

# G. T. A. H.

Volume 4 Issue 1

(Great Things Are Happening)

January 2016

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



**David Anthony Clarke, Sr.**  
**Senior Pastor**  
**Michelle Wilson Clarke**  
**First Lady**

Thank you  
for 13 years  
of awesomeness!!!



## ~ 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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# Pastor's Anniversary Issue

## \*\* January Calendar of Events \*\*

2	PLACE, VC	7:30 a.m.
5	Quarterly Teaching Ministry meeting, VC	6:30 p.m.
6	Initial Sermons: Ann Lester, Earnestine Thompson and Kentavius Hunter	7:00 p.m.
7	Annual Music Ministry meeting, S	6:30 p.m.
12	Spiritual Enrichment meeting, VC	7:00 p.m.
13	Masterlife begins	7:00 p.m.
14	Vision Leaders meeting, CR	6:30 p.m.
14	Singles Ministry meeting, class #4	6:30 p.m.
16	Ministers meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.
16	Youth Worship Ministries	9:00 a.m.
<b>18/19 MLK Holiday (Church Office Closed)</b>		
18	MLK Celebration/March	11:00 a.m.
18	Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
19	Women's Ministry Committee meeting, class #4	6 p.m.
19	Quarterly Teaching Ministry meeting, VC	6:30 p.m.
19	Intercessory Prayer Ministry, class #4	6:30 p.m.
21	Grief Support Ministry, VC	6:00 p.m.
22	Girl Power, Church	6:00 p.m.
23	Black College Expo	TBA
24	Smithville Baptist Church	2:00 p.m.
24	Heart to Heart, VC	5:00 p.m.
25	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
27	Puppet Ministry, VC	6:00 p.m.
28	Church Conference, Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
29	Youth Music Ministry Event	TBA

## 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".*

# Thank You Grove Zone!!!

Thank You!

thank you for

- your love
- your support
- your generosity

Thank You for the Love!

THANK YOU!

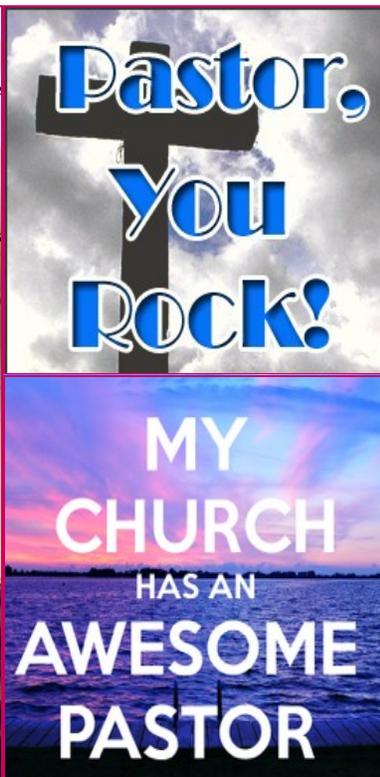
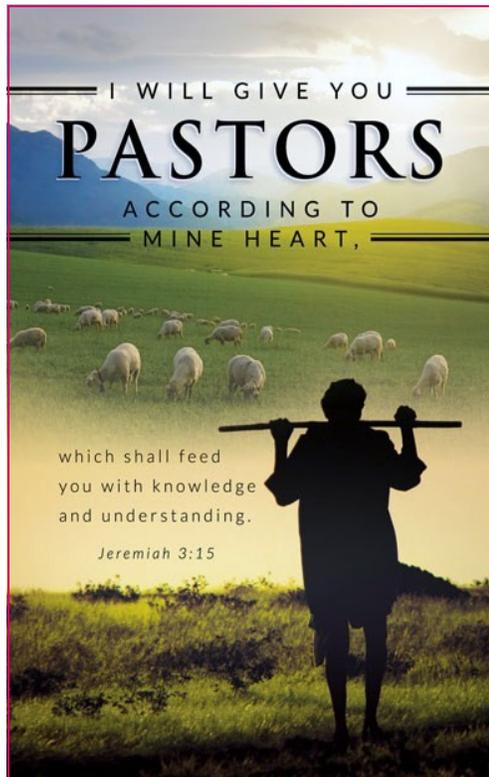
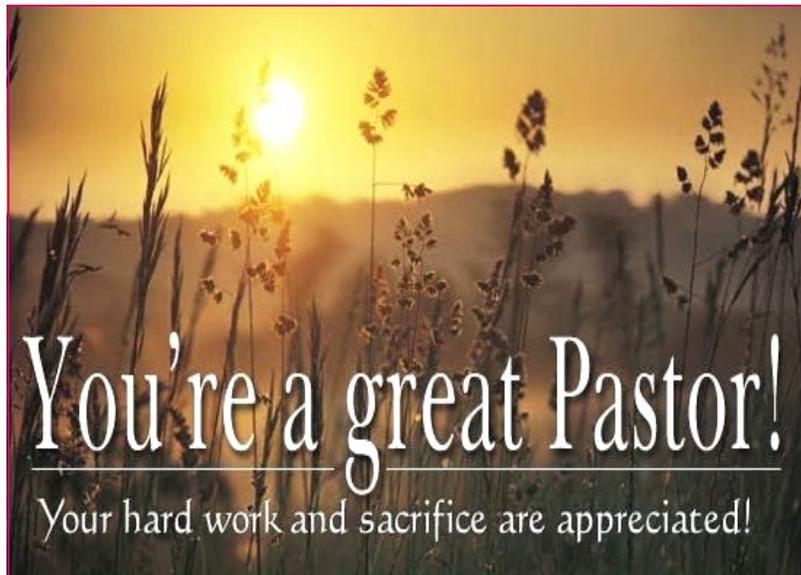


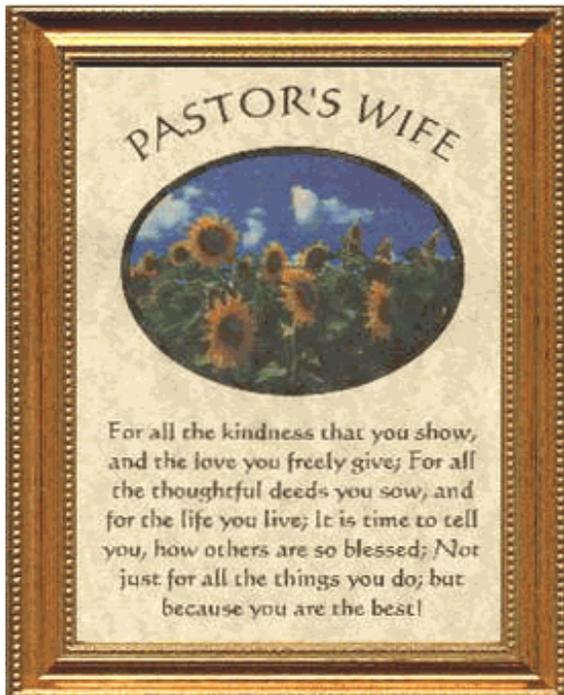
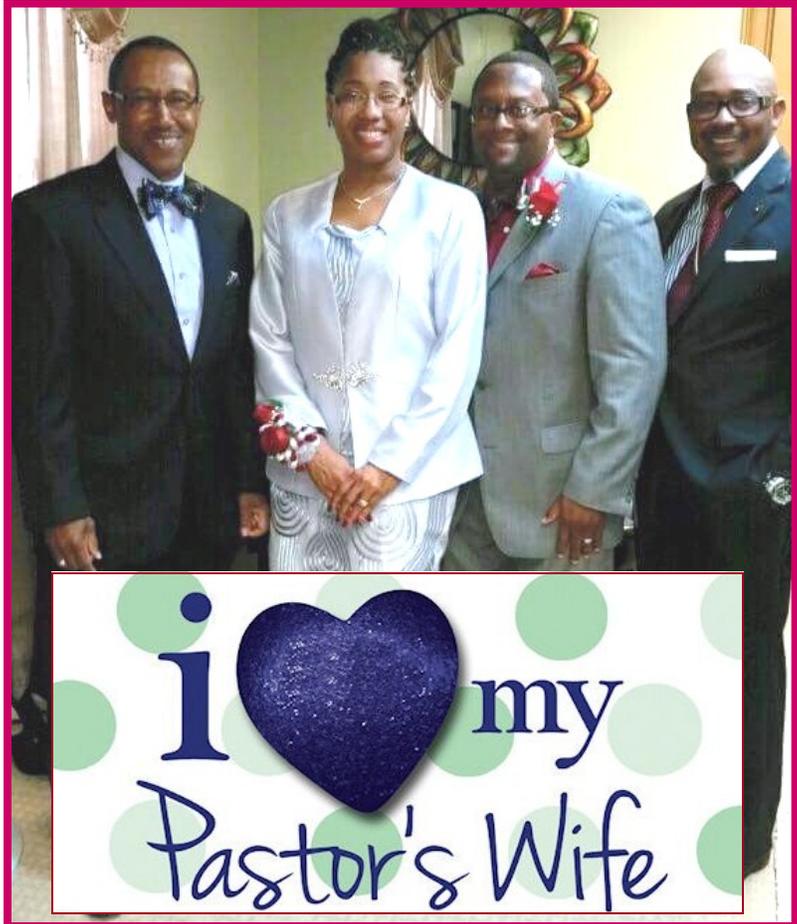
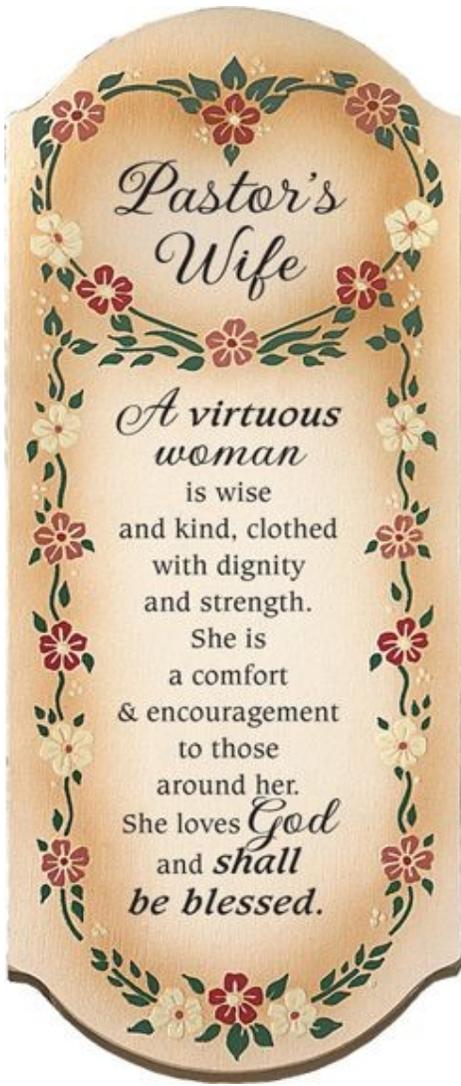
THANK YOU!

Learn \* Serve \* Give \* Connect

# PASTOR

*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*  
1 Timothy 5:17





# Happy Thirteen Years Anniversary Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.



*Pastor Mack McCullough*

*Co-Pastor Freida McCullough*

*First Lady Michelle Clarke*

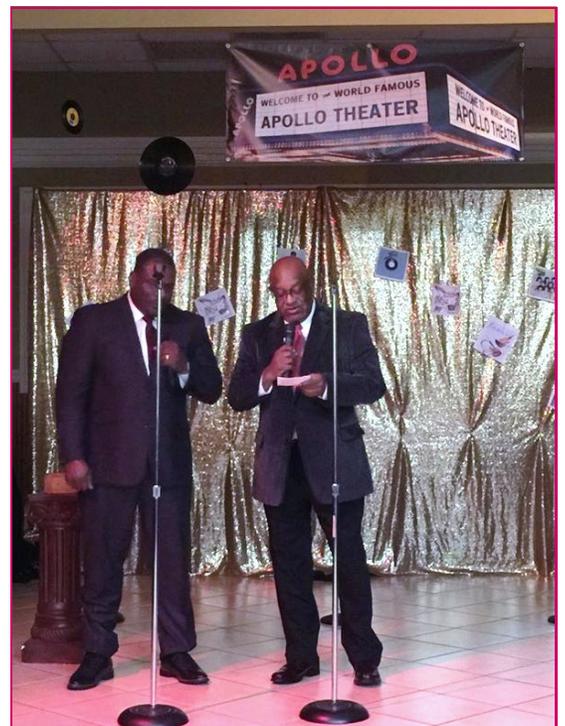
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KEEP CALM AND HAPPY 13TH ANNIVERSARY







**Equally Yoked Marriage Conference “When I Found You” Proverbs 18:22**  
**December 4 - 5, 2015 at the Vision Center**  
**Facilitators: Bishop Harvey B. Bee and Dr. Veronica G. Bee**  
**(Christian Fellowship Church)**

Thank you Pastor, David A. Clarke, Sr., First Lady Michelle Clarke and our SEMS Leader Brother Leroy Frazier for allowing us to hold a marriage conference.

Also, we thank Bishop Harvey B. Bee and Dr. Veronica G. Bee for agreeing to facilitate the conference. They did an outstanding job, just kept it real!

To the team that worked hard to make this conference a blessing, thank you. Without your assistance we would not have had such an awesome conference. And to all the couples from Union Grove and Christian Fellowship Church, thank you for coming out and participating in the conference. We pray that you received a nugget or two and will apply them to your marriage.

The facilitators taught us that “*Marriage is a God Thing*” from Genesis 2:18-25. From these scriptures we understand God’s Purpose and design for marriage. A few examples of God’s design for marriage include:

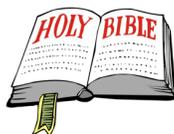
- committing to one another
- communicating with one another
- caring and complementing one another.

In their handout it states that “Marriage should be a permanent (covenant), pleasurable (sexual union) and show a picture of Christ (Christ is the Bridegroom; Husband), (The Church is the Bride; Wife).” They also shared how we can build a Godly marriage. Proverbs 24:3-4 says “*By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures*”. *It takes more than just saying “I do” and “living together” to build a godly marriage. It takes determination and intentionality to live out your wedding vows*”. *Here are some things to think about if you want to have a Godly marriage:*

- *Pray together*
- *Read and apply the principles for loving as the bible outlines*
- *Ask God to teach you how to truly love your spouse with the God kind of love*
- *Live in partnership throughout your marriage with each other and with God*
- *Know that you have entered into a union that is blessed by God*
- *Know that it will cost you time, energy, money and that it won’t come easily*
- *Know that anything of value will cost you something*
- *Count it all joy even in trials because our faith will be tested as in James 1:2-4*

All these things and more will help to build a Godly marriage. Value what God values and remember to invest in your marriage because “Marriage is a God Thing”.

Elder Tommy & Minister Linda Gray





UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

THE  
**INITIAL SERMON**  
DEACONESS ANNIE LESTER



7:00PM

WED JAN 6, 2016



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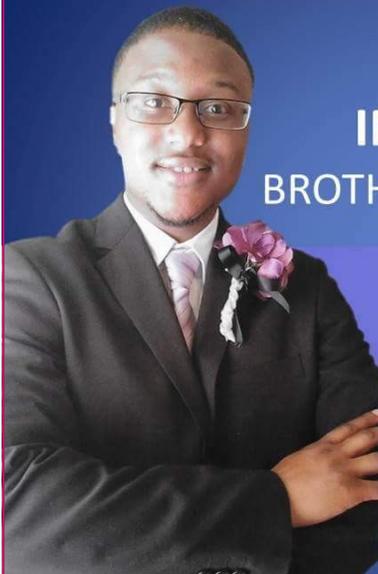


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BROTHER KENTAVIUS HUNTER



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**Congratulations**

**to the**

**Newly**

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**Ministers!!!**

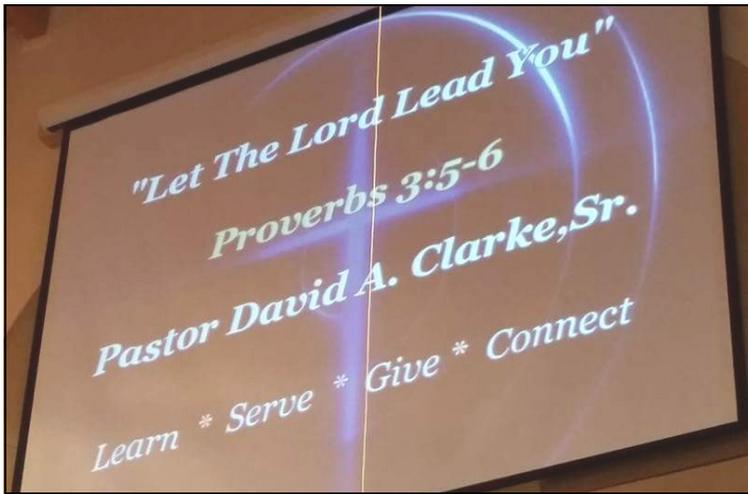
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*next*

*month*

# *First Sunday Worship*

## *December 6, 2015*



*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding”.*

*“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



# ~ Women's Ministry ~



## Miriam

We are first introduced to Miriam in **Exodus 2**, after the birth of Moses. Based on her actions during this time, we can safely say that she was protective, capable, brave, courageous, enterprising, quick-witted, clever, obedient and sensitive. During and after the Exodus from Egypt, she walked in the office that God had called her to: prophetess, and a leader of women.

In **Romans 12:3**, Paul stated that we should not think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but rather according to the faith that God has given us, in other words “stay in your lane”. In **Numbers 12**, Miriam did the exact opposite, she and Aaron opposed the leadership of Moses, God’s chosen prophet. Under the guise of bringing into question the marriage of Moses to an Ethiopian woman, the real issue was revealed in verse 2, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses?” She was motivated by pride, jealousy, and envy - resulting in rebellion against leadership. This situation was so serious that God Himself intervened and struck Miriam with leprosy. Why leprosy ---- Miriam wanted more power, more influence and more prominence. [Instead, what she got was separation and isolation.](#)

Miriam was a unique and influential woman, and so are you. Don’t lose it because of a play for power.

**Walking In His Will**

**Elder Connie Dinkins**



**Heart to Heart Christmas Social**

## Ruth

### WHO ARE YOU?



Ruth was a Moabite, married one of Naomi's sons, and then became a widow. Ruth followed her mother-in-law Naomi back to Bethlehem after the famine was over. Ruth knew her heritage, however, she did not want to return to her country she wanted the God that Naomi served. Ruth said to Naomi ***"Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried; God do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part you and me."***(Ruth 1:16-18) Little did she know that God knew the plans he had for her, plans to prosper her and not to harm her, plans to give her hope and a future as **Jeremiah 29:11** says. She was somebody, she was chosen and Naomi realized that but needed to help Ruth understand who she was, her purpose and destiny in life.

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We shared with heart-to-heart the book of Ruth and focused in on Chapter 3 verse 9. Boaz asked Ruth a question, "Who art thou? She said I am Ruth thine handmaid". Ruth did not say I am Naomi's daughter-in-law or I am a widow or I am a Moabite, she said I am Ruth. God's providence is dramatically shown in this book in spite of her humble origin. Ruth marries Boaz and become the great-grandmother of King David, and an ancestress in the line of Jesus. Ruth had a King in her. She was valued, she was worth more than she may have felt about herself in the beginning but she gave her life to the God of Naomi What a changed life!

How have you changed, do you know who you are? Identity is key because our heritage molds and shapes us. Our heritage can be traced all the way back to the beginning. Genesis chapter 1 vs 27 says ***"God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them"***. Here are four points that should be taken into consideration when understanding who you are.

1. **Know your inheritance.** Where did you come from? The kingdom is part of your inheritance. Ruth was a Moabites but she became a Gentile woman in the Genealogy of Jesus Christ.
2. **Know your identity.** Who are you? Ruth name means "friendship". Ruth abandoned her lifelong home and her pagan gods. She became a Jew by choice
3. **Know your importance.** Why am I here? Why did God create me? This is determined by God. The purpose is the why, therefore, you can live with the how. You are more than just a pretty face. God had purpose for Ruth even from the beginning of her life. Yes, she was from Moab but look at her end.
4. **Know your intention?** Destiny is where you are going. Destiny is connected to your decisions. Ruth's destiny is where she was going, she said she was going with Naomi no matter what. We need to make a decision of what our intentions are. What do you really want? We determine our destiny. Ruth's intention was not to go back, but she saw her destiny in Naomi's God. Ruth did not turn back to what she grew up in; she moved forward into what God showed her. You can change your destiny when you change your mind. The prodigal son came to himself when he realized his identity.

All of us are worth something to God. ***"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well"***. (**Psalms 139:13-14 NIV**). Knowing your worth is a continuous process and life-long journey. Each and every day we are bombarded with images and messages that will constantly make us question and doubt our worth. Most, if not all of us, have gone through something in our lives to make us feel that we were not worthy or valued by God. Perhaps that was because there is no relationship with God. When we are not connected to the one that died on the cross, that shed His blood for all of us, if we are not connected to the source of our strength, then yes, we will feel unworthy. You must know who you are and believe within your heart that you are worth so much more to God and the Kingdom. Give your life to the one that values you the most. Give your life to the one that knows who you are, knows your inheritance, your identity, your importance and your destiny. Jesus knows who you are, do you know Jesus?

**Minister Linda Gray**

## Eve, a Uniquely Fashioned Woman

The first female was part of man (Genesis 2:23). She was not created as a separate being like the animals. Adam was placed in a divine sleep while God took one of his ribs and made a woman. This woman was created the same as the man, and with the same elements. She was fashioned after God's image and likeness (Gen. 1:27). God created the woman to be a suitable to Adam by providing strength and being a powerful helper (Gen. 2:18).

The names given to the woman are:

1. **Woman:** This name was given her because she was taken out of man (Gen. 2:23). "Woman" means "man-ess."
2. **Adam:** The name given to the woman and her husband. "Male and female created him them ... and called their name Adam" (Genesis 5:2). *God made them "one flesh" and gave them one name.*
3. **Eve:** The name given to the woman after the transgression and its prophesied results. Adam called his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living (3:16, 20). This name described her function and destiny in spiritual history. *Eve means "life" or "life giver".*

Eve was known as the "Mother of All the Living." There was very little said of her in the book of Genesis. However, the following is a list of her accomplishments:

Mother of humankind.

First woman to live on earth

First woman to be called wife.

She had no mother and father.

She was never a child or a daughter

First female born was Eve's daughter

First male born was Eve's son

Most beautiful woman the world has ever known—divine perfection

Made by God as a reflection of his image to be a helper to Adam. Together, they would fulfill God's purpose of populating the earth.

First and only woman born without sin

First to be overcome by Satan

First to ever sin

First mourner (Cain killed Abel)

First mother to have a son who was a murderer

First to receive the divine prophecy of the cross; After confessing her sin, Eve heard the Lord say to that old serpent, the devil, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

### Life Lessons:

1. We learn from Eve that women share in God's image.
2. God's purpose for creation could not be fulfilled without "womankind."
3. Eve taught us that God wants us to freely follow and obey Him out of love.
4. Nothing is hidden from God.
5. It does not benefit us to blame others for our own failings.
6. We must accept personal responsibility for our actions

### Minister Marie Anderson



## Mary Magdalene



Things We Can Learn from Mary Magdalene:

She has been falsely identified for many years; often referred to as the adulterous woman

Though wealthy, she wasn't free; she was bound by demonic possession

She sought after Christ and used her influence to get into HIS presence

After she was delivered, she blessed HIM (provided provisions for He and the disciples)

She was faithful in following HIM (she followed Christ even to the foot of the cross)

She honored HIM (went to anoint his body after He was crucified)

She was the first Evangelist (told by the angel to relay the good news of Christ's resurrection to the disciples)

God elevated her (because of all of this, she is well known in the scriptures)

**John 19:25** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

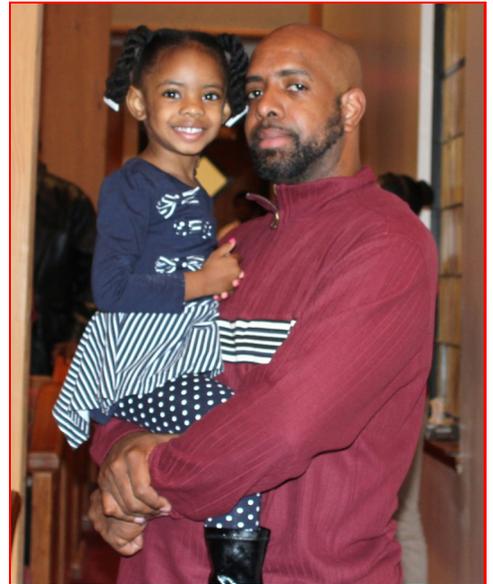
**Mark 16:1, 9** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. *When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.*

**John 20:18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Minister LaTonya Phillips**



# ~ Youth Sunday ~



# Congrats Soraya!

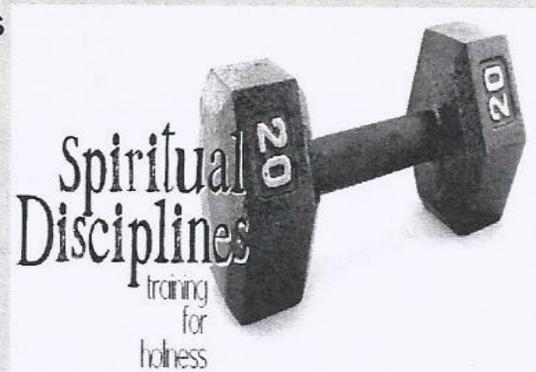


Our very own Soraya Brown, daughter of Tony and Cassandra Brown, made the Dean's list this past fall quarter.

She will finish up her Associates this upcoming March with a major in Psychology. Soraya looks forward to pursuing her Bachelors Degree at a nearby university this upcoming fall.

## Youth Bible Study

- January Series: Spiritual Disciplines
- Wednesdays @ 7pm
- Ages: Middle school-College
- Vision Center
- See YOU there!!



# ~ Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet ~



*Deaconesses*



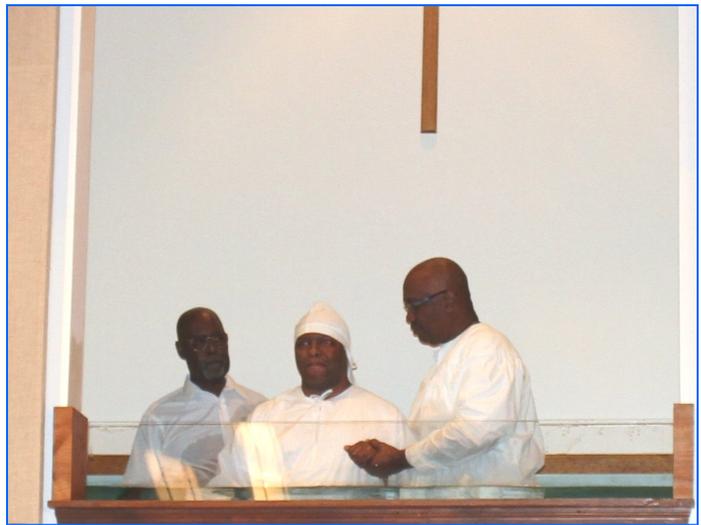
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# ~ Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet ~





*Elder Tommy Gray*  
*Deacon Theodolphus Caldwell*



# \*\* New Members \*\*



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2016!

*Deacon William  
and  
Deaconess Dorothy Jackson  
with  
new members:  
Robin Jones  
Rosa Jenkins*

## Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship



## ~ Financial Corner ~



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Sister Wanda Verrett

How did we do for Christmas? Did we stay within our budget; did we even use a spending budget for Christmas. Take a little time to see how much you spent and begin saving at least that much for next Christmas. If you had to charge any items, set yourself up not to charge next year. Just making a resolution is not enough. You have to take actions to keep that resolve.

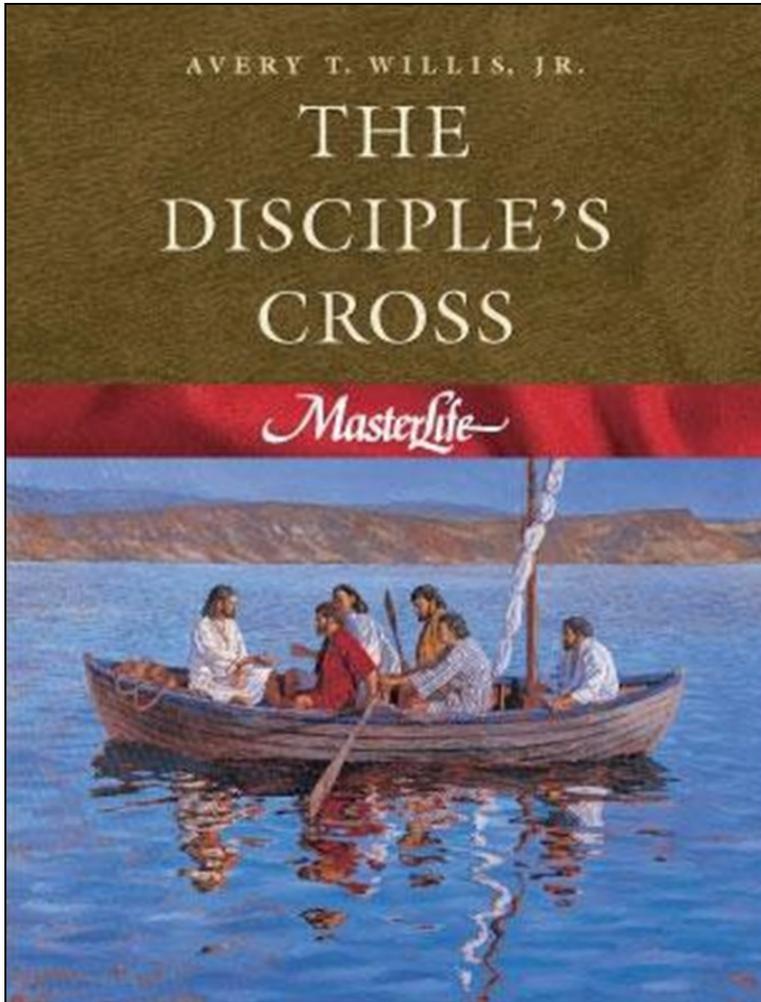
Now is the time to go to personnel or your human resources person, or your supervisor to make adjustments in your withholding for federal and state. If you got a large refund in 2015, you definitely need to change your withholding. The average refund is \$3,129. Divide that by 12 months and you could have had an extra \$260 per month in your pocket to pay down debt, save for Christmas, college funds, or more importantly your retirement.

Start getting your records together for tax season. It will be on us in no time. Also, it is not too late to contribute to your 2015 retirement fund. Start 2016 out right. Get you a simple filing system to keep your 2016 records in. Whenever I pay a bill or get something in the mail pertaining to our taxes, I simply put it into the tax folder we keep on the shelf. No long extra steps. At tax time, I do have to sort the different categories. This year I think I might use the accordion file. If I keep it in the same place, label the sections right, still easy peasy. Check to see if itemizing will save you money. Take advantage of every tax break available. If you think you might owe Uncle Sam, start setting some money aside now. Filing or paying late adds penalties.

Take note of the clearance racks in the back of your favorite stores. Everyone has been returning gifts of all kinds. Most stores put that merchandise on the clearance rack. You might just find a bargain in the back. I recently found a great suit for less than \$12.00. It was previously over \$100. It was missing a button. No big deal. I simply sent to Hobby Lobby, got some new buttons and sewed them on. This is also where I start my shopping for next Christmas. I guess at the sizes, as grandchildren sometimes grow one or two sizes in a year. But since I have so many, what won't fit one will fit another. No wasted money. NOTE: When shopping for another year, keep it basic. Extreme styles change rapidly.

As you are getting your tax papers in order, take a few minutes to pull out your insurance papers, both life and health. Make sure they are still relevant. Do you need to update your beneficiaries? Have your needs changed? Do you need to change to self-only instead of self and family?

# ~ *MasterLife* Discipleship Class ~



## **Start Date**

January 13, 2016

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

## **Location**

Youth Classroom Area

## **Contact Information**

Minister Shane Hardee

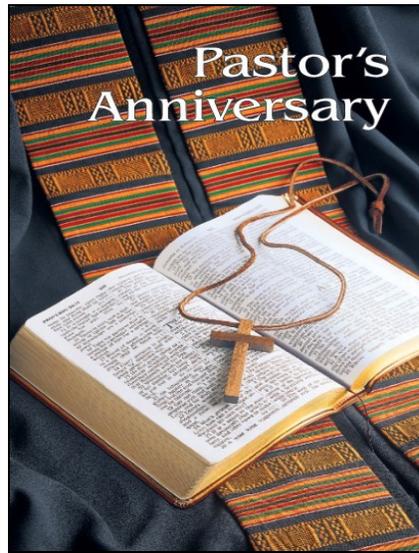
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***MasterLife*** is a small-group ministry that is designed to help the Christian find GOD's purpose and direction for life.

***MasterLife*** will help you to develop a personal, lifelong, obedient relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and will help to transform your character into Christ likeness. Classes will involve developing relationships with other saints, group discussions, weekly biblically rooted assignments and studying God's word.

# **Pastor Charlie Blackmon's Anniversary**

## **Smithville Baptist Church**



**Sunday**  
**January 24, 2016**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.**

UGMBC Deacons, Choir, Ushers and members are asked to serve.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shining LITE's Gala



*Living  
In  
The  
Everlasting*

## LITE MINISTRY



-  Date: February 27, 2016
-  Location: Vision Center
-  Time: 6:00pm
-  Age group: 19 and up



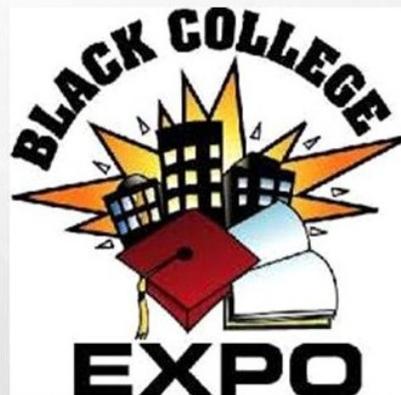
-  Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door
-  Tickets will go on sale December 13, 2015 Across from the nursery

# ATLANTA BLACK COLLEGE EXPO 2016

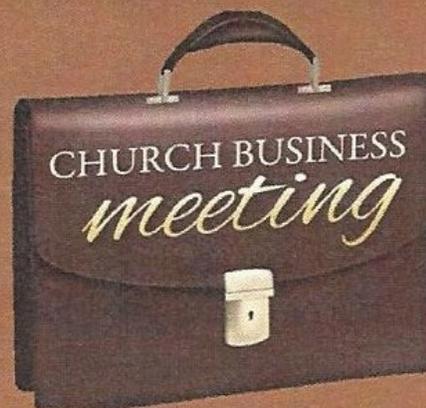
THE SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY WILL ATTEND THE BLACK COLLEGE EXPO IN ATLANTA ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016. THIS COLLEGE FAIR IS FOR ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- GET ACCEPTED TO A COLLEGE ON THE SPOT
- RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS ON THE SPOT
- GET INFORMATION ON MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES
- AND LEARN IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE ANNEX AND SEE FIRST LADY CLARKE FOR A PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FIRST LADY CLARKE AT 478-988-9358 OR [UGFIRSTLADY@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:UGFIRSTLADY@HOTMAIL.COM).

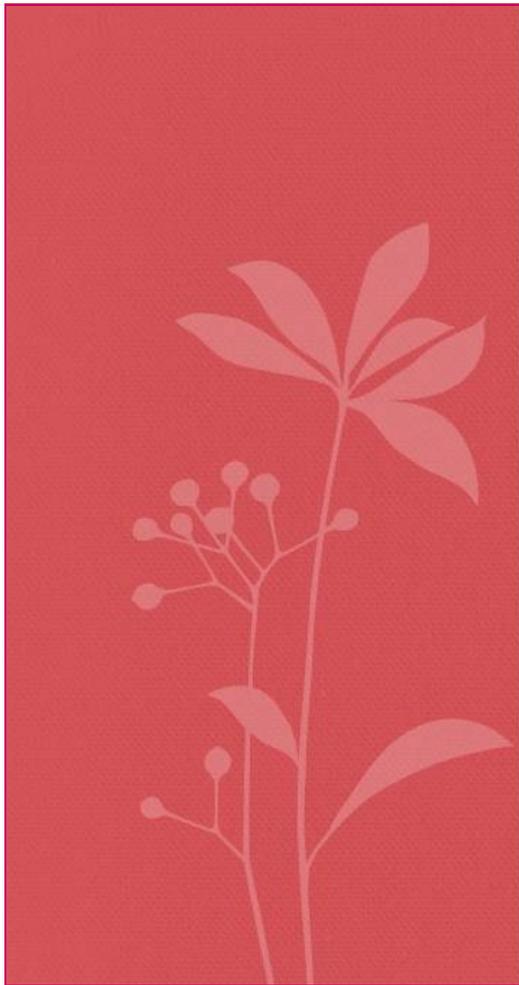


## Quarterly Church Conference



Thursday, January 28, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

All members are asked to be present.



**HEART  HEART  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**BIBLE STUDY**  
"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE: HAGAR"  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
7-8:30PM

**HEART-TO-HEART**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5-6:30PM

**TASTE OF TEA**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
12-3:00PM

The Vision Center  
1231 S. Davis Dr  
Deaconess Dorothy Jackson  
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*Heart to Heart  
Women's Ministry*

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**KEEP CALM  
and RELAX  
with a cup of  
TEA or COFFEE**

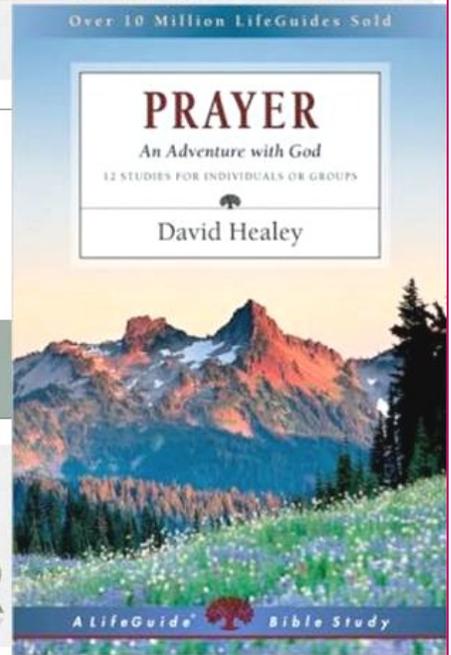
*"A Taste of Tea"*

*Saturday,  
January 30<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 -3:00 p.m.*

*The Vision Center  
1231 S. Davis Drive*



STUDYING PRAYER –  
AN ADVENTURE  
WITH GOD



2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY  
6:30–8:00 VISION CENTER



**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

6:00 p.m.

*Facilitated by  
Pastor Eddie Armstrong*



*from the*

# *Singles Ministry*



## **Security Ministry**

Greetings, we're asking you to help us with ensuring that proper security measures are being utilized when securing the church. We're asking that anyone remaining behind in the sanctuary after service is over, to please exit the building through any of the doors in the church office area. These doors will automatically lock and will allow our security personnel to concentrate on securing the front of the church. Your assistance will make our church that much more safer and secure.

Thankyou,

Hank Allen - Ministry Leader



Lena Anderson	Alice Fitzgerald	Courtney McCray	Willie Smith
Miquel Barlow	Leroy Frazier	Martavious McKenzie	Will Stephens
Destiny Barzey	Sharla Frazier	Nini McLean	Antonia Streeter
Ethel Blackmon	Skyla Haslem	Deanthony Mitchell	Bobbie Tate
Irene Booker	Rossie Jackson	Gayla Pegues	Rosa Tharpe
Ray Bradshaw, Jr.	Barbara Johnson	Perry Davontae	Olethia Thomas
Sharon Broughton	Elawonza Johnson	Mattie Powell	Desrick Thornton
Tre'Quize Carr	Mattie Johnson	Christine Ragin	Byron Toles
Emmerson Coleman	Stephanie Johnson	Elder Rashee Ragin	Audrey Turner
Erik Coleman	Lenora Jones	Ramell Richardson	Jared Ume
Grace Davis	Josiane Larose	Zamari Rogers	Sabrina Whisby
Dea. Nathanel Davis	Vickie Latimore	Dewan Rush	Ashley Whitehead
Elder Connie Dinkins	Shirley Lee	Tameka Sandifer	Kyna Williams
Joseph Dinkins	Joshua Leggette	D'Ondria Simon	Gregory Willis
Moses Dupree	Gary Lucas	Clara Smith	Marion Willis
Trinyette Finkley	Aundra McCants	Darren Smith	Teresa Willis
			Janet Winn



*Deacon  
Jerome & Shirley Stephens  
January 7*



*Robert & Tommie Cornish  
January 26*



*Deacon  
William & Dorothy Jackson  
January 6*

*Henry & Annie Allen  
January 16*



*Deacon Charles  
& Minister Mary Lenoir  
January 6*

*Aubrey & Alice Thornton  
January 30*



*Anthony & Nicole Steedley  
January 1*

*Bennie & Annie Johnson  
January 28*

**~ Ministerial Staff ~**

Pastor David Anthony 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 Eddie Armstrong  
 Pastor Sheryl Armstrong  
 Pastor Teddy Madison  
 Pastor John Sutton  
 Minister Marie Anderson  
 Minister Dannie Dukes  
 Minister Arie Freeman  
 Minister Linda Gray  
 Minister Shane Hardee  
 Minister Mary Lenoir  
 Minister James Madison  
 Minister Bridgette Oglesby  
 Minister LaTonya Phillips  
 Minister Africa Porter  
 Minister Antonia Simmons  
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe  
 Minister Annie Lester  
 Minister Earnestine Thompson  
 Minister Kentavius Hunter  
 ~ In Training ~  
 Brother William Bowden

**~ Deacon Contact List ~**

<b>A-C</b>	Deacon Jerome Stephens	929-1476
<b>D-F</b>	Deacon Slater Thorpe	218-8736
<b>G-I</b>	Deacon Donald Woodard	987-9865
	Deacon Louis Laney	329-0957
<b>J-K</b>	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918
<b>L-N</b>	Deacon T.C. Caldwell	293-8428
<b>O-R</b>	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
<b>S</b>	Deacon Alvin Myrick	788-5696
<b>T-V</b>	Deacon Charles Lenoir	953-2350
<b>W-Z</b>	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713

**~ In Training ~**

Curtis Jackson  
 Willie Jackson  
 Hosea Laney  
 Jimmy Oglesby  
 Steve Wheeler

**~ Junior Deacons ~**

David Clarke II  
 Caleb Doe  
 Jason Wheeler

**~ Administrative Assistant ~**

Sister Janice Scott



# BUS MINISTRY

**DO YOU LOVE TO TRAVEL AND MEET PEOPLE?  
 WE NEED YOU ON THE GROWVE BUS MINISTRY TEAM.**

The Bus Ministry is looking for volunteers who love to serve in a small group setting, fellowshiping with God's people while on the road. What a great opportunity to do this by serving as a driver.

**Please contact Sis. Iris Bracey @ 478-225-2776.**



## **\*\* Voting for 2016 \*\***



This year is very important for **VOTING**.

It's the year for the election of the President of the United States.

**The primary starts Tuesday March 1, 2016**

Also, on the ballot will be the EDUCATION- SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX better known as the **E-SPLOST**.

### **IF YOU CANNOT GET TO THE POLLS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

If you are 65 or disabled and cannot get to the polls, absentee ballots are available at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. I will come to your residence and assist you with the forms. However, you need to do this two weeks or earlier before March 1, 2016.

Remember, we now have a class on **VOTING** at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. Learn, why voting, how it got started and the importance of voting on local, state and national basis.

### **Early Voting Starts:**

February 8 - 26, 2016 at the Board of Elections – Perry Georgia

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

February 16 - 26, 2016 at the Central GA Technical College

80 Cohen Walker Drive

February 16 - 26, 2016 at the Houston Mall

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday February 20, 2016 - All of the locations above from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All polls will be open March 1, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Polls will be closed on February 15, 2016 – President's Day

Remember, people gave their very lives to vote – Let's keep it alive!

**POC: Deacon Jerome Stephens – 478-447-0251**



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*The Best is Yet to Come!!!*

# \* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website must be submitted by your Vision Leader and e-mailed to [UnionGrovl@aol.com](mailto:UnionGrovl@aol.com) **no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m.** **Announcements must be submitted in PowerPoint or wmv format.**
- **Church/Vision Center Rental (members and ministries of Union Grove only):** Please contact Minister LaTonya Phillips at (404) 849-1502
- **To schedule funerals** at the church (**members only**), please contact Sister Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- **For a ride to Sunday services**, please call Sister Iris Bracey at (478) 225-2776 **by Friday 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.

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](mailto:GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com), call (478) 542-1739, place them in the Newsletter Ministry box in the copy room or contact any member of the GTAH Staff.

### 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 [GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com) by the 4th 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."*



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