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## ~ MISSION STATEMENT~

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

#### ~ 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".

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# "Six Years A Slave Master" Deuteronomy 15:12

- 1) Put a date on it!
- 2) Get your stuff!
- 3) Know your worth!

















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Lift
Every
Voice
And
Sing





"In My Life Be Glorified"

- 1) Because God blessed them with freedom.
  - 2) Because God blessed them with provision.
  - 3) Because God blessed them with success.

G. T. A. H. Page 5 Volume 1, Issue 3 "Let True Justice Prevail" Deut. 16:18-20, 17:8-13 Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr. - Senior Pastor Learn - Serve - Give - Connect Let true justice prevail #i**♥**MyGZF Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr. - Deut. 16:18-20; 17:8-13 **Praise and Worship Opening Prayer** ith Antwan Jordan & Praise Team lder Rashee Ragin A BLACKIN Altar Call Scripture Reading Follow Us Join our family Follow Us

 $How\ justice\ prevailing\ works:$ 

"Righteousness was required." "Rebellion was to be remedied."

# $\sim$ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL $\sim$

## UNIT 3 OF THE WINTER RECAP

I Cor. 12:1, 28 – Now concerning spiritual gifts ... And God hath 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.

Greeting to everyone; we have recently wrapped up the Unit Three of 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 510,000 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 <u>Getting Started</u>; Unit II titled <u>Getting to Know Jesus</u>; and have now completed Unit III <u>Going deeper with Jesus</u>.

#### UNIT III: GOING DEEPER WITH JESUS:

What does it mean to go deeper with Jesus? Going deeper with Jesus means getting a better understanding of who Jesus is, and following and paying closer attention to His teachings. Going deeper allows us to increase our spiritual growth and develop the mind of Christ. Becoming more like Him in what we say and do.

In Lesson 1, Jesus' the Light of the World: This lesson is one where Jesus makes another startling claim. Because Jesus of Spiritual things the carnal minded Jews had difficulty understanding. They were quick to dismiss as a quack. Little did they realize they were in the presence of the Messiah. It reminds me of the scripture in Hebrews that states we entertain angels without knowing. The earlier verses in Chapter 8 addresses the problem of sin. A woman caught in adultery was to be stoned. Jesus was asked what he thought? His response was "He who is without sin, cast the first stone". Nothing happened and Jesus sent the woman away. Jesus continued to teach and made the statement "I am the Light of the World." Again, they refuse to accept Jesus and made the statement you are speaking only for yourself. When we reject Jesus, we are walking in darkness(sin). We have been compelled to turn from the darkness and walk in the marvelous light of Jesus. Jesus as Jesus is our source of life, we too have a light. We must let out light shine to be that beacon for others. We have been told in Matthew 5:16 to let our light shine before others that our good deeds might be seen and God gets the glory. Many people are afraid of the dark because their view is obstructed. When we put our trust in Jesus, even if we can't see, Jesus sees for us. He is the source of Life everlasting.

In Lesson 2, Jesus' Claim to Diety; In this lesson we have Jesus making the argument that He is God. His use of the name I Am is evident of that because that is what God told Moses to tell the people and Pharaoh. The Jewish leaders were very angry and upset with this claim and was ready to stone Jesus to death. Jesus was accused of being demon possessed and being a Samaritan. They went as far as calling Jesus a liar. Because they were unwilling to accept what Jesus was saying and had no way of disproving it, they resorted to making up stuff and lying. They made claims of Abraham being their father and Jesus countered if Abraham was really your father you would know who I am. When Jesus promised them eternal life if they keep His saying they called Him crazy. They thought Jesus was seeking glory and honor for Himself. Everything Jesus did was to bring Glory and Honor to God. They were unable to accept Jesus' claim because of the hardening of their hearts. This lesson points out 1. If you truly know God, you will know His son. 2. If we know God we will rejoice and obey His Son. 3. Jesus was God in the flesh, walking among mortal man.

4. Jesus is the second person of the Trinity. Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

In Lesson 3, <u>Jesus' Response to a Dire Need</u>; gives us an account of what happened prior to Jesus raising Lazarus. Lazarus become sick and his sisters sends a message informing Jesus that the one He loves is ill. Jesus' reactions are not what you would expect from someone you love but Jesus is acutely aware of the circumstances. Nothing ever

catches Jesus by surprise. He tells them this sickness will not bring about the death of Lazarus. So Jesus delays in going. After 2 days Jesus tells His disciples, Let's get ready to go to Judea to wake up Lazarus for he is sleeping. Sleeping is a metaphor for death. The disciples does not know this. They recall the people in Judea want to kill Jesus and it would be suicide to go there now. Jesus inform them he has work to do. The disciples argue if he's only sleeping he'll wake up. He's probably need the rest. Jesus makes it plain to them that Lazarus is dead and He must go thee to awake him. This is the last of the seven signs of the Messiah that John describes in his Gospel. Jesus makes this shocking statement "I'm glad for your sake that I wasn't there. Now you and others will have the opportunity to see and believe that I Am the Son of God. From seeing and believing, God will get the Glory. Points from this lesson is 1. Know who to call when trouble arise. 2. Jesus loves for us is unconditional (agape love). 3. Jesus does not operate on our timetable. We can't hurry Him no matter how desperate we are.

In Lesson 4, Assurance of Victory over Death; The account of Lazarus' death is a sign of hope for all who believes and live for Jesus. Lazarus had been in the grave for four (4) days and the people were mourning and consoling Mary and Martha. When Martha heard Jesus was there, she went to meet Him. She said to Jesus, "If you had been here my brother would not have died." Jesus had a purpose for not being there. That's why He delayed. His purpose was to give His disciples proof without any doubt as to who He was. Lazarus death was for the benefit of others to have faith and keep the faith. Not only the 12 but his other followers and believers. Martha concluded I know whatever you ask of God, God will give. That's a statement and sign of true faith in Jesus. Jesus told Martha, "Your brother will rise again." Martha was thinking of the resurrection of the dead in the last days. However, Jesus was speaking in the present. Martha goes and gets Mary and the mourners follow. When Mary sees Jesus she falls at His feet and say the same thing Martha said earlier. "If you had been here my brother would not have died." Jesus is Omnipresent which means he is anywhere and everywhere. We must come to the realization that Jesus is just a prayer away. Lazarus death, while being a sadden experience for his family had a spiritual and teaching purpose. Lazarus death allows the opportunity for others to get a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. 1. Even in Jesus' delay, He is on time. 2. We must stay connected to Christ and believe in him. 3. We can be assured that Jesus cares for us. 4. Pain and suffering will come, but Jesus is always there to comfort us. 5. We serve a Savior who is compassionate.

Finally, in Lesson 5, A Display of Divine Glory; The moment has come for the seventh and final sign of the Messiah that is addressed in the Gospel of John. Earlier, Jesus told Martha that he is the Resurrection and the Life she was thinking of the End of Days. When Mary came to Jesus with the same statement, Jesus was moved. He saw and felt the pain and sorrow of the people for Lazarus. He sees our pain and suffering and wants to relieve it. Pain and suffering are the cross we too must bear. Jesus wept along with the people for He truly loves us and have compassion for us. Even though Lazarus has been in the tomb four days, Jesus have them remove the stone. He prays to God, the Father. Jesus does nothing without the consent of the Father. Yes, He was God on earth and had been given authority, yet he still relies on God the father. We must submit out entire being to God in all we do. For without God, we accomplish nothing. After He prays, he calls Lazarus from the grave. This symbolizes deliverance from the bondage of death. Yes, this mortal body will one day decay, but in Christ we have life everlasting. 2 Corinthians 5:8 states "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." 1. Life and death is in the Hands of the Lord. 2. As we stay connected to Christ and believe in him, we will never die. 3. We are assured and promised a Resurrected life. 4. In our pain and suffering, Jesus is always there to comfort us. 5. Jesus promise to be with us in the worst and best of times.

During this unit we have learned what it means to Go Deeper with Jesus. It good to have knowledge of Jesus, it's even better to know Jesus. In the 3.5 years that Jesus ministered on earth, He trained and prepared His disciples to carry on His work. Being a disciple of Christ is a process of the will. 1. Are you willing to give up your choice and human desires to be a follower of Christ? 2. Are you will to be talked about, criticized and cast aside for Christ? 3. Are you willing to share the Good news with others? Wide is the gate and easy is he road that leads to destruction, but narrow is the gate to life and the path we trod is hard. We have to Press Toward the Mark to the Higher Calling.

May God continue to bless this ministry as we strive to share the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior?



# ~ H2H Women's Bible Study ~

Good Women of God,

Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Bible Study on the first and third Mondays 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.

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: Mar 15, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89153579429?pwd=TGdiaXFNRmttaURJS1ZLMWgrbmNuZz09

Meeting ID: 891 5357 9429

**Passcode: 915692** 

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\*\* UG Conference Call Info: \*\*

Call 515-604-9094

Meeting ID: 492-349-889

Be blessed, Lady Michelle







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

Never miss another moment of H2H Ministry Announcements and Events









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





Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.



Bro. Michael White



# ~ E-Manna Bible Study ~





Our Pastors are great teachers.





# Let's Meet & Greet and Get the Scoop

When: March 20, 2021

Where: Amerson Park 2551 Pierce Dr. N, Macon, GA 31204

Social distance Ice Cream Social Masks are required with a Lawn Chair

**Who:** Girls ages 7-17 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Sis. Stephanie Johnson at 478-718-8153 or Min. Nicole Steedly at 478-714-5469 to sign up by March 6

Girls in the KNOW...Knowledge is POWER





# ~ Financial Corner ~

# IT'S STILL OUT THERE!



Sister Wanda Verrett

**COVID-19 is still here**. I can't believe it. It's been a year. BE CAREFUL, keep wearing your masks and social distancing.

Have your finances been affected? I would imagine so. Even if you are retired and not concerned about missing a paycheck, you have probably been affected.

For those of you still in the workforce, I hope you haven't been laid off. I am sorry. There are lots of jobs in Warner Robins. They may not be the one you want, but it can hold you over until you are called back to work, or you find something better. Now might be the time to think about that side hustle. We all need more than one source of income. Just PRAY and ask God what to do.

If you are retired or near retirement, your 401k's or 403b's may have taken a hit. If so, don't panic and remove your money. You should see a significant climb in the stock market over the coming months. As I always say, buy low and sell high. That means that when the market is down, stocks are on sale. If you take your money out when the market is down, it means you have sold your stock at a discount. You may then experience a loss. Unless you just must, don't take any distributions at this time.

Hopefully, Spring is right around the corner. It's time to get your yard and garden ready. If you didn't purchase your supplies in the Fall, watch for sales on what you need. Some items are buried way in the back at the garden stores too.

It's Women's History Month. There are so many fabulous women to talk about this month. I couldn't begin to make a list of the women making history right now. There's Kamala Harris, Stacey Abrams, Keisha Lance-Bottoms, and many more. I instead want to talk about one of the women in the Bible, "The Proverbs 31 woman. Let's see what she did for her family.

- a. She had the full confidence and respect of her husband and children.
- b. She works with her hands to produce clothing/items for her family.
- c. She shops for her household. (Use those clearance racks and marked down items in the corner)
- d. Girlfriend has a real estate business. (What's your side gig)
- e. She gives to the poor generously.
- f. She keeps check of her business and household affairs. (Maintain your checkbook accurately)
- g. She is clothed with strength and dignity, speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction comes out of her mouth.
- h. She fears the Lord. Make this your priority.

We would do well to emulate this woman. Take an inventory of yourself. We can all do better with our finances.





# 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 has started and goes 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 WWW.MPV.SOS.GA.GOV (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 PRIVILEDGE 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,

# ~ House of Promise 1 Update ~

Work on the house has started with *Rebuilding Together* helping the church to manage the renovations. A plan is being prepared for what will be done with the house. The intent is to have a home ownership pipeline. Referrals will come from **Habitat for Humanity or Family Promise.** 

Deacon Jerome Stephens





















# Lent 2021 Our Journey

Sis. Jackie Powell

This has been an appalling 13 months. Lent 2021 started February 17 and ends on April 3 and, for many families, it may feel like we never actually left Lent 2020. But we cannot let this pandemic cancel Lent just like we cannot cancel Easter or Christmas due to this deadly virus. I'm sure many Pastors might have a concern about their congregants' mental health. In fact, Lent during this pandemic, becomes more necessary than ever. During this 40-day period of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter, we Christians usually reflect on Christ's death and resurrection. We can use this time to better ourselves by giving something up like smoking, eating pork or do something that will truly make a difference in our life. However, the positive is that we should decide to turn our focus back to Christ, and find ways to grow in relationship with him, be more like him, and follow him better.

In order to get physical and mental health benefits connected with Lent, one must truly believe in the power of being closer to the Lord. Considering many of us are not having in person church, there's a feeling of being isolated from our friends. We must however remember, Lent isn't just about giving things up. We can also take things on by returning to those positive habits that we might have abandoned or we should even cultivate new positive practices/habits.

Hopefully, Lent will help us grow closer to God, learn to trust him more, break free of specific sins we struggle with and become more like Christ.



# To Pastor Clarke & Union Grove Church Family

Thank you so much for the condolences. We truly appreciated the warm words of comfort during these tough times. Our whole family appreciates the support and loving care rendered to us.

May God forever bless and keep you safe in His arms.

Deacon Charles R. Lenoir and Family

# $\sim$ Re-ignite Leadership Zoom Meeting $\sim$

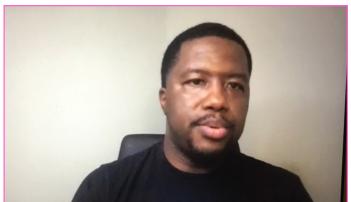


We had a Re-Ignite Leadership Zoom meeting (for all UG Leaders) with Pastor Paul Little of Bibb Mt. Zion Baptist Church as facilitator.

















Carolyn Jackson Alondra Anderson Minnie McCollum Janet Streater Alex Box Tiffany James April McKinzy Robert Strickland III Brenda Thornton Leonard McNair Valerie Britt Annie Johnson Catrina Turner Marques Butler Annie Johnson Sharonda McNair Shun'kia Turner Morgan Johnson Deacon Ramona McPherson Ollie Vann T.C. Caldwell Alexis Jones Marie Newell Aukira Walker First Lady Allison Jones **Kimberly Paster** Andrena Williams **Stacy Reeves** Michelle Clarke **Robin Jones** Michelle Culpepper Teresa Jones Kalliyah Rush Seritha Gilbert Shwanda Leggette Charlotte Shelton Kathy Hardee Tyshanta Lewis Alex Simmons Shonta Harvey

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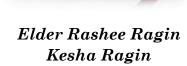
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# Happy Anniversary



Minister Africa Porter Brian Porter March 10





March 31





Dozier & Kathryn McCrea



# ~ Ministerial Staff ~

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Sister Janice Scott



# \*\* 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 **gtahnewsletter@gmail.com**.
- 4. All articles paying tribute to deceased UGMBC members must be written and submitted to the GTAH staff. Articles must not exceed **100 words**. 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.



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Mid Week Prayer (phone) 12:20 p.m.

Call: 515-604-9094 Code: 492-349-889

E-Manna Bible Study (FB Live)

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~



Bro. Michael McIntosh (Deacon Charles Lenoir's nephew)

Sis. Mary McCoggle (Sis. Margaret Willis' sister)

~ Nursing Home ~

The Lodge

Sis. Maggie Bradley

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# **GTAH Newsletter Submissions**

If you have submissions for the April issue please forward them via e-mail to <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> or call (478) 542-1739 by Saturday, March 27, 2021.

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

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#### 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."