



# G. T. A. H.

*(Great Things Are Happening)*

**Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

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October 2014

*Happy  
Anniversary  
Grove  
Zone!!!*

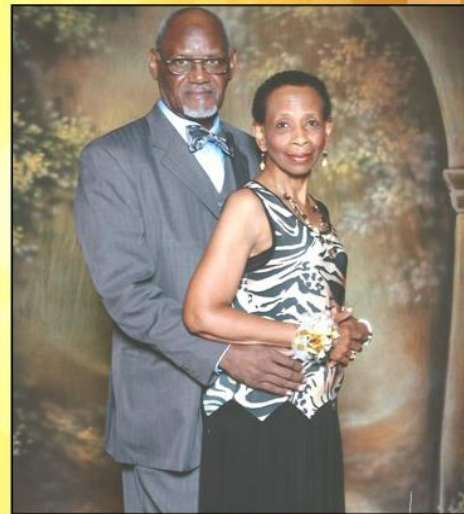


*Celebrating  
127 years*

**Union Grove Missionary Baptist  
Church Established 1887**



**Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.  
First Lady Michelle W. Clarke**



**Assistant Pastor John Dukes  
Minister Dannie Dukes**

**~ 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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~ October Events ~

2	Ushers meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
4	PLACE, VC	8:00 a.m.
7	Teaching Ministry	6:30 p.m.
11	Senior Banquet, VC	12:00 noon
12	Senior Day	11:00 a.m.
13,14	Columbus Day Holiday, Office Closed	
13	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
14	Man Up, VC	6:30 p.m.
16	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.
16	Grief Support	6:00 p.m.
17	CPR Recertification (Nursery), CC	7:00 p.m.
18	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
18	Ministers Meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.
20	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 a.m.
21	Intercessory Prayer, Classroom #4	6:30 p.m.
22	SWAT/SWAT JR, VC	6:00 p.m.
23	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.
23	Singles Ministry, class across from kitchen	6:30 p.m.
24	Men's Conference: Macedonia B.C., Speaker, Pastor Clarke	
25	Girl Power Conference, VC	9:00 a.m.
27	Deadline to turn in Ministry Reports for Church Conference	
27	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
28	Deacons/Deaconess, CC	7:00 p.m.
30	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
30	Church Conference	7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Additional Church Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 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".*



# Welcome Our New Members

Tramale Brooks  
Teisha Christian  
Zackery Clark  
Charlie Davison  
Gwendolyn Davison  
Kisha Farris  
Alice Fitzgerald  
Valerie Goolsby  
Nyla Hall

Nathan Holloway  
Cornelius Hollis  
Azavia Jackson  
Veronica Jackson  
Barbara Johnson  
Mae Lane  
David Little  
Teresa Little  
James Madison

Jarquetta Madison  
Pastor Teddy Madison  
Edquader Marble  
Nini McLean  
Jalen Mims  
Janice Mims  
Kimberly Paster  
Mahogany Porter  
Edward Sheridan

Temetria Sheridan  
Charity Smith  
Teonna Spears  
Krystal Stephens  
Angela Storey  
Lester Storey  
Doris Sutton  
John Sutton  
Kennedy Thomas





## 20 Critical Questions Every Leader Should Ask

By Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

Developing the habit of asking questions has made me a better decision maker. It has helped me develop better decision makers, too. Asking the right questions, getting the best answers, and putting those answers to use has [countless benefits](#). The following questions are critical for every leader regardless of his or her leadership context or where they fit in the organizational structure. I believe asking and answering questions like the ones that follow are critical for continual growth and success.

### 1. What matters most right now?

Prioritize. Distinguish the urgent from the important.

### 2. How do I create an environment that brings out the best in the people I lead?

The environment in which your people work significantly impacts whether or not they perform at their peak. It is up to every leader within the organization to guard their environment against pollutants such as gossip, jealousy, and lack of accountability. Create an environment filled with humor, empathy, and well-managed anger.

### 3. Where are the answers I need?

Some answers are in books, podcasts, blog posts, etc. Some are found in difficult experiences that reveal the answers to tough questions. You never know where your answers will come from. Open up, receive them, and keep it moving!

### 4. Who am I, really?

Can you truly lead with authenticity and heightened [emotional intelligence](#) without asking this one?

### 5. What am I doing to keep growing as a leader?

Refuse to put your personal and professional development on the back burner. Be intentional with your growth. Make time for it. Make time for you!

### 6. Where am I going?

### 7. What do I really, really want?

This requires courageous soul searching. While we may think we want one thing-marriage, promotions, wealth, etc.-it is common to find we really want something else-prestige, power, fulfillment, approval, a sense of accomplishment, etc. Be honest with yourself about what you really, really want...that is, if you know what you really, really want.

### 8. How do I get what I really, really want?

One thing that can help us with this is to find someone who seems to have what you really, really want and ask them how you can find what you're longing for.

### 9. What skills do I need to hone for where I am?

Blossom where you're planted. Develop the skills that will empower you to add more value where you are.

**10. How do I create and improve resonance with the people I lead?**

The best leaders resonate with their people. Connect with your people with such qualities as empathy and supportive listening.

**11. What are the most critical questions I should be asking right now?**

Coaching can help tremendously with this one.

**12. What skills do I need to hone for the next level?**

Know what you need for the next rung on the ladder and develop the required skills. If you cannot utilize those skills in your current position explore whether you can utilize them in another context perhaps by volunteering in a local non-profit.

**13. How do we know if we're winning?**

Just as sports have scoreboards, ensure your team knows whether or not they're winning. Measure what matters most and keep performers abreast of how things are going.

**14. Are my goals relevant for where I am and where I'm going?**

As you move up and move on periodically review and revise your goals to ensure they're relevant.

**15. What is my vision for my team/organization?**

**16. What is my vision for my character?**

Who you become is more important than what you accomplish. Picture who you want to become and press on to manifest character traits that matter most: integrity, empathy, patience, etc.

**17. Am I serving according to my strengths?**

**18. Am I helping the people I lead discover and serve according to their strengths?**

**19. How do I make the people around me better?**

When Michael Jordan figured this out he started winning championships. Invest in the people around you and make them better.

**20. When do I come up with my best ideas?**

Some leaders come up with their best ideas while walking, fishing, or golfing. Devote time to activities that stimulate your mind. Thou shalt not become too busy to think!

Some of my FaceBook friends posted more questions leaders should ask. What would you add to this list?



127 years

*Church  
Anniversary  
Service*

Celebrate God's Faithfulness



***Dr. Sam Davis***

September 3, 2014

7:00 p.m.



***Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Sr.***

September 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

*"The Church With a Spirit of Restoration"*

Luke 15:11-16



***Bishop Jerry F. Hutchins, Sr.***

September 11, 2014

7:00 p.m.

*"This Thing Called Ministry"*

Isaiah 49:1-2



***Pastor Daniel Simmons***

September 14, 2014

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

*"People Who Make an Impact in the Kingdom"*

Acts 3:11-16

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*127 years*



***Minister Antonia Simmons***

September 21, 2014

8:00 a.m.

*"Don't Bend and Don't Break!"*

Psalms 92:12-13



***Pastor Teddy Madison***

September 21, 2014

11:00 a.m.

***Pastor Daryl Vining***



September 28, 2014

8:00 a.m.

*"Dreams Still to Dream"*

Lamentations 3:19-24

***Pastor Paul Little***



September 28, 2014

11:00 a.m.

*"Making Room for New Possibilities"*

Luke 5:33-39

# ~ Anniversary Celebration ~





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"Dreams Still To Dream"  
Lamentations 3: 19-24  
Pastor Daryl Vining  
Learn \* Serve \* Give \* Connect



"Making Room For New Possibilities"  
Luke 5:33-39  
Pastor Paul Little  
Learn \* Serve \* Give \* Connect



*The Most Awesome Deacons  
This Side of Heaven!!!*



Deacon  
Charles Lenoir



Deacon  
Monroe Clark



Deacon  
Jerome Stephens



Deacon  
William Jackson



Deacon  
T.C. Caldwell



Deacon  
Al Davis



Deacon  
Alvin Myrick



Deacon  
Slater Thorpe, Jr.



Deacon  
Louis Laney



Deacon  
Donald Woodard



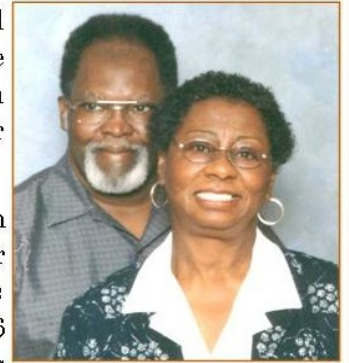
Deacon  
Edward Jarvis

## ~ Elder Milo Bradley in the Spotlight ~

Sister Jackie Powell



One of the objectives of the GTAHC is to keep all members aware of the great members gracing the walls of the Grove Zone. Elder Milo Bradley, a photographer and glass etcher, is the special member being featured in this month's newsletter.



Elder Bradley informed me that prior to joining Union Grove, he and his wife had decided to join another congregation. Lucky for us they changed their minds and became members of Union Grove in October, 1986 after moving here in June of 1986. Havana, Florida's loss is Warner Robins'/Union Grove's gain.

Under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Hicks, Elder Bradley was ordained in 2001. Although being a new church member can be a little intimidating, this was not the case for Elder Bradley. He jumped in, working for such ministries as being the head of Operational Support.

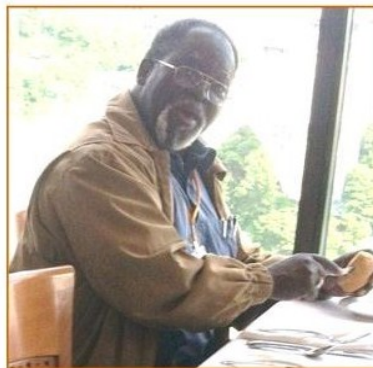
Elder Bradley stated that he has noticed quite a bit of growth during his time as a member of Union Grove. In the twenty-eight years he's been a member he stated that he's seen a lot of growth in the church. The most noticeable additions to the church are in the number of ministries. Our ministries are a way for all of us to serve our church and community. From the Media Ministry to the Men and Women's Ministry these are ways for everyone to get involved in your church community and strengthen our faith.

Being an Elder gives Elder Bradley opportunities to counsel all members especially the new members. His advice to all new members is to attend the PLACE Ministry Workshop as well as the New Members Orientation classes.

He stated that being a member of UGMBC has made him grow in faith to become a stronger Christian.

When asking Elder Bradley if there was anything he wanted to add, his response showed the love he had for his church. He told me that we are a very loving church that offers more than what some non-members are aware of. According to him, we're a church that is always trying to reach the younger members as well as the older members.

We at Union Grove are blessed to have a special member as Elder Milo Bradley!!!



By the way, happy birthday Elder Bradley!!!

# PLACE WORKSHOP ATTENDEES



**September Class**



**October Class**

## LET'S GET OUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER PART VII



Sister Wanda Verrett

### STEP 7 – (PRAY) – Preparation!

There are lots of ways to save when we shop. Use coupons. Again, old school (clip) or new (digital) coupons save money. Coupons are useful almost everywhere. The coupons I have in my purse determine where we will eat out. When you go into the department store, you can use coupons to save. Beware of saving an extra 15 or 20% by using the store credit card. This is only good if you pay it off immediately. If you don't, you may lose the 15% and end up paying more than the regular price in finance/interest charges.

Saving on credit card interest – If you have more than more major credit card, you may be able to transfer the balance from the higher interest card to a lower interest card. Also, look for special offers from your credit card company/credit union/bank to transfer a balance from another card to their card without a fee and interest free for 9 to 12 months. This is a good deal as it allows you to pay your premium balance down faster. Make sure you don't charge anything else on the card/s you transferred from or you will defeat the purpose of the transfer. Keep in mind that the bank is making the offer to make extra money. You only benefit if you pay off or down your balance without further charges.

Christmas is December 25<sup>th</sup>. I have a very long Christmas list, husband, children, grandchildren, etc. I start the day after Christmas. Now is a good time to prepare. Back-to-School sales are still going on. You can buy something now and put it aside. Whenever you visit a store, check out the clearance rack. There are always treasures on them that others have returned. Returns always go on the clearance rack before they are returned to the warehouse. How many pay periods/monthly checks do you have left? How much do you normally spend on Christmas presents? Divide the amount you normally spend by the number of paychecks left to receive, and that gives you a good idea what you can spend from each check. When Christmas gets here, you are done, you don't have to charge anything and you can enjoy your holiday in peace.

Electric bill – Baby steps – Go through your house and unplug everything you are not using on a regular basis. Some people unplug everything except refrigerators and freezers.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (478) 284-1169.

## ~ Deacon and Deaconess Retreat ~



There were so many blessings that came out of our group coming together. There was no pressure or deadlines. If anyone had burdens, they left them at home.

Friday was filled with laughter; each Ice Breaker was funnier than the last. We laughed with each other as well as at each other. Later in the evening, we got around to doing Bible Trivia the funniest. The fun in that was that we were not as smart as we thought we were. Bible Trivia went on for a while because ladies were paired off against the men. As you very well know, we women did not want to give up.

Saturday morning, we started out with a powerful devotion that ushered the Holy Spirit into our presence. Old songs came out of the spirit of so many of us, sharing feelings about our lives, and things we have been through. When you take that direction, many thanks to God is going to come forth. God showed how much we have grown since we met each other. This was the time all of us could see our coming together as, Reflecting and Resting with God and each other.

We all ate well; the food and the accommodations were great. We brought that beautiful sweetness that God poured upon us back to our Church on Sunday morning.

Pray for us as we continue to walk and serve in His will.

Deaconess Grace Davis  
Deaconess Ministry

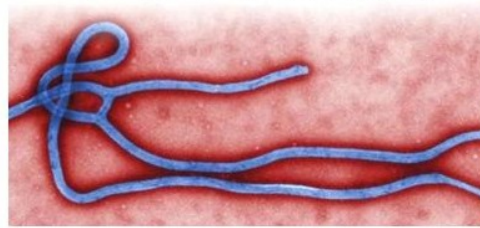




**Brother Gene Swinney**

# Health Care Ministry

## EBOLA VIRUS



The Ebola virus is a deadly virus that causes frightening symptoms, the most prominent being a high fever and massive internal bleeding. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) reports the Ebola virus kills as many as 90% of the people it infects.

The current outbreak in West Africa is the largest and most complex Ebola outbreak since the Ebola virus was first discovered in 1976. There have been more cases and deaths in this outbreak than all others combined. On August 8, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

The incubation period - the time when the person is exposed to the infection to onset of symptoms is 2 to 21 days. First symptoms are sudden onset of fever, fatigue, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, symptoms of impaired kidney and liver function, and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding. Diagnosis is made by lab tests. There is no specific treatment for this disease. Therapy includes balancing the patient's fluids, maintaining oxygen and blood pressure levels and treating for any other infections. Death can occur within 10 days at start of symptoms.

The CDC confirmed in September the first case of Ebola in the U.S. The person traveled from West Africa to Dallas. Public Health officials took precautions to identify people who had close personal contact with the person. Ebola is not spread through casual contact. It is spread through direct contact with the blood or other body fluids of a sick person. To stop the spread of Ebola, isolation of persons with symptoms, contacting people exposed to the person, then further isolation of contacts if they develop symptoms.

If you are returning to the U.S. from an area where the outbreak is occurring, pay attention to your health. Monitor your health for 21 days. Seek medical care immediately if you develop a fever (101.5 degrees), or any of the above symptoms, or any stomach pain, or unexplained bruising or bleeding. Tell your doctor or the Emergency Room about your recent travels and your symptoms before going to the doctor's office or Emergency Room. Advance notice will help protect other people.

The CDC is working with airlines and health agencies to provide development of exit screening and travel restrictions in the affected areas. They are investigating cases of ill travelers on planes and ships entering the United States. They have issued travel alerts to avoid non-essential travels to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Two vaccines are being tested in efforts to find a treatment for this virus.



# Youth Empowerment

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 @ 7:00pm



*George Hartwig  
District Attorney*



*Elle Bell  
Public Defender*



District Attorney Hartwig and Public Defender Bell shared what they are seeing in Middle GA.

They also shared important information on what to do if you are stopped by the police.



# ~ YOUTH SUNDAY ~





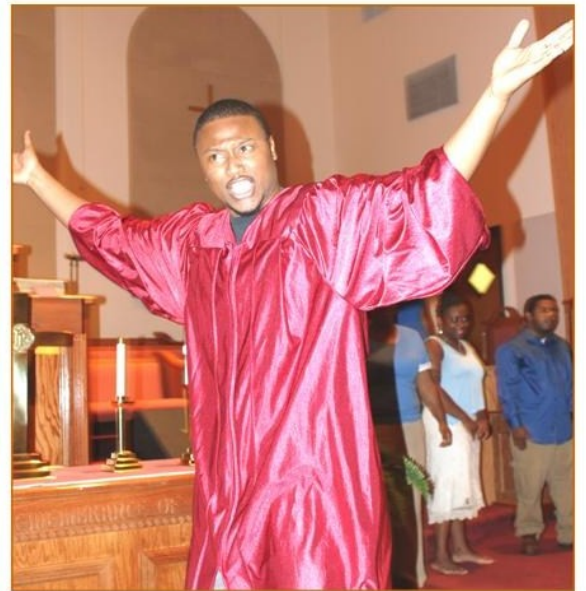
# ~ Sunday School Graduation ~



*"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"  
Jeremiah 32:27*

# ~ Sunday School Graduation ~





# *~ Baptism Sunday ~*



*"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

*Romans 6:4 (KJV)*

*Elder Connie Dinkins*

*and*

*Deacon Donald Woodard*



**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.

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***Quarterly  
Church Conference***

***Thursday***

***October 30, 2014***

***7:00 p.m.***

***Church Sanctuary***



**October is**

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**Schedule your Mammogram today!**





Chris Allen	Vennie Guy	Kimberly McNair	Lillie Smith
Charlie Blackmon	Curtis Jackson	Lorenzo Mitchell	Ashley Solomon
Keith Bracey, Sr.	Earnestine Jackson	Karaganda Paul	Corey Solomon
Elder Milo Bradley	Shirley Jackson	Destimie Perry	Van Stewart
Tamika Brown	Willie Jackson	Rifina Pierre	Doris Sutton
Quenton Clark	Chandrell Johnson	Keandrea Pitmon	Dea. Slater Thorpe, Jr.
Laurie Collins	Tyhyonna Lane	Betty Riley	Gloria White
Chandra Emanuel	Sylvia Lee	Rosemary Rodgers	Jaida Williams
Leo Finkley	Marion Mathis	Keith Scott	Tabatha Williams
Anna Ford	Ilea McLean	Charity Smith	Margaret Willis

*Happy  
Anniversary  
to  
The Jacksons*





**~ 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  
 Pastor Teddy Madison  
 Pastor John Sutton  
 Minister Marilyn Byrd  
 Minister Dannie Dukes  
 Minister Arie Freeman  
 Minister Shane Hardee  
 Minister Mary Lenoir  
 Minister James Madison  
 Minister LaTonya Phillips  
 Minister Antonia Simmons  
 Minister Mary Ann Swinney  
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe

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 Sister Linda Gray  
 Sister Africa Porter  
 Sister Earnestine Thompson  
 Brother William Bowden  
 Brother Kentavius Hunter

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**~ 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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to **UnionGroV1@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 Health Care 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 this issue. Your support, assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated.

A special "thank you" goes out to Sis. Jan Scott and Bro. Mack Verrett.

## The G.T.A.H Staff

*Carolyn Jackson*

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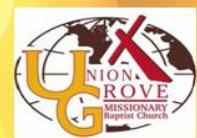
## Newsletter Submissions

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](mailto: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.



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

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



***The Best is Yet to Come!!!***