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"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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From Coretta to Kamala

February 1, 2021

John 14:2-4

"Hey Kamala,

It's me, Coretta Scott King wanting to congratulate you on your being the first black lady to be elected to the position of Vice-President. It's only appropriate that a black lady be elected since Barack Obama made history being the first black man elected to the Presidency. I know you and your family are proud of you and so am I. I, however, want to tell you about all those who are living with me in Paradise. I was just talking to Rosa Parks. You remember her, the lady that would not give up her seat on the bus protesting the fact that we had to sit at the back of the bus. Because of her we can now sit

where we want to. I saw her "slapping five" with Harriet Tubman after your election. Harriet was the slave that escaped slavery and later became a leading abolitionist. I heard that President Biden is pushing to put Harriet's picture on a \$20 bill! It should be for she led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad. We just had a "girl's night out" so we patted ourselves on the back while we were praising the Lord. Of course, we had to hear some gospel stomping music from singers such as Aretha Franklin, "Queen of Soul "and Whitney



Houston, the most awarded female artist of all time by the Guinness Book of World Records. Billie Holiday, the jazz singer showed up too. Yes, I know what you're going to say. "Those sistas can sing"! Hey, do you remember reading about Ida B. Wells, the newspaper editor who documented lynching in the United States? She's writing a book with Lorraine Hansberry, the first Black playwright who wrote A Raisin in the Sun. Hansberry became the first Black playwright to have a play performed on Broadway in 1959. We hope to bring in Gwendolyn Brooks in this adventure. In 1950, she became the first African-American to win a Pulitzer Prize. I also hope to get Maya Angelou to join us in this venture. She would have a lot to offer because she was an American poet and civil rights activist. It will be titled "We're Moving on Up with the Help of the Lord".

Since you excelled politically, we should also recognize black females that helped you obtain this honor. I just saw and was talking to Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress in 1968 and the first black woman to run for President in 1972. She was a BFF to Dorothy Height, the sister known as the "Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement."

Okay girl, got to go. I need to go see Madame C.J. Walker. I need a new "do". She gives free hair products since she became a millionaire with her beauty products. Once again, we're proud of you. Tell Michelle Obama, our former

FLOTUS I said "hey".

Love ya,

"Coretta" aka Jackie Powell



~ 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".





Congratulations!!!

Madam Vice-President Kamala D. Harris



~ Virtual Communion Sunday ~

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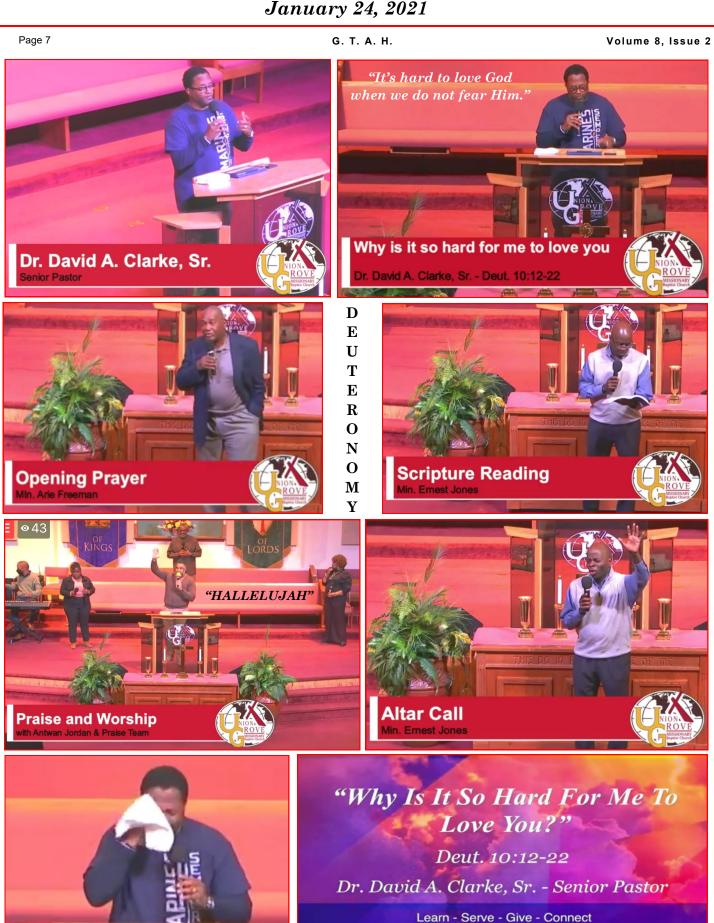


G. T. A. H. Page 5 Volume 8, Issue 2 First Installment of New Series Deuteronomy 6:1-4 \mathbf{H} H - Holy \mathbf{E} E - Engaged A A - Anointed \mathbf{R} R - to Reign You're about to go in" ith Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr. | Dt. 6:1-5 Prayer Scripture Altar Call Elder Rashee Ragin Min. Jones Min. Freeman Praise and Worship with Antwan Jordan & Praise Team Giving veWR.org/give Join Our Family Follow Us



"God is the reason why we live the way we live!"

"God is the reason why I shall have what I shall have."



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Calling all Grove Zone ladies ages 18 and up!!!!!

Never miss another moment of H2H Ministry Announcements and Events









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www.facebook.com/h2hwomensministry

1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. Contact Lady Michelle for zoom info.

~ H2H Women's Bible Study ~

Good Women of God.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next Bible Study on Monday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. If you haven't joined us yet, please join us as we learn about and study some amazing women of the bible. During each study, we learn Why HER, About HER, Apply HER and how to Find HER in the scriptures. It's not too late to join in and the lesson is provided before each study. Our upcoming lesson is: Chapter 6 - I AM TAMAR.

You may join us by Zoom or on the church's conference call line.

Union Grove Missionary Baptist is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Heart2Heart Women's Bible Study

Time: Feb 15, 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Mar 1, 2021 07:00 PM Mar 15, 2021 07:00 PM Apr 5, 2021 07:00 PM Apr 19, 2021 07:00 PM May 3, 2021 07:00 PM May 17, 2021 07:00 PM Jun 7, 2021 07:00 PM Jun 21, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 915692

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** UG Conference Call Info:

Call 515-604-9094

Meeting ID: 492-349-889

Be blessed, Lady Michelle





\sim ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL \sim SECOND QUARTER OF WINTER RECAP

I Cor. 12:1, 28 – Now concerning spiritual gifts ...And God have set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers ...

Adult Sunday School Teachers

Elder Connie Dinkins, Brother Michael White and Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

Greetings to everyone; we have recently wrapped up the Second Winter Quarter of our Sunday School lessons from the Gospel of John. As we continue in the Gospel of John I trust that you are being blessed and are enjoying the journey. God is constantly at work in the lives of His people as He transforms us to be the people He has called us to be. We have a vaccine for this COVID-19 virus yet over 360,000 lives are lost in these United States. Continue to trust God for a cure and, just remember God is still in control. The theme for the quarter is: Preparation of Jesus Disciples. We have discussed Unit I titled Getting Started and have now completed Unit II is titled Getting to Know Jesus.

As we embarked on the beginning of this unit, Brother White gave us some insightful information on what it means to know Jesus. We were reminded of Old Testament scriptures of prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah. We were reintroduced to scriptures from Genesis, Isaiah and Malachi that foretold of the coming Messiah. Last quarter we were introduced to the mission and works for which Jesus was called. We studied the choosing of His disciples, Jesus being presented to them and the task Jesus had before Him. Now we are to look at Getting Started, finding out more and more about the God chosen messenger for the world.

Unit I: Getting Started

In Lesson 1, The First Miracle: This first lesson is one where we get to see Jesus interact with His mother and servants at a wedding. The word miracle denotes an unusual event, the supernatural power of God. It takes place at a wedding where Jesus, his mother and His disciples are invited. During the course of the wedding they run out of wine and Mary, Jesus' mother tells him they have no wine. Jesus knows His purpose and his timing and it appears he wants nothing to do with the situation. His response to his mother suggests that. But Mary tells the servants whatever my son tells you to do, you do it. Jesus, being an obedient child, honors His mother and gets involved. Six large stone containers are filled with water by the servants and they dip some out and give it to the headmaster of the wedding to taste. Unknowingly to him where it came from he calls the bridegroom and tells him this is a better wine than what they had been drinking and it should have been served first. Only a few people are aware of what had happened for it was not time for Jesus to be revealed to the masses. It was important for Jesus disciples to know the capabilities of the Man that had been following and being taught. This was the first of many miracles Jesus would perform. Jesus is allowing His disciples to witness His authority and Power.

In Lesson 2, Jesus Walks on Water; John records the fifth miracle to prove Jesus' authority over nature. Jesus had just fed a multitude of people in excess of 5,000 not counting women and children. The people were considering making Jesus their King. Jesus knew their thoughts, so he slipped away to the mountain to be alone and pray. It was getting late in the evening the disciples had gathered at the sea and even though Jesus had not returned they decided to take to boat across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. They had the benefit of being in the actual presence of Jesus but chose to leave without him. We have the benefit of being in the spiritual presence of Jesus daily when we pray, read His word, and reflect on the things He has done. It is never a go thing to disregard Jesus in your plans. When planning or taking a trip consult Jesus. Pray for His protection and guidance during your trip. Don't wait until you get in trouble or situations gets out of hand and you start calling on Jesus for help. When you are in trouble you become fearful and desperate. Out on the Sea of Galilee with terrible weather conditions was a desperate situation. Jesus came to their rescue.

Jesus can rescue us from bad situations. We must be committed to following Jesus in all that we do. Build your hope on Jesus. Have a solid foundation in Jesus. On Christ the Solid Rock I stand all other foundations are but sinking sands.

In Lesson 3, Jesus the Bread of Life: Brother Michael White gave us a thorough background introduction to the lesson as well as a brief recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr birth and holiday. A multitude of people were following Jesus and he spent a lot of time teaching and praying. His teaching was not accepted by the Jewish establishment but that did not detour Jesus. After slipping away from the people Jesus and after rescuing the disciple on the Sea of Galilee they made their way to Capernaum. The people came seeking Jesus for more natural food not realizing that Jesus is the true Spiritual Bread of Life. Physical food is temporary but the spiritual food of Jesus lasts forever. Jesus is also the Living Water as He explained to the Samarian woman. Even after all they had personally witnessed, they still wanted more signs. They had seen Jesus and heard Jesus but still they did not believe. Jesus emphasized that the work of God is for you to believe in me. The bread you were given in the wilderness was sent by God. It temporarily filled you. I am the True Bread that will sustain you forever. Don't just be satisfied or focus on your physical hunger but shift your focus to spiritual food of Jesus which will result in everlasting life.

Finally in Lesson 4, Jesus' Hard Saying: Brother White opened things up by recalling his time at church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He further gave us some background from the book of Deuteronomy as Moses spoke with the children of Israel. Jesus is having a conversation with the people in Capernaum about what they must do to have eternal life. The things Jesus was saying made it quite difficult for the people to accept. Jesus was speaking of spiritual things and they were thinking in literal/humanistic terms. He had just finished telling them He is the Bread of Life and if anyone eats this Bread they will live forever. Spiritually speaking, Jesus was telling them if you accept me, believe in me and do the things God requires, you will have eternal life. Yes, you might die a natural physical death, but you will spiritually be with God. You have to spend some time with Jesus in order to know Him and comprehend Jesus' Hard Sayings. Now the teaching is getting more complex and difficult for them to comprehend. They murmur and refuse to accept it. Jesus stated "I will give my life for you" and that is what happened at Calvary. Jesus' hard saying and spiritual teaching was very difficult for the carnal minded to digest. Eat my flesh, drink my blood, I will raise you up at the last day. Jesus was speaking of the Last Supper that had not yet occurred but He knew it would happen. Jesus was talking about His death, burial and resurrection. The bread He broke and blessed represented His body that was beaten and scarred, the drink represents His blood that was shed for the remission of sin. Many people following Jesus did not accept this and they no longer followed Him. However, these were not the twelve chosen by Jesus. Following Jesus at times goes against all the world offers. You must have a made-up mind and abide in Jesus and be committed to following Jesus. When the others departed, Jesus asked the twelve "Will you leave also." Peter spoke for the Twelve. We're staying? Where can we go? We know who you are. You are the Christ. You are the Son of God. You have the Words for eternal life. Jesus responded, Yes, I have chosen you but one who is with you does not believe. He was speaking of Judas Iscariot

During this unit we have seen Jesus perform many miracles which authenticated His claim as the Son of God. All of this was done for the benefit of His disciples. Turning water into wine at the wedding, walking on the waters was to show the disciples his authority over science and human intellect. His paradox teaching was meant to be understood from a spiritual perspective as were His hard sayings about eating His flesh and drinking His blood. It was not to be taken literally, it was a foreshadow of what was to come at His death.

I pray that what we have been teaching and relaying to you during Sunday School lessons will continue to strengthen you and encourage you as we all endeavor to one day be with the Lord to receive our crown. Until then, May God continue to bless this ministry as we strive to share the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.



~ Financial Corner ~

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

Sister Wanda Verrett

This year is moving fast. It's February, the month for lovers. Always keep our best lover in mind. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

BLACK HISTORY FACT: Only 36% of African American Millennials currently contribute to an employer-sponsored retirement plan (401k or 403b) versus 44% of other Millennials. Source: The African American Financial Experience, 2015-2016 Research. Max up to the limit of matching funds. **FREE MONEY!**

We pay mortgage or rent to keep a roof over our heads, we pay utilities (electric, gas, water, and phone), maybe a car note, insurance on ourselves and our belongings, and food. Twenty years ago, we didn't have cell phone bills, internet, or cable bills. We now consider these things necessities instead of luxuries. Now would be a good time to compare prices among the available carriers in this area. You might be able to save some money by bundling your services.

I have turned in two of my cable boxes and only kept the main box with DVR capabilities. I have installed ROKU on my other TVs. So far, I can get every channel I normally watch, plus some. I can access my Prime Videos, Netflix, and Disney+ accounts. There is supposed to be a way to record using ROKU. If I can figure that out, goodbye DIRECTV. How much are you paying for cable or satellite? A one-time purchase could pay for itself in one month. There are several other services like FUBO, Amazon Fire TV, etc.

My next step is checking around for a new cell phone carrier. I'll let you know how that goes.

It's time to start getting your tax papers together if you plan to itemize. We should have all our tax documents in the mail to us by the end of January, no later than mid-February.

If you didn't get one last month, go ahead and get a copy of your credit score from at least one of the major companies, Experian, TransUnion, or Equifax. Use "Annualcreditreport.com". All other sites charge you or will sell/use your data for other purposes. Once you get the report, check it carefully for fraud. If all debt is legitimate, determine which bill you will target using the information from my January article. You may need to add one more column, **new payment.**

If we get another stimulus check, put it to good use. Pay off a bill, put it in savings, start your retirement. PAY YOUR RENT/MORTGAGE. Once this is over, all back rent will be due. If you have the money, you better pay now.

Stay safe and love God, others, and yourself.



City of Warner Robins ** Special Election for City Council and E-SPLOST **

- 1. City Council Post 1 At Large (City of Warner Robins)
- 2. Continue Penny Tax E-SPLOST Referendum March 16, 2021 (<u>HOUSTON</u> COUNTY)
- Early voting starts February 22, 2021 through March 12, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- City Council Election Day is March 16, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- Education E-SPLOST Referendum is March 16, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- If you vote on both at the polls you may have to vote at your city precinct and county precinct.
- You can vote Absentee Ballot in both the city and county.
- To vote Absentee Ballot you must fill out an Absentee Ballot Application.
- You can mail or fax (478-988-0699) your application to: Board of Elections, 801 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069. Please get the application in early.
- You can pick up the absentee application at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.
- You can register to vote at the church or call the numbers below.
- You can register on line at <u>WWW.MPV.SOS.GA.GOV</u> (GO TO MY PAGE)
- PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE.

If you should have any questions please call Mr. Jerome Stephens at 478-447-0251 or 478-929-1476.

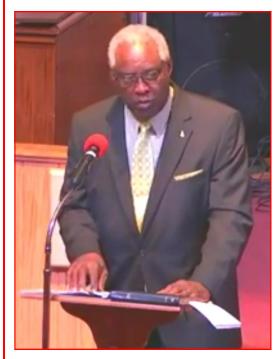
REMEMBER: PEOPLE GAVE THEIR VERY LIVES FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO VOTE.

ALSO, REMEMBER: <u>LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS NATIONAL</u> ELECTIONS.

"If there is a run-off in the city election it will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021"

LET'S VOTE!!!





Bro. Michael White

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Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.

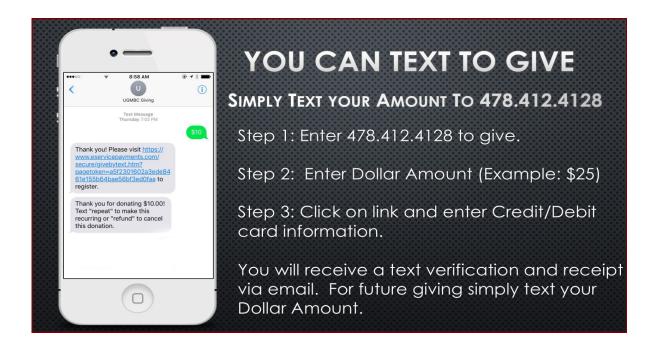


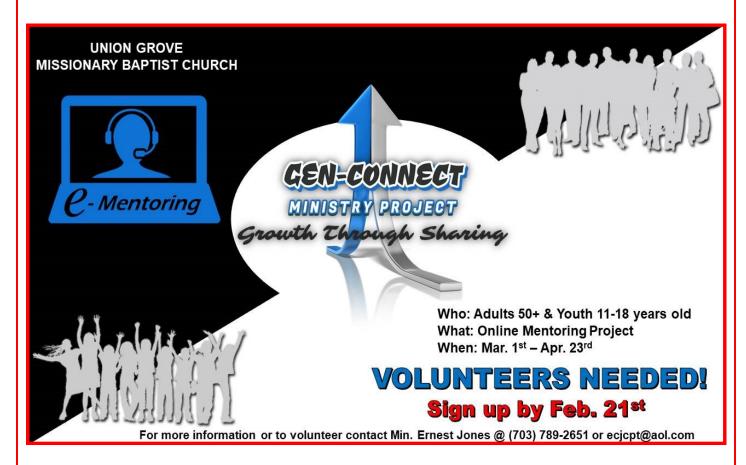












Union Grove, it's time to connect the generations! If you are an adult 50 years old or older or a youth 11-18 years old, you are invited to participate in the Gen-Connect Ministry E-Mentoring project. We need a minimum of 8 youth and 8 adults to volunteer. All volunteers MUST sign up by February 21, 2021. Let's bring our generations together to grow through sharing.

If you want more information or want to volunteer, contact Min. Jones @ (703) 789 -2651 or ecjcpt@aol.com.

Minister Ernest Jones



** GTAH Newsletter Policy **

The GTAH newsletter for the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (UGMBC) is to share Great Things Are Happening (GTAH). The newsletter is to publish wonderful, positive, God-glorifying information for our readers. This includes listing the names of members who have recently gone home to be with the Lord.

Here are the guidelines for any UGMBC member who desires to pay tribute to another member of our church family who has recently transitioned from earth to glory:

- 1. Any UGMBC member is allowed to pay tribute to another UGMBC member. Only church members may receive a tribute. No articles paying tribute to non-UG members will be published.
- 2. Tributes are allowed only at the time of the deceased member's transition. There will be no tributes on the anniversaries of transitions or heavenly birthdays.
- 3. If photos are submitted with the written tribute, only one photo will be published. Articles and photos **must be** submitted via email to <u>gtahnewsletter@gmail.com</u>.
- 4. All articles paying tribute to deceased UGMBC members must be written and submitted to the GTAH Staff. Articles must not exceed <u>100 words</u>. Any exceptions must be approved by the Senior Pastor.
- 5. Articles and photos must be submitted prior to the GTAH team's publication deadline.

Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



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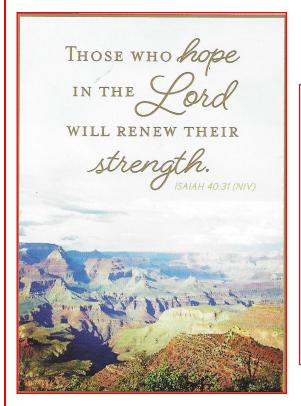


Nursing Home



The Lodge

Sis. Maggie Bradley #205A



"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV).

To Pastor Clarke, my Union Grove Family and friends:

As you know, I lost thirteen relatives in 2020: eight to COVID-19 and three were of natural causes. I thank each of you for your prayers.

Min. Earnestine Thompson



~ Sis. Minnie Williams ~

We are saddened by the loss of our dear, precious Sis. Minnie Williams, who had been a member of UG for more than 20 years. She always greeted everyone with a big smile and a handshake and was always the first one to leave her seat at offering time to make sure her offering was on the table every Sunday. The people who cared for her in the care facility spoke highly of her. The 12-member "Minnie Williams Support Group" was formed to make sure her needs were met at times such as holidays and her birth-day and make any decisions regarding her wants and needs. We truly loved her so much and will miss fellowshipping with her.

Deaconess Grace Davis



Henry Allen

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Mother Maggie Bradley

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

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Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

~ In Memoriam ~



Pastor James Madison

Sis. Minnie Williams

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If you would like to receive the GTAH via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address.

Please mask up, practice social distancing and wash your hands. Be safe!!!



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."