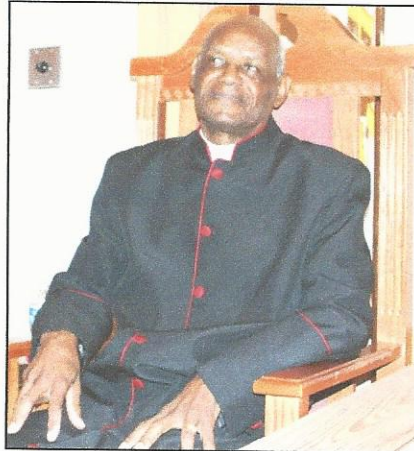
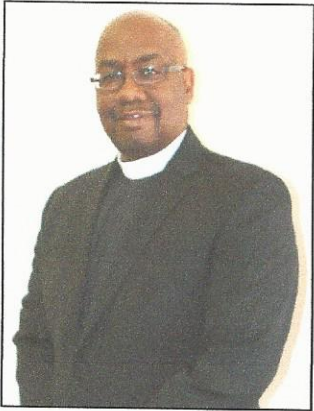
~ 11:00 a.m. Service ~

"All These Things"
Matthew 6:25-34

Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

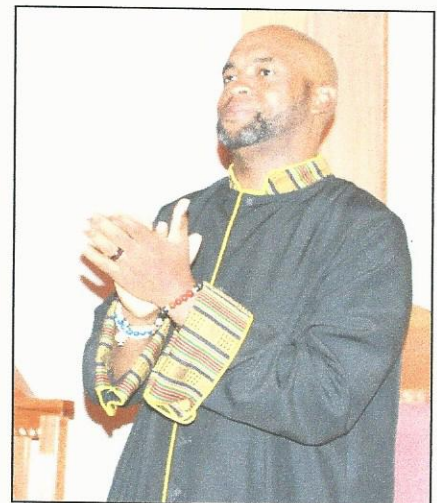
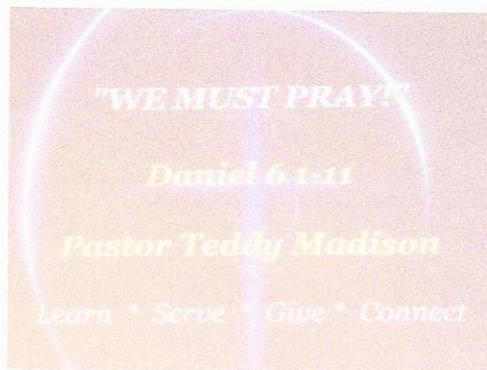
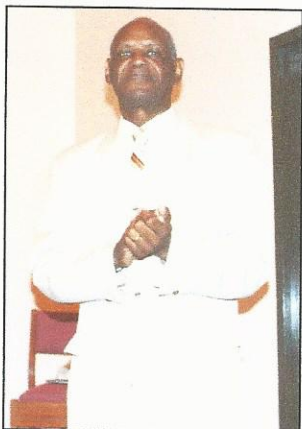


~ 1st & 4th Sunday Worship ~



May 25, 2014

11:00 a.m.



~ Ministry Workers Training ~

Saturday, May 31, 2014

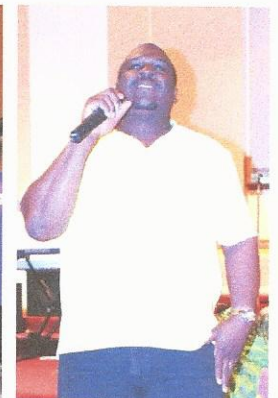
Awesome, innovative and so much fun!!!

~ The Winners Circle of the "Doo Doo" Game ~



Pastor Clarke illustrating his "doo doo" face

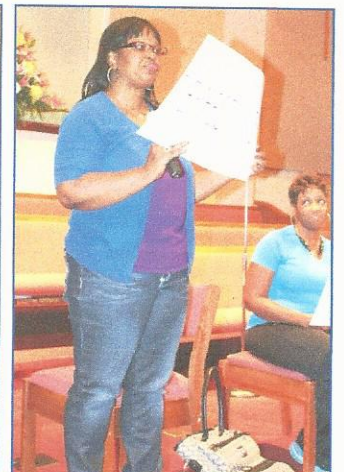
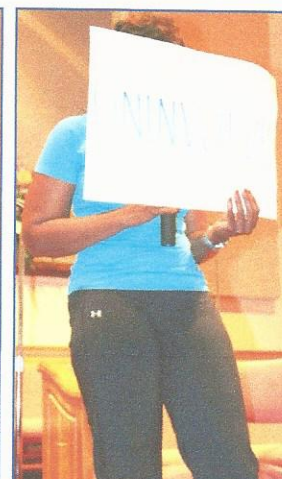
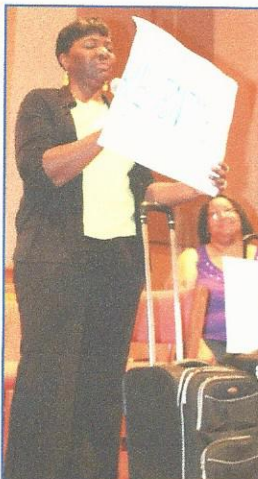
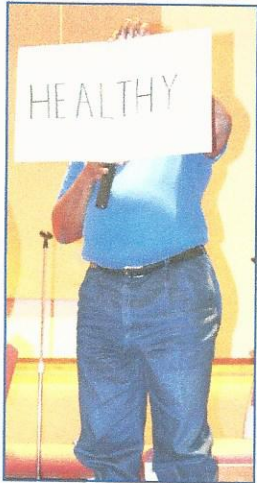
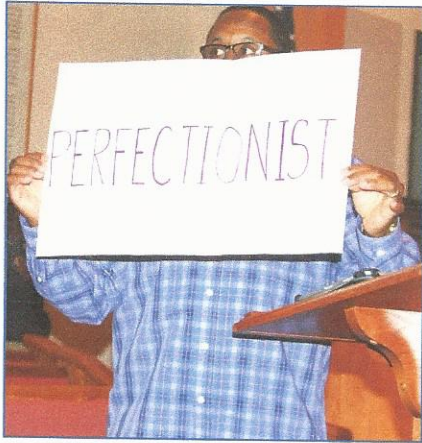
The "Doo Doo" Game was the Grove Zone's version of "Name That Tune". Ministry teams performed songs using the phrase "doo doo" instead of the words. The teams whose songs were recognized were deemed the winners.



~ The Skit ~

(written by Sister Sharon Broughton)

Excess Baggage



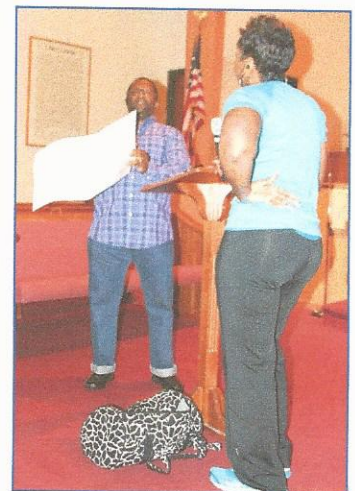
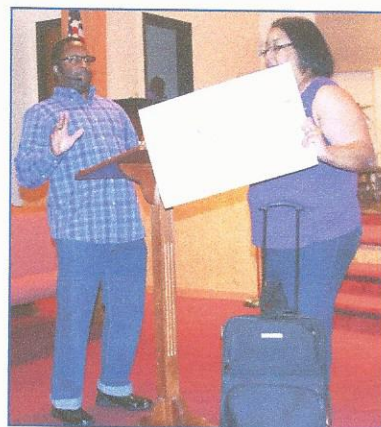
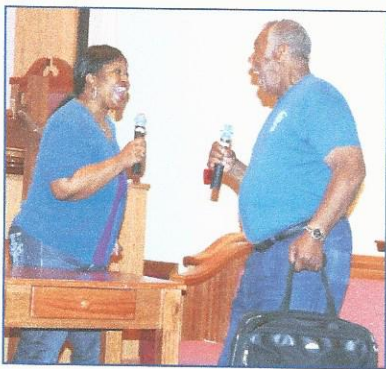
Healthy
Romans 15:7

Burned Out
Hebrews 10:24

Resentment
Ephesians 4:32

Uninvolved
Romans 12:5

Perfectionist
Galatians 5:14



Kudos to Event Planner, Sis. Rhonda Salone, Sis. Sharon Broughton, Bro. and Sis. Solomon and all participants.

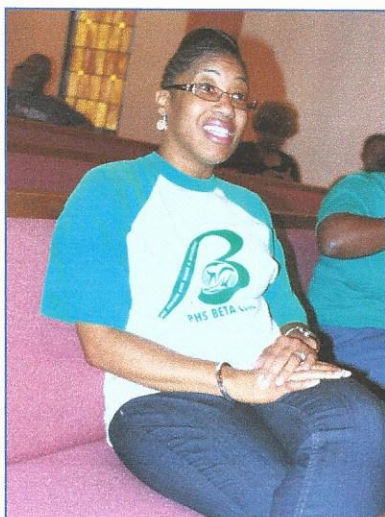
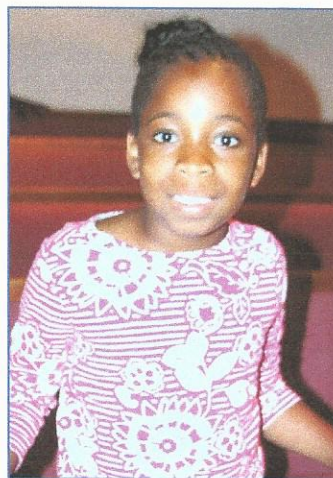
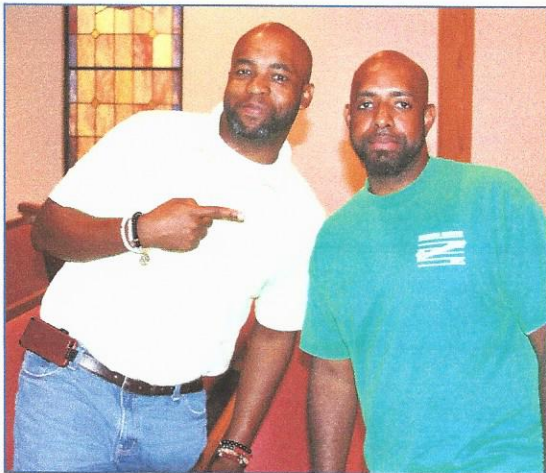


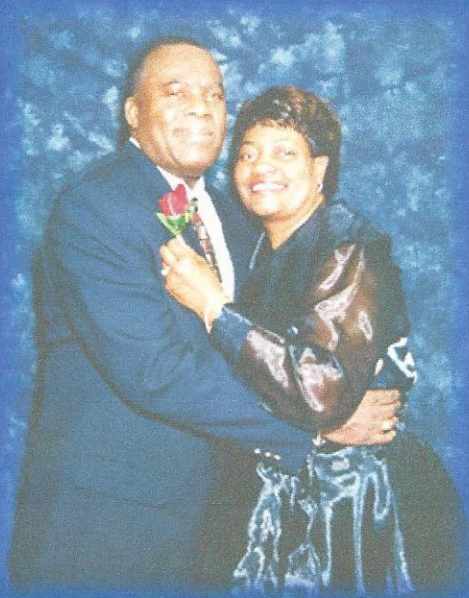
*Vision
Leaders/Representatives*

Lastly, the ministries were asked to break out into groups and rate the Grove Zone into one of these categories:

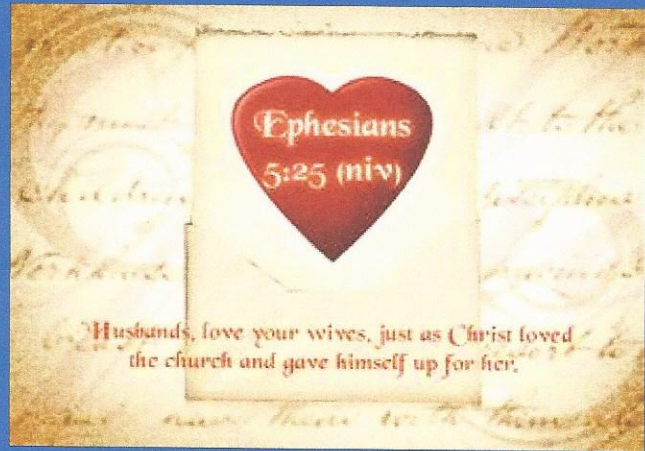
- 5 - GTAH (Great Things Are Happening)...period!
- 4 - GTAH (Great Things Are Happening)...but...
- 3 - Fair to middlin
- 2 - Po
- 1 - Life Support

Each ministry rated the Grove Zone a 4 - Great Things Are Happening, but there is room for improvement.





Married Couples Corner



Deacon & Mrs. William Jackson

- **When and where did you get married?**
Fort Valley, Georgia, January 6, 1972
- **What can you say is the best thing about being married?**
Being a true friend to each other
- **What is the most challenging thing about working in ministry together?**
Having a shared vision and both are invested in it
- It seems that working together doesn't come naturally for many couples. **How can couples learn to work better as teams?** By having a picture for what the mission is, what your calling is; it's really fun to share that
- **How can couples learn to really appreciate each other's differences instead of being irritated by them?** By getting to know ourselves as individuals, each has different strengths
- **Can couples really keep their professional and personal lives separate? How can they keep from revolving their lives, discussions and personal time around work?** Have a "date night" someplace you have never been, a movie theater across town—something to get excited about that will change the conversation
- **How does working together help your marriage to grow spiritually?**
By putting your needs aside and serving others' needs
- **Anything else that you would like to add?**
Study the "Love" chapter, I Corinthians 13 together to have some sense of a connection as a married couple.

Happy Anniversary!!!



*Deacon & Mrs. Nathanel Davis
June 11*



*Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Jackson
June 12*



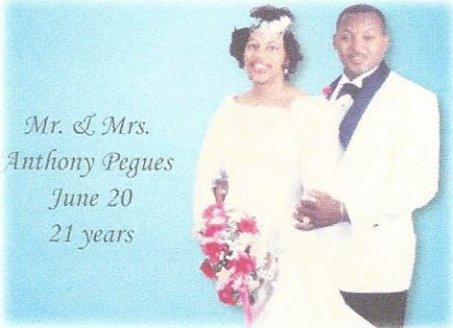
*Mr. & Mrs.
Rodney Solomon
June 13
27 years*



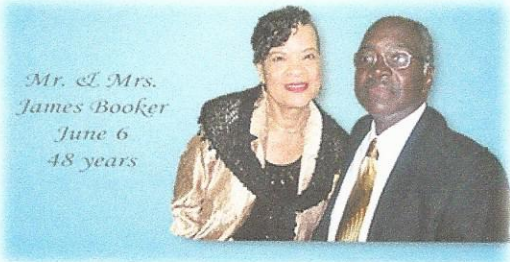
*Mr. & Mrs. Van Stewart
June 28*



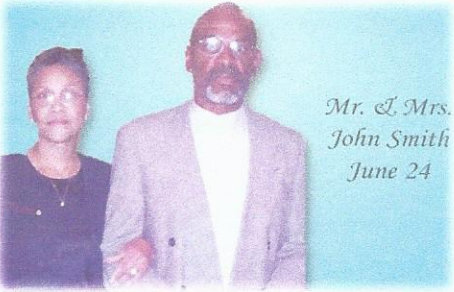
*Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lambert
June 19*



*Mr. & Mrs.
Anthony Pegues
June 20
21 years*



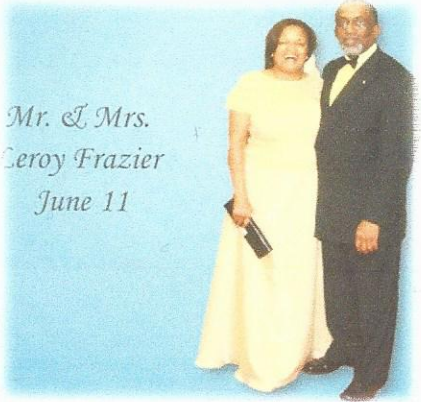
*Mr. & Mrs.
James Booker
June 6
48 years*



*Mr. & Mrs.
John Smith
June 24*



*Mr. & Mrs. Russell Gilbert
June 25*



*Mr. & Mrs.
Ceroy Frazier
June 11*



*Mr. & Mrs.
Antwain Curtis
June 19*

*Pastor & Mrs. Lee McCants
June 18*



Annie Abrams
Eddie Anderson
Tryphane Banks
A'Donte Bynum
Dorothy Bynum
Dea. Monroe Clark
Alando Dawkins
Dorothy Dodson
Cornelius Edwards
Linda Gray
Neshall Head
Betty Henton

Jykerion Hill
Morgan Hobson
Hurley Hughes
Ruby Hughes
Chad Jackson
Chester Jackson
Patricia Jordan
Lakita Long
Kathryn McCrea
Jalen Mims
Quinton Moore
Shermeka Nelson

Jimya Oglesby
Tenisha Perkins
Brian Porter
Regina Purcell
Damon Reeves
Annie Reynolds
Ruby Richardson
Desiree Sanders
Tamara Sanders
Lateshia Scott
Robert Simmons
J.D. Sims

Courtney Smith
Vickie Smith
Marion Thorpe
Anya Toles
Tarshea Toliver
Charlie Tuck
Michael White
Michael Williams, II
David Wolmack
Brittany Wynds



~ Ministerial Staff ~



- Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
- Assistant Pastor John Dukes
- Elder Milo Bradley, Jr.
- Elder Tammy Carpenter
- Elder Connie Dinkins
- Elder James Ford
- Elder Tommy Gray
- Elder Rashee Ragin
- Minister Marilyn Byrd
- Minister Dannie Dukes
- Minister Leo Finkley
- Minister Arie Freeman
- Minister Shane Hardee
- Minister Mary Lenoir
- Minister LaTonya Phillips
- Minister Antonia Simmons
- Minister Mary Ann Swinney
- Minister Cornelious Thorpe

~ In Training ~

- Sister Marie Anderson
- Sister Linda Gray
- Sister Africa Porter
- Sister Earnestine Thompson

~ Deacon Contact List ~

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- D-F** Deacon Slater Thorpe 218-8736
- G-I** Deacon Donald Woodard 987-9865
- Deacon Louis Laney 329-0957
- J-K** Deacon Robert Simmons 953-4290
- Deacon Wendell Simmons 293-8428
- L-N** Deacon T.C. Caldwell 953-2350
- Deacon Charles Lenoir 953-2044
- O-R** Deacon Monroe Clark 788-5696
- S** Deacon Alvin Myrick 929-4918
- Deacon William Jackson 923-5139
- T-V** Deacon Edward Jarvis 923-7713
- W-Z** Deacon Nathaniel Davis

~ Junior Deacons ~

- David Clarke II
- Caleb Doe
- Jason Wheeler

~ Administrative Assistant ~

- Sister Janice Scott



BUS MINISTRY

Haven't found a ministry to fit your gift? If you have the gift of evangelism, hospitality or helps, the Bus Ministry may be for you. We are looking for dedicated drivers.

If interested, please contact Elder Dinkins at 478-335-1790

~ Pearl Stephens Monument Ribbon-Cutting ~



Until 1949, there were no school buildings for black children in Houston County to attend. “We had to have school in the churches back in those days,” said Mrs. Ada Lee. But one teacher, Pearl Stephens, decided to do something about that. She donated an acre and a half of her land on South Davis Drive to be the site of the first real school for black children.

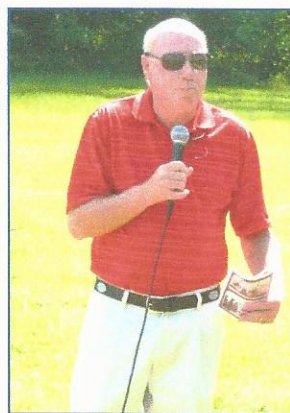
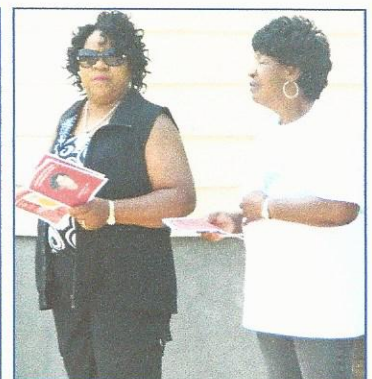
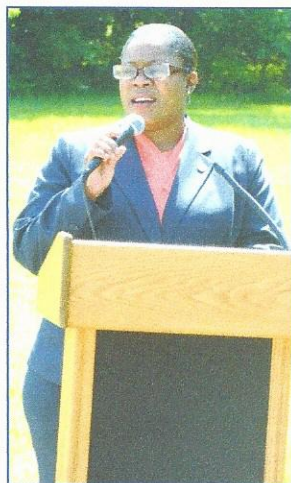
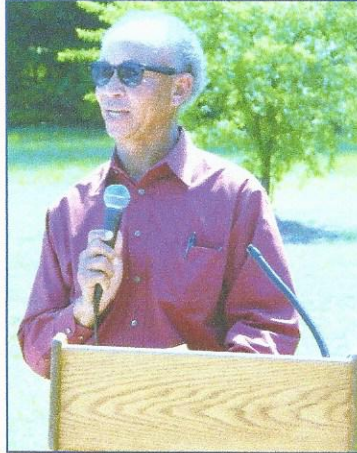
The original Pearl Stephens School was a two-room, wooden building that opened in 1949 on Clay Street, just south of Warner Robins High School. On Saturday, May 17 descendants of Mrs. Stephens dedicated a monument to her at the site of the original school. Mrs. Lee said Mrs. Stephens was her first teacher, and she remembers her husband bringing her to the church on a wagon. “I had to walk five miles to get an education,” she said at the ceremony. “I would like to say to the children today, you are blessed to have a school to attend and buses to ride to school.”


Houston County School Superintendent Robin Hines said he could think of many “giants” in education in the county. “But if I had to think of one name that epitomized education in Houston County, it would be Pearl Stephens,” he said. “She knew that education was the way for a better life for everybody.”

The monument was paid for by a fundraising effort by friends and family of Mrs. Stephens. The original building was open for only five years before the school moved to a larger building.

Warner Robins City Councilman Mike Davis said when he was a rookie firefighter in the early 1970s; the fire department burned the original Pearl Stephens building as a training exercise and to clean up the area. “We had no idea of the historical significance of that building at that time,” he said.







**STARTED FROM THE BOTTOM
NOW WE'RE HERE**

Where ya goin'?


How do you get there?

Don't miss destiny!

**Wednesdays at
12 noon and 7 p.m.**

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr., Senior Pastor
Pastor John Dukes, Assistant Pastor
Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
809 S. Davis Dr.
Warner Robins, GA 30088

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**UGMBC Youth
UGMBC Youth
Yard Sale &
Yard Sale &
Bar-B-Que**

Date: Sat., June 14, 2014

Location: Vision Center (South Davis Dr. Warner Robins, GA)



8:00AM - 2:00PM

*Household items, clothes,
shoes, electronics and more!*

*** Rent a table and sell your own items for a
small donation.*

**BBQ Plates Sale ~
10:00AM - Until**

**Cost: \$7.00 per
Chickenplate**

Get your ticket today!

****All contributions are designated to help fund the youth summer trip to South Carolina****

For more information, please contact

Ms. Terri Kendrick at 478-334-7397 or Ms. Edquader Marble at 478-213-4021



Jr SWAT FOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Union Grove Family & Friends!

Our first Jr SWAT Food Drive was a success! We filled baskets and goodie bags with boxed foods, canned goods, cereals, cake mixes, and even added jelly beans! Some baskets also received \$5 and \$10 Kroger gift cards to purchase meats or other perishable items.

Elder Ragin and Pastor Clarke have mentioned on separate occasions that we have people "right here" at our church and in our community, Warner Robins and all over Houston County, that could use some assistance. So, as an ongoing effort we will continue the Food Drive all year long!!! Drop off locations will be at UGMBC (rear annex) and The Vision Center!

GOD Bless!

Sis Salina Wheeler & Jr SWAT



Reyria Sydney Jasmine Chanel

Jr SWAT

Students Working & Achieving Together

Golden Achievers

Monthly Meeting

2nd Saturday

12:00 noon

Vision Center



SENIOR'S
MINISTRY

JOIN US THIS WEEK



UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUMMER CAMP

Download the application at
www.thegrovevwr.org

DANCE * DRAMA * MUSIC * SIGN LANGUAGE *
ACADEMICS * FIELD TRIPS

CAMP DATES: June 2, 2014 – July 18, 2014

**7:30 am-5:30 pm Daily*

**Ages 1st-8th grade students*

**Cost is \$65 per week (2 or more children get discount)*

**\$25 non-refundable deposit per child*

DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS OF UGMBC

Camp Registration begins April 1, 2014

<p>Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Office 809 S. Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-922-5514 478-923-6551 (fax)</p>	<p>Union Grove Missionary Baptist Vision Center Summer Camp Location 1231 S. Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-922-2613</p>
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For more information, contact: Mrs. Michelle Clarke, Camp Director

ugmbcsummercamp@hotmail.com or 478-988-9358

Still I Rise

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.



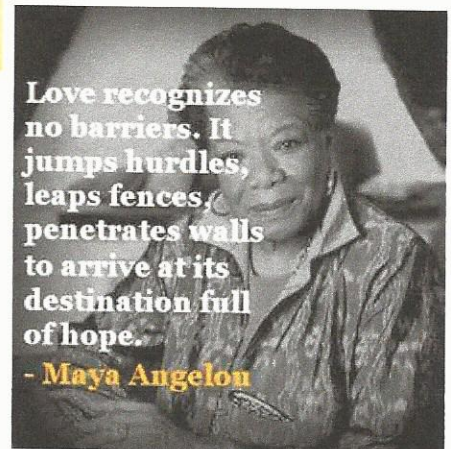
Dr. Maya Angelou

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*“Success
is liking yourself,
liking what you do,
and liking how
you do it.”*
- Maya Angelou



YOU ALONE ARE
ENOUGH
YOU HAVE *nothing*
TO PROVE
TO ANYBODY
- MAYA ANGELOU



**Love recognizes
no barriers. It
jumps hurdles,
leaps fences,
penetrates walls
to arrive at its
destination full
of hope.**
- Maya Angelou

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to UnionGrovl@aol.com or by completing a bulletin request form and placing it in the Administrative Assistant's box **no later than Wednesday at 5 p.m.**
- Please contact **Sis. Janice Scott at 478-922-5514, ext. 102** to schedule events at the **Vision Center. (Ministries of Union Grove only)**
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- **The Healthcare Ministry** will provide blood pressure and cholesterol screenings each Sunday after the worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the cholesterol screening. Sis. Annie Lester
- **Note:** When entering any building/property owned by UGMBC, you are giving consent to the church to use your image in church publications, media, website/facebook, etc.

Thank You!!!

The **G.T.A.H. Newsletter Staff** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the June issue. Your assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated and a blessing to the ministry.

Happy Father's Day!!!

The G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson

Shirley Jackson

Jackie Powell

Willie Smith

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to see your ministry or event featured in the G.T.A.H., contact any member of the Newsletter Ministry, e-mail us at GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Friday of each month or place your submissions in the Newsletter/G.T.A.H. box in the copy room.

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The Best is Yet to Come!!!