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(Great Things Are Happening)

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April/May 2019

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

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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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** May Calendar of Events **

2	Mobile Food Pantry	11:00 a.m.
2	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12:00 p.m.
2	Ushers/Greeters Ministry Meeting, CC	7:00 a.m.
4	PLACE, VC	8:00 a.m.
7	Vessels of Honor, Classroom & S	4:00 p.m.
9	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12:00 p.m.
10	Friday Night Fire, VC	7:00 p.m.
12	Mother's Day Luncheon, VC	after church
13	Men's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
14	Pastor's New Members Fellowship, VC	7:00 p.m.
16	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12:00 p.m.
18	Ministers Meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.
18	Summer Camp Preparation, VC	1:00 p.m.
19	Graduation Sunday, S	10:15 a.m.
20	Heart 2 Heart Women's Bible Study, S	7:00 p.m.
21	Vessels of Honor, classroom & S	4:00 p.m.
23	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12:00 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 Evening Manna On FBLive 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Manna 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".







Thanks for all the kind words regarding Tenisha & Rubin's wedding! Here are some details as to why it went down the way it did.

Tenisha had become frustrated with the whole wedding planning logistics-cost, venue, guest list, etc. They went from wanting a wedding in Savannah to a destination wedding to having something here in middle Georgia. Still never settled on a venue, which added to her frustrations.

Her best friend was killed in a motorcycle accident Tuesday night. She flew to Charlotte Wednesday and she and Rubin have been back and forth to ATL to help her friend's mom get her stuff out of her apartment and etc. So, Wednesday night she and Rubin talked about getting a license and getting married while they're here this week. I proposed coming to the church and getting married in the sanctuary after I wrapped up our quarterly business meeting. So, they got the license yesterday morning and got married last night. Some of my members stayed to watch the impromptu ceremony and five of us (me, Chelle, Nisha, Rubin, & his best friend's mom) went to Mellow Mushroom to grab some pizza afterward.

Praise God for the Sloans. Thanks, again, for the encouragement! Enjoy the journey! 4/26/19

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~ March ~





- The kingdom of God is a promise to be realized!
- Jesus put some "used to be" in your life.



- Because you're filthy does not mean that you are finished! God washes us and cleanses us!
- Some of the churches are messy because they have "fans" of God and not "followers" of God!







\sim April \sim

"Shall the Weak Ones Perish?"

I Corinthians 8:11

Dr. David Anthony Clarke, Sr.









- If you love me, be careful how you label me!
- You can be delivered, but you still need to be developed!

Stick with Jesus!

~ Second Sunday ~

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~ March ~



"Sex Education"
Part 1
1 Cor. 6:12-20

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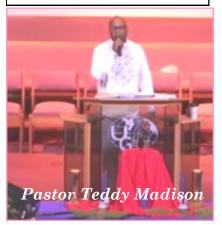
Learn - Serve - Give - Connect

- Be educated about what is profitable for our bodies!
- If you love God, obey him.
- God paid for your body with His body!





"A Reason to Celebrate" Luke 19:28-40



 $\sim April \sim$







"You do not need a title to serve."
"Let God use you!"

"Keep yourself humble."
"Use what you have to give God glory!"

"Sometimes your blessings come from your enemies!"

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$\sim March \sim$

"Sex Education"
Part 2
I Cor. 6:12-20
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Honoring God must mean something to you!



- If you are not a worshipper, are you rebellious against God?
- Your relationship with God has to be more than just attending church.
- Sex education needs to address the purpose for our bodies.
- The pressure of sexual immorality is everywhere you turn.





$\sim April \sim$

"Do You Believe In The Resurrection?" I Corinthians 15:12





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If you picked me to be great, why am I struggling?

"Life has a way of making you want to give back to God what He gave you."















"We want Christ to show up in our communion event."
"All of us needed Jesus to die for us!"

"Bring reverence to the table!"
"Pass on what Jesus gave to his disciples"



"Is It Time To Say Goodbye?"

I Cor. 7:12-24

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~ Pastor Butch Dupree's Pastoral Anniversary ~ Zion Hill Baptist Church - Eastman, GA March 3, 2019













\sim Resurrection Sunday \sim











\sim Resurrection Sunday \sim

































mother. YOU ARE MY

voice of reason • story teller advice giver • hand holder partner-in-crime • shoulder shopping buddy • supporter broken heart healer • teacher chef • right-hand • psychologist nerve calmer • angel • sunshine heart and soul • problem solver comedian • doctor • peace keeper cheerleader • twin • confidant

& MY BEST FRIEND.





\sim March Birthdays \sim



\sim April Birthdays \sim



















 $Congratulations \verb|!!!|$

Junior Miss Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church - Abigail Steedley Miss Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church - Kristen Jones

~ Women's Ministry Bible Study Class ~





Heart 2 Heart Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 20th 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Church Sanctuary 809 S. Davis Drive

"Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking" by Priscilla Shirer.

Contact Deaconess Dorothy Jackson: (478) 213-3157

Please Study Chapter 14 and remember you are not on this journey by yourself

~ Women's Ministry Arts & Crafts Class ~

The Women's Ministry Arts/Crafts Class was taught by Deborah Covington and Shwanda Leggette on April 28, 2019. We had lots of fun and great laughter as we were taught how to make paper lamps. Please come out on every fourth Sunday at the Vision Center from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



















~ Middle Georgia Mobile Food Pantry ~

March 7, 2019





















Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military (not to be confused with Veterans Day which is observed annually on November 11 for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces.).

Originally, Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day, meant to honor the Union and the Confederate soldiers who died during the American Civil War. By the 1900s it had become a day to celebrate all American soldiers who died while serving in the military. It wasn't until 1967 that it was legally named Memorial Day and it became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Did you know?

Each year on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

~ Golden Achievers Meeting ~













~ Youth Corner ~



Congratulations Donna!!!



Special shout out to our daughter, Donna Smith for all that she has achieved. She had and she accomplished them... She has been accepted to following colleges/ universities: Alabama State. Albany State. Bennett. Columbus State, Fort Valley State, Georgia Southern, North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State, and Valdosta State. She took the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests several times (~10) and has maintained a 3.85 GPA in order to help achieve the goal of receiving a FULL RIDE scholarship (Presidential Scholar) to Alabama University! She is a child of God, author/narrator, singer, thespian, leader, Sunday School teacher. VBS teacher/volunteer. and honor student. She will finish high school having earned 18 college credits. We are beyond proud.

Patrice Smith

\sim Baby Dedication \sim





Baby Dedication

Laiya Alexia Bynum



UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
MUSIC MINISTRY



A NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

MAY 10TH- 7:00PM

VISION CENTER, 1231 SOUTH DAVIS DR.

FOR MIDDLE GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS



Featuring

Pastor Alexander Gibson, Executive Pastor Lundy Chapel - Macon, GA



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Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. - Senior Pastor Michelle Wilson Clarke - First Lady Pastor Teddy Madison - Assist. Pastor Introducing





Donna Smith Jasmine Jones



Dewan Rush





Izaria McLean



Chanel Strong



Te'Oshawa Dean Nya Strickland



Kamari Hardee



Didn't see your name???? We want to make sure that we recognize all of our Union Grove members that will be graduating from High School, College and transitions to Elementary and Middle School. Please see 1st Lady Clarke immediately after worship today to pick up your Graduation Worship Participation Application.









The GROVE ZONE SUMMER CAMP is looking for some awesome volunteers to join us for fun, fellowship, arts & crafts, field trips and academic classes!

Applications for camp staff(16 years old & up) and campers(1st-8th grade) are available now.

For more information see 1st Lady Clarke immediately after worship or send an email to

ladyclarke1968@gmail.com



Minister Ernest Jones and Deacon Charles Lenoir





Ava also received the right hand of fellowship.



~ Financial Corner ~



IT'S APRIL!



Sister Wanda Verrett

It's really April already. We're in the second quarter of 2019! You can't tell it by the weather this year. Usually we rush through spring and hit summer. This year we don't know when winter will end. It officially ended on March 19th; however, we're still experiencing cold mornings.

It's tax time. The official filing date is April 15th. We got our taxes done last month. It was a good news/bad news story. Refund from the state and payment to the federal. Auntie Georgia will pay Uncle Sam. We got Trumped! The new tax laws got us and probably some of you. Things looked good when we got the new withholdings, but now the details of the tax law have come out. Many of the deductions we use to get are gone.

For those of you getting sizable refunds don't let it get away. Remember to stick with your written plan for that money. You have been waiting for the last six months so don't blow it. Here are just a couple suggestions:

- 1. Pay that credit card bill you just made while on spring break with your family.
- 2. Pay off that relative you have owed for a few years. This should greatly improve family relationships.
- 3. Put some money away for Christmas or your summer vacation.

Now that your taxes are done, it's time for some of you to immediately prepare your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The deadline is June 20th; however, some schools have earlier deadlines. In any case, you use the information from your tax return to prepare the FAFSA. There are also lots of scholarships available. Check with your guidance counselors for ideas or leads.

NOTE: Student load debt is out of control. There is nothing wrong with living at home while going to school. Don't borrow money to pay for room and board or an apartment. If you can't afford to live on campus, commute from home. Getting into debt isn't worth it. Once you have that degree, no one asks you where you lived? As a matter of fact, most people don't care about the school you went to. Don't pay extra for an education that you could get somewhere else. Why pay out of state fees for a degree that you could have gotten from some school in Georgia? Why pay private school tuition when a state college can provide that same degree? Parents let your children know how long it has taken you to pay back your student loans or that you are still paying them. Help your children get a debt-free or nearly free education.

SCAM ALERT: The IRS does not accept payment of overdue taxes via money card. If you owe back taxes, they will ALWAYS write you a letter.

UGMBC Youth Choir 2019 Schedule

January

Rehearsal: **Sat., Jan. 19** Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: white button up shirt w/tie or bow tie

/blue jeans

February

Rehearsal: **Sat.**, **Feb. 9 & 16**

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: dashiki or African Attire/blue jeans

March

Rehearsal: **Sat., Mar. 9 & 16**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m. (combined)
Attire: bright tops/blue jeans

<u>April</u>

Rehearsal: **Sat.**, **Apr. 13 & 20**

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: girls-dress or skirt/top

guys-slacks/shirts & tie

May

Rehearsal: Sat., May 11 & 18

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: represent your school shirt/ blue jeans

June & July

SUMMER SHUTDOWN

Enjoy your summer break!

<u>August</u>

Rehearsal: **Sat.**, **Aug. 10 & 17**

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: represent your school shirt/ blue jeans

September

Rehearsal: Sat., Sept. 7 & 14

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: represent your team shirt or jersey

blue jeans

October

Rehearsal: Sat., Oct. 12 & 19

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: camouflage top w/jeans OR camouflage

bottom w/black top

November

Rehearsal: Sat., Nov. 9 & 16

Time: Parent Choir 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Youth Appreciation Weekend

Attire: TBA

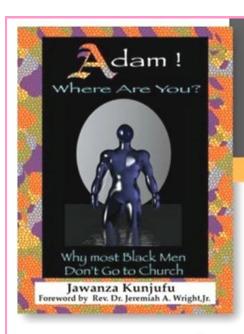
December

Rehearsal: Sat., Dec. 7 & 14

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attire: red or green tops/black bottoms







WHY MOST BLACK MEN DON'T GO TO CHURCH



See you there!

Let's Explore It In A Forum That Matters!

Location: The Vision Center Study Starts: Monday, April 8th @ 6:30 PM

MARRIED COUPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM Every Sunday Currently Studying "THE MARRIAGE CHALLENGE (A financial Guide for Married Couples) by Art Rainer

"God has a plan for your marriage and your money. It starts with a challenge. Will you accept?" Come join us to a financially healthy marriage. You can start now on the right foot, or get back on the right track.





POC: Elder Tommy Gray





Henry & Jan Scott April 17, 1982 37 years



David & Tamara Sanders April 13, 1998 21 years



Alando & Kesha Bray April 27





McKinley & Wanda Verrett
April 27
23 years

Robert & Judy Strickland April 22



Fannie Anderson

Keynan Anderson

Kentrell Box

Cassundra Brown

Margaret Colbert

Kenneth Davis

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Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.

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Bennie Leonard

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Teresa Little

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Fannie McLean

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Dea. Jerome Stephens

Lester Storey

Alvin Striggles

Min. Cornelious Thorpe

Ta Shay Toles

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Kiara Tuck

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Mr. & Mrs. Steve Wheeler
May 28
8 years



Pastor & First Lady Clarke May 27 31 years



Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Solomon

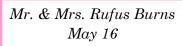


Mr. & Mrs. David Little
May 18
17 years

** Married Couples **

If you would like to have your wedding anniversary included in this section, please forward your information (month, date, year) along with a photo to <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> or contact any member of the GTAH Staff.

Thanks!





Dea. & Mrs. Theodolphus Caldwell May 7



Latosha Bass Danika Goolsby Derek Mack Cleveland Beard Wanda Gordon Tommy Marlin, Jr. Aidan Bray Mamie Harris Harriett Marlow Desia Brewton Andrea Hodges Christopher McNair David Clarke, II Cornelius Hollis Jacqueline Nottingham Carisma Collier Dea. William Jackson Sidney Oglesby Deborah Covington Bennie Johnson Quinton Oliver Bruce Delorme Jada Johnson Marlin Rice Gloria Ethridge Johnny Jones Edward Sheridan Shirley Frazier Damon Lane Jermaine Smith

Zaria Lee

Desi Arnaz Giles, Sr.

Gary Stiggers Nya Strickland **Chanel Strong** Alice Thornton Kiara Wade MyKala Wimbush Deaconess Maxine Woodard Cha Kris Staten

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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 @ 478-225-2776. Welcome aboard!!!

On Behalf of the Outreach Ministry





Thank you, Worship Team, and Union Grove Family

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Worship Teams and everyone who supported the Easter Community Event, Palm Sunday as well as Resurrection Sunday. The entire month of April was such a blessing. The Lord will not forget your labor of love and neither will we.

Again, many thanks to everyone.

Blessings!

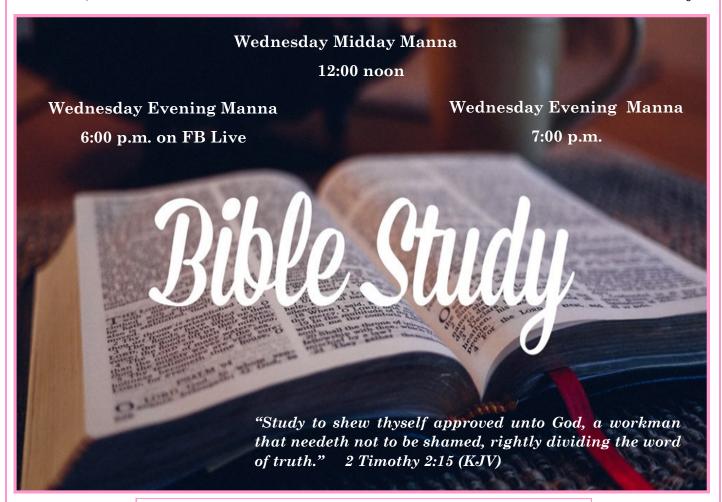
Min. Linda Gray

Worship Ministry Vision Leader

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you



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Effective immediately there will be NO PARKING under the overhead structure in the rear of the church. This area is reserved for disembarking of members during inclement weather and also unloading and loading of church van for members and visitors. We must have unobstructed entrance and exit to and from the overhead at all times. The church van will not be left under overhead during worship service. Any questions, see security leader Bro. Hank Allen.

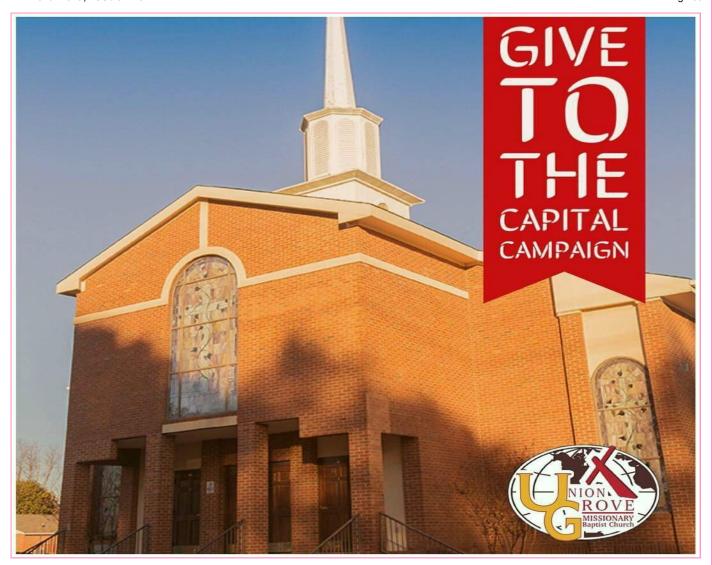


Security Ministry

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 Memoriam ~



Sister Marion Thorpe Sister Pearl Toliver

Brother Gary Jones

(Deacon Jerome Stephens' son-in-law)

Brother Slater Thorpe, Sr.

(Deacon Slater Thorpe, Jr.'s father)

Brother Michael Jackson

(Deacon William Jackson's brother)

Sister Virginia Mitchell

(Brother Lorenzo Mitchell's mother)

Sister Latonya Nottingham

(Brother Arthur Nottingham's sister-in-law)

Sister Lois Dickey

(Sister Jacqueline Nottingham's aunt)

Brother Michael Robinson

(Sister Gail Caldwell's nephew)

** UNION GROVE MEMBERS **

If you would like to have a memorial/tribute for an immediate family member included in the GTAH, please forward the information to the GTAH Ministry at <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> or contact any member of the GTAH Staff. Thank you!

** 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 Ardell Johnson at 478-213-6728 or ladya2059@gmail.com.
- To report deaths in the church family or to schedule funerals at the church (members only), please contact Minister Dannie Dukes at 478-952-5078.
- 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

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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>GTAHNewsletter@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 Saturday</u>, <u>June 1</u>, <u>2019</u>. Please e-mail all pictures, do not send via text. Thanks for your cooperation.



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!!!

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