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#### By: Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

For all those weeks you carried me, Safely tucked away where no one could see, For all the agony on that special birthday Is a price I can never truly repay.

> For all my early helpless years, I never really had any fears, Because your tender Love for me Made all my fears disappear.

You tucked me in my bed at night, Sometimes you even left on the lights. Because whenever you heard a crying sound, Quickly to my room you would abound.

As years went by and I began to grow, You taught me lessons I needed to know. You made sure I went to school, And to always obey the teacher's rules.

When I left home it gave you a fright. Because then I would be out of your sight. I am all grown up now, and I truly know Your love for me continues to grow.

> Whenever I would come home It was such a delight. Because I knew you would make Everything alright.

There is so much more that can be said. The things you did can never be repaid. There is this one thing I must say. Your Love for me never faded away.

I know sometimes I broke your heart. But your love for me never kept us apart. Whenever things got bad, and I get bothered, I remember the lessons I was taught by my Mother.

Happy Mother's Day

~ 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 and Thank You**

to

# Sis. Janice Scott



### for

25 years of faithful service as a staff member

at

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church!!!

Thank you so much for all you do and for being a true blessing to us all. We appreciate all of your assistance any time that we call on you for help. You're the best!!!

> We love you!!! The GTAH Ministry

# ~ Resurrection Sunday ~



Opening Prayer & Scripture Min. Marie Anderson

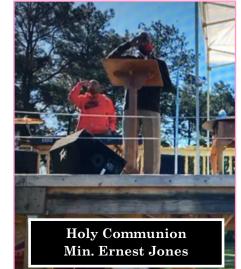


Welcome Min. Nicole Steedley



Sis. Mattie Howard received an Easter Basket for being the oldest member in attendance.

She is 88 years old.







#### ~ Intercessory Prayer Team ~

Balloon release and moment of silence in memory of the members we lost 2020-2021:

Pastor John Dukes Sis. Helen Doe Pastor Charlie Blackmon Deacon Louis Laney Bro. Bennie Leonard Bro. Larry Austin Sis. Richardine Claxton Sis. Rifina Pierre Sis. Pat Johnson Bro. Leroy Johnson Bro. Fred Lester Pastor James Madison Sis. Minnie Williams G. T. A. H.

#### "Jesus Christ, My Savior" By: Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

He left His Home from up above To come to earth to show His Love. His Father sent Him with much to say With every word, we must obey.

Though I walk through the valley I will have no fear. Because your Word tells me You will always be near.

You performed many wonders, this is all true. There really wasn't anything You could not do. You healed the sick and fed the poor. When the next day came You did even more.

The Jewish leaders were filled with anger. For they thought You brought them danger. So they made up their minds to put You away. A man name Judas would betray You someday.

They came by night to put You in jail. They had a mock trial, in which they prevail. Pilate wanted to set You free. But the Jewish screamed, this cannot be.

Way out on Calvary, You carried your Cross. It really seemed, all hope was lost. Jesus gave up His life for you and for me. So that from our sins, we would be set free.

Three days He rested in the tomb. While His followers felt alone with gloom. To the tomb they went with the fragrance and spice But what a big surprise they got Because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.



Abigail Steedley (Reading poem written by Min. Freeman)

The



Min. Nicole Steedley



The "krunkest" teenager age 13 - 19 Kristin Jones won the

The last Easter Basket

Easter Basket

was presented to Sis. Lenora Jones for having the "flyest" mask.



















#### "He Was Cursed So We Could Be Blessed"

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

#### We are blessed with:

- 1) Redemption
- 2) Inclusion(Do not exclude God from your life.)
- 3) Habitation(Especially if you need repairs, you are his habitation.)











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### ~ Children's Church on Resurrection Sunday ~



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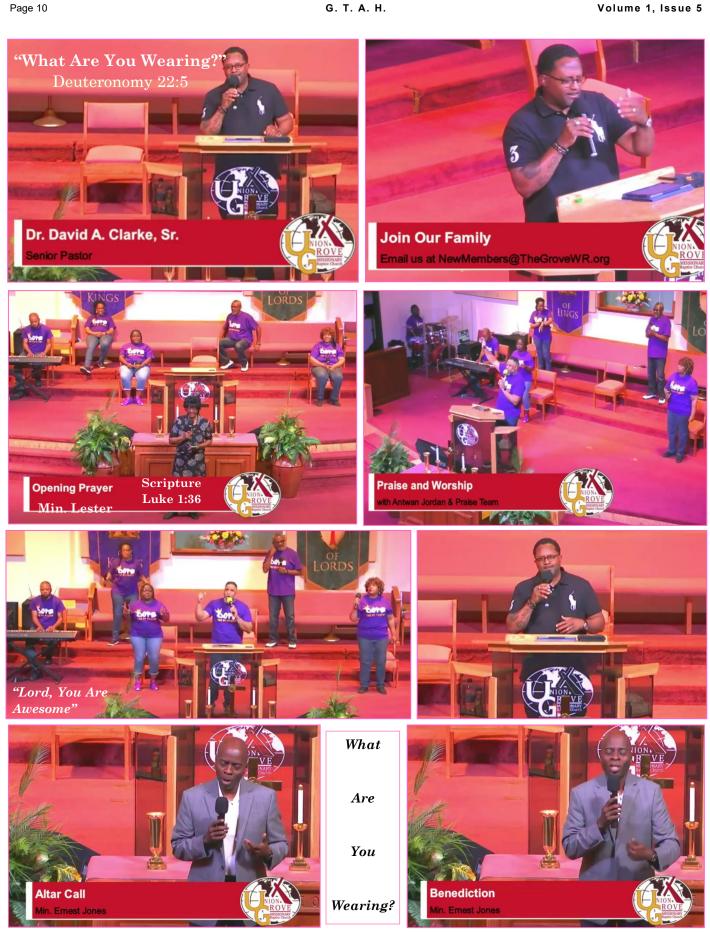




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### ~ eManna Bible Study ~



"Pressing Thru A Pandemic" **Philippians 3** 



"Let True Justice Prevail!" Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 17:8-13







Welcome to eManna! David Anthony Clarke, Sr., Senior Pastor

"Don't Fight Dirty!" Deuteronomy 23:9-14



### ~ Financial Corner ~

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sister Wanda Verrett

First, let me wish an incredibly happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, and everyone who serves in the role of a mother. Enjoy your day/week/month. Hopefully, your children appreciate all your sacrifices.

The deadline to contribute to your 2020 IRAs has been extended to **May 17, 2021**. If you have extra funds or if you need an additional tax break for 2020, this is a great opportunity. If you have already filed your taxes, you can still make your contribution and submit an amendment.

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has been extended to August 15, 2021. If you know someone in need of health insurance, let them know.

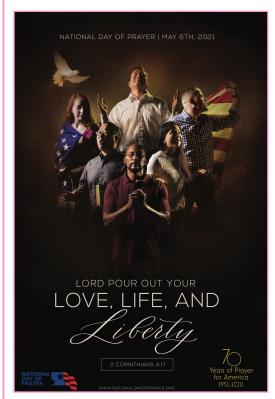
We are all in for May. Flowers have bloomed, the grass is back on a regular mowing schedule, and it's graduation time. Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates. Just a word of caution here. As you receive monetary gifts, please use caution, and don't blow it all. Those funds are meant to help you purchase items you will need to prepare for school, i.e., linens, microwaves, small appliances, toiletries, laundry detergent, etc.

Parents of graduates have some tasks to do as well:

- a. Make sure your student is following up with acceptance letters and financial aid packets.
- b. Look for available scholarships. Be proactive. Reach out to parents of students already in college. Check the web. There are all sorts of small scholarships out there. They each add up.
- c. If you can, add an extra bottle/box of detergent to each regular grocery trip. It can add up to hundreds of dollars if you go out at once to purchase these items. Check with the school to see what items are needed. Some provide microwaves and refrigerators. Also, check with the roommate and decide who buys which item. No need for two microwaves in one room.
- d. Check your life and health insurance to make sure your student is still covered.
- e. Encourage your student to get a summer job. Every penny earned is a penny not borrowed. Don't let your child fall prey to the notion that they have to go into debt to go to college.

**SCAM ALERT:** I participate in several group chats. I received a new chat "GroupMe Support". The chat congratulated me for being selected to receive an iPad PRO. All I had to do was pay the shipping (Red Flag). I clicked on the website to see what this was about. There was a modest amount listed to cover the shipping; however, in the fine print, it stated that I would be charged \$59 per month. PLEASE READ THE FINE PRINT ON ALL ONLINE PURCHASES.





### **National Day of Prayer**

### May 6, 2021

**70 Years of Praying for America** Theme: "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty"

II Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is that Spirit, and Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked to turn to God in prayer and meditation.

The National Day of Prayer is celebrated by Americans of many religions; including Christians of many denominations, Protestants and Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, etc. On this day, The National Day of Prayer, many Americans assemble in prayer in front of courthouses, as well in Houses of Worship; churches, mosques, synagogues and temples.

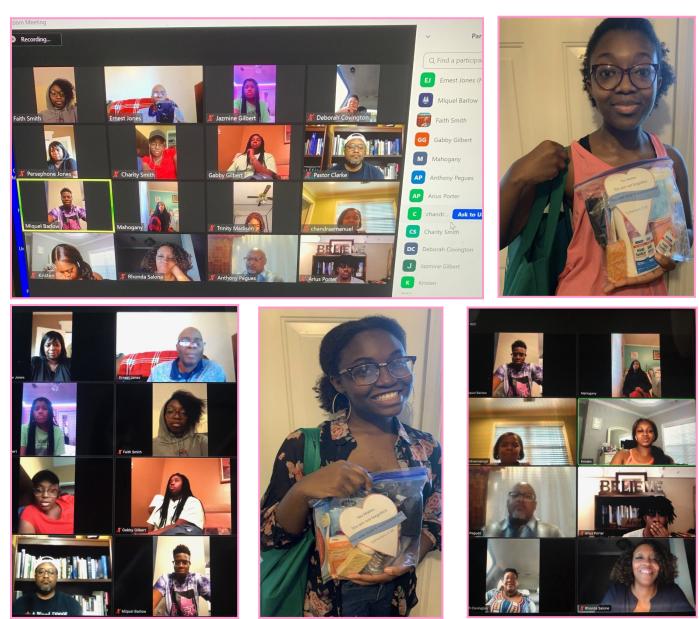
#### Please take time out of your schedule and pray for these 7 Pillars of Culture:

- 1. Religion
- 2. Family
- 3. Education
- 4. Business
- 5. Government
- 6. Media
- 7. Arts

"The Intercessory Prayer Team"

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# E-Mentoring Zoom Session











Gracious God, on this Mother's Day, we give thanks for loving mothers and all who mother your beautiful creation. Bring comfort to all who struggle with this day. Surround us now and always with your deep, unending love. Amen.



#### ~ Mother's Day Program ~

Proverbs 31:26-27 "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

"Good afternoon. My name is Jacqueline Powell and I would like to welcome you to the Mother's Day Program at the Grove Zone. We will meet some special mothers during this unique program. Each child will come forward and introduce themselves as well as relate something about their mother. Please follow the program participants and come forward when it's your time. Hopefully the audience will learn something about you as well as your mother. We will start with three sons, Cain, Abel and Seth".

"Hi, my name is Seth. My siblings are Cain and Abel. I would like to introduce the first mother that God created after he created the world. Ladies and gentlemen, would you give a blessed welcome for my mother, **Eve**".

"Hi everyone. My name is Isaac. It means "he will laugh." It's appropriate for after God told my parents who were 100 and 90 that they would have a child they didn't believe him. My father, Abraham went to sacrifice me to keep his promise to the Lord, but God spared me. Mom,

please stand up. Ladies and gentlemen say hi to my mom, Sarah".

"Good afternoon, my name is Esau. I have a twin brother named Jacob, but I'm the oldest. We had a lot of problems growing up mainly because of my being first, I had the legal right to the inheritance. However, we were blessed because our mom was a great mother who encouraged us to get along. Audience, please turn around to the door while my brother Seth escorts our mom, **Rebekah**."

"Hello church. My name is Samuel. I'm known as a prophet and a judge. My mother spent a lot of time at the temple praying for a child. She said she would always serve the Lord if her wishes were fulfilled by the Lord. God blessed her with 5 children after me. She kept her promise! I thank the Lord for my wonderful mother, **Hannah**."

"Good afternoon church. I really appreciate your coming out to recognize my mom as well as the other moms. I'm John the Baptist. My name is appropriate for I baptized Jesus. My mom's name is **Elizabeth**, I'm sure you've heard of her problem conceiving. An angel appeared to my father Zechariah and told him that my mom would bear a child. He was doubtful and questioned the messenger. Because of his disbelief, he was struck mute until I was born."

"Hello, my name is Moses. I'm sure you heard of me leading the people out of Egypt. During the time of my birth, Pharaoh was killing all newborn born to the Israelite slaves. My mother hid me in the river. I, however was found by Pharaoh's daughter. She needed someone to take care of me. My mom Jochebed was chosen. What a wonderful mother I had."

"Ladies and gentlemen, I as the mistress of ceremony would like to honor our last mother. You know her as Jesus's mother, **Mary**. She is of the royal line of King David. She was also the wife of Joseph. Mary was described by God as "highly favored" (Luke 1:28).

"Ladies and gentlemen. I appreciate your attendance at our unique Mother's Day Program. We all know that these special mothers lived in an age when women were often treated as second-class citizens, yet God appreciated their true worth, just as he does today. Thanks for coming. Please stand for our closing prayer".

Sis. Jackie Powell



# UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH LEARN | SERVE | GIVE | CONNECT

Join Pastor Clarke for E-Manna Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 PM EST.

Engage! Be empowered! Be encouraged!

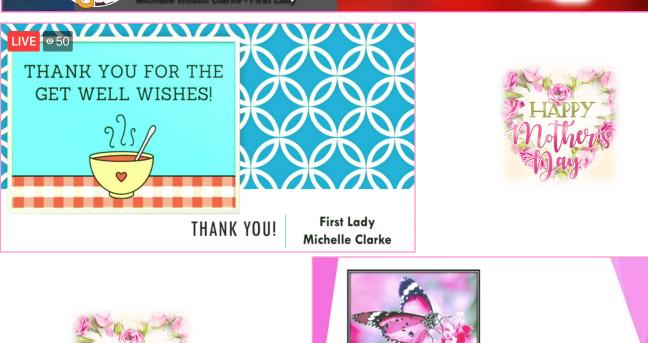
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Thank You!

Sis. Nixon

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. - Senior Pastor Michelle Wilson Clarke - First Lady



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### $\sim$ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL $\sim$ SECOND QUARTER OF SPRING 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, as we continue in this Spring Quarter of our weekly Sunday School lessons let us continue to praise God for what He is doing. Although we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 virus with over 570,000 lives lost in these United States just remember God is still in control. For this quarter we are still in the Book of Romans, Chapters 19 - 24. The theme for the quarter is: "Proclamation of the Gospel and we are in Unit II titled <u>The Proclamation of Good News.</u>" The recap is as follows:

Unit II: The Proclamation of Good News

This unit from the Book of Romans covers chapters 3-6, the spreading and teaching of Christ, The Good News.

In Lesson 1, Righteousness Through Faith: Paul, a man with a passion for the church, was committed to helping spread the Good News of Jesus. How can an unrighteous man stand before a Holy God? It can only happen if we believe and receive the gift of God, His Son Jesus. It is called Faith. We have become alienated from God because of sin. Sin will always keep us separated from God. But God is righteous, and He would have no one to perish even though the Law convicts us Jesus gives us a chance to repent and return to Him. Our approach to God is by Grace. There is no good works we can do to be saved. It is only through faith in Christ. Our justification comes only through the acceptance of Grace through the redemption of Jesus. Our personal goodness cannot save us. Ephesians 2:9 tells us "It is not of works that anyone should boast." We can be assured of the Faith we have in Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17 "I come not to destroy the law but to fulfill." Jesus, being our atoning sacrifice, turned away the wrath of God. We must believe that only Jesus can turn God's wrath away from us.

In Lesson 2, A Promise Received by Faith; although we did not present on that day the lesson was in line with what is being taught. The promise God offered is received only through His Son, Jesus. Genesis believed even though everything was against him. He was thoroughly convinced that what God has promised would come to pass. For his belief and convictions, it was count to him as righteousness. We have the same opportunity as Abraham when we exercise our faith. The lesson continued with the resurrection of Christ. When the women arrived at the tomb to prepare the body, they found it empty and were startled and confused. After being told Jesus was risen as He had said they remembered. In Luke 18:32 Jesus told them "I will be mocked and scourged and killed. But on that third day I Will Rise again". Because Jesus lives, we also live when we accept, believe, and trust Him. We can be assured of the promise only through Faith. For Jesus was arrested, tried, and hung for our sins but he rose on that third day for our justification. Jesus paid the price.

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In Lesson 3, Justification by Faith, we examined what was required to confirm the covenant with God, FAITH. Three things are mentioned; (1) We are justified by Faith in Christ, (2) We are justified by the Blood of Christ and (3) We are justified by the Life of Christ. Faith requires trust and believe. Faith say I have confidence that what Jesus say will happen. We must stand on the Word. The Blood of Jesus washes us, cleans us, and purifies us. What can take away my sins, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus. While we were yet in our sins, Jesus died for us. The crucifixion on Calvary was the price Jesus paid. Because of Jesus (1) We have Peace with God, (2) We have access to Jesus, (3) We can rejoice in hope, (4) We can glory in suffering/ tribulations, (5) We are saved from God's wrath, (6) We rejoice in God through Jesus Christ, (7) We receive atonement for our sins.

In Lesson 4, Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ, we come to realize that we should not let sin control you, do not give in to our flesh. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Therefore, it is an everyday fight. We must Fight temptation and allow the Spirit of Christ to be manifested in us. Allow Christ's character to become our character. Ephesians 4:22 tell us to 'Get rid of the old self that made us live in sin.' That old way of living was destroying us. We must fight against sin and not present your bodies as instruments of sin to be used for wickedness and evil purposes. We must walk in the newness of life. 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 tells us to fight with the divine powers of God which is able to demolish stronghold. We must put on the whole armor of God and realize we belong to God and should not let sin control us. We are no longer under the law but under Grace. Lastly, let us must remember (1). Christ died for us and we died with Him, (2). His death produced our Justification, (3). When we die to Christ it produces our sanctification, (4). We can now be as good in Christ as we were sinful in Adam, and lastly (5). We must learn to trust the Spirit of God.

At the close of this month, we started Unit III, the Implication of the Gospel with Lesson 1, Anticipating Redemption. The Apostle Paul instructs us to be aware that in this life we will endure suffering because of sin. Just as the Christians in Rome was persecuted by the emperors, we too will have trials and tribulations. All of creation is groaning in agony because of sin. Humans, plants, animals, and the entire earth is suffering. However, this suffering cannot compare with the glory God has prepared for us. All this suffering is getting us ready for our eternal glory in the future. No one is exempted, but in our moaning and groaning, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. The Holy Spirit prays for us and guarantees our redemption, and we will be set free from the world's schemes. In the meantime, we must endure with a steadfast HOPE. As we patiently wait, we are trusting God to do what he promised. Patiently waiting for deliverance from sin. Jesus told us we would suffer but if we are faithful till the end, we will be saved. Therefore, we must persevere, be patient, and endure. We are not alone. The Holy Spirit empowers us. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us and substance us in our weaknesses. Remember said, "He would never leave us nor forsake us". He left behind the 'Comforter' the Holy Spirit. As we await redemption we must do all we can to be pure and faultless and at peace with God.

We will conclude Unit III, <u>The Implications of the Gospel</u>; in May with lessons from Romans Chapters 8-15.

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.

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George & Odessa Allen May 27



Deacon & Mrs. T.C. Caldwell May 15

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Sister Janice Scott







### 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: ladyclarke1968@gmail.com

> All applications are due on Friday, May 7, 2021. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2021!

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# UGMBC Scholarship Ministry Presents

### The High School Senior Class of 2021

### Introducing the Class of 2021



Kristen Arianna Jones Veterans High School



Makayla Chenell Marble Warner Robins High School





Shannon Elaine Smith Houston County High School

Arius Oneal Porter Northside High School

We are so proud of our Seniors and we look forward to celebrating them on May 16, 2021!







### ~ Mother's Day ~

In the U.S., Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May each year.

The idea started in America when a woman called Anna Jarvis held a small memorial service for her own mother on May 12, 1907.

Soon after, most places in America were observing the day and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday, celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

Lots of other countries celebrate Mother's Day at different times of the year as well.

### ~ House of Promise 1 Update ~



Sheet Rock Installation in Progress



Cabinets installed



### **\*\*** Save the Date **\*\***

### **Union Grove Business Meeting**

Thursday

June 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom





Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

e-Manna Bible Study (FB Live) Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

~ Church Office Hours ~

**Tuesday - Thursday** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday contact Sis. Jan Scott for an appointment

#### May Events Heart 2 Heart Bible Study, Zoom 7:00 p.m. Vision Leaders Meeting, Zoom 6:30 p.m. Praise Team, S 7:00 p.m 5-5 Mid Week Prayer by Phone 12:20 p.m. E Manna, Online 6:30 p.m. 5-6 Men's Walk, Bike & Fellowship, Fountain Park 7:30 a.m. 5-7 **Graduation Application Deadline** 5-8 Praise Team, S 9:00 a.m 5-9 Mother's Day Celebration, Field of Dreams 10:15 a.m. 5-10 Man Talk Bible Study, Zoom 7:00 p.m. 5-11 Praise Team, S 7:00 p.m 5-12 Mid Week Prayer by Phone 12:20 p.m. E Manna, Online 5-12 6:30 p.m. 5-13 Healthcare Meeting, Zoom 7:00 p.m. 10:15 a.m. 5-16 **Graduation Sunday** 5-17 Heart 2 Heart Bible Study, Zoom 7:00 p.m. 5-24 Business Stewardship, Zoom 5:00 p.m.



#### ~ In Memoriam ~



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Sis. Annie Louise Burks (Deaconess Maxine Woodard's mother) Page 31

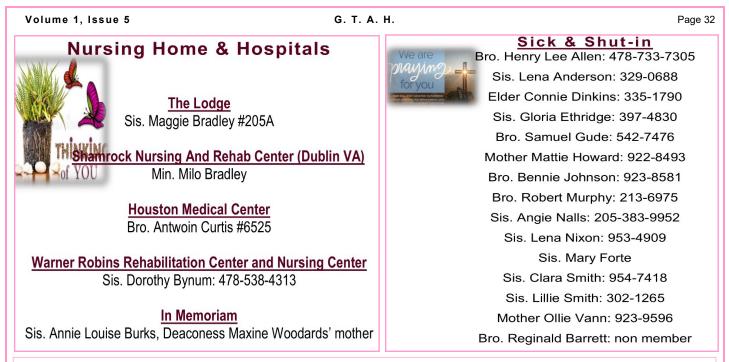
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All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website must be submitted by your Vision Leader and e-mailed to Pastorteddymadison@gmail.com, no later than Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Announcements must be submitted in PowerPoint or mp4 format.

To report deaths in the church family, (members only), please contact Min. Dannie Dukes at 478-952-5078.

No Church/Vision Center Rentals at thus time. No bus service at this time.

### G.T.A.H Staff

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If you have submissions for the June issue please forward them via e-mail to GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com or call (478) 542-1739 by Saturday, May 29, 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.

Please continue to be safe!!!

### G.T.A.H. Mission Statement:

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#### "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."

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