(Great Things Are Happening)

May 2018









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."

** May Calendar of Events **

7	BEC Video Collage, Church	5:30 p.m.
8	1231 & Study, VC	6:00 p.m.
8	Vessels of Honor, classroom	4:00 p.m.
10	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CR	12:00 p.m.
10	Camp Staff Interviews, CR	5:30 p.m.
10	Healthcare Meeting, Computer Room	7:00 p.m.
12	4Him Dance Ministry, Church	10:00 a.m.
12	Youth Choir Rehearsal, S	12:00 p.m.
12	Golden Achievers, VC	12:00 p.m.
13	Mother's Day Celebration, S	10:15 a.m.
14	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
15	Grief Support, VC	6:30 p.m.
15	Intercessory Prayer, VC	6:30 p.m.
16	SWAT, VC	6:00 p.m.
17	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CR	12:00 p.m.
17	North Bethlehem MBC	7:00 p.m.
19	Youth Ushers, S	9:00 a.m.
19	Ministers, VC	9:00 p.m.
19	4Him Dance Ministry, Church	10:00 a.m.
19	Youth Choir Rehearsal, S	12:00 p.m.
19	Camp Preparation, VC	12:00 p.m.
20	Graduation Sunday	10:15 a.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 vorshippers are discovering and walking in their God-given purpose with exceeding great joy".







~ A Mother's Love ~

When asked to write an article for our newsletter I was hesitant for I had just lost my mother in August of 2017. I decided to reconsider since I would be able to compare the goodness of my mother, as well as most mothers, to the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

The love of God is compatible to the love a mother shows us daily. At conception, a mother is concerned with her health as well as her baby. She will make sure she goes to her doctor's appointment even though she might have to



care for her other children while working a job. During slavery, a mother had a baby then went back to the cotton field. She might be faced with this, with or without the father being present to assist her. After birth, mothers still have to care for her newborn child as well as her other kids. A mother's love is nurturing. It causes a baby to grow and develop in a way it could not on its own. This love is exhibited in nearly everything a mother does to help her little child—feeding him, rocking him, changing him, talking to him, smiling at him. It is so refreshing to know that a mother like our heavenly Father God never takes a day off.

A mother, as well as our Heavenly Father remains protective through our entire life. With her newborn child a mother is always on alert, waking up at the slightest sound, caring during times of sickness, guarding against potential harm. From the time we take our first breath, God, as well as mothers is always present as the children grow into childhood and, later, adolescence. A mother, as well as our Heavenly Father remains alert and continues to be protective (of course a mother will give us advice as adults whether we want it or not). How blessed we are for as stated in Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. We, as his children, know that we can take him at his word and rely upon him. A mother's love like our Father's love endures through sleepless nights and exhausting days.

A mother's love is like that shown in Luke 18:1 for he was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart. A mother's love like our Father's love is sacrificial for from the time of conception until the twilight of her own life, a mother never stops being a mother. As children we grew up in a household that struggled financially because our father was ill. Because of this we did not have enough "stuff" as our classmates. Our parents sacrificed their own happiness to make sure we had this "stuff" that our classmates had. God's love for us, his children, is also sacrificial. He does not want us to suffer the penalty of our sin. For that reason, he took on a human body and came to earth as Jesus. When he did that, he "traded places" with us. He lived the sinless life that we should have lived, and died the death that we deserve to die.

Although she, as well as my father, is with our Heavenly Father, I feel blessed. When writing this article, although I felt the need to cry, I found comfort in knowing that she instilled in me that there is no greater love than the love of God, the unfailing, constant love of God, as well as the love of her, my mother who loved God with all her heart and wasn't afraid to unconditionally love us, her children.

Sister Jacqueline Powell

\sim Resurrection Sunday \sim



Conversation with "12 year old black boy Jesus"



Conversation with "grown man Jesus"















































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April 8, 2018

"Share it or Bury it"
2 Kings 7:9
ELder Connie Dinkins















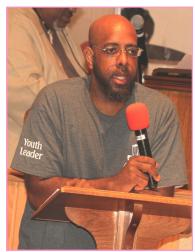


Youth Moment With ELDER RASHEE RAGIN

~ Youth Sunday ~















April 29, 2018









The Ghana Team thanks the Warner Robins Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the 100 Women in Gold, Inc. for their support.





Lisa Lowe President





~ Unrestricted Praize ~

















"Spring Time Tea"

On April 14th the Women's Ministry gracefully fellowshipped during our "Spring Time Tea." I would like to thank each and every one who took part in planning, captains, co-captains and to all of our visitors. We enjoyed your presence.

Deaconess Dorothy Jackson Women's Ministry















Theme: "Celebrate" (song by Whitney Houston)



















Third Annual Women's Heart 2 Heart Conference

The Women's Ministry will hold its Third Annual Women's Conference on June 22-23, 2018. The Friday night speaker will be Mrs. Sonya Jenkins of First Baptist Church, 210 Garmon Street, Warner Robins, Georgia. She will bring a powerful message on "Are You Listening" - Ecclesiastes 5:1-2.

On Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. we will have a continental breakfast. Our morning service will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please come out with

expectation of receiving what God Has in store for you.

Deaconess Dorothy Jackson Women's Ministry

~ Golden Achievers at American Legion Egg Hunt ~







































Women's Ministry 3rd Monday Night Bible Study - April 16





















Our next Monday Night Bible Study will be held on May 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at The Vision Center. Our teacher will be Minister Mary Lenoir.

New study on *Discerning: "The Voice of God - How To Recognize When God Is Speaking"* by Priscilla Shirer.

Please come out and partake of God's word.

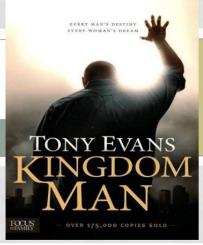
Deaconess Dorothy Jackson Women's Ministry





"MAN-TALK"
Bible Sessions
2nd and 4th Monday
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Vision Center

For more info, see Deacon Oglesby.



The Men's Ministry will start a new book study the second Monday in May. The new book is entitled, "KINGDOM MAN" by Dr. Tony Evans. This book is designed to enable men to discover their hidden strengths.

Vacation Bible School

July 16-19, 2018

8:30a -12:00p

Volunteers are needed for the following

- Music
- Art & Crafts
 - Drama
 - Teaching

If interested, please contact Ms. Edquader Marble at 662-788-1616 or edquaderm@gmail.com



UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Join us for

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY JUNE 17th 10:15AM

809 S. Davis Warner Robins, GA

FATHERS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT ON THIS DAY





GRADUATION SUNDAY 2018



CALLING ALL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

Graduation Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at the 10:15 am worship.

As we prepare for our Graduation worship, we ask that all graduates submit the Graduation Application to the Scholarship Ministry. The applications are available from the church office, on the church website or from 1st Lady Clarke.

All applications are due on Sunday, May 13, 2018.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating with our Class of 2018!





Church family.....we are 2 weeks away from Summer Camp 2018!!!!! Spread the word!!!!!! Camp will be held Tuesday, May 29-Friday, July 20, 2018.

*7:30 am-5:30 pm Daily
*Ages Ist-8th grade students
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*\$75 per week (discount for additional children)

*\$50 non-refundable deposit per child

DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS OF UGMBC

For more information see 1st Lady Clarke, call the church office at 922-5514 or Download the application at www.thegrovewr.org

~ Financial Corner ~



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



Sister Wanda Verrett

It's May! What types of flowers do we expect to be popping up? Well, during May we celebrate Mother's Day and numerous graduations.

Every second Sunday in May, we celebrate Mother's Day. Most mothers are precious and should be celebrated. I am reminded of a few things Pastor Henry Nixon mentioned during his sermon at our Martin Luther King, Jr observance. He talked about the "babies having babies" situation in our communities. This has been going on for decades and is getting worse.

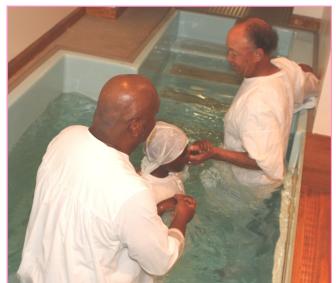
When I was growing up, very few women had babies out of wedlock. Those that got pregnant got married and most stayed married. I know some people become single parents through no fault of their own, etc., death of spouse or divorce. I am not trying to bash single parents, but sound a warning. Whether its babies having babies or "grown women" having babies, most of these children are born into poverty and will struggle to get ahead. Before you scream at me, I know a lot of great people have come from single parent homes. **Romans 8:28** However, we should do a better job in teaching our young men to respect our young ladies, our young ladies to respect themselves, and make sure older men stay away from our daughters.

It's high school graduation time. Caps and gowns have been bought; college applications and financial aid applications have hopefully already been submitted. We are all in panic mode. Parents are wondering if they have passed on their values and students are wondering if they listened enough. It's a scary and exciting time. What are some steps to take the week after graduation?

- 1. Follow up on college acceptance letters. What will you need to gather over the summer, i.e. sheets, towels, toiletries? How much money will you need on day one? What books will they need and where is the cheapest place to buy them. When will they know if the financial aid was approved and for how much. **NOTE:** Try to minimize the student loans. It will not hurt your child to get a part-time job and help pay for school. Financial aid should not be used to live on, but only pay for school.
- 2. What scholarships are available? Go back to the school counselor's office. Go online and do a google search. Millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed each year.
- 3. Get a summer job. Don't throw away the money assuming mom and dad have you covered.
- 4. Check your life insurance to see if your child is still covered.

It's also college graduation time. It's time to start your life. Set up your budget to cover all expenses, including your student loans. If you are going on to grad school, don't forget to ask for a deferment. Congratulations!







Minister Arie Freeman and Deacon Jerome Stephens

\sim Right Hand of Fellowship \sim



Elijah Radford
with
Deaconess Pam Myrick
and
Deacon Jerome Stephens

\sim New Members Fellowship \sim

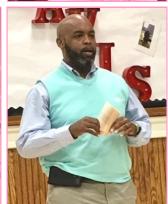
























New Members

Devito Marion

LaDarrion Holloway

Stephanie Holloway

Min. Earnest Jones

Persephone (Stephanie) Jones

Contrina Huffman

Sheronda Wilkerson

Kristen Jones

Nikki Covington

Jaeden Covington

LaParsha Buchanan















** 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

<u>June & July</u> – 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

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







Special Thanks

A special thank you goes out to Sis. Sheronda Wilkerson for all of her support of the Bread Ministry.

We will miss you!

God Bless,

Sis. Eunice Jones & Sis. Denise Davis









The Senior Class

of

Houston County High School

announces its

Commencement Exercises

Friday afternoon, May twenty-fifth

Two Thousand Eighteen

four-thirty o'clock

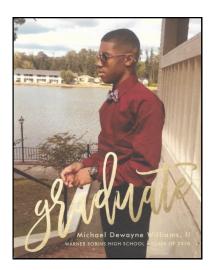
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Miller-Murphy-Howard Building

Derry, Georgia

Morgan Hobson

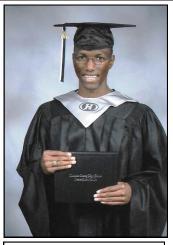






Warner Robins High School

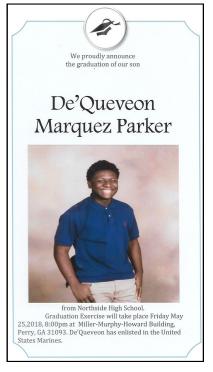




Robert Strait

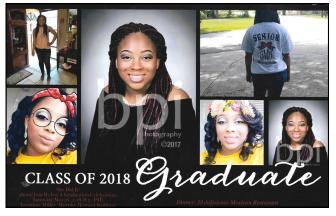


Jonathan Pegues



Northside High School





Iyhyonna Mckenzie





Danika Goolsby M.B.A.

(Masters in Business Administration)

Jacksonville State University





Union Grove Jr. ROTC Awards Night at HoCo





Morgan Hobson Senior





Jasmine Jones
Junior





Robert Strait
Senior



Congratulations Alexander!!!



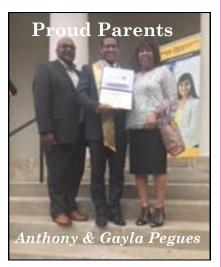


Alexander Pegues, undergraduate student in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering and Denning Technology & Management Scholar, received the GTBAO (Georgia Tech Black Alumni Organization) *Unsung Hero Award* along with a \$500.00 scholarship.

He also received a 2018 Tower Award - an award that celebrates the academic achievements of underrepresented students at Georgia Tech. More than 350 students were recognized during the annual award ceremony on April 5, 2018.







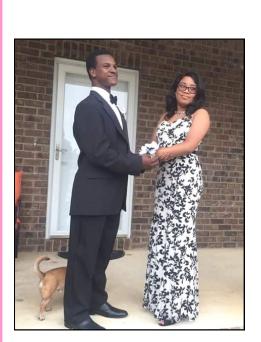
~ Prom 2018 ~



















SUMMER YOUTH TRIP JUNE 24 - 26, 2018

Conquer the waves.

Experience the slides

Soak up all you can

In South Carolina @ Myrtle Waves Water Park

Can you handle the Turbo Twister?





If the Turbo Twister is too much for you, don't worry. You can relax in the lazy river or venture into the kiddle oasis

For more information please contact Elder Rashee Ragin at (478) 960-6180.

Union Grove The Church That Cares!

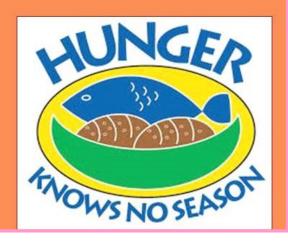
- Our current food supply is running low.
- Donations are down. If donations continue to come in at this rate, we will have to stop giving food to families.

The food bank is funded by the generous donations of our members and visitors. No funds come from the church budget or any governmental agency. Please give today!

Thank you,

Elder Rashee Ragin Sister Janice Scott

1231 & DAVIS YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD BANK







Deacon & Deaconess Wheeler May 28



Pastor & First Lady Clarke May 27



Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Solomon



Mr. & Mrs. David Little May 18

Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Burns May 16

> Odessa Allen May 27



Deacon & Mrs. Caldwell May 7

Desia Brewton Andrea Hodges

David Clarke, II Cornelius Hollis

Carisma Collier Min. Kentavius Hunter

Deborah Covington Dea. William Jackson

Bennie Johnson

Jada Johnson

Johnny Jones

Damon Lane

Zaria Lee

Bruce Delorme

Gloria Ethridge

Shirley Frazier

Desi Arnaz Giles, Sr.

Danika Goolsby

Harriett Marlow

Christopher McNair

Jacqueline Nottingham

Sidney Oglesby

Quinton Oliver

Edward Sheridan

Jermaine Smith

Keiara Springle

Cha Kris Staten

Chanel Strong

Alice Thornton

Kiara Wade

Jairee Williams

Valerie Wilson

MyKala Wimbush

Deaconess

Maxine Woodard

~ Ministerial Staff ~

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~ 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, fellowshipping 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 @ 478-273-1555. Welcome aboard!!!



You have three locations you can cast early your vote for the General Primary & Special Election:

Board of Elections Office

April 30th to May 18th / 8AM to 5PM May 12th / 9AM to 4PM

Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center

May 7th to May 18th / 8AM to 5PM May 12th / 9AM to 4PM

Central Georgia Technical College Von E

May 7th to May 18th / 8AM to 5PM

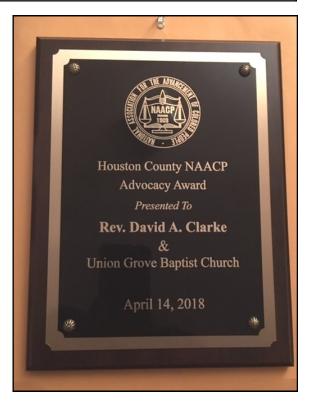
Let's get out and vote!

please see
Deacon Jerome Stephens.

At the NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet



Accepting Advocacy Award on behalf of Pastor Clarke and Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

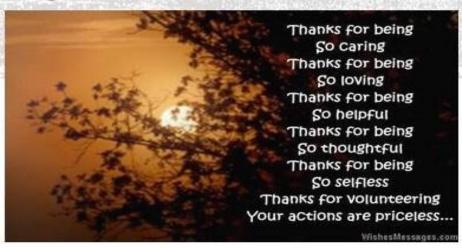


Dooly State Prison

We, The Prison Ministry, would like to **Thank You** for your caring and support of the men at Dooly State Prison. They were very grateful for your act of love and care.

— Min. Arie Freeman

Dooly State Prison Inmates





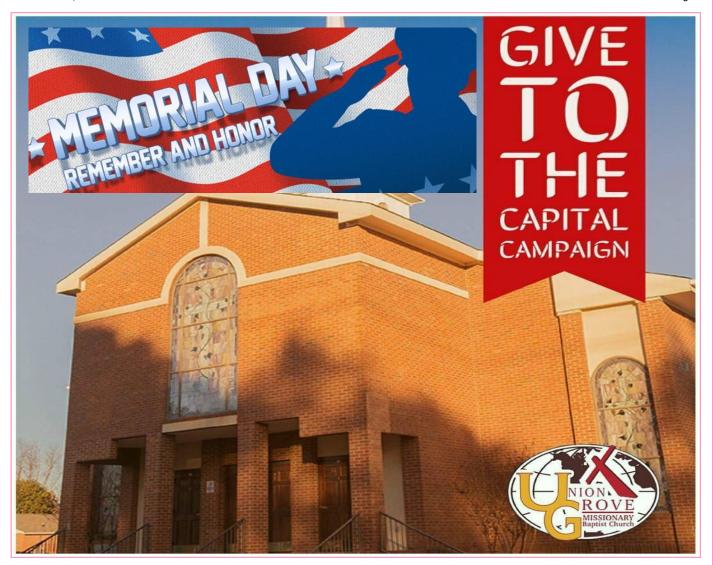


Security Ministry

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

In Loving Memory



March 26, 1924 - May 3, 2018

Oh, what a lady!

** 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.

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

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Newsletter Submissions

Please forward your ministry highlights, good news, testimonies, praise reports, etc., for the June issue via e-mail to <u>GTAHNews-letter@gmail.com</u>, call (478) 542-1739, place them in the Newsletter Ministry box in the copy room or contact any member of the GTAH Staff <u>by Friday</u>, <u>June 1</u>, <u>2018</u>. 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!!!!