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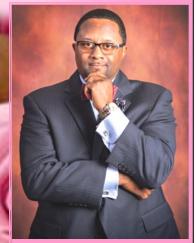
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Great Things Are Happening

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



Happy Anniversary Pastor and First Lady Clarke



David Anthony Clarke, Sr. Senior Pastor

Happy Mother's Day!



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

~ MISSION STATEMENT~



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May Calendar of Events

5-4	LITE, classroom #1	4:00 p.m.
5-9	Golden Achievers, Smorgasbord, VC	2:00 p.m.
5-11	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
5-13	Introduction to Computers	10:00 a.m.
5-13	Puppets, CC	6:00 p.m.
5-14	Vision Leaders, Conference Room	6:30 p.m.
5-15	Creative Arts, VC	7 :00 p.m.
5-16	Ministers, VC	9:00 a.m.
5-17	Graduation Sunday, Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
5-17	Bowden Wedding & Reception	after church
5-18	LITE, classroom #1	7:00 p.m.
5-19	Intercessory Prayer, classroom #4	6:30 p.m.
5-21	Media Ministry, TBA	TBA
5-23	Salone Event, VC	2:00 p.m.
5-25	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
5-25	Trustee Meeting, conference room	7:00 p.m.
5-25/26 Memorial Day, Office Closed		
5-26	Deacons/Deaconesses, CC	7:00 p.m.
5-28	Singles, TBA	6:30 a.m.
5-30	Youth Leaders, VC	2:00 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".



Pastor

May every hour of every day be blessed with a shinning gift of joy: A dream to share together. A memory that's forever. A promise that the best is yet to come



First Lady



~ Learn ~ Serve ~ Give ~ Connect ~

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"My Mama Said"

Sister Jackie Powell

When Sister Carolyn Jackson asked me to write an article about Mother's Day, my mind quickly went to the mother in Baltimore who stopped her son from participating in the public protests. This "<u>mom of the year</u>" is praised for dishing out a smack down to her sixteen year old son. The contribution of mothers to the society is huge and immeasurable. As a former teacher, I appreciate those mothers "who had my back" and supported me while I was trying to educate their children.

Although the press named Toya Graham, I'm sure we all believe that our mother deserves that title. I most certainly believe my mom; Sister Mattlie L. Powell should wear that crown. After our father died, she also had to assume the role of father and mother.

I'm sure we adults remember these famous "momisms" we heard growing up. Because of a mother's love, every mom has a favorite quote and a **special tone** to scold or teach a lesson to their somewhat recalcitrant kids.

From the time we could understand, my siblings and I heard some of these "momisms:"

- Money does not grow on trees.
- If I talked to my mother like you talk to me....
- Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Be careful or you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!

(Guess what, she still uses some of these "momism" quotes on us, her adult children). There are too many for me to list them all!

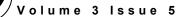
Oh, how much we appreciate our mothers for coming up with such perfect one-liners. These motherly sayings go a long way in building us strong and making us better people.

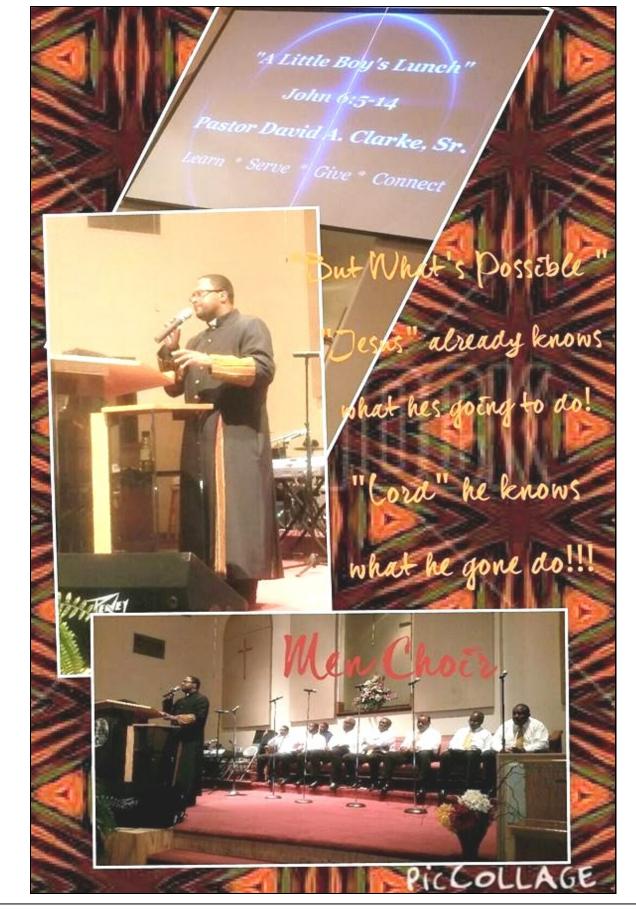
So, this article is meant for all the young and aged mothers, working mothers and housewives, married mothers and the single mothers, those with money and without and for those without whom life would have been insufferable.

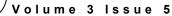




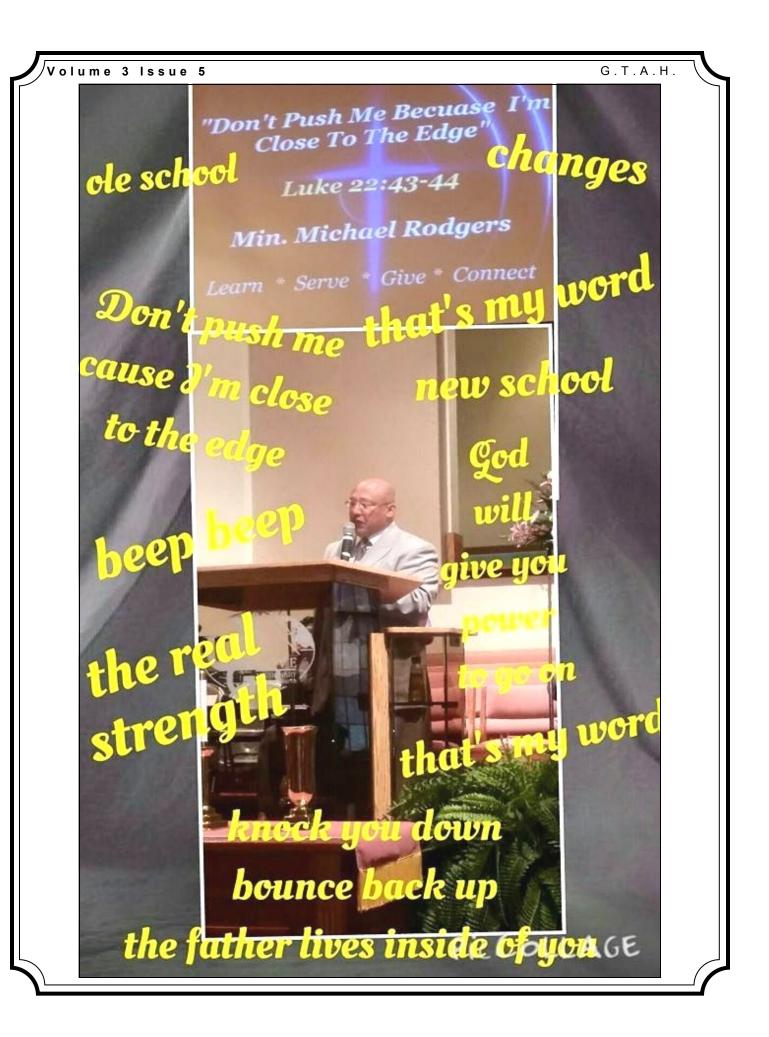


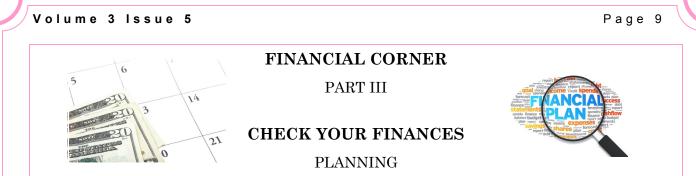












As I write this, we are on a long-awaited vacation. I have been giving some thought to what to talk about this month. Naturally, I decided to discuss vacations as school will soon be out and visions of Disney, beaches, mountains and open road fill our minds.

I will use some of the ways we prepared for this trip. Naturally, you have to plan. Where to go, how long to stay and which facility/hotel. Each of these decisions has a cost. Once it became apparent to us that we would be able to take a trip, I checked finances to insure we could travel without charging. I need to back track a little bit. There are times when charging (short term) is acceptable. As you travel, use your credit card for most expenses. Here are the reasons: Number one, you don't have to carry a lot of cash; two you are protected from fraud after the first \$50; three, if you use a debit card, major portions of your account could be frozen for at least 30 days. When you get home, pay your credit card the total amount you charged. Depending on the card you carry, this usage could prevent annual fees and generate points/ travel miles are cash back.

Before you whip out that card, be sure you have the cash on hand to pay all vacation expenses. A vacation is a privilege, not a right. You don't owe your children a vacation. Growing up, we never went on vacation. There was just too many of us and too little money. If funds are not there, they just aren't there. A weekend or day trip will still be appreciated by your family.

Planning - First of all, set aside funds for your trip. As our anniversary is in April, I began planning six months ago, right after our last trip. Just like we know when Christmas is, we know when we want to travel.

Begin by setting a budget for your vacation. Then decide where the money will come from. If you plan to save it, set aside a small amount each payday. If you plan to use your tax refund, hopefully you put it into a safe place (separate account) so it will be there when you need it. You can make your money stretch by searching for bargains online. I signed up for several travel alerts. This can be a nuisance filling up my email, but I got us a great deal for this week (less than \$300.00 for a full week at the beach).

Also, if you can get accommodations with a kitchen, you save money on food. Our room has a kitchenette (frig, microwave, and extra sink). Our dinner out leftovers became lunch the next day. Also, most hotels have free breakfast. Take advantage of it, one less meal to pay for. When you eat out, drink water. If you must have soda, keep some in the room. You save up to \$2.50 per person per meal.

Remember, vacation is about de-stressing for the entire family. You don't want to be worrying about your credit card on the way back home. HAVE FUN!

Sister Wanda Verrett



PERION HAND FELLOWSHIP

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The **Right Hand of Fellowship** is a ritual intended to welcome a new member into the fellowship of a congregation or welcoming a new minister into the fellowship of ministers. It is based on Paul's letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2 verse 9, where Paul says that three disciples of Jesus "gave me and Barnabas their right hands of fellowship" bonding them together as members of the new Christian church.







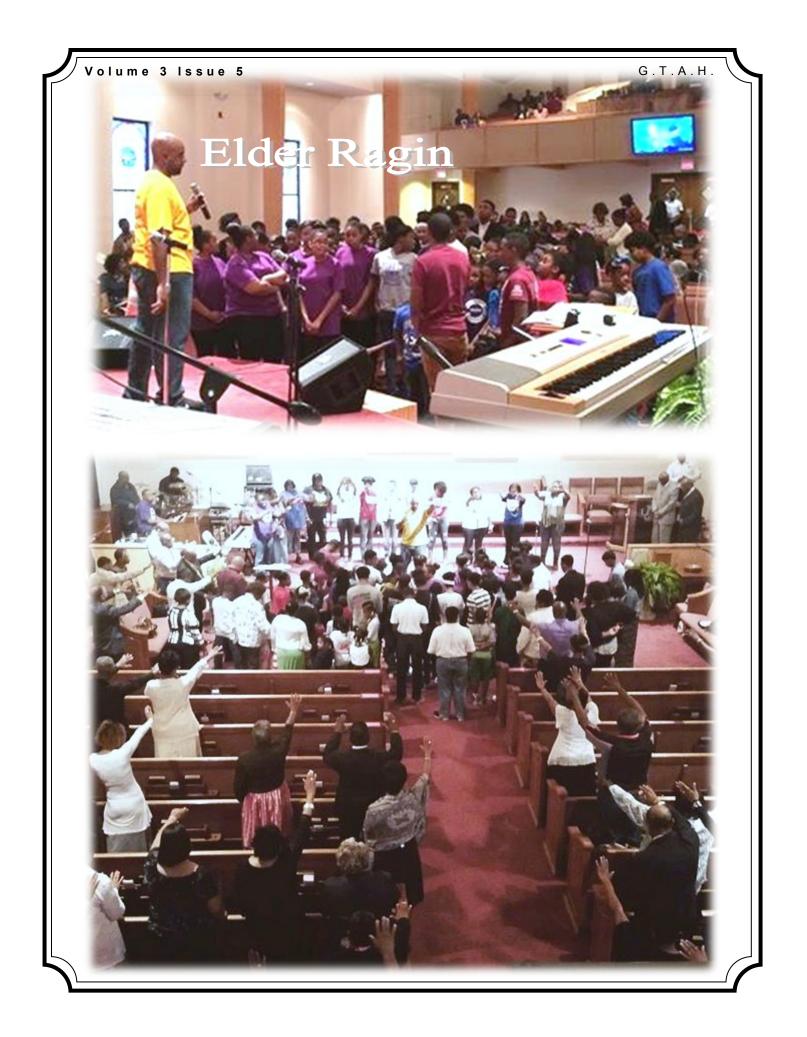
Youth: Are We Doing All We Can To Train Them" Mark 10:13-16 Min. Arie Freeman Jr. Learn * Serve * Give * Connec







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"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Revelation 2:5





"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Revelation 2:7



Congratulations!!!



During the Houston County High School - Freshman Honors Night, the following Grove Zone 9th graders were honored for maintaining **A's their first year!**



Jasmine Wheeler

Jonathan Pegues





Robert Strait





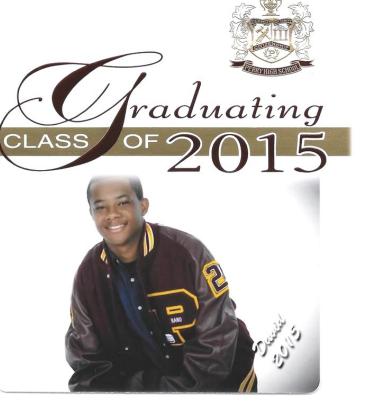
Congratulations Jason Wheeler ! Houston County High School Class of 2015 Graduating with Honors!



Jason is the son of Steve and Salina Wheeler

Congratulations David!!!

Parents: Pastor & First Lady Clarke



David Anthony Clarke, II



Congratulations Kiera!!!

Parents: David and Rhonda Salone



Jasmine Qashai King

the class of two thousand fifteen Veterans High School announces the Commencement

Exercises Friday evening, May uventy-second at eight o'clock Georgia National Fairgrounds and Hgri-center Miller-Murphy-Howard Building Perry, Georgia



GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR GROUNDS MILLER-MURPHY-HOWARD BUILDING



Congratula<mark>tions!</mark>

Grandparents: Margie æ Charlie Tuck

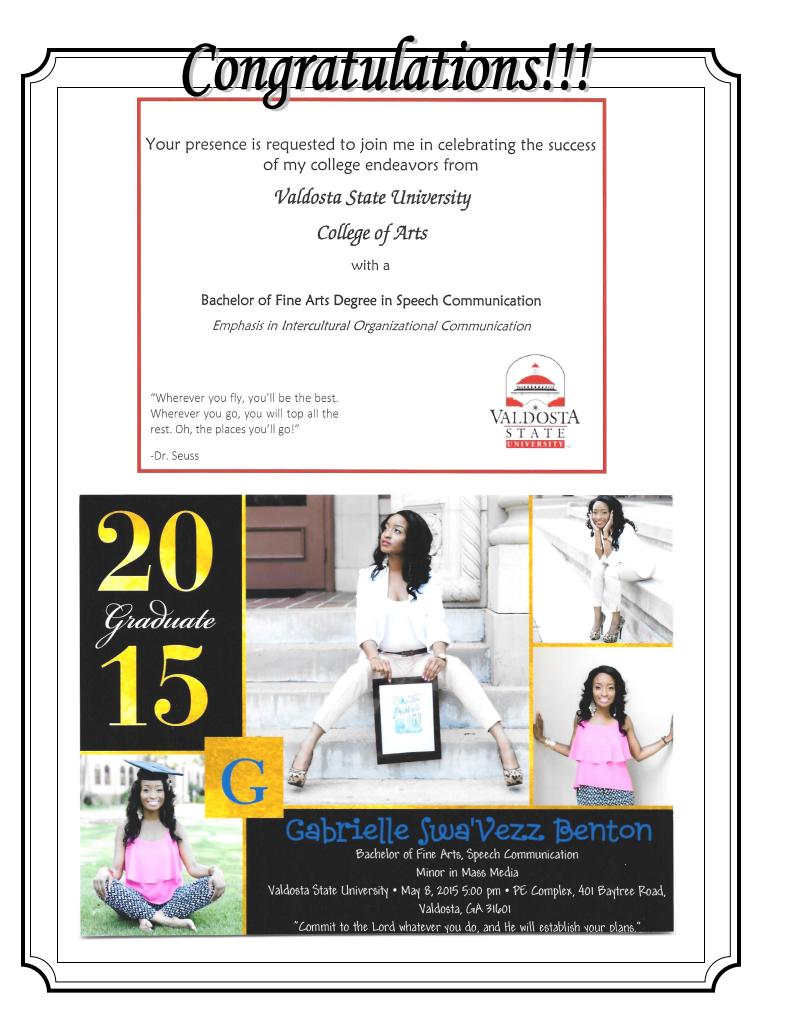


FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

Congratulations to the graduate!

8:00 PM

PERRY, GEORGIA





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Congratulations to Miss Jada D. Johnson

who was crowned

Ms. Black and Gold 2015

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Mu Gamma Chapter

Georgia College & State University

Proud parents: Van and Joan Stewart



YAYYY...I'VE FINALLY GRADUATED! I just wanna my Union thank Grove family for supporting me and praying for me through this tough journey. special Α THANK YOU goes out to Pastor and "Mamma" Clarke, Dea Stephens, Dea Jarvis, and Rashee for mentoring me, and being there for me whenever. I love y'all...see ya soon!



Farewell

to the Smith Family



Sis. LaShondria Smith has accepted a promotion, Supervisory Education Services Specialist, to Incirlik AB, Turkey and will be leaving in June.

The Smith Family has been involved in several ministries while at Union Grove specifically Worship and Youth. "It has been an honor serving in ministry and being a part of the Union Grove Family. This is not good-bye, but see you later. Please keep us in prayer as we transition to and follow God's lead in Turkey."

The Smith Family

Willie, LaShondria, Darren, LaDareon, Dorian and Donterrio



LADAREON COPELAND, JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE MAJOR AT YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE, DIRECTED HIS FIRST PRODUCTION, "SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD." PICTURED HERE IS LADAREON WITH HIS CAST ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE MAY 7, 2016.



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Scholarship Ministry



2015

Graduation Service

Sunday, May 17, 2015

** Free ** Free ** Free **

Introduction to Computers Class

May 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Cam Campbell Homes Parking Lot (across the street from the church)

Conducted by the

Fort Valley State University College of Agriculture

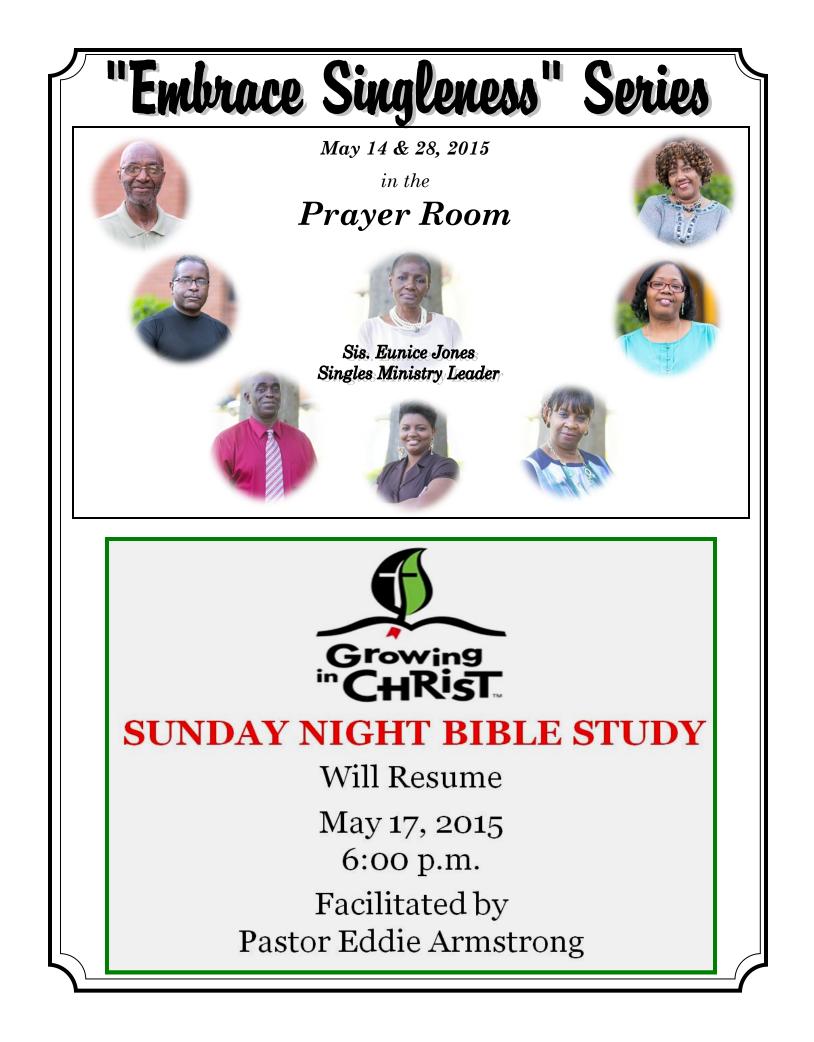
The class is for the church family and community family.

** Sponsored by the Singles Ministry **

See the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board

or

See Sister Eunice Jones Singles Ministry Leader



Greeting's from the PR Ministry. If you have any PR information that you desire to have publicized you must submit it to me at least 30 days in advance. You can do this several

ways:

By email @ <u>ugmbcpr1@</u>aol.com Leave it in Public Relations mail box in the mail room.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



-Queen Little Public Relations

Scholarships Cinderella Chapter #406

We are accepting applications for scholarships to Seniors of 2015. Students attending Warner Robins High School, Northside High School and Houston County High School are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications, May 29, 2015.

> POC's: Brenda Thornton - 478-397-0177 Earnestine Dupree - 478-284-9566 Matron: Louise Woods



Applications must be signed by School Counselor Mail applications: POB 1188, Warner Robins, GA 31088 <mark>/Volume 3 Issue 5</mark>

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* WEEKLY THEMES * ARTS & CRAFTS * SPORTS* SIGN LANGUAGE * ACADEMICS * FIELD TRIPS *

June 1 - July 24, 2015 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$70 PER WEEK (UGMBC MEMBER DISCOUNT!)

CAMPER/CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE APRIL 1, 2015

FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT SIS. CLARKE @ 478-988-9358



WANTED: Leaders who want to discover the Word of God with children! At the G-Force Adventure Park, we will help children experience God's active force through missions, dramas, crafts, music, games and lots of fun! Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role TODAY. Contact Sis Bridgette Oglesby @ (478) 919-4688 or bridgetteoglesby@windstream.net. VBS will be held July 13-17, 2015.

Minister Mary Lenoir

Inducted into

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Minister Mary Lenoir was recently inducted into Toastmasters International on 26 March 2015 and is a member of Genesis Toastmasters, District 14, Division G, Area 73, Club #9580.

Min. Lenoir gave her first speech which was, "The Ice Breaker" entitled "This is My Story" at the last Genesis Toastmasters Meeting on 26 March 2015.

She joined Toastmasters to fulfill one of her lifetime goals and to enhance her speaking and leadership skills. Her future plans are to organize a local Toastmaster Club at Union Grove for adults and youth.

I know you are wondering what is TOASTMASTERS? Toastmasters is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization that consist of clubs all over the world that provides its members a flexible, professionally-designed program to improve their abilities in communication and develop their leadership, management, and executive potential.

The world needs leaders. Leaders head families, coach teams, run businesses and mentor others. These leaders must not only accomplish leadership, they must communicate. By regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters Program. Every member's journey begins with a single speech. During their journey, they learn to tell their stories. They listen and answer. They plan and lead. They give feedback - and accept it. Through our community of learners they find their path of leadership.

Toastmasters International Mission:

To provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

How to Join TOASTMASTERS:

Guest is always welcome at Toastmasters meetings. You can join Toastmasters by first filling out an application for membership on your first or subsequent visits. Our local Genesis Toastmasters Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church – Garmon Street, New Beginning Life Center.



Toastmasters put you up front with better listening, thinking, and speaking skills.





"A Word From On High"

I don't know how many of you listen to the news be it on television or the radio or read it in the newspapers, and if you do, I would like to think that you're familiar with what is called a Ponzi scheme, where people and families have lost thousands of dollars not to limit at times their entire life savings. To put this in layman terms, a Ponzi is nothing more than a con job being pulled on a person. Of course when you think about the purpose behind the con job, and its main objective is to take you for everything you own.



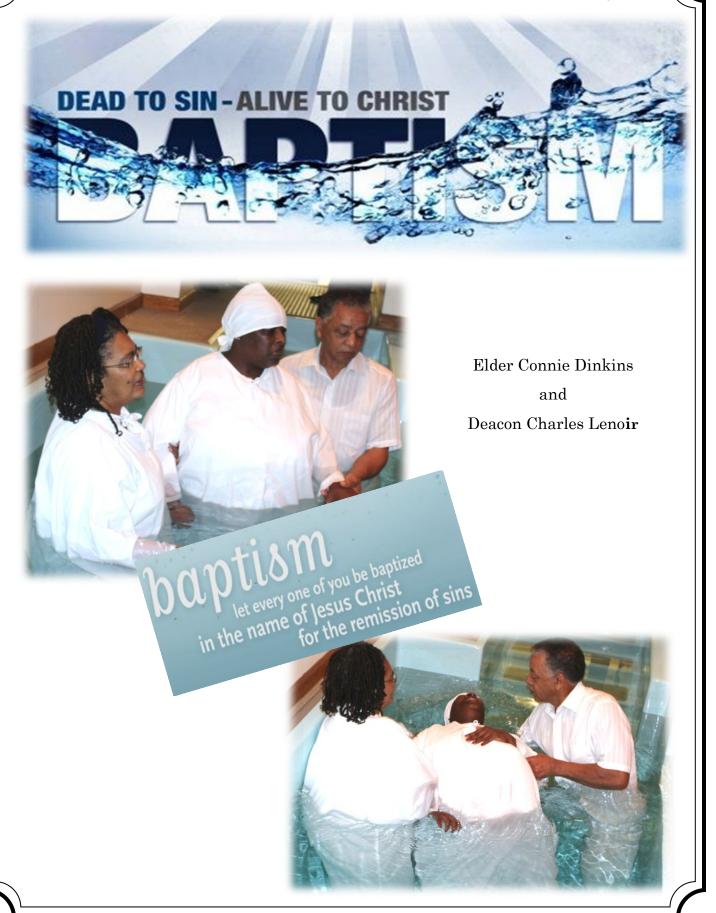
The way they go about doing it is firstly, they gain your trust thereby causing you to believe in just about any and everything they tell you. Once they gain your trust the con begins. They start by talking about various projects they've been involved in and how much money they made and can make. Truth of the matter they may at times offer to take you on tours of their supposedly money-making properties and businesses and after seeing what appears to be a successful money-making operation, you're ready to invest. Once you've invested they begin sending you dividend checks, of course your dividend money is money that has been acquired from conning somebody else of their life savings. Not to your knowledge you're really not investing your money into anything at all. After about a few months of receiving dividend checks, things begin to slow to a trickle and eventually nothing and when you try reaching the supposedly investor you can't; it's then that you realize that you've lost everything you worked your entire life for and have no one to blame for the loss but yourself. It's at that very moment that you realize that you've been conned and deceived.

Now if you're familiar with scripture you know that the very first con job took place in the Garden of Eden, and the original con artist/deceiver was Satan who came in the shape of a serpent. In Genesis beginning at chapter 3 verse 2 we find these words: The woman said to the serpent we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, "3" but God did say you must not eat fruit from the trees in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it or you will surely die, "4" you will not surely die the serpent said to the woman, "5" for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be open and you will be like God knowing good and evil. In these passages what I believe it is saying to us as it relates to the beginning of this writing is that any and every time we disobey and or go against the word of God and stop trusting in Him to do what He alone knows is best for us, there are serious consequences to be reckoned with.

As it is with a Ponzi scheme, one can lose everything one owns including one's own soul. So as it was with Adam and Eve who had the best of everything and living in what I personally define as paradise had to move out. Not only were they put out of the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3:15-19 we read what God caused certain hardships to come upon them for their disobeying Him. You know it is so easy to be deceived, but at the same time if we stay in God's word, trust and obey Him everything is bound to turn out well. Of course, to say that doesn't mean that we won't at times have some trials and tribulations along the way. I believe they come into our lives to make us strong. One thing for certain, keeping God at the forefront of your life is one guaranteed way to insure impending obstacles will be moved. Finally, Galatians 6: starting at verse 7 says "Do not be deceived for God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows, "8" The one who sows to please his sinful nature from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit from the Spirit will reap eternal life. "9" Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Remember this: Philippians 4:13 says I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. That being said, I pray you are not deceived and most of all that you don't become a deceiver yourself.

God Bless and Keep All Who Read This,

Deacon Theodolphus Caldwell



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~ PLACE ~



PLACE is an intentional process to connect church members into purposedriven ministry including self discovery, individualized ministry coaching. Through the PLACE process, people discover that God has created and gifted them with a unique capacity to serve others.

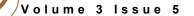
Attend the next **PLACE Workshop** to discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions and life experiences work together to define your PLACE of service within the body of Christ.

E-mail: <u>placeatthegrove@gmail.com</u> or contact to sign up to attend the next workshop.

April PLACE Participants



Sister Patricia Hardaway, Brother Mario Lee and Sister Valerie Sherald





Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sı Asst. Pastor John Dukes

A unique shopping experience celebrating the arts.

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This creative showcase will feature... jewelry designers, culinary arts, authors, spoken word, artists and more.

5/15/15 from 7PM - 10PM

Vision Center 1231 South Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088



Contact:

Keith Lambert 706.726.8960 or Antonia Simmons 478.953.4290 robwsimm@hotmail.com

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Also featuring special guest



Gospel/Jazz Saxophonist
Damon Brown



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Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Caldwell May 7 Pastor & First Lady Clarke May 27

Mr. & Mrs. David Little

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Mr. & Mrs. Odessa Allen May 27

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Wheeler May 28

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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 <u>UnionGrov1@aol.com</u> or by completing a bulletin request form and placing it in the Administrative Assistant's box <u>no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m.</u>
- Please contact Sis. Janice Scott at 478-922-5514, ext. 102 to schedule events at the Vision Center. (Members and ministries of UGMBC only)
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- For a ride to Sunday services, please call 478-922-5514 by Thursday at 5 p.m.
- The Health Care Ministry tests for total cholesterol panel using the state of the art equipment on Sundays after worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the test...Appointment only. Leave your name and number at the church office. Sis. Ann Lester

Thank You!!!

The **G.T.A.H.** Newsletter Staff would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue, especially Bro. McKinley Verrett and Sister Tamara Sanders. Your support, assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated.

Remember, if you would like to feature your ministry or if you would like to share your good news, praise reports, etc., please forward your submissions to GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com, call (478) 542-1739 or contact any member of the GTAH Staff.

Happy Mother's Day!!!

The G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson Shirley Jackson Jackie Powell

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 <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> by the 4th Friday of each month or place your submissions in the Newsletter/G.T.A.H. box in the copy room.



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