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*(Great Things Are Happening)*

March 2018



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



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



***Assistant Pastor Teddy Madison  
Lady Jae' Madison***



## ~ 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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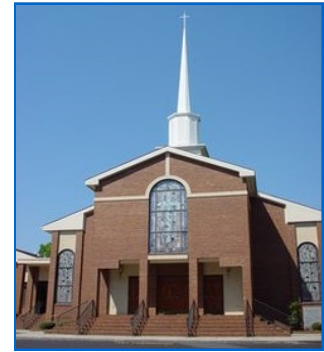
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## \*\* March Calendar of Events \*\*

1	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CR	12:00 p.m.
1	Ushers Meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
3	Pearl Stephens Reunion Comm, Class #3	12:00 p.m.
4	Zion Hill Baptist Church, Eastman	2:00 p.m.
8	Prayer & Praise, CR	12:00 p.m.
8	Vision Leaders, CR	6:30 p.m.
10	4HIM Dance Ministry, S, CC	10:00 a.m.
10	Youth Choir, S	12:00 p.m.
10	Golden Achievers, VC	12:00 p.m.
10	BEC Video Production	3:00 p.m.
11	Easter Play Rehearsal, S	after church
12	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
13	Vessels of Honor, Classroom	4:00 p.m.
13	Event Planning Team, CR	5:30 p.m.
<b>13-15 Spring Revival, Pastor Rabon Turner</b>		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
14	SWAT, VC	6:00 p.m.
15	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CR	12:00 p.m.
16-17	Youth Empowerment Session, VC	TBA
17	Youth Ushers, S	9:00 a.m.
17	Ministers Meeting, Children's Church	9:00 a.m.
17	4Him Dance Ministry, S, CC	10:00 a.m.
17	Youth Choir, S	12:00 p.m.
18-25	Family Promise Week	
19	UnRestricted Praize Rehearsal, S	7:00 p.m.
26-28	Community Youth Football Camp	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## Church Service Hours



**Sunday Morning Prayer**  
8:45 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday Midday Manna**  
12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m.

**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".*

## UGMBC Corporate 7-Day Fasts

**The fast for April will be different!** The fast is for the first seven days of the month, April 1-7, but **from only 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during those days.** In other words, eat whatever you like from 6:01 p.m. until 5:59 a.m.! **We will abstain from everything listed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Please be sure to include 30 minutes alone with God along with increased prayers throughout the day.

Be encouraged & enjoy the journey!



**For our corporate fast for April (April 1-7) we will abstain from:**

**\* All meats \***

(Chicken, beef, pork, seafood, lamb, emu, elk, gator, etc.)

**\* All sweets \***

(Bread, cakes, pies, candies, pastries, chocolate, ice cream, etc.)

**\* All beverages except water \***

(No coffee, tea, kool aid, punch, alcohol, etc.)

**\* All social media \***

(No Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat, LinkedIn)

Remember, a fast without sacrifice is not a fast!

Let's trust God for a fruitful fast. Be encouraged & enjoy the journey!

*Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.*







February 4, 2018

**Jesus:**

- 1) expects us to connect
- 2) provided gifts to help us connect
- 3) blesses our connections

***"Making Connecting A Priority"***

*Ephes. 4:11-32*

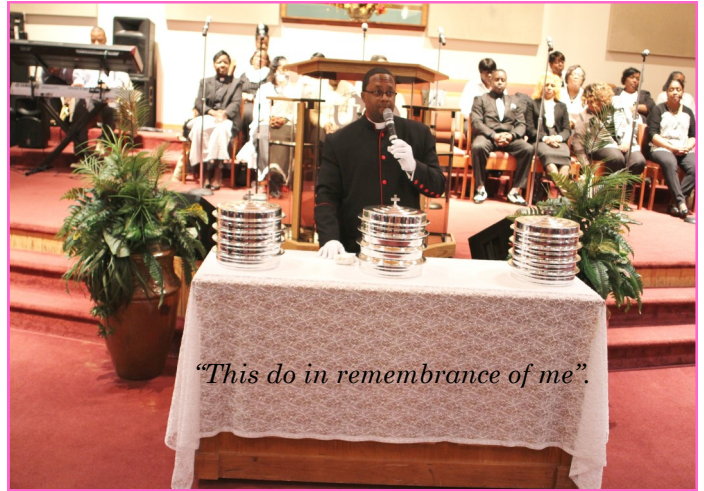
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*Black History Moment*



*"This do in remembrance of me".*







*"Success is not what you have,  
but WHO you have."*

~ Bishop Jeff Poole







## *"Where Do We Draw the Line?"*

*Daniel 1:1-8*

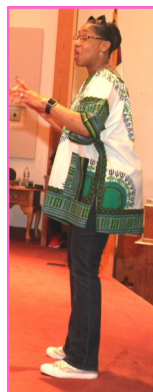
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February 18, 2018





February 25, 2018

*"The Lord Will Provide"*

Gen. 22:11-14, Heb. 11:17-19

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# 3G Gala

## A Night Under the Stars



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## ~ Women's Ministry ~

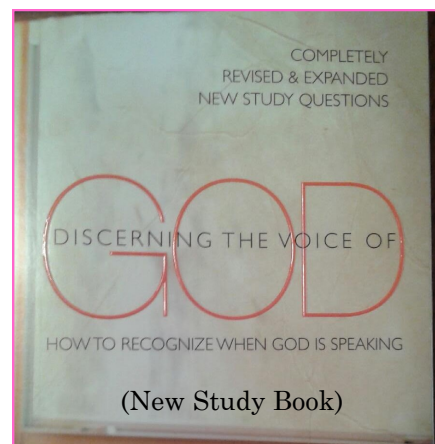
### Women's Ministry Bible Study

February 19, 2018

Dr. Marilyn Boyd did a phenomenal job teaching the class on the book of Jonah and *"Stuck in a Storm and Missing Your Calm"* by Pastor Lorenzo Heard. We will start our new study book on, *"Discerning the Voice of God; How to Recognize When God is Speaking"* by Priscilla Shirer on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Vision Center. Please come out, its going to be lit!

*Deaconess Dorothy Jackson*

*Women's Ministry*



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## "A Just Man, or *Just a Man?*"

*Deacon Jimmy Oglesby*

MATTHEW 1:18-20

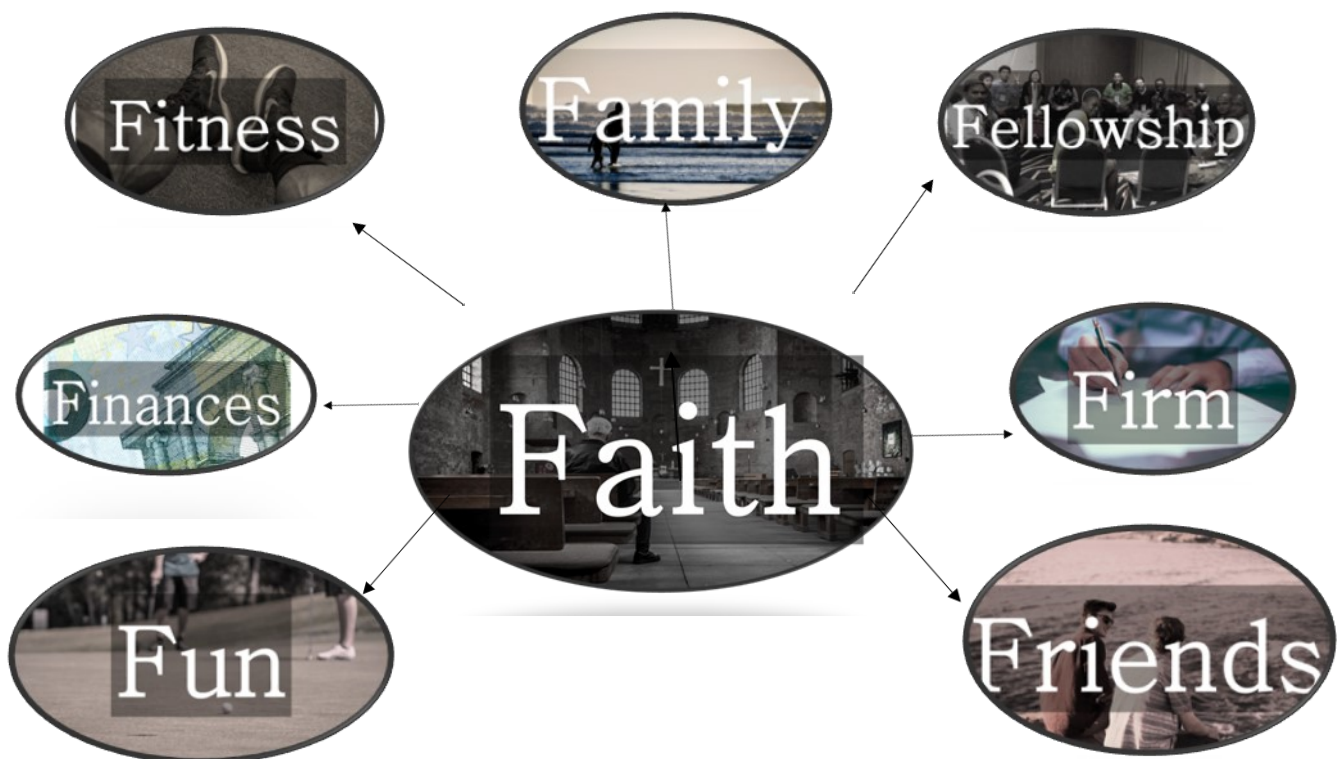
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*<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."*

In today's society, the Protection Industry has become big business. It seems everywhere you turn, there's some new protection device, scheme or legislation happening. There's a constant stream of legislation seeking to regulate just about every dimension of our lives. In an attempt to avoid lawsuits, manufacturers are adding all kinds of new safety features to their products. From medicine bottles with child-proof tops, trigger guards, seat belts, airbags, and crumple zones. You can't ride a bike without a helmet, or even smoke in public facilities anymore. We're security and protection conscious to the point of we've got security cameras on our roofs to having security patrols walking our parking lots. But while security systems and bars on the windows may deter a burglar or invader, there's a far more important level of protection many of us have neglected. In Matthew 1, there's a statement made about Joseph that stands out as something every man, and in particular, every husband, needs to take serious thought toward. "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly." Let's try to get in to Joseph's head & heart for a moment; what might he be thinking and feeling when he discovered Mary was pregnant? First off – he knew the child wasn't his because as v. 18 says, they'd not come together in that way yet. Second – Mary's pregnancy was a shocker because Mary didn't seem like that kind of a woman, and Joseph had no idea she was interested in another man. Third – all his hopes and expectations about the glorious day of his wedding and then life together with Mary were foiled by what has happened! You see, Joseph couldn't wed Mary. It wasn't just that he felt betrayed and wanted nothing to do with her – no, it was far more serious than that. The child Mary bore was not his, and as much as he may have liked to forgive and overlook the infidelity in his deep love for her, the fact the child was not his was an absolute deal-breaker! As a Jew, and as a member of the tribe of Judah, Joseph's family name was tied to a plot of land given to him by God! His firstborn son would be the one to whom the land and family name would be given. Mary's son, was not his son, and could not fill the role that would be assigned to him. But even more importantly, Joseph was in the royal line of David and his son would carry on that line in promise of the coming Messiah! When we read the story of the nativity we often think about how hard it must have been for



young Mary to have to bear the stigma of her pregnancy. Let's not forget how hard it was for Joseph. Indeed, he was caught in one of the hardest spots any man has ever faced. On one hand was his deep & devoted love for Mary, but on the other was his sense of responsibility to generations of his ancestors and descendants – and to the prophetic plans & purposes of God. Not to mention his pride and ego as a man! What was he to do? What would YOU have done? What guided him was his sense of justice. As v. 19 says, he was a just, a righteous man. Really, he was a truly godly man! We can say that with all confidence because of what it says he did. We find that Joseph had a purpose, and he allowed his PURPOSE to be greater than his EGO. "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly." Joseph wasn't all cold, trying to figure a way to get even for what he perceived Mary had done. He was a passionate man, concerned with doing the right thing. Not just as his emotions demanded, but with an eye to what God would have him do. His sense of justice was shaped by a healthy dose of mercy – and in this he shows the character of the Lord. Joseph was well within his rights to distance himself from Mary. After all, it wouldn't be long before her pregnancy would become the talk of the small village of Nazareth where they lived. If he didn't take a public stand, denouncing her and breaking it off in an open way, then there would always be suspicion attached to him as well. His divorce of her would leave all kinds of questions in people's minds about his own credibility. But Joseph knew if he took the route of exposing her publicly, it would doom her and her child to a terrible fate. So while the safest course for Joseph would be public exposure of Mary's pregnancy, he could not do it because of the life and fate it would doom her to. He would rather leave her to the Lord's hand than to man's. He was a just yet merciful man. As hurt as he had to have been at her seeming disloyalty to him, he thought only of what was best in the situation for her. If Joseph had been "just a man" he would have looked out only for his own interests, and Mary be damned! But Joseph wasn't just a man, he was a just man, a godly man – a man who understood that it was his duty to protect his wife, even as he moved to end their engagement.





## ~ *Healthcare Update* ~

We are glad that God chose to put a Healthcare Ministry at the Grove Zone. It is a special honor that we can help God's people. We try to do everything to please God and stay abreast of as many medical updates that we can. We attend many conferences and seminars given so that we can be able to serve God's people to the best of our abilities. We thank Pastor Clarke for letting us serve our community and congregation.

We have three new team members (Mrs. Sarah Lumpkin, Ms. Gladys Lawson, and Ms. Rosemary Rodgers); we welcome them to God's Ministry where they can continue to do God's work for his people. We were sorry to see Mrs. Kelli Box leave the Ministry. We wish her many Blessings in her new endeavors.

We would like to thank the youth for setting up the Vision Center for Life Line Screening held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Deacon Donald Woodard and Brother J.D. Sims for putting the Vision Center back in order. We thank everyone that participated in Life Line Screening testing. We had seventy people to sign up, but only fifty-four attended and were tested. That means we had a ninety percent goal success. Some didn't come due to sickness, some weren't able to get off from work, some forgot and some had no excuse at all, but God knows so we want to say thank you again. It is a blessing to be able to get outside agencies in to help us take care of our bodies. In the near future, we hope to be bringing in more resources to help the body of the church and the community.

We want to stay in prayer for Minister Annie Lester and Minister Earnestine Thompson because they will be in Ghana, West Africa from March 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. We pray that they will have a safe trip to Africa and back. Minister Marie Anderson and Irene Nelson are also joining them on this Missionary Trip so keep them in prayer, also. We thank all of the Healthcare Team for what they do because without God this Ministry wouldn't even exist. We want to thank all of our team members that participated in February Birthday celebrations held at Cheddars. We had a great fellowship, God is good, and he's our everything. The attendance included Minister Annie Lester, Minister Earnestine Thompson, Shonte Harvey, Marie Newell, Annie Abrams, Betty Henton, Barnette Anderson, Rosemary Rodgers, Tamekia Brown and Betty's mother. Forgive me but, I don't remember her name at the present. The menu was the bomb, we enjoyed it along with the fellowship, and we look forward to the whole team to be at our next outing to be held in June. We need to keep our sick and shut in in prayer, also, the Healthcare members (Ms. Dorothy Clay, Dorothy McNair, and Marie Newell) and our church members, we send out condolences to the families that are grieving.

We thank God for those that will be going to Pastor Butch Dupree's Pastor's Anniversary, and those who will serve during Vanessa Parker's two day workshop. Our Church's Easter Program will be April 1<sup>st</sup> so we look forward to the whole team dressing out because we always have an overflow during Easter Sunday. We need all church members to update their medicines so the Healthcare team will know what you are taking and whether or not you may have a shrunk inside of your body, in other words we don't want to take your blood pressure in the wrong arm. Please get the update card from Wanda Verrett or Janice Scott and give to Minister Earnestine Thompson on Sundays after church services. I want to thank and welcome the new Healthcare Assistant, Shonte Harvey.

We are looking to see more of our team members at the next New Members Fellowship service. It will be announced in the church program, so please read the Sunday's programs that are given out every Sunday. I definitely appreciate those members who will be serving while I'm in Africa for two weeks. We give God all the honor, praise and glory that he deserves, he's worthy of it all. We just can't thank him enough.

We thank you Union Grove and Pastor Clarke for letting us serve you all by the grace of God.

*Minister Earnestine Thompson*



## *~ Healthcare Ministry Fellowship at Cheddars ~*





## *~ Life Line Screening ~*







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# Save the Date



Volume 6,

UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Invites You To...

# March Madness Revival 2018

March 13-15th at 7PM

UNION GROVE / 809 S. DAVIS DR.  
WARNER ROBINS, GA



**Pastor Rabon Turner, Guest Revivalist**  
New Hope Baptist Church Evansville, IN.



**Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. - Senior Pastor**  
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## ~ *My Baptism Experience* ~

*Jason Young*



### **Tell us about yourself:**

I am a single, full-time Dad of a 13 year-old daughter named Madison. I am a finish carpenter by day and a loving father by night. I enjoy the outdoors, cooking, fishing and fellowship.

### **What led you to be baptized?**

At the New Year's Eve Service, God laid it on my heart to start a new year with a new life and a new family (my church family).

### **Describe your baptism experience:**

It was a cleansing of my heart, mind, soul and eyes. It drew me closer to God and my ministry.

### **Anything else you would like to add:**

My daughter and I were homeless and living in a motel. In August of 2017, God broke me down and led me to *Family Promise* and to Union Grove. He has blessed me with a home, a church (Union Grove), a vehicle, a house and a loving church family.



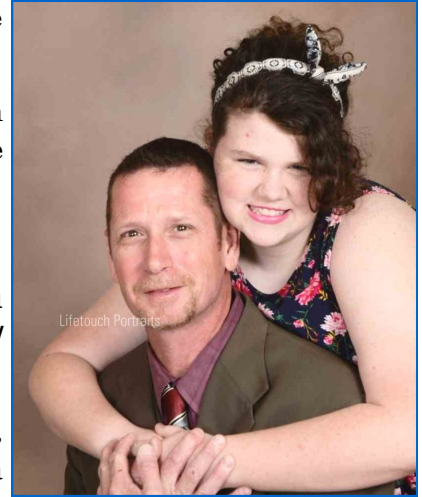
## ~ Meet Michael “Jason” Young ~

**What is your name, where are you from, when did you become a member of Union Grove?**

My name is Michael “Jason” Young. I was born in Macon, GA in 1974. I moved to Warner Robins, GA in 1975 and joined Union Grove in August 2017.

**Tell us about yourself. What are your hobbies? Where do you work? How long have you lived in the Warner Robins/Macon/ surrounding area?**

I am a single Dad. My hobbies are: fishing, dirt track car racing, grilling and being outside. I work at Jenwood Construction as a Finish Carpenter and have lived in Warner Robins for 42 years.



**Do you have any expectations or specific goals to obtain as a member of Union Grove?**

I want to grow with Union Grove and have a stronger relationship with God.

**Are you currently serving in ministry? Is there a ministry that you are interested in joining?**

Yes, I am serving with the Bus Ministry and am interested in serving with the *Family Promise* and Youth Ministry.

**Anything else that you would like to share:**

I am thankful that God brought me to Union Grove; I am thankful for and love my church family.





# DEAD TO SIN & ALIVE TO JESUS CHRIST BAPTISM



*Elder Connie Dinkins  
Deacon Slater Thorpe*



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*"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ".  
Galatians 3:37 (ESV)*



## *New Members Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship*



*"So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily".*

*Acts 16:5 (ESV)*





## ~ Financial Corner ~

### DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!



This year should be a year of prosperity for all of us. The Trump tax cuts are in effect for 2018 and most of us should have seen a little extra in our paychecks. As I stated last month, don't blow it. Whatever amount extra you received can set you up for a better year. Most of the regulation roll backs are to benefit the wealthy; however, we might as well take advantage of them.

The stock market is up so if you are not already investing, get into the market. It's not just for the rich. If you are saving money at the bank or credit union you could be investing in the market and getting a better return on your money. **Don't get left behind.** Make this your most prosperous year. If you need assistance, call me.

**It's still tax time.** Some of you have already filed and are waiting on refunds. That means car lots, furniture stores, and appliance dealers are having massive sales and the scammers are ready to compete for that money. What are you going to do with that lump of cash? For most of us, what we say when we file is completely different from what we actually end up doing. To insure you get done what you intend, ***write down the things you really need and intend to cover.*** This way when that check comes in you can pull out the paper or note on your phone/tablet and do just what you said. If you haven't decided what to do, here are a few suggestions:

1. **Pay off debt.** This is the best thing you can do for yourself and family.
2. **Set up your emergency fund.** This is a minimum of \$1,000.00 and can be up to six months' salary. One thousand dollars will cover most auto and appliance breakdowns. For those of you still working, you need to cover your salary in case you are laid off or become disabled.
3. Make necessary repairs on your home/car.
4. **Start** your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
5. Start that education fund for your children. You know the one you intended to set up right after they were born.
6. Set money aside for Christmas 2018. You can do this with a short-term investment account.

**SCAM ALERT:** Take care in choosing the agency that helps you complete your income tax return. Some tax preparers pop up this time of year and disappear just as quickly with your SSN, DOB, and refund. Before you know it, they have stolen your identity because you gave them all of the information they need. Stick with tax preparers you know. Many are offering instant refunds. They advance you some of your money up front (a loan) until your refund comes in. There is always a fee for this. If you are not in a bind, wait for your money.





## MISSION TRIP TO GHANA WEST AFRICA

Please remain in prayer for Ministers Annie Lester, Marie Anderson and Earnestine Thompson and Sister Irene Nelson.







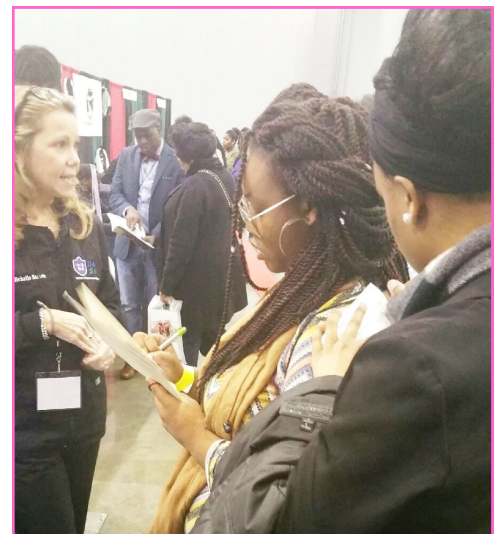
\*The morning of Saturday, February 3, 2018, the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Committee took youth members of the church to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Black College Expo located in the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Georgia. Of those youth members, they all attended high schools in the Houston County school system and their classifications ranged from sophomore to senior. Many of the students at the expo brought their high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores to be reviewed by the representatives. They had the opportunity to meet with top Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The most popular venders in attendance were the institutions of Howard University, Fort Valley State University, Albany State University and Tuskegee University. There were also a few non-HBCU institutions there as well, such as, Georgia Military College and Ohio State University. Many of the universities allowed students to apply with them on the spot by waiving their application fee, and some even granted acceptances and awarded scholarships. There was a separate room where music students brought their instruments and auditioned for band scholarships. Fraternities and sororities were represented in a step show later that afternoon.

The trip to the expo was enlightening for the youth at Union Grove. They were able to network with other students and college representatives to learn about what it takes to get into the college of their choice. They walked away with several goody bags and information packets from the universities on how to apply, admission requirements and important deadlines and steps for applying for financial aid.

Kea`ya T. Reeves  
Teresa Little  
Michelle Clarke

\*Scholarship Ministry Leaders







**UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Worship Ministry**  
**Invites You To...**



***Minister David Little***  
***Union Grove Missionary Baptist***  
***Warner Robins, GA***



***Minister Alicia Carner McDonald***  
***House of Hope***  
***Decatur, GA***

**April 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm**  
**UNION GROVE / 809 S. DAVIS DR. WARNER ROBINS, GA**



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# ***Congratulations!!!***

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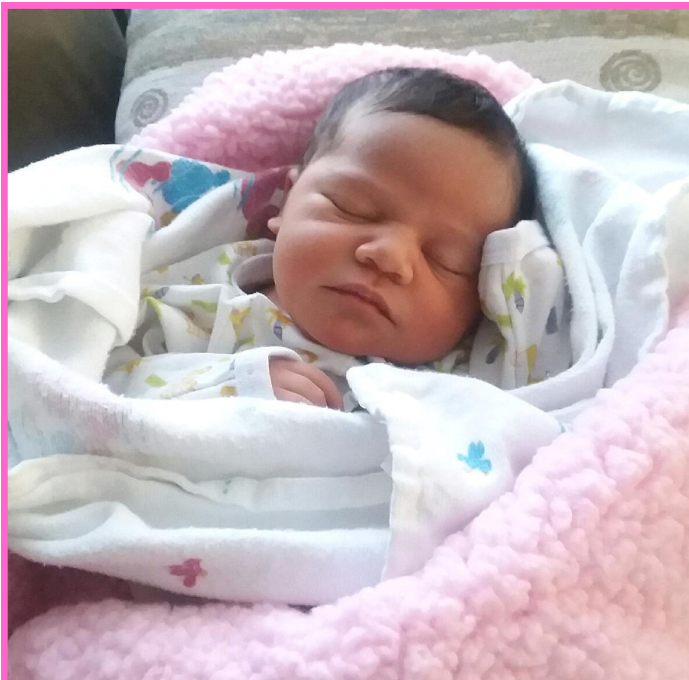
***Rhonda Salone***

**on your retirement on March 2, 2018**

**with 34 years of Civil Service**



# ***It's a Girl!!!!***



***Savannah Levon Mack***

**Born:**

*February 1, 2018*

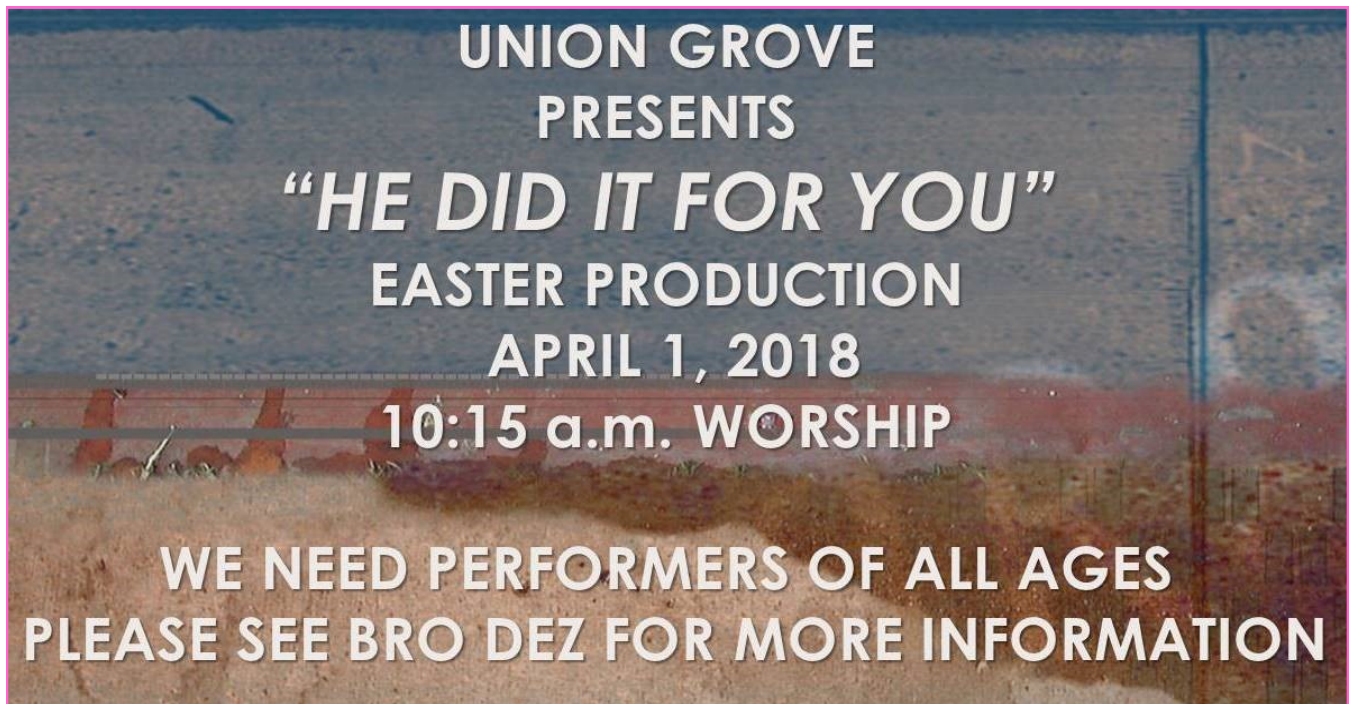
**Father and Mother:**

*Jabari and Shanna Mack  
Blue Springs, Missouri*

**Grandmother:**

*Minister Marilyn Boyd*



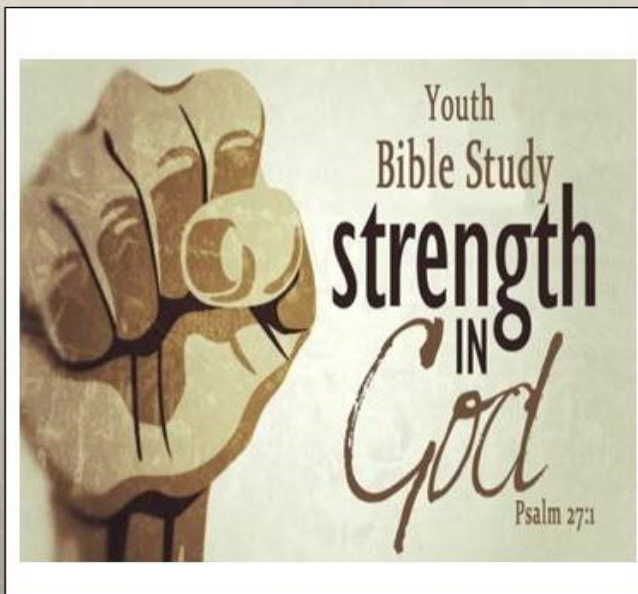


**UNION GROVE  
PRESENTS  
"HE DID IT FOR YOU"  
EASTER PRODUCTION  
APRIL 1, 2018  
10:15 a.m. WORSHIP**

**WE NEED PERFORMERS OF ALL AGES  
PLEASE SEE BRO DEZ FOR MORE INFORMATION**

"The Easter play, *"He Did It For You!"* has been written, and casting has begun!! Brother Desi Giles is looking for kids of all ages and adults for immediate casting!! Please contact him ASAP at [478 972-2035](tel:4789722035) or text him your name, he'll contact you about the roles that are available. Your dedication to rehearsing is imperative!! The first rehearsal is scheduled for March 11th immediately after church. The run time for the production is less than 30 minutes. This will be fun and exciting so, kids, let's make this GREAT!!

Thank you!  
Minister Linda Gray



**Wednesday  
March 14, 2018**

**Ages 11-18  
7 p.m. in the  
Children's Church area.**



*Introducing . . .*

*Class of  
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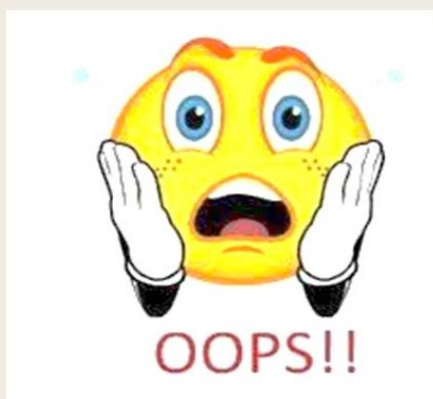
**Morgan Hobson  
Jonathan Pegues  
Robert Strait  
Jasmine Wheeler**



**DeQueveon Parker**



**Marquis Marble  
Michael Williams**



Didn't see your name????  
We want to make sure that  
we recognize all of our  
Union Grove members that  
will be graduating this year.  
Please see 1st Lady Clarke  
immediately after worship  
today to fill out your  
student information sheet.





# **\*\* 2018 UGMBC Youth Choir Schedule \*\***

## **January**

Rehearsal: Sat., Jan. 20  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: white button up shirt w/tie or  
 bow tie/blue jeans

## **February**

Rehearsal: Sat., Feb. 10 & 17  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: dashiki or African attire/blue  
 jeans

## **March**

Rehearsal: Sat., Mar. 10 & 17  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: purple top/blue jeans

## **April**

Rehearsal: Sat., Apr. 7 & 14  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: girls-dress or skirt/top  
 guys-slacks/button up shirts/tie

## **May**

Rehearsal: Sat., May 12 & 19  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: represent your school shirt/  
 blue jeans

## **June & July – SUMMER SHUTDOWN**

\*\*Enjoy your summer break! J J J

## **August**

Rehearsal: Sat., Aug. 11 & 18  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: represent your school shirt/  
 blue jeans

## **September**

Rehearsal: Sat., Sept. 8 & 15  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: represent your favorite team  
 shirt or jersey/blue jeans

## **October**

Rehearsal: Sat., Oct. 13 & 20  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: camouflage top w/jeans OR  
 camouflage bottom w/black top

## **November**

Rehearsal: Sat., Nov. 10 & 17  
 Time: Parent Choir 12:00-1:30 pm  
 Youth Appreciation Weekend

## **December**

Rehearsal: Sat., Dec. 8 & 15  
 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm (combined)  
 Attire: red or green tops/black bottoms





# **\*\* Save the Date \*\***

## **How to become a Successful Entrepreneur**

### **Youth Empowerment**



- ▣ Learn how to be your own boss from our very own Vanessa Parker.
- ▣ March 16 & 17, 2018
- ▣ For more information contact Elder Ragin @ 478.960.6180

## **Heart 2 Heart**

### **Women's Bible Study**

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**The Vision Center 1231 S. Davis Drive**

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





## MARCH

### 1231 & DAVIS YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD BANK

- CEREAL
- OATMEAL
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- BABY FORMULA

Please place items in the  
appropriately mark bin in  
the church annex.



The GROVE ZONE SUMMER CAMP operates  
every summer in June and July!

Join us for fun, fellowship, arts & crafts, field  
trips and academic classes!

Applications for campers (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and the  
camp staff (16 years old & up) will be available  
March 1, 2018

For more information, contact 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Clarke  
at 478-988-9358 or

[ladyclarke1968@gmail.com](mailto:ladyclarke1968@gmail.com)

COMING  
SOON!



# Small Groups

*Edifying The Saints | Making Disciples*

## COMING SOON

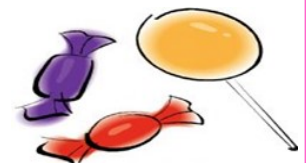
### What would you like to study?

*Complete the survey in your bulletin and place it in the dropbox in the foyer. Thanks and stay tuned!!*

## \*\* THE VILLAGE PROJECT \*\*

Presents a Workshop On

*“Self Esteem! Building Confidence in Children”*



The next session will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Vision Center.** Sign-up sheets are posted in the church annex!!!

There will be activities, food, fun and fellowship in these learning workshops! Plus, there will be a Mentor's component and opportunities for free separate counseling sessions for students who qualify. For more information about the **Village Project**, please contact **Sister Angela Grant** at (404) 861-1594.



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Alex Box	Tiffany James	Minnie McCollum	Condell Smith
Valerie Britt	Annie Johnson	April McKinzy	Janet Streater
Milton Brown	Annie Johnson	Leonard McNair	Robert Strickland III
Marques Butler	Morgan Johnson	Sharonda McNair	Brenda Thornton
Deacon T.C. Caldwell	Alexis Jones	Ramona McPherson	Pearl Toliver
1st Lady	Allison Jones	Virginia Mitchell	Catrina Turner
Michelle Clarke	Robin Jones	Marie Newell	Shun'kia Turner
Michelle Culpepper	Teresa Jones	Kimberly Paster	Ollie Vann
Seritha Gilbert	Shwanda Leggette	Lillie Porter	Aukira Walker
Kathy Hardee	Tyshanta Lewis	Stacy Reeves	Rocksan Washington
Shonta Harvey	Min. James Madison	Kalliyah Rush	Andrena Williams
Joe Hogue	Amber McCants	Charlotte Shelton	





***Minister Africa Porter  
Brian Porter  
March 10***



***Pastor John Dukes  
Minister Dannie Dukes  
March 6***



***Elder Rashee Ragin  
Kesha Ragin  
March 31***



***Minister Kentavius Hunter  
Amber Hunter  
March 26***



***Bennie & Joyce  
Leonard  
March 10***



***Dozier & Kathryn  
McCrea  
March 17***

*"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it;"  
Ephesians 5:25 (KJV)*

## ~ Zaria's Valentine's Day ~



"Will you be my Valentine?" How many of us yearned to have that question asked of us throughout our childhoods and even today? The question symbolized how one person might have deeply felt about another person. It helped many to express those feelings. Do you remember the little heart-shaped candies with writings on them? I remember writing a whole sentence with them. It was fun and safe and most of all, honest.

Today is slightly different for many children. Of course, there are many more who receive relics of sentiment from their sweethearts, fathers, mothers and friends, but there is a staggering amount of young girls and boys who go without those simple but powerful words throughout their lives...a simple phrase that says, *"I love you."*

I was just walking inside of Wal-Mart with Zaria when she sort of mumbled, *"I wish that someone would buy a big stuffed animal and give it me."* Well, I am not Cupid, Santa Claus, the General (Black Panther) or any fictional character that promises the world will bow to your every request, but this was one thing that immediately took hold of my heart for her and I was determined to make it happen for her. My first thoughts were to ask her father to participate; however, my mind excelled to, "Why should I have to ask him, he's her father?"



Suddenly, more thoughts of who I could ask surfaced in my mind. I didn't want her to see me arrive on a magic carpet to deliver her request, so I phoned the greatest Youth Minister in the whole wide world and had the conversation with him. Do you know that he didn't even hesitate? He replied, *"Yes, I would be honored to do it."* So, the plan was in action.

Zaria had not a clue what was going to happen to her February 14, 2018 at around 5:00 pm. Elder Ragin met me at the church, we exchanged gifts and off he went to Zaria's home to surprise her with a godly Happy Valentine's Day card, candy, cupcakes and the biggest Flamingo anyone had ever seen!

The really cool part of the plan was that the whole Ragin family showed up, too. Yes, Mrs. Keisha, Prince, and La La helped to make Valentine's Day for Zaria one that she will always remember and cherish.

May I 'shout out' to all of the people who signed her card with wishes of a grand day? Thank you so much!!!

Elder Ragin and his family made Valentine's Day the sweetest for Zaria this year. He was the greatest "Candy-gram" deliverer, ever! Thank God for the righteous - in-deed.





### ~ Ministerial Staff ~

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### ~ Administrative Assistant ~

Sister Janice Scott



*March 11, 2018*

**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!!!**



## ~ The Importance of Voting ~



**Deacon  
Jerome Stephens**

Voting is a fundamental process that keeps our system of government working. Through elections, citizens have the ability to decide on who represents them in government, be it a local official, a state or national representative, or the president. With a government elected by its citizens and that affects every aspect of our lives from schools to healthcare to homeland security, **voting** is an **important** right in our society. By **voting**, you are making your voice heard and registering your opinion on how you think the government should operate.

On Election Day, voters will not only be able to select their representatives in government for the next term, but they also often have the ability to decide on measures like bond issues that grant the government permission to borrow money for construction projects and other developments. And sometimes voters cast their ballots on social issues such as allowing same-sex marriage or banning smoking in restaurants and bars.

Mid-term elections are held halfway between Presidential elections. This year's election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. At this time, voters will elect one-third of all U.S. Senators, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, thirty-six state governors and many city mayors. Midterms determine which political party—Democratic or Republican—will control each chamber of Congress for the next two years. It is important to be proactive and get out in our communities and get more and more citizens registered and very important that once registered, we encourage and help them to get out to the polls and vote, either early or on election day. We must realize that voting in our local elections is just as important, if not more important than voting in the presidential election.

Reading up on the issues, the candidates, and researching the ballot is also the responsibility of the citizen voter and a responsibility that should not be taken lightly, because it is your voice, with the many others, in unison, that can change the direction of a community, state, nation, and even the world.

Anyone can get registered at Union Grove, just see Deacon Stephens, Jan Scott or Pastor Clarke for a voter registration form. If you are 65 or older or disabled and cannot get to the polls, absentee ballots are available at the church.

If we do not keep this important fabric alive in our communities, we are going to lose that which courageous people fought for and for which some lost their lives.

*"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."*

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt**  
32nd President of the United States







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## UNION GROVE'S 1ST ANNUAL

# YOUTH FLAG FOOT BALL CAMP

3-DAY EVENT

MAR • 26-28 • 2018

MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM TIL 5PM FIELD OF DREAMS





## 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



## \* It's That Time of Year Again \*

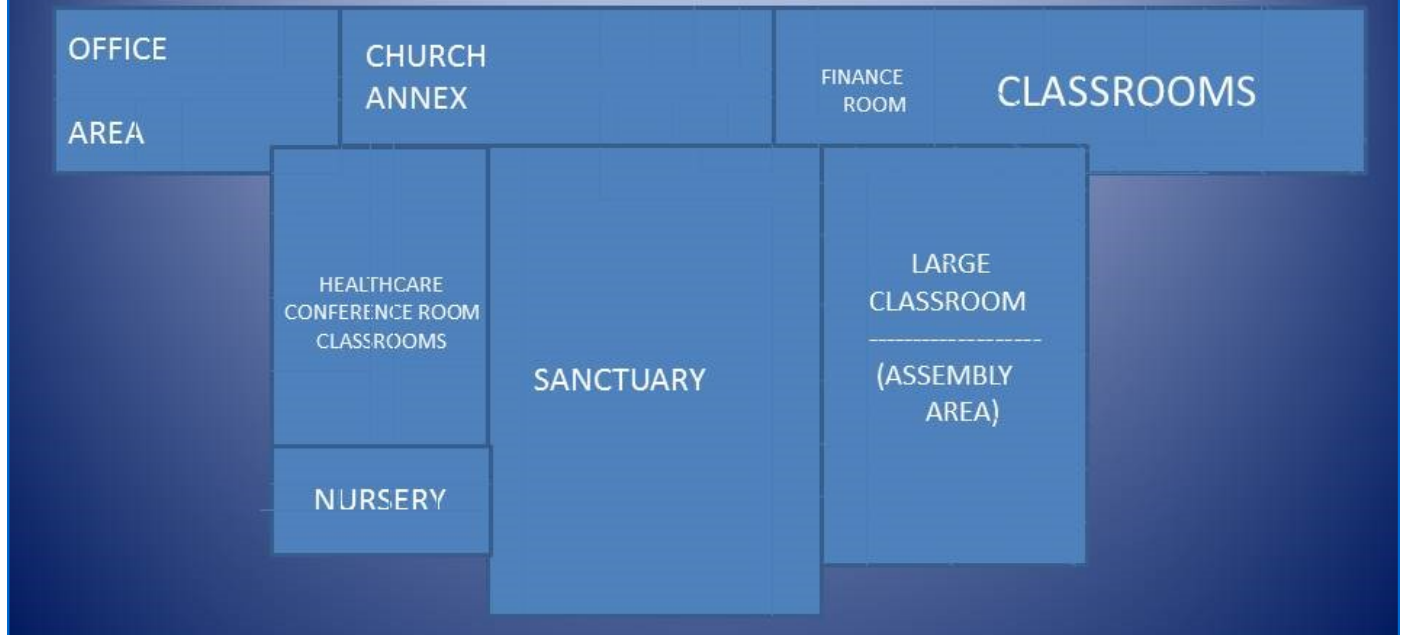


If you would like a copy of your tithes and offerings contributions for 2017, please sign the list located on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

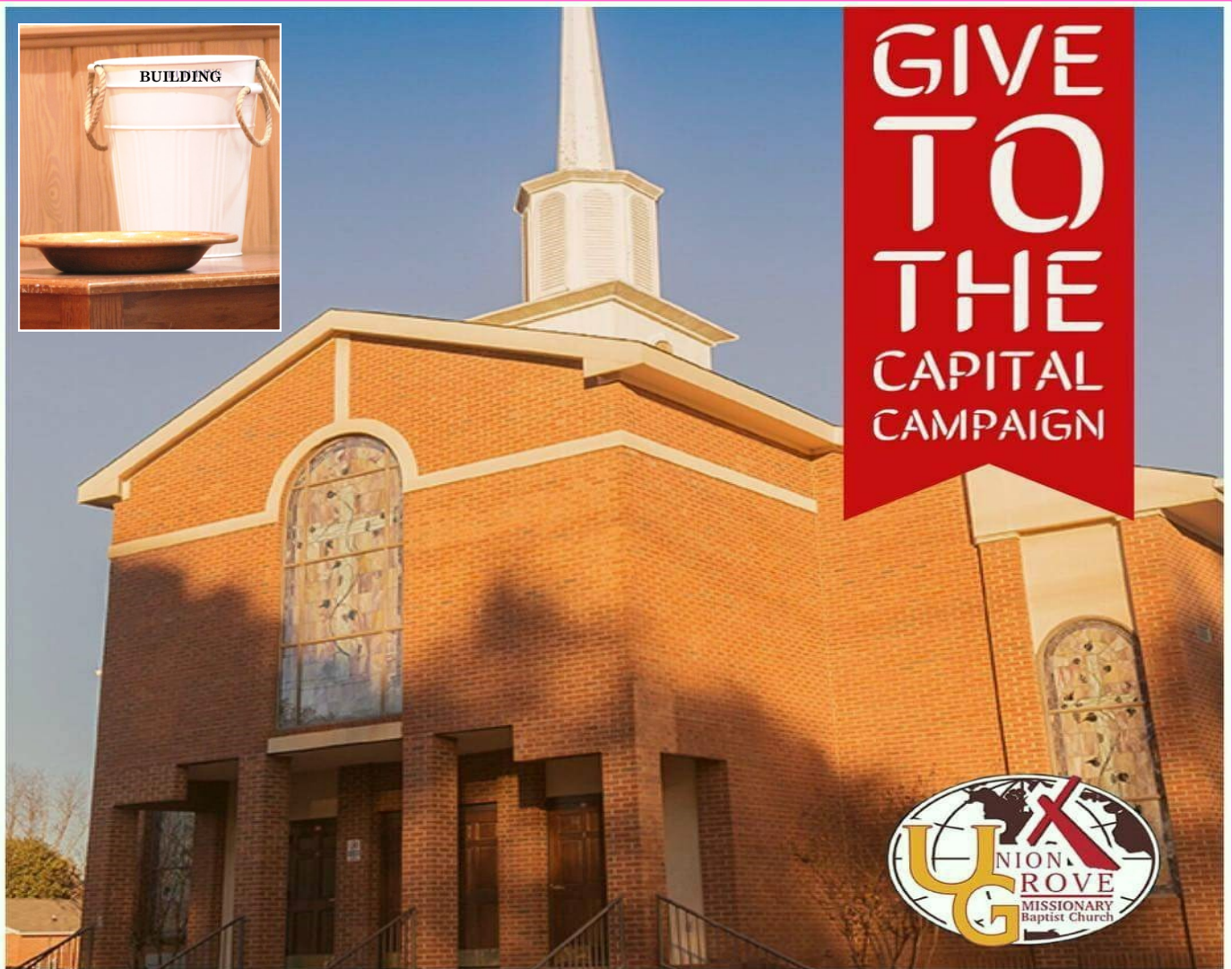
Print Clearly Your Name and Phone Number.

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## EXTENSION LAYOUT (Right side)



*Elder Tommy Gray*



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 **Pastorteddymadison@gmail.com** **no later than Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.** Announcements must be submitted in PowerPoint or mp4 format.
- **Church/Vision Center Rentals (members of Union Grove only):** Please contact Sister Iris Bracey at 478-273-1555.
- **To report deaths in the church family or to schedule funerals** at the church (members only), please contact Minister Dannie Dukes at 478-953-8789.
- **For a ride to Sunday services**, please call Sister Iris Bracey at (478) 273-1555 by Friday at 5:00 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 office. Minister Earnestine Thompson

**Church forms are available online at [www.thegrovewr.org](http://www.thegrovewr.org).**

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](http://www.thegrovewr.org)**.

### ***G.T.A.H Staff***

*Carolyn Jackson, Leader*

*Shirley Jackson*

*Jackie Powell*

*Tamara Sanders*

*McKinley Verrett*

## Newsletter Submissions

Please forward your ministry highlights, good news, testimonies, praise reports, etc., for the April issue via e-mail 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 **by Friday, March 30, 2018**. When sending more than 10 pictures, please e-mail instead of sending via text.



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

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



### **G.T.A.H. Vision Statement:**

*"To keep the body of UGMBC abreast of the latest adventures, upcoming events, celebrations, reports, meetings and who's who in the steadfast work of the Lord. Our motivation is to make you SMILE."*

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

**Attention:** When entering any building/property owned by UGMBC, you are giving consent to the church to use your image in church publications, media, website/Facebook, etc.