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Great Things Are Happening

December 2016



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

Merry Christmas!!!



Assistant Pastor John Dukes
Minister Dannie Dukes

Happy 14th Anniversary Pastor & First Lady!!!



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

~ December Calendar of Events ~

1	2017 Budget & Calendar of Events Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3	Whitehead Baby Shower, VC	2:00 p.m.
8	Singles Fellowship, Vision Center	6:30 p.m.
8	Healthcare meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
8	Choir Rehearsal, S	7:00 p.m.
10	Decorating VC for Anniversary Dinner	2:00 p.m.
10	Youth Worship Ministries: Church	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
10	Golden Achievers, VC	12:00 p.m.
10	Youth Overseer meeting, VC	1:15 p.m.
11	Pastor's 14th Anniversary	11:00 a.m.
11-17	Family Promise Week	
12	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
16	Women's Christmas Social, Golden Corral	7:00 p.m.
17	Youth Worship Ministries: Church	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
17	Senior Citizens Banquet, VC	12:00 p.m.
20	Intercessory Prayer meeting, #4	6:30 p.m.
		
25	* Christmas Day Celebration *	10:00 a.m.
31	3G New Year's Eve Service, Sanctuary	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

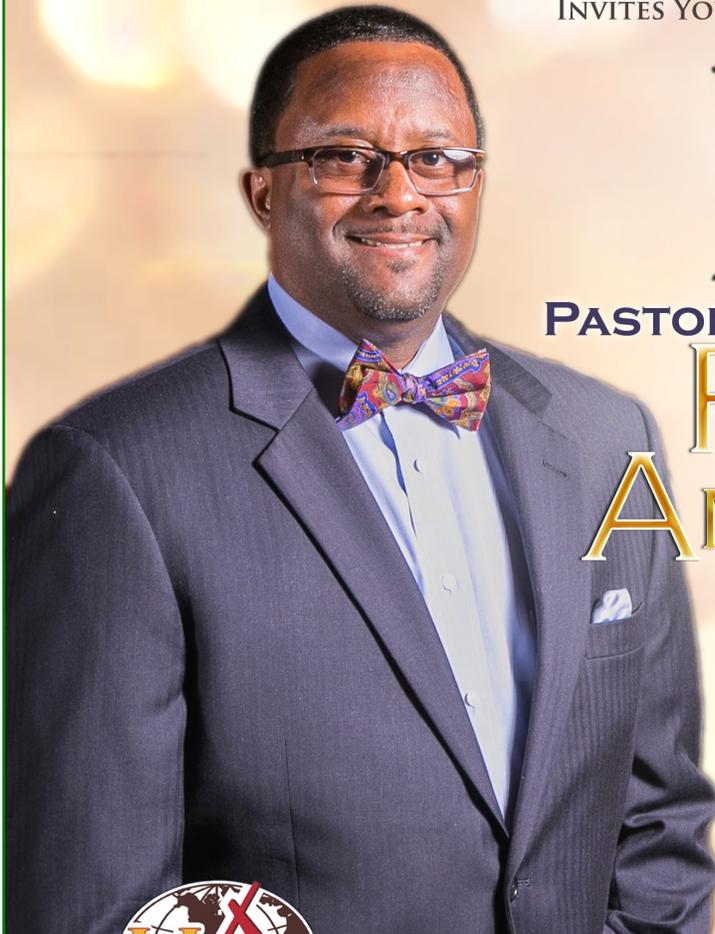
Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

~ 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".

UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO...



14TH

PASTOR DAVID A. CLARKE, SR.'S

PASTOR ANNIVERSARY

December 11, 2016

809 S. Davis Dr.

Warner Robins, GA 31088

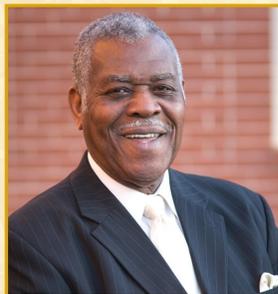
We are requesting men and women to wear a bow tie since our pastor will be "tie-ing" the record.

Ladies are welcome to wear scarves.



This is a Bow Tie Affair

8AM Speaker



Elder Jim Ford
Union Grove Missionary
Baptist Church



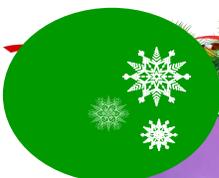
11AM Speaker



Pastor Rabon L. Turner
New Hope Missionary
Baptist Church
Evansville, IN.

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UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Invites You To...

Christmas Day in the Grove Zone

Join us for an Hour (and a half) of Power at
Union Grove on Christmas Day as we celebrate
God's Gift to us-Jesus Christ!

Bring a wrapped gift and partner with us in blessing the less fortunate!

DECEMBER 25, 2016

10:00 - 11:30AM

Intercessory Prayer 9:45 a.m.

809 S. Davis Dr. Warner Robins, GA 31088



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UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST,
PINEY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST & GREEN GROVE BAPTIST
Present

New Year's Eve 3G CELEBRATION

Bring in 2017 with Green Grove, Piney Grove, & Union Grove
DEC. 31ST | STARTING AT 7PM

809 S. Davis Dr. Warner Robins, GA 31088

Featuring 3G Mass Choir | Give Aways!



Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
Union Grove Missionary Baptist



Pastor Lonnie Slater
Piney Grove Missionary Baptist



Pastor Derrel McIntosh
Green Grove Baptist



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PARTNER WITH US AS WE DONATE THE NIGHT'S OFFERING TO LOCAL CHARITIES

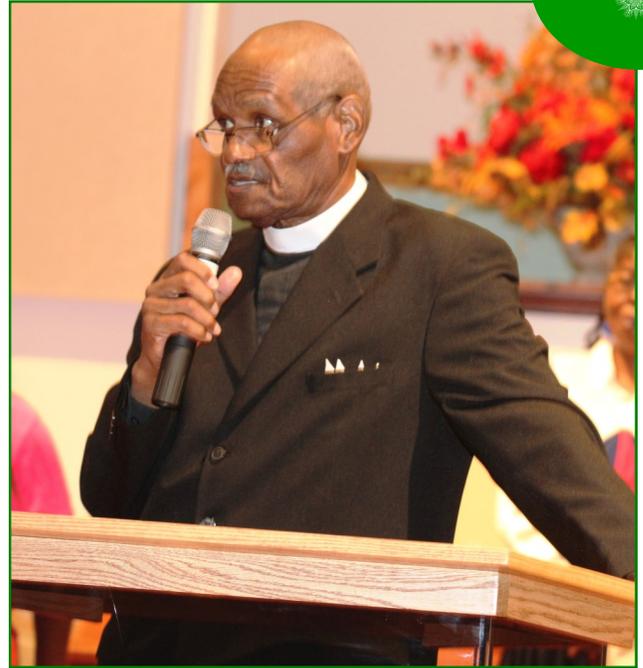
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DEACONS



ORDINATION



Deacon Curtis and Deaconess Shirley Jackson





Deacon Willie and Deaconess Rossie Jackson



Deacon Hosea and Deaconess Shavone Laney





Deacon Jimmy and Minister Bridgette Oglesby



Deacon Steve and Deaconess Salina Wheeler





"Deacons Who Do Well"
 Acts 6:1-3, 1 Tim. 3:8-13
 Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
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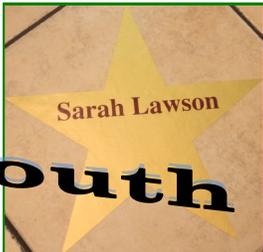
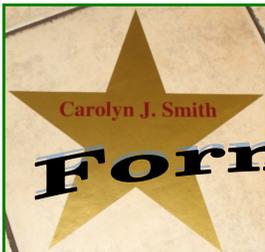
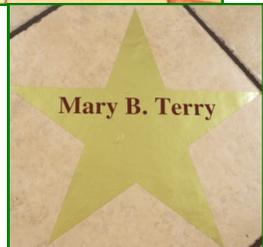
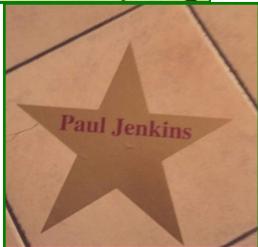
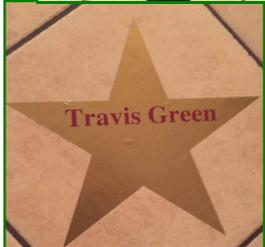
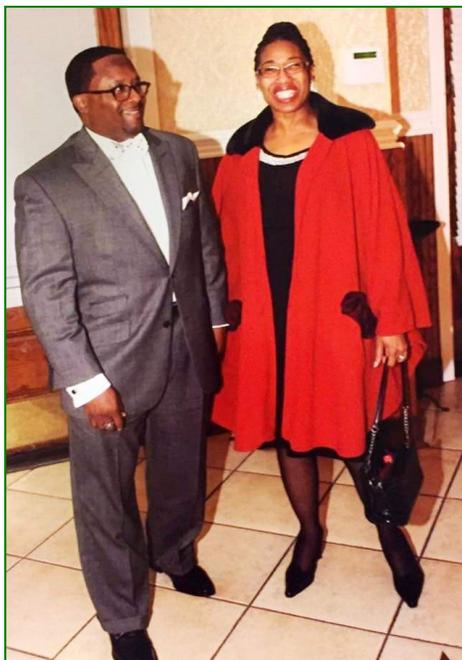
YAW 2016
YOUTH APPRECIATION
WEEKEND

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"





*Grove Zone
"E" Red Carpet*

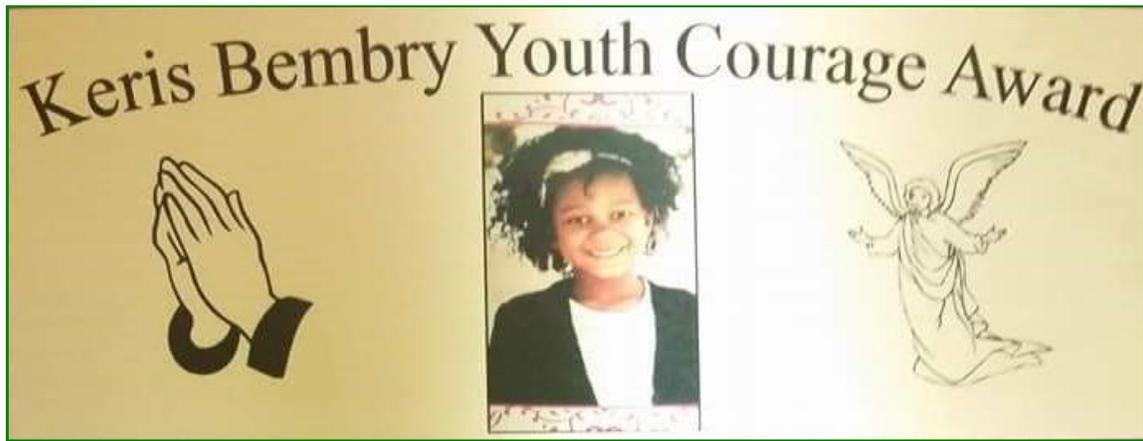


Former Youth Ministers









~ 2016 Recipients ~



Donna Smith



Robert Strait

Congratulations to Donna and Robert!!!

They were recognized (voted by their peers) as a young lady and a young man who is most likely to lead someone to Christ.





"Am I Moving Too Fast"

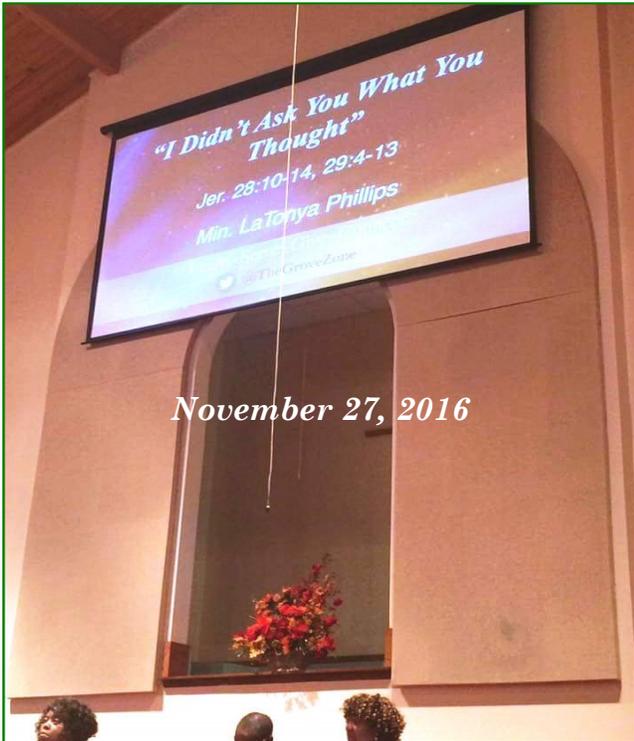
Luke 15:11-15,20

Pastor Jermaine King

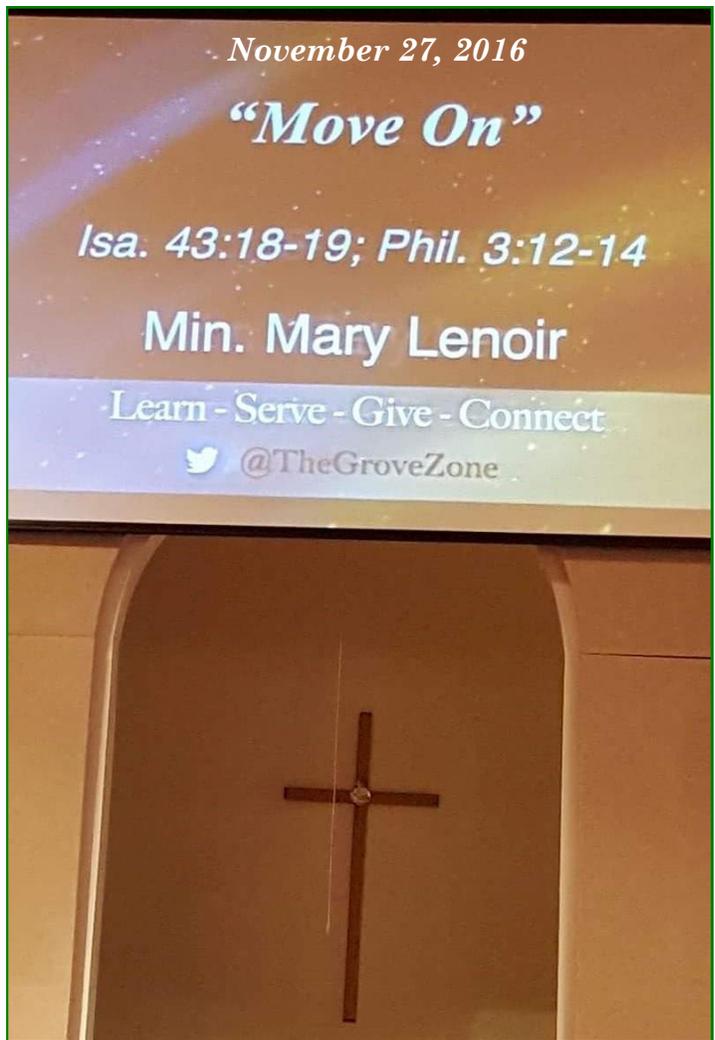
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November 27, 2016





** Save the Date **



COME AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US Annual Senior Citizen's Banquet

Saturday, December 17, 2016
12 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Vision Center
1231 South Davis Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088



Theme: "Happy Birthday Jesus"

For more information, please contact Deaconess Maxine Woodard,
Ministry Leader at 478-987-9865

Sponsored by The Deaconess Ministry

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONFERENCE

January 6 - 8, 2017

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
809 South Davis Drive, Warner Robins, GA

"THE POWER OF INTERCESSION"

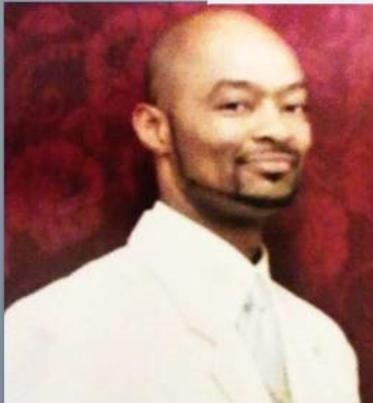
Guest Speakers:

Elder Warren Evans , Jr.

Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Tisa Pass

Sunday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.



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Intercessory Prayer Team

POC Min. LaTonya Phillips
Ministry Leader
(478) 225-9250

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.



*Heart 2 Heart
Women's Ministry
2nd Annual Taste of Tea*



*Ladies, bring your favorite finger
food, cookies or pastries...*



*Saturday,
January 21st
1:00 -4:00 p.m.*

*The Vision Center
1231 S. Davis Drive*



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

*Wear your choice of hat and gloves
and be ready to fellowship!*

*Questions?
Contact Deaconess Dorothy Jackson (478)
213-3157*

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**Heart 2 Heart
Calendar**

**HEART 2 HEART
WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

BIBLE STUDY
"REAL FOOD IS REAL GOOD"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

TASTE OF TEA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

UNITY HAT DAY
5TH SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH

Questions?
Contact Deaconess Dorothy Jackson
(478) 213-3157

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

"LOVE DIPPED IN CHOCOLATE"

VALENTINE GALA
February 11, 2017

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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**GREEN GROVE, PINEY GROVE and UNION GROVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Points of Contact:

Rhonda Salone, Linda Gray and Maxine Woodard



~ Heart 2 Heart Women's Bible Study ~

Real Food Is Real (ly) Good really enjoyed doing a presentation for the Heart 2 Heart Women's Bible Study Ministry.

Special thanks to Deaconess Dorothy Jackson for inviting us. We talked about...

1. Health and the church
2. What God Says about health
3. Tips on Avoiding Weight Gain During the Holidays

Sister Patrice Smith

Sister Tamara Sanders



**Real
food
is
Real,
Good**



Cookbook & Healthy Living Guide

- Gluten Free
- Vegan
- Wheat Free
- Soy Free
- Vegetarian
- Whole Foods

• Many Diabetic Friendly & Raw Recipes

Nutritional Information
(included for recipes)

Patrice Smith Tamara Sanders





~ Deacon/Deaconess Thanksgiving Fellowship ~





Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman?

For Her Price is Far Above Rubies.

Dr. Marilyn Denise Boyd

The Women's Ministry Group for the last year and a half, under the spiritual direction of Deacon-ness, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, have been experiencing the phenomenal presence of some of the women in the Bible and examining possibly what they might have experienced in their culture with what we enjoy and appreciate as our purposes in God, today. Being invited to speak about this ideal and profoundly sought after woman during our October gathering was daunting to me because I, like many others had the idea that she no longer existed but was a mere mirage in our hearts, and a conversion of our thoughts of never-reaching the mark to attain her qualities were imminent and fiercely ingratiated in our minds.

The task to bring her out of a phantom-like presence and into an ultimate truth was again, frightening for me, and I knew that the only hope was in the Lord, Jesus Christ. To some, this woman was envisioned to be eloquent of speech with beautiful physical attributes, even to be lofty and untouchable; however, what we discovered was that she was not aloof, passive or sedate, but what she was and continues to be is a courageous, bold, valiant, military-spirited, vigorous, driven power-source who is packaged in beauty, wisdom, ominous discernment, maturity, authority, integrity, and the fear of God.

What we realized is that she is "us." Our concentration on verses 10-31 in the Book of Psalm, Chapter 31 compelled us to look at this woman in certain divisions of her life; we examined the smaller components of who she was and were able to better identify her attributes with our own. We converged her charge as first; a woman and then as a business woman, a single woman, a wife, a homemaker, a mother, a teacher, and host.

We found that weight; otherwise known as affliction, burden, heaviness or impediments could be placed upon her stature and what we searched for was her ability to conquer her adversity which so affluently determined her worth of being virtuous. We hardly measure the accomplishments of those who are born out of silver spoon mentalities without challenge, but we marvel at the opposition one faces and then finds God's victory and peace within.

This woman was committed to the God-given charge that she endured, and to maximize our understanding of her commitment, we went to the Book of Colossians, Chapter 3:2, and it states, "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ..." To be a virtuous woman, we have to be committed believers; there is no other way. It doesn't matter if she is raising her babies all alone or has had to be her own husband, protecting that family; she relies on her faith in God's promises to wait until her change comes.

This woman is consistent and is not moved by hysteria and emotions; although this could have been her mode of operation until maturity set in...as Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things (1 Cor 13:11).

The great matriarch, Sarah was passed child-bearing age, but God did what he promised her in spite of her laughter. Rachel was barren and in love with the same joker who had married her sister, but that didn't bother the Lord, God did the impossible and opened her womb. Hannah was presumed to be a drunkard, but God gave her the desires of her heart and she bore Samuel.



Ruth's husband died, but God made a way to bring Boaz to her and she birthed Obed who was the father of Jesse who was the father of King David. So when God has smiled on you – you become what he initially brought forth in the Garden of Eden and that was “You are His crowning creation!” What he did in you was the most magnificent thing; you are the greatest gift to the male-man. Scripture says, “He who finds a wife has found a good thing and obtained favor of the Lord (Proverbs 18:22). So what that means is you have got to be a GOOD thing. Agree?

The Bible declares, “The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force” (Matt 11:12). Being a virtuous woman is not sitting idly by while the enemy takes your joy from you, or your family. We are in a war and we have everything to win the battle, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting vain imaginations down and bringing every thought into captivity to the Lord, Jesus Christ. Our obedience is won by what we listen to; faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Talk to yourself, sing to yourself. There is power of life and death in your tongue.

Paul, in his love for the Church at Colossae, further wrote, “And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the father by him.” Then he gets very specific in verses 18-22. He speaks to wives, husbands, children, parents and servants. Then he says, “And whatsoever ye do, do IT heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” Whether you come under the category of Business Woman, Single Woman, Wife, Homemaker, Mother, Teacher, or Host – do IT heartily to please God and not man. Be committed, woman of God. Hang on in there for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain (I Cor 15:58).





Fellas,

Every man has a vision of who he wants to become. Getting there is a different story. David's journey from shepherd to king was filled with dangers, delay, and difficulties. And just like him, we live in a world filled with circumstances beyond our control. But hardships and losses are God's tools for shaping us into His men. 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.

There is, however, one question that men often ask, "How Do I Become a Godly Man?" It's not a question that has a simple, nor singular, answer. Yet here are a few characteristics, and accompanying verses, to help spur you on to be the kind of man God created you to be!

1. STEP UP: Lead! Initiate! Be a man of action. Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity. Each of us face decisions and stages in life that demand courage. Big or little, complex or straightforward, these choices let's call them battles matter a great deal. We must travel five stages of a man's journey through life: boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch. We must know a man's responsibilities at each step. As men, we're called to seize the moment and take action, stepping up to responsibility and inspiring others in the process. It's about embracing courage, rejecting both passivity and cowardice.

- ◆ When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men..."Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight." -2 Samuel 10:7,12
- ◆ "I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one." – Ezekiel 22:30
- ◆ **Other Scripture:** Psalm 101, Proverbs 14:23, Proverbs 20:6, Jeremiah 5:1, Ezekiel 22:23-31, John 10:11-13, James 1:23-25

2. SPEAK OUT: Know and speak God's truth. Recognize that behind every sin is a lie. ALWAYS be honest, even when it's hard. Silence in the midst of sin is a sin. Be courageous. Fear God not man. Speak the truth in love. The world has one view of man. This view is skewed and flawed because as sinful beings we are flawed. The biggest problem with the world's view is that men are encouraged to remain boys. This world encourages men to be selfish and childish. On the contrary, Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 vs 11 states "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

- ◆ Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. – Proverbs 27:5-6
- ◆ Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy. – Proverbs 31:8-9
- ◆ But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. – 1 Peter 3:15





◆ **Other Scripture:** Proverbs 14:25, Proverbs 15:1-2, Proverbs 24:11-12, Isaiah 8:11-13, Jeremiah 1:17, Romans 1:16

3. STAND STRONG: Don't give in when you are challenged, attacked or criticized. General Dwight Eisenhower once said, "War is a terrible thing. But if you're going to get into it, you've got to get into it all the way." As Christian men, we are defeated in our lives because we are not seriously engaged in the warfare to which we are called.

- ◆ "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD. – Jeremiah 1:18-19
- ◆ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. – I Corinthians 15:58
- ◆ Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. – 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ◆ Other Scripture: 2 Chron. 16:9, Prov. 24:10, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 12:5, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Galatians 1:10, Philippians 1:27-28

4. STAY HUMBLE: Be vigilant against pride. Get the log out of your eye. Don't think less of yourself, think of yourself less. A man may be humbled and not humble. A sinner may be humbled by affliction. His condition is low but not his disposition. A godly man is not only humbled but humble. His heart is as low as his condition.

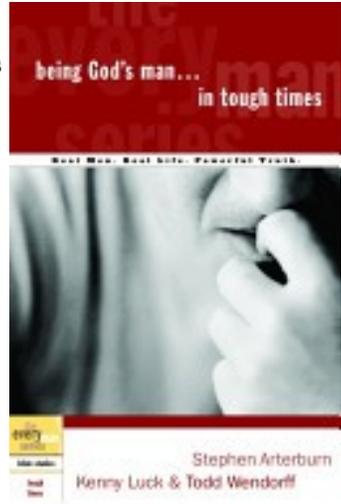
- ◆ Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against their wicked deeds. – Psalm 141:5
- ◆ You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. – 1 Peter 5:5-7
- ◆ Other Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 12:1, Isaiah 66:2, Micah 6:8, John 15:5, Philippians 2:3-5

5. SERVE THE KING: Seek first His Kingdom, His glory, His righteousness. Hope in the eternal. Live for a greater reward. Be careful how you're contrasting the self-serving nature of worldly men with the central feature of God's man, a service to the King.

- ◆ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." – Matthew 6:33
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Other Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 84:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 6:10, 1 Peter 2:21-23

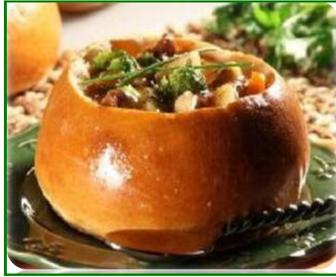
The men of Union Grove are currently studying a book titled, "Being God's Man...In Tough Times," and we will be diving into our fourth session on Monday, Dec 12th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Vision Center. Please consider coming out to be a part of these enriched sessions.

Deacon Jimmy Oglesby
Men's Ministry Leader





BREAD MINISTRY



John 6:35

35And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

Around September 14, 2016, Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. shared with me the opportunity Union Grove had to start a bread ministry, a ministry he desired to see the Church establish. So he asked me if I would pick up the bread from Atlanta Bread Co. on Monday evenings at 9:00 p.m. and bring it back to the church. Well, of course, I said yes, for I can't refuse helping people and sharing the Word of God. So, the Bread Ministry journey set sail.

Komila Edwards and her two sons, Khaibron and Khaedric and I voyaged to Atlanta Bread Co. on September 19 where we picked up bread and pastries. Since then our ministry membership has increased to include: Linda Holmes, Robin Jones, Nicholas Harvey, William Tucker, Denise Davis, Valerie Sherrod, Gary Stiggers and Iris Nance.

As to date, we have distributed approximately 600 breads and pastries to the homeless and to needy women, men and children. "What glorious moments!"

We set sail beginning Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. from the Union Grove parking lot. Anyone interested in voyaging with us, please contact Sis Eunice Jones @ 478.213.6032 .

Ministry Members

Eunice Jones, Ministry Leader

- Komila Edwards
- Khaibron Edwards
- Khaedric Edwards
- Denise Davis
- Nicholas Harvey
- Linda Holmes
- Robin Jones
- Iris Nance
- William Tucker
- Valerie Sherrod
- Gary Stiggers



"SOUP and A BOWL of BREAD"

November 2016





SINGLES Ministry



23rd
Anniversary
UNION GROVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

LOVED
SPIRITUAL FILLED
FUN



Singles MINISTRY
Living with Purpose!

2016 Meeting Fellowship Outreach Fellowship

...to Untain the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord. Thoughts of peace and kindness shall give you a crown with glory. (1 Timothy 2:15, 15:19)

Learning, Meeting, Fellowship
Wednesday, 3 November 2016, 1:00pm
Sandhills Pointe Clubhouse
1800 Coopers Court
Cedars Rapids, NC 28607



PICCOLLAGE





~ Financial Corner ~

SET YOURSELF UP!!!



Sister Wanda Verrett

It's December and Christmas is right around the corner. Are you ready? I hope so. We've been working all year to have a stress-free holiday. If you are not finished, don't panic. Now is the time to pick up some bargains. Here are a few tips to remember:

- a. Don't carry a lot of cash. In case your purse is stolen or lost, you won't be out of much money. You can never identify your money from anyone else's. Take just enough to get something to eat. Don't be a target.
- b. Take one debit card and one major credit card. Some cards offer replacement if there is a problem with your purchase and you can't get a refund from the store.
- c. Don't use any store credit cards. The interest rates are outrageous. If you do charge something, pay it off right away. Even if you pay them out each month, the high interest rate affects your FICO score.

Christmas is not the only thing on our mind this month. **It's open season for health insurance.** It ends earlier this year. It started on November 1st and runs through January 31, 2017. Now is the time to sign up for or make changes to your health insurance plans. In order to have coverage on 1 January 2016, you should sign up/make changes by 15 December. After that, coverage begins 15 Jan 2017, 1 Feb 17 or at the latest, 1 Mar 2017. The republicans may repeal the Affordable Care Act, but it will take some time. The law is still in effect and any insurance bought for 2017 will be honored.

What else can you do to set yourself up for a prosperous 2017? Start that emergency fund now. Remember, the minimum you need is \$1,000.00. If anything breaks down, you will be ready. A little bit each payday goes a long way.

You still have time to make contributions to your IRA. If you are over 50, you can save an extra \$1,000.00. Funds put into a traditional IRA can reduce your tax liability for this year. When was the last time you changed your withholding amounts? A simple change from zero dependents to one or two could mean an extra couple hundred dollars in your pocket to pay down debt, start your retirement account or your short-term savings.

Now is a good time to review your debt load. List all of your debt, especially your credit cards, and check the interest rates. What about that mortgage rate? Interest rates are beginning to creep up. Now might be a good time to refinance if you can get at least two percentage points below where you are now.

As always, any questions give me a call. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



~ Helping the Homeless at Christmas ~



Christmas is an emotional time where people have pretty high expectations of happiness. The children, as well as the adults, are looking for something special “under the tree”.

Christmas consumerism is fine when kept in its place, but *if you're yearning to do something different this year, one option might be to give to the homeless as well as to your own family, and friends. The world of the homeless may seem very far from yours -- but in some ways it is quite near. For any of us, the loss of a job, the death or serious illness of you, your spouse or your child could be the route to total financial disaster.* Think about it - without the support of friends and family, could you or I survive something as devastating as the loss of a job, the death or serious illness of you, your spouse or your child? Be that friend or family to the homeless this Christmas. It really is easier than you think! It doesn't take a lot of time or money to help the homeless during the Christmas season..

Here are some ways that will give great impact with little time or effort:

DONATE MONEY TO FOOD BANKS

Food banks help all kinds of people, including the homeless and vulnerable, and they are always struggling to meet demand, so they're a great way to make a difference. There are several ways that you can give to a food bank. You might see a supermarket offering to pass your donated food donation on to food banks who help feed the homeless and vulnerable. Of course, it's great if you donate through the supermarket, but did you know that food banks can already buy from supermarkets at wholesale prices? Why not donate your money to food banks directly? That way, they can get the food they most need – and if you visit their websites they're likely to have a wish list, if you'd prefer to donate the food itself.

VOLUNTEER AT A SHELTER

Shelters thrive on the work of volunteers, from those who sign people in, to those who serve meals, to others who counsel the homeless on where to get social services. For the homeless, a shelter can be as little as a place to sleep out of the rain or as much as a step forward to self-sufficiency.



DONATE TO HOMELESS SHELTERS

Shelters might well be looking for:

- Donations of socks, blankets, warm clothes, hats, toiletries and footwear
- Donations of useful food like basic canned goods
- Donations of presents – from second-hand books to toys for kids (and although second-hand toys are thoughtful, every kid likes something new that has only ever belonged to them)
- Donations of Christmas gifts (think luxuries like biscuits, cake)

To target your donations to the need of the shelter, call the organizations in your community that aid the homeless and ask them what supplies they need on a regular basis.

Be innovative. Think of original ways to donate and to get others to donate to worthy causes. For example, when I was teaching, the students would be allowed to wear flip flop, caps or sunglasses if they contributed 2 can goods. You would be surprised how many can goods we received from students because they could wear flip flops, caps or sunglasses.

Finally, as you go about deciding if you have the time or money to give to the homeless this holiday season, remember, the real reason for the season, God's son born in a stable.

Jesus, God's gift to us all!

Sister Jackie Powell



Congratulations

go out to

Jada Deanna Johnson!!!

She will graduate from Georgia College and State University with honors on December 10, 2016 with a Bachelors Degree In Psychology.

Jada will continue her education in January 2017 at Georgia Southern University pursuing a Masters and Specialist Degree in School Psychology.

Again, congratulations to Jada and the proud parents, Van and Joan Stewart!!!



Jada D Johnson

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY
2016 Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, December 10th - 1pm

THE CENTENNIAL CENTER
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061

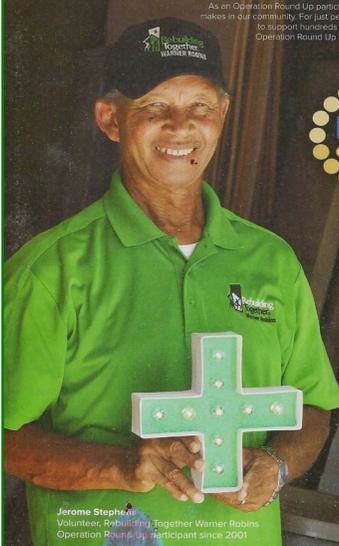


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As an Operation Round Up participant, I've seen the big difference my small change makes in our community. For just pennies a month, I join other Flint Energies members to support hundreds of local nonprofit organizations. By participating in Operation Round Up Plus, I'm giving a little extra to do even more good.



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Jerome Stephens
Volunteer, Rebuilding Together Warner Robins
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November 2016

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It's easy! Just see Min. Bridgette Oglesby after church or email her at:
bridgetteoglesby@windstream.net

Be sure to put **RIGHTNOW MEDIA** in the subject line.

For more information, email Min. Oglesby at the address above or call her at (478) 919-4688.





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			Christmas Babies!!!



Happy Anniversary!!!



*Minister Ann Lester
Mr. Fred Lester
December 26*



*Deacon Donald Woodard
Deaconess Maxine Woodard
December 30*



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





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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!!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website must be submitted by your Vision Leader and e-mailed to UnionGrovl@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

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***Merry Christmas!!!
from the
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 December 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2017.**

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

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"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!!!