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Great Things Are Happening

October 2016



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



Established in 1887



**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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~ 129th Church Anniversary Issue ~

~ October Calendar of Events ~

2	Piney Grove MBC: Pastor, Choir, Ushers	2:00 p.m.
4	Quarterly Teaching meeting, VC	6:30 p.m.
8	Youth Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
8	Senior Day: Oldies But Goodies Night, VC	6:00 p.m.
9	Senior Day Celebration Sunday	11:00 a.m.
10-12 Columbus Day: Church Offices Closed		
11	Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, VC	7:00 p.m.
13	Vision Leaders Meeting, CR	6:30 p.m.
13	Healthcare, CC	7:00 p.m.
13	Singles, PR	6:30 a.m.
15	Youth Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
15	Ministers, VC	9:00 a.m.
21	Lifeline Screening, VC	8 am - 5 pm
21-23	Men's Retreat, Cedine	
23	Health Fair, VC	1:30 p.m.
25	Ministry Reports for Church Conference	5:00 p.m.
27	Church Conference, Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
28	Honoring Marriages Comedy Night, VC	7:00 p.m.
29	Honoring Marriages Couples Field Day	11:00 a.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.

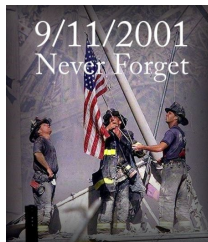
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

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.

~ 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".



Brother Desi paying tribute to his friend, Sergeant Rodney Gillis by wearing his shirt.



GREEK/MILITARY SUNDAY



Members of the "Divine Nine"

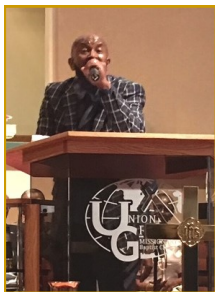


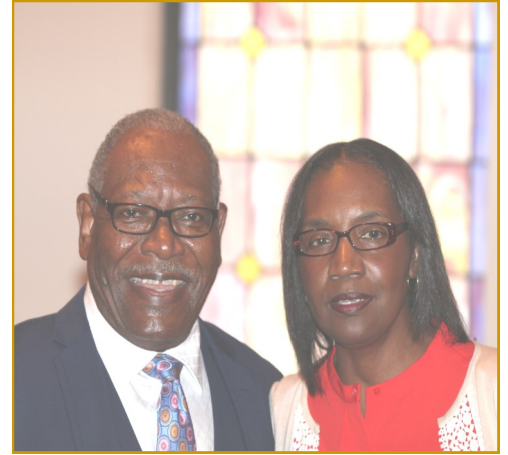
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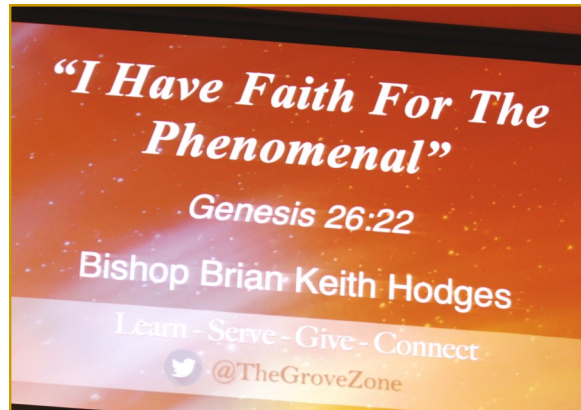


Dr. Sherard with her AKA sisters

Dr. Sherard with the Deltas









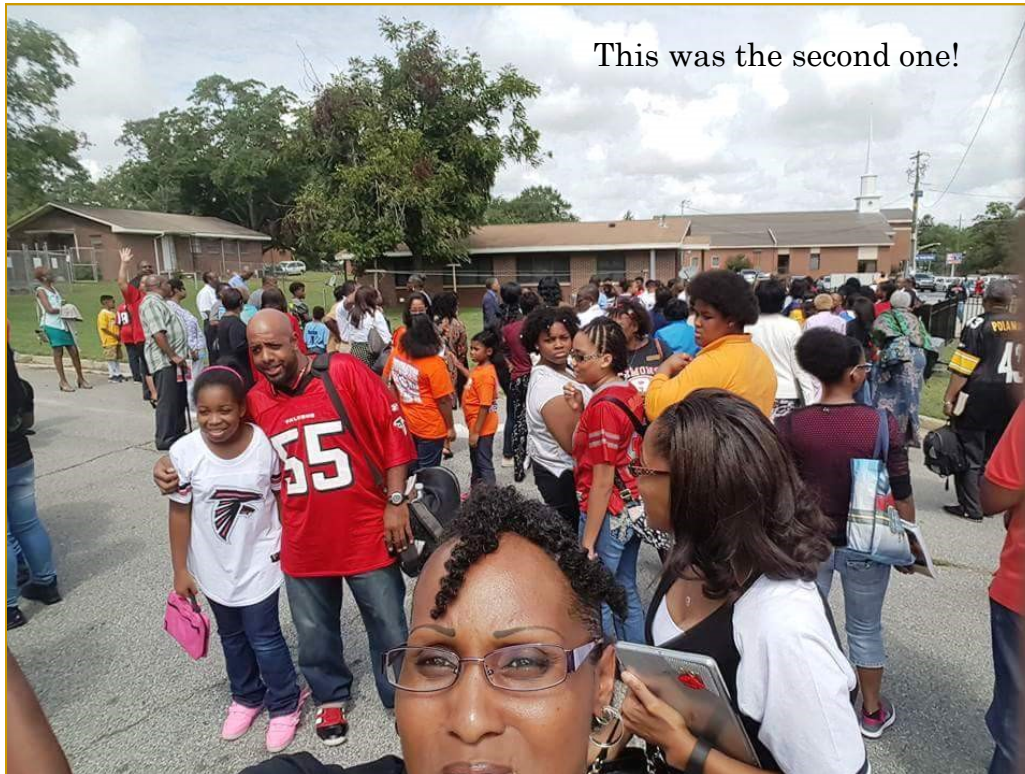
"A Faith That Wins My Friends"
John 1:43-51
Pastor Lorenzo L. Heard
Learn - Serve - Give - Connect
@TheGroveZone







FIRE DRILL!!!







*Sis. Joan Stewart with
Old School Announcements*



UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Golden Achievers Ministry
Invites You To...



OLDIES *But* GOODIES NIGHT

A Night of Music, Games, & Dance
from 20's, 30's, 40's & 50's

Saturday - Oct. 8, 2016 | 6PM to Midnight

VISION CENTER / 1231 S. DAVIS DR. WARNER ROBINS, GA

TICKETS - \$15 PER PERSON | \$25 PER COUPLE
DRESS YOUR ERA



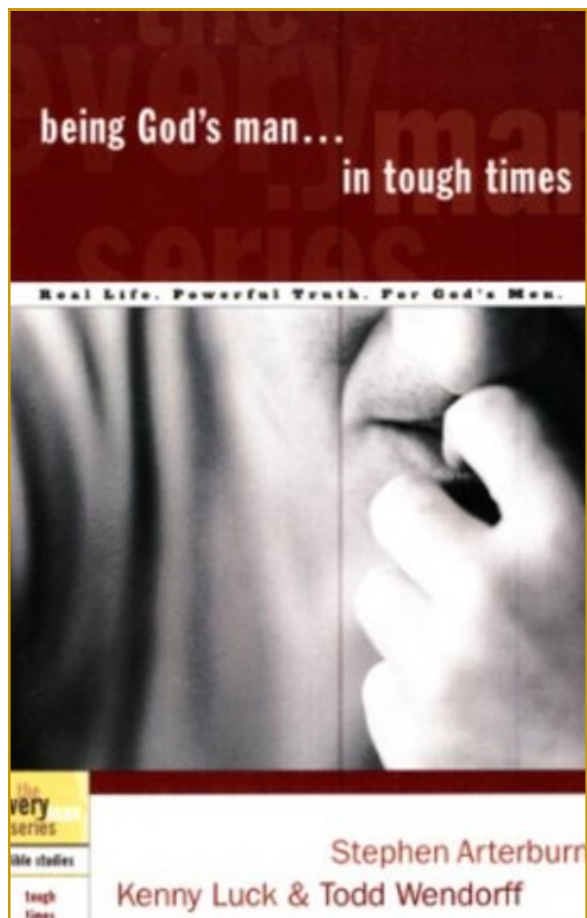
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~ *Women's Ministry* ~



~ MEN'S MINISTRY ~

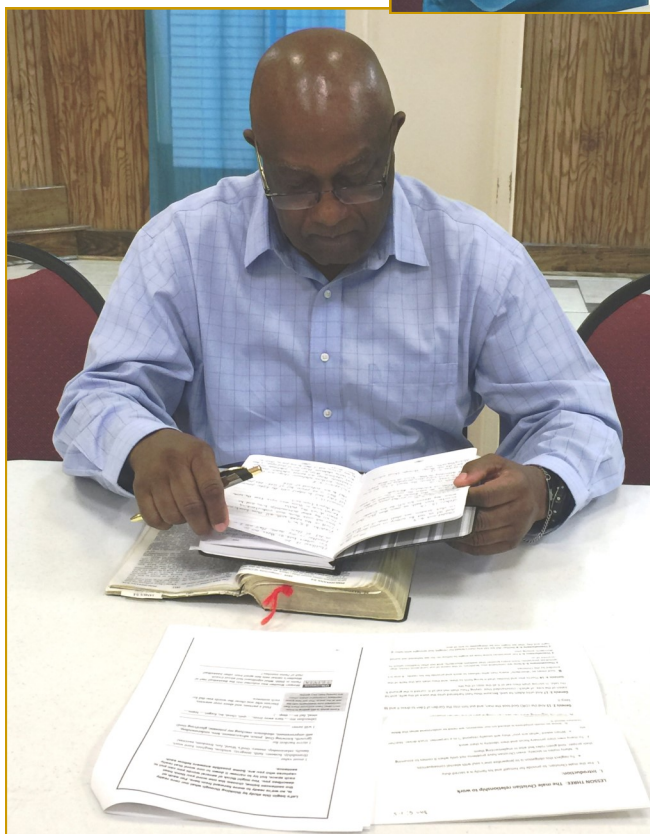


The Men's Ministry of Union Grove has started a new book entitled, "Being God's Man in Tough Times!" David was to be the future king of Israel. And yet, as you'll see firsthand in this compelling Bible study, the journey to that goal was filled with dangers, delays, and difficulties. Just like David, every man has a dream of who he wants to become. But getting there is a different story. Hardships and losses can destroy the faith—and even the life—of a lesser man. Many men fail to realize their dreams because they choose comfort over character, image over substance, and escape over endurance. But a man who knows how to embrace hardship and learn to mine it for God's purposes will see his godly dreams come true. Hardships are inevitable. Embracing them is a choice. God's dream for you is at stake. And Being God's Man...in Tough Times will equip you to overcome life's difficulties in the power and wisdom of God.

Please consider joining us every 2nd and 4th Monday evening at the Vision Center to take part in these "man-talk" sessions.

Brother Jimmy Oglesby





DEACON/DEACONESS MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT



Our annual retreat was September 16-17, 2016 at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Norman Park, GA. We spent some good spiritual quality time together enjoying Jesus and each other. Our retreat scripture for the weekend was Romans 12:10.

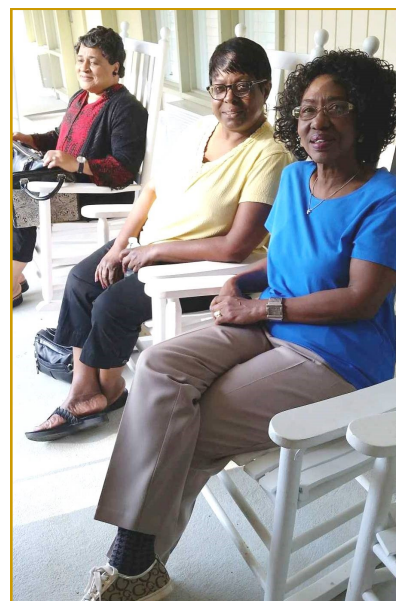
“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

As we spend time together we learn more and more about each other. The retreat helps us to bond in our sharing the Word from God, singing, skits, laughter and even playing a few games.

Our time together has shown how God works in each of our lives. He has brought us from a mighty, mighty long way, through all types of situations. We are grateful that He uses us for His services at Union Grove and the community.

Deaconess Maxine Woodard





"What About "My" Deacon....?"

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

....You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wished to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wished to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:25-28)

Sensing the servanthood of our Lord Jesus Christ – and believing that deacons are set apart to minister to the members of a congregation, serving as undershepherds ever alert to care for the well-being of the flock – we commit ourselves to serve in and through the Church He loved and gave Himself for. Realizing further that the role of servant is an honorable role, we will be examples of a servant after which others may model their lives. After all, we're "YOUR" Deacon.

As we look around many of our churches today, we typically find that much of the responsibility of taking care of the congregants falls upon the deacon. They're looked upon as "Shock-Absorbers and Servants"! Here at Union Grove, your deacons are here to alleviate tension in the church, not to be "turfy" or territorial. According to the New Testament, they're goal is to be one (or both) of those two things: a shock-absorber and/or a servant.

When we speak of shock-absorbers, it lends itself to Acts 7. The seven men chosen by the church in Jerusalem to care for widows, who seem to be precursors to deacons, were chosen to preserve unity at a time when botched administration was creating a separation or disagreement in thought or viewpoint in the church (Acts 6:1-7). The Greek-speaking Jews began to complain "against" the Hebrew-speaking Jews concerning the distribution of food. The church therefore chose seven men to distribute food equitably, yes, but, more than that, to restore unity where there was division. Unity-building was their primary goal; good administration was the means.

But we're also servants. Their very name means servant, and their precursors in Acts 6 were chosen to handle the practical needs of the church. That way, the apostles could devote themselves to leading the church through prayer and the ministry of the Word. The Pastor and Elders are called to "direct the affairs of the church" (1 Timothy 5:17), and deacons are called to support that direction. In our churches, then, the pastor should make directional decisions while deacons facilitate congregational involvement to make that vision a reality.

Just a few of our Duties and Responsibilities:

- 1) Attendance: Faithful attendance of all church activities and services for the week.
- 2) Prayer: Faithfully praying throughout the week for the Church, her ministries, our pastor, staff and individual members.
- 3) Counseling: Being available for counseling of individuals making decisions.
- 4) Guest Greeting and Visitation: Attending and being a part of the visitation outreach whenever possible, to include the members who are sick and shut-in. This also includes visiting members at the nursing facilities.
- 5) Hospital Visits: Deacons are notified of hospitalizations within the church family or close relatives of members by the church office via e-mails. Deacons make hospital visits and/or contact with church members and their families who are in the hospital or having some sort medical procedures done.
- 6) Crisis: Deacons are notified of deaths within the church family or close relatives of members by the church office. Deacons should offer comfort, strength and prayers to those who are grieving.

Do you know who YOUR deacon is? Give him a call, and get to know him.

AKA-lades to Chanel and Robert!!!



Chanel Strong and Robert Strait participated in their first ASCEND (Achievement, Self-awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills) session sponsored by Sigma Epsilon Omega Chapter on October 1. It included HBCU highlights, Team-building, Vision Boards, Community Service, College Prep and STEM. Guest presenters included Jarius Jones and Daniel Sayles.

ASCEND is the signature program of the current administration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Chanel and Robert are members of the Youth Ministry at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. They are also members of the Grove Zone Student Council where Robert currently serves as the President and Chanel currently serves as the Secretary.



~ Financial Corner ~

It's A Scary World!!!



If you go shopping anywhere, you can see the stores have put massive amounts of candy up front. Those that sell them have put out the costumes. It's October already? Where did the year go? Only two months til Christmas? Wow!

When I was growing up, adults used to say that time sped up the older you got. I didn't understand that at the time. Now I do. Of course time hasn't sped up, but it sure seems like it. The days of this year are about gone. I look at my grandchildren and marvel at how quickly they have grown. One minute you're holding them and the next they are ready for school. My oldest grandson has already graduated from high school and is out on his own.



Sister Wanda Verrett

On generation Sunday, Pastor Clarke encouraged us to connect with other generations. Deuteronomy 6:7 tells us to teach our children diligently and talk to them when we sit in our houses and when we take walks and when we lie down and when we get up. For parents and grandparents, these are scary thoughts. Did I do a good job as a parent? What lessons did we pass on? Were they the right ones?

Here are just a few things we can pass on concerning finances:

Proverbs 3:27-28 – ***Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give when thou hast it by thee.*** In other words, pay your bills on time and share with others when you have it. Don't be stingy with God's financial and material blessings.

Proverbs 6:1-3 – ***My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou has stricken thy hand with a stranger Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.*** DO NOT CO-SIGN WITH ANYONE!

Proverbs 13:22 – ***A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*** Our job is to leave an inheritance for our grandchildren and their job is to leave one for their grandchildren. This is a really scary thought for those of us Golden Achievers. Do I have something to leave behind? If not material things, at least we can leave God's promises and commands.

Here's a scary thought! Christmas is right around the corner. Are you ready?

PLACE Ministries



finding your place in ministry



First Saturdays:

October 1

November 5

P-Personality Discovery

L-Learning Spiritual Gifts

A-Abilities Awareness

C-Connecting Passion with Ministry

E-Experiences of Life

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the
Vision Center

You can sign up on the bulletin
board in the annex, on-line
placeatthegrove@gmail.com or
call Sister Verrett at (478) 328-
1483



* Health Fair *

October 23, 2016



Flu Shot Clinic

Supported By Rite-Aid Pharmacy

- The Healthcare Ministry will sponsor a flu shot clinic during the Annual Health Fair on October 23, 2016 for those who would like to participate.
- Confirm with your insurance provider that the flu shot is covered and for any co-pays for your plan.
- If you do not have insurance or do not wish to use your insurance, the flat rate is \$33.00.
- The sign-up sheet is located in the church annex so that the proper quantity can be ordered and on hand.

Mark your calendar: October 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Vision Center



Minister Earnestine Thompson (478) 225-6670
Healthcare Ministry Leader

~ Healthcare Ministry ~

God helps those who depend on him. When life knocks you down, you're in the perfect position to pray. We, as the Health Care Ministry of Union Grove are always praying for everyone. We ask God to give us the strength to go from day to day. Remembering Isaiah 40:31 that says *"but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* These are very personal words to me. Therefore, I know God has a purpose for everyone. We are doing our best to do what God has for each of us to do so he can get the glory. I believe everyone that serves should do so with the strength that God provides so that God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

Our Healthcare Ministry has lost several loved ones, so has our congregation. We sent sympathy cards to Tameka Brown, she lost her uncle; Minister Earnestine Thompson lost an Aunt, Kelli Box lost an Uncle, Alice Fitzgerald and Naomi Dawkins were church members but God loved them more.

We would like to thank the Healthcare members that served during the 129th Church Anniversary. They were Minister Earnestine Thompson, Minister Annie Lester, Catherine Butler, Shonte Harvey and Tameka Brown. We also thank those that served during our Homecoming in August (Minister Earnestine Thompson, Minister Annie Lester, Catherine Butler and Marie Newell), as well as Pastor Madison for providing CD's to the workers for that day. We had seven incidents at the Homecoming with two hospital admittances and the others were sent home to get rest and to check with their physicians the next day.

We also want to thank Marie Newman and Alice Thornton for the Diabetic supplies they donated to our Ministry. We welcome any donations of any kind to our Ministry. We thank God that he uses us to help people so that he can receive the glory. We also call some of the sick and shut in because when we don't see their smiling faces they are missing out of the presence of God's house. We just want to let you know how much we care about God's people. It doesn't hurt to show love. We also want to thank the Healthcare members that supported Family Promise this month: Minister Earnestine Thompson, Minister Annie Lester, Betty Henton, Catherine Butler and Annie Abrams.

We sent Get Well Cards to Deacon Theodolphus Caldwell, Pastor Teddy Madison, Pastor James Madison, Mother Maggie Bradley and Minister Dannie Dukes. We hope that God will bless them to feel a lot better.

We would like to congratulate Zymecunna Hagues, Minister Earnestine Thompson's Great Grand-Daughter for making the BETA Club at Huntington Middle School with a 4.0 GPA. Way to go Zymecunna, may God continue to Bless you in all your endeavors, but remember to keep him first. The Healthcare Ministry will have their Christmas Fellowship on December 8th at Cheddar's on Watson Blvd. in Warner Robins, GA. Everyone is invited, but it is Dutch Treat. We would love the fellowship!

Minister Earnestine Thompson

Union Grove Healthcare Ministry Leader

UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Presents

Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry

Honoring Marriage Weekend

FREE EVENT FOR COUPLES

Comedy Night

10.28.16 / 7PM

VISION CENTER

1231 S. DAVIS DR.

Couples Field Day

10.29.16 / 11AM

FIELD OF DREAMS

1105 S. DAVIS DR.

Register at tinyurl.com/UGMarriageweekend



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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE



Thursday

October 27, 2016

7:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend!!!

**** Attention all 3 levels of youth ****

Foundation, TRUTH & DETOUR

It's time to update your Youth pics.

Pictures will be taken on the front steps of the church.

Any questions, please contact:

Elder Rashee Ragin

(478) 960-6180



Chris Allen

Pastor Charlie Blackmon

Keith Bracey, Sr.

Elder Milo Bradley

Tamika Brown

Braneycia Clark

Quenton Clark

Chandra Emanuel

Leo Finkley

Anna Ford

Burnice Forte, Jr.

Curtis Jackson

Earnestine Jackson

Shirley Jackson

Willie Jackson

Chandrell Johnson

Minister Grace King

Gladys Lawson

Tyhyonna Lane

Sylvia Lee

Marion Mathis

Ilea McLean

Kimberly McNair

Lorenzo Mitchell

Karaganda Paul

Destimie Perry

Rifina Pierre

Keandrea Pitmon

Betty Riley

Rosemary Rodgers

Keith Scott

Charity Smith

Lillie Smith

Ashley Solomon

Corey Solomon

Abigail Steedley

Van Stewart

Doris Sutton

Dea. Slater Thorpe, Jr.

Jaida Williams

Tabatha Williams

Margaret Willis



Charlie & Margie Tuck

46 years



The Jacksons

53 years

Happy Anniversary!!!

~ Ministerial Staff ~

Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

Assistant Pastor John Dukes

Elder Milo Bradley, Jr.

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 Marilyn Byrd

Minister Dannie Dukes

Minister Arie Freeman

Minister Linda Gray

Minister Shane Hardee

Minister Kentavious Hunter

Minister Mary Lenoir

Minister Annie Lester

Minister James Madison

Minister Bridgette Oglesby

Minister LaTonya Phillips

Minister Africa Porter

Minister Earnestine Thompson

Minister Cornelius Thorpe

~ Deacon Contact List ~

A-C Deacon Jerome Stephens 929-1476

D-F Deacon Slater Thorpe 218-8736

G-I Deacon Donald Woodard 987-9865

Deacon Louis Laney 329-0957

J-K Deacon William Jackson 929-4918

L-N Deacon T.C. Caldwell 293-8428

O-R Deacon Monroe Clark 953-2044

S Deacon Alvin Myrick 788-5696

T-V Deacon Charles Lenoir 953-2350

W-Z Deacon Nathaniel Davis 923-7713

~ In Training ~

Brother Curtis Jackson

Brother Willie Jackson

Brother Hosea Laney

Brother Jimmy Oglesby

Brother Steve Wheeler

~ Administrative Assistant ~

Sister Janice Scott



DO YOU LOVE TO TRAVEL AND MEET PEOPLE? WE NEED YOU ON THE GROWVE ZONE 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. Welcome aboard!!!



MEN'S RETREAT 2016

OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

KELVIN COCHRAN

AUTHOR,

*FORMER FIRE CHIEF OF
THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GA*

KELVIN'S PASSION IS FOR
MEN'S MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

FOLLOWING
CHRIST
HAS A
COST



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.

Thank you,

Hank Allen - Ministry Leader



The **Capital Campaign** is a building plan (voted on by the membership) to extend the right side of the church. It will provide much needed classroom and activity space for the growing ministries. There are several ways to give and everyone has the option to select the Giving Plan that best suits them.

The goal is to raise \$600,000.00...need 250 members to pledge \$2,400.00 over a 5-year period

GOLD LEVEL

Contribute \$2,400.00 in ONE to TWO years \$200.00 a month x 12 months or \$100.00 @ 24 months

SILVER LEVEL

Contribute \$2,400.00 in THREE to FOUR years \$66.66 a month x 36 or \$50.00 @ 48 months

BRONZE LEVEL

Contribute \$2,400.00 in FIVE years or less \$40.00 a month x 60 months

OTHER

Any amount of consistent giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website must be submitted by your Vision Leader and e-mailed to **UnionGrov1@aol.com** **no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m.** **Announcements must be submitted in PowerPoint or mp4 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 Healthcare 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

If you wish to receive the GTAH via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address and you will be added to the distribution list. You may also download a copy from the Grove Zone website: **www.thegrovewr.org**.

G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson, Leader

Shirley Jackson

Queen Little

Jackie Powell

Tamara Sanders

Marion Thorpe

McKinley Verrett

Newsletter Submissions

Remember, if you would like to feature your ministry or if you would like to share your good news, praise reports, etc., in the September issue, please forward your submissions to **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 by Friday, October 28.

Don't forget to send us your testimonies for the "*Testimony Table*", a new feature of the GTAH.



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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The Best is Yet to Come!!!