(Great Things Are Happening)

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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."

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$\sim Congratulations \sim$



to

Deacon Arthur Nottingham and Deacon Cleveland Beard



The Grove Zone's Newest Deacons

Ordained on Sunday, March 28, 2021

~ 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".

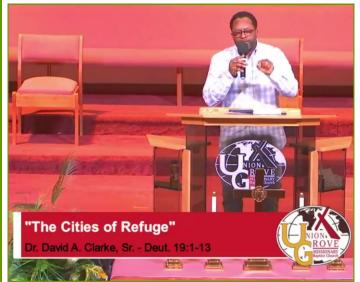


~ Virtual Communion Sunday ~



"Hallelujah You're Worthy!"
"Ordinary Just Won't Do"

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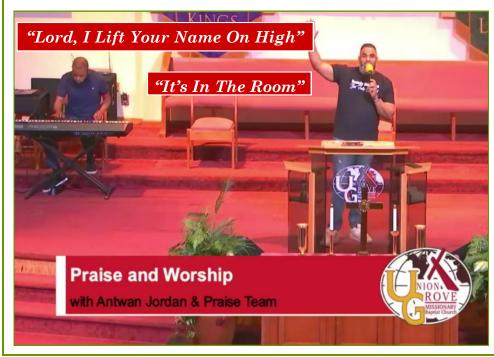














"Do not harbor hostility to others."
"There is refuge in Christ for everyone."

"The innocent were protected."
"The innocent were peculiar."

 $"The \ innocent \ were \ presented."$



[&]quot;Be assertive in obtaining your promise."

[&]quot;Be assured God is present."

[&]quot;Be aligned with the right partners."

[&]quot;Be adaptable in how you manage potential problems.".

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\sim Deacon Ordination Service \sim



Deacon Arthur Nottingham

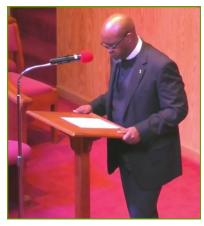




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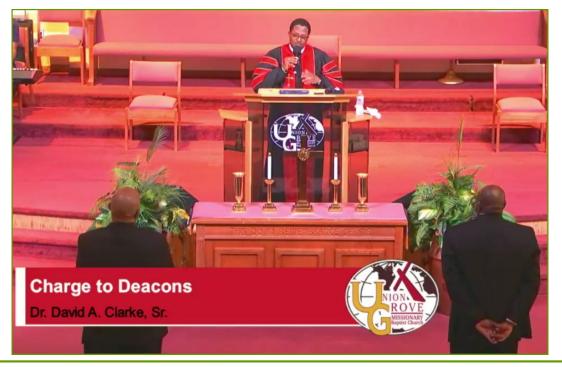
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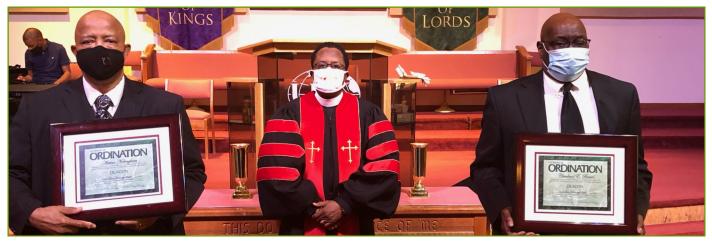


Prayer of Consecration by Pastor Teddy Madison



Remarks by Deacon William Jackson







C O N G R A T T U L A T T I O O N S S

















Brother Michael White



~ Financial Corner ~

IT'S SPRING!



Sister Wanda Verrett

We finally made it to Spring. Time to get our yards ready for first mowing, breaking up the ground for our gardens, etc. Life is full of preparations.

During my morning devotions, I read about David planning to build a house for God, but being denied, he began to prepare for Solomon to build the temple (I Chronicles 22:2-19). Verse 14 really got my eye, Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of Jehovah a hundred thousand talents of gold and a hundred thousand talents of silver, and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

This scripture reminded me of our responsibility to prepare for our children to become successful. Recognizing that our parents may not have had the means to prepare any resources for us, we are still held accountable for the resources we have accumulated. Our children are not required to build any temples, but God has given them an assignment.

Even though some of our children may not yet know their assignment, part of our assignment is covered by Proverbs 13:22, A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

We may not have monetary resources to leave to our children, but such there are some valuable lessons we can pass along. Below are a few proverbs that you may be familiar with:

- a. Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet is stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.
- b. Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.
- c. Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
- d. Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
- e. Ecclesiastes 11:2 Invest in seven venture, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

Just a little note concerning the stimulus checks we have received or will be receiving:

- a. Pay your rent/mortgage. At some point, the moratorium will be lifted, and landlords and mortgage companies will be requesting full payment.
- b. If you have been able to continue to pay your bills, the stimulus could be used to "prepare for your children's' assignment."

HAPPY EASTER!

\sim E-Manna Bible Study \sim

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.





Praying H.E.A.R.!

Deuteronomy 6:4

Holy, Engaged, Anointed to Reign

Deuteronomy 6:4





Learn * Serve * Give * Connect

~ E-Manna Bible Study ~



"Don't Lie Like That!"

Deuteronomy 19:15-21



"Don't Chop Down The Wrong Trees!"

 $Deuteronomy\ 20:19\text{-}20$







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 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: Apr 5, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbU4QvJmVn

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** UG Conference Call Info: **

Call 515-604-9094

Meeting ID: 492-349-889

Be blessed, Lady Michelle







E-Mentoring Zoom Sessions and some of the Mentors & Protégés showing off their talents and sharing with one another.

Minister Ernest Jones

















Let's Meet & Greet and get the scoop

When: April 17, 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 Steedley at 478-714-5469 **to sign up by April 10**

Girls in the KNOW...Knowledge is POWER



CALLING ALL 2021 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES!!
Graduation Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

As we prepare for our Graduation worship, we ask that all graduates (High School, College, Kindergarten, transitions from Elementary to Middle and transitions from Middle to High school) submit the Graduation Application to the Scholarship Ministry. The applications are available on the church website at:

www.thegrovewr.org

or by email at: <u>ladyclarke1968@gmail.com</u>

All applications are due on Friday, May 7, 2021.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2021!

~ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~

FIRST QUARTER OF SPRING RECAP

Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

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:

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

Greetings to everyone and Hello Spring. As we welcome in spring and daylight saving time, we are thankful to God for how He has kept us during this pandemic. He continues to do marvelous things and we are looking forward to Greater Things Happening. Elder Dinkins has been out and is recouping from surgery. We praise God for seeing her through the surgery and the recovery. It has been a joy for us, Elder Dinkins, Brother White and myself bringing the Sunday School lessons to you. We give God all the praise as we continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ. Though we are still dealing with this COVID-19 virus with over 560,000 lives lost in these United States, I encourage you never lose hope and continue to trust God in these trying times. For this quarter we were in the Book of Romans and the theme was: Proclamation of the Gospel. Unit I was titled Laying the Groundwork and there were three lessons (1.) Paul's Desire to Visit Rome, (2.) God's Wrath Against Mankind, and (3.) No One is Righteous.

Unit I: Laying the Groundwork:

This unit covers many excerpts from the Romans. Romans is a letter written by Paul to introduce himself to the Christians in Rome. He informs them God chose him to be an apostle to preach the Good News of Jesus. He tells them they too, are chosen people by Christ and God loves you.

In Lesson 1, Paul Desire to Visit Rome: Paul is an example of true spiritual service. For a man who once sought to destroy Christianity, he is compelled now to spreading it throughout the world. Paul begins by praising the Christians in Rome for their faith which people are talking about. Being a Christian in Rome during this time is dangerous. The Roman Empire includes all countries that border the entire Mediterranean Sea. Being a Christian in Rome with all their pagan gods takes faith and courage. Paul encourages them with his prayer on their behalf and his plans to come visit them soon

Brother White points out nine marks of true spiritual service: You must have a (1). Thankful spirit (vs. 8), (2) Concern Spirit (vs. 8), (3) Willing and submissive spirit (vs. 9), (4) Loving spirit(vs.9-10), (5) Humble Spirit (vs.11), (6) Fruitful spirit (vs.13), (7) Obedient spirit (vs.14),: Let your walk be in line with your talk. (8) Eager spirit (vs. 15): Being consumed with a desire to serve God. Finally (9) Bold spirit (vs.16-17),: Be willing and not ashamed to spread the Gospel. We must be fully persuaded that the gospel is God's answer for all people. Paul had a desire to visit Rome, however God allowed Paul to visit Rome in chains.

In Lesson 2, God's Wrath Against Mankind; The greatest problem facing the world today is man's sinful nature. Sin is not a word that comes up in our secular conversation. We want to talk about only on Sunday's and bible study. When we examine the social, political, and economic condition of the world, sin is at its core. God's wrath or anger with man is sin because of our ungodliness and unrighteousness. Because of Adam, we were born in sin. Jesus came and paved the way for a new beginning in Him. Sin has a strong hold on mankind. Therefore, God gave us up to ourselves and look what we have done. 2 Timothy 3:3 tells us we became proud, stuck up and disobedient.

Three times in Romans 1 we see the wrath of God poured out on mankind.

vs. 24 – God gave them up to uncleanness, filthy and shameful things.

vs. 26 – God gave them up to vile affection, follow their own evil ways.

vs. 28 – God gave them up to a reprobated mind, let their useless mind rule them. This is the condition of rebellious people who suppress the truth of God.

We see this today in the LBGTQ community. It should be clear to us that: (1). God does not change. (2). Mankind will suffer the consequences for disobeying and dishonoring the Laws of God. (3). When we reject God, we can expect His wrath. (4). Deceit, deprayity, and distortion can only lead to danger.

In Lesson 3, No One Is Righteous: Let me start by saying we are all under sin. God is no respect of person. We all sin and fall short. Ever since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden the course of history has changed. Scripture tells us 'we are born in sin and wrapped in iniquity'. Therefore, we were born unrighteous at birth. We all are in need of Salvation. Sin has a powerful hold on us and it is a day to day fight. This lesson tells us we are quick to hurt and kill. Our words are deceitful and we have no reverence for God. That's the pervasiveness of sin. Sin is spreading everywhere. In the home, school, on our jobs, in marriages, the government, and the church. No one is exempted and we really have no excuses. We all know but refuse to obey. We are all guilty before God. The law shows us how sinful we are. We have seen all that God has done and still we will not honor Him. All mankind will face judgement because of sin. Paul quotes two old testament scriptures about man. Psalms 14 tells us 'there is none that does good, no not one'. Ecclesiastes 7:20 tell us 'there is not a just man on earth that does good'. Our character and conduct shows we are not righteous. Let us keep this in mind about sin. The Power, Pervasiveness, and Presumption of Sin will all lead to the Penalty we will pay.

From this unit, <u>Laying the Groundwork</u>, Paul sets the foundation for which we must build upon. He makes it clear what is acceptable and pleasing to God.

We will be Unit 2 titled <u>The Proclamation of Good News</u> starting March 27. The <u>Good News</u> is Jesus is Alive and well. We will be discussing Romans 3 thru Romans 6.

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



THERE IS SIN ALL OVER THE WORLD

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Men's Ministry's Weekly "Walk, Bike, and Fellowship"



The open environment gives us the opportunity to connect using social safety measures.

We meet each Thursday, starting

1 April 2021 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Fountain Park 617 Kimberly Road Warner Robins, GA













A list of items you may want to have on hand

Face mask

Loose fitting clothing

Comfortable shoes

Bottled water

Snack: i.e., apple, banana

Hand towel or wipes

Bicycle

Protective gear, i.e., safety helmet

Charged phone w/earphones

Download your favorite fitness log

POC: Brother Ray Shelton (954)253-7768

Brother Leroy Frazier, Men's Ministry Leader (757) 334-3768

~ House of Promise 1 Update ~

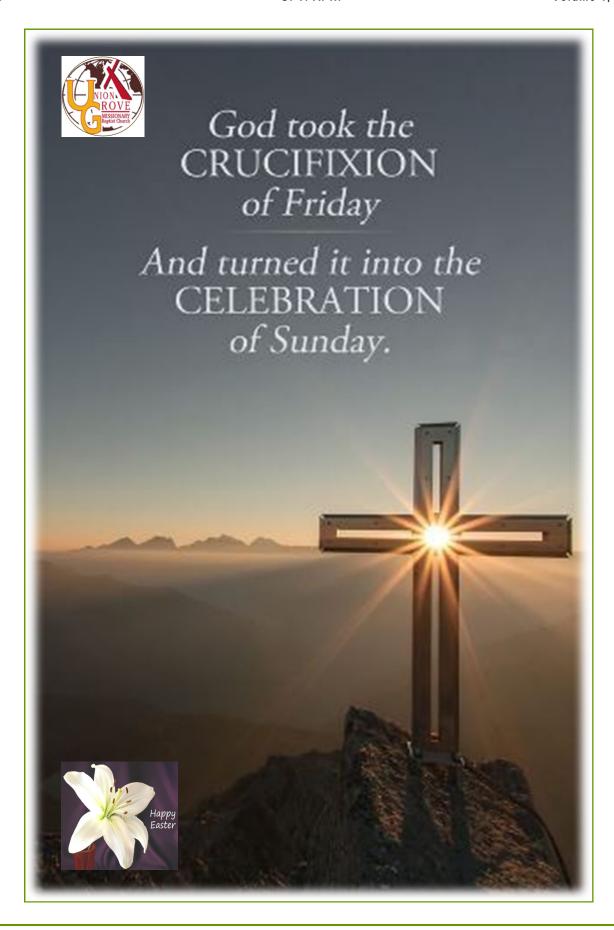




Georgia Cooling Heating & Air installing the air conditioning system.









When deciding on what to share with my church members, the importance of planting the "seed" on fertile ground came to mind. Pastor Tony Evans in his video entitled "The Secret of the Seed" stated that we church members at times will enjoy the sermon so much while in the physical church but forget the importance as soon as we reach our car. The "seed" packed with all the potential of God's Word sets the tone for good or for ill. The growth of the seed has everything to do with where it lands.

As a former teacher of 30+ years I always tried to plant the "seeds" in a manner that the students enjoyed learning as well as applied the lesson in such a way that they can utilize it in their daily life. I sent a study guide home for the parents to sign so that they would know about the concept. Hopefully, the seed would be "watered" with the parent's participation.

TEN WAYS WE PLANT GOSPEL SEEDS IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES – Dear Mushka

Now back to the subject. We should remember that it's the quality of the soil that determines our spiritual growth. If the "soil" that receives the seed is one that refuses to hear or to believe, the seed will not grow. It's like planting that seed in soil that is rocky.

Although God has designed us to be victorious in life it can also work in reverse for us, if we don't follow God's Word. For example, negative confessions will yield negative results. (Proverbs 18:21)

Once the seed is planted we should speak it ourselves. Doing such will illustrate that the seed has been planted in our heart. Speaking the word is essential for it will produce a bountiful harvest.

Sister Jackie Powell

"He's Always Blessing Others"





"I would like to publicly thank **Deacon Stephens** for continuously thinking of the students at Burdell Hunt Magnet Elementary School in Macon, GA. For about three years, he has supported my class with supplies. On March 18th, Deacon Stephens stopped by the school and dropped off much needed supplies, such as paper towels, hand sanitizer and hand wipes."

"He has truly been blessed to bless others."

A Thankful Educator,

Teresa Little







Henry & Jan Scott April 17, 1982 39 years







David & Tamara Sanders April 13, 1998 23 years



Alando & Kesha Bray April 27



McKinley & Wanda Verrett April 27 25 years



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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 <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 **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.



THE READ FOUNDATION IS MASKED UP ...ARE YOU?

PPE Drive - By Giveaways!



(Low to Moderate Income Families)



ALL TIMES - Noon 12:00PM - 2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

March 27th - Warner Robins C.M.E Church

April 17th – Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

May 6th – First Baptist Church of Garmon Street

Wear Your Mask

Wash Your Hands
At Least 20 seconds

Use Hand Sanitizer



Keep 6 feet between you and others in public (2 arm lengths)

> Avoid Large Gatherings

COMING IN APRIL:
The READ Foundation and the Church
Coronavirus Town Hall
"Let The Church Say Amen!"



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 ~



Sis. Georgia Johnson



~ Nursing Home ~

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GTAH Newsletter Submissions

If you have submissions for the May issue please forward them via e-mail to <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> or call (478) 542-1739 by Saturday, May 1, 2021.

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."