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Great Things Are Happening

November 2021







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

**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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**UGMBC Office Hours** 

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

#### **Friday**

Contact Sis. Jan Scott for an appointment.



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer by phone - 12:20 p.m.

> E-Manna Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 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".









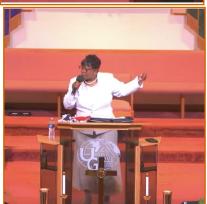








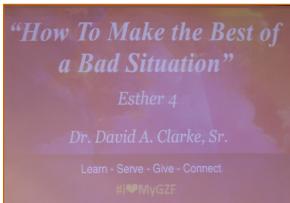
















How you can make the most of a bad situation:

- 1) Be sorrowful, but don't settle.
- 2) Communicate to collaborate.
- 3) Accept God's providence behind your position.
- 4) When they go low, you go fast.
- 5) Be courageous and take initiative.
- 6) Speak up.
- 7) Fight back.

















"Sometimes, waiting can keep you from winning."



## Elder Rashee Ragin

2 Samuel 6

#### Three Points:

- 1. There is an inheritance to your praise.
- 2. Some will never be there. You have to tell them how it was to be there.
- 3. When you praise out of the moment, it gives hope.

























How did Joseph make the best of his bad situation?

- 1. God was with him.
- 2. God was with him and showed out on his behalf.
- 3. God was with him and made his work successful.

























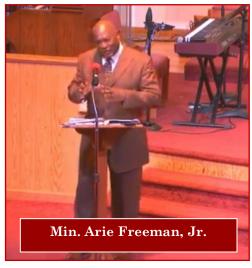
First Lady and Sis. Jones presented gifts of appreciation to Pastor Clarke and Assistant Pastor Madison as well as the other members of the ministerial staff.

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## $\sim$ Preparing the "Grab-N-Go" treat bags $\sim$

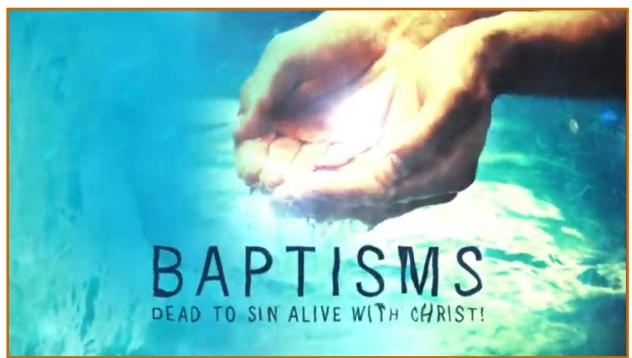


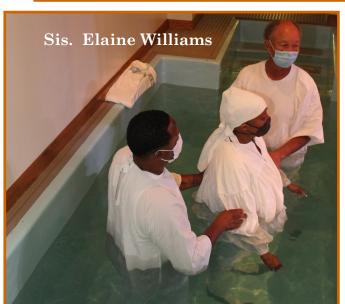






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## ~ Financial Corner ~

#### LET'S GIVE THANKS!



Halloween is over and the "holiday season" is upon us.

November is a special time of year. We vote on the 1st Tuesday of each November for our local, state and sometimes national offices (I trust all of you that were eligible, cast your vote.), we celebrate Veterans Day, and we celebrate Thanksgiving.



**Medicare** open enrollment time continues through Dec 7th. Time to see if the plan Sister Wanda Verrett you have still matches your health needs. If not, it is time to switch. Do not get scammed by all these people calling. You make the call or go to the website you want to check out.

Healthcare Open enrollment for 2022 started November 1, and runs through December 15, 2021. This is an opportunity to review the healthcare plan you have and determine if you need to switch plans. See if you qualify for savings on the Marketplace Insurance. More people qualify than you think. If you are a government retiree and you kept your health insurance, it's also a time to compare plans.

The official date for Veterans Day is November 11th. We honor all those who have served in the military, during war or peace, living or dead. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. Let us all say a prayer of thanks for them.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (ESV) Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Thanksgiving Day is almost here. Start by writing down the things you are most thankful for. I put a list on my refrigerator, so I see it daily. If you plan to travel, get your vehicle checked out before you start out on any long trips. You may end up paying twice as much on the road for a repair you could have gotten at home. Before you leave home, adjust your thermostat. Push it down a few degrees. **Don't turn off the heat**. It will take more energy to reheat your home than you save.

Time for family, food, fun, and last-minute shopping. If you are hosting, stick to your food budget. Everything has gone up and there is nothing wrong with asking those relatives/friends who live nearby to bring a dish. Those who cannot cook can bring paper goods, cleaning supplies, etc. **Do not be** too proud!

Thanksgiving is followed by Black Friday. Be careful. Watch out for the bait and switch. One item is advertised, the store only has a limited amount, but "We have a similar item for just a little more."

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## ~ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ OCTOBER'S FALL 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.

Fall weather is finally arriving and we continue to praise God for all the blessings and favor He brings into our lives. Likewise, it is a pleasure to monthly bring you the recap of each unit lesson. We give thanks to God for keeping us safe and allowing us to gather in this building again. He continues to do marvelous things and we look forward to Greater Things Happening in our church and family. For the month of October Elder Dinkins and Minister Freeman facilitated the lessons. We are still examining the internal working of God in the lives of His chosen vessels using as a theme: Faith on Trial. Unit I was titled Learning God's Holiness; and Unit 2 was titles, Seeing God's Faithfulness and as we wrap up Unit 2, we concluded the month with Unit 3 Taking God Seriously.

#### Unit 2: seeing god's faithfulness:

The theme of this quarter is Faith on Trial. It is our faith that is on trial. God will always be faithful, but we fall short at times. This unit covers the many times God faithfully fulfilled the needs of His chosen people. We see that even when we are not faithful to God, God remains faithful to us. God will always keep His promise. We all have been found guilty at some point not trusting and relying on God. Even doing those time God have mercy on us and continually shows His faithfulness. We have the hindsight of looking back in our own lives and see what God has done and is doing in the present.

Lesson 1: Complaints About Manna: There was a mixed multitude of people complaining. During the Exodus from Egypt there were other race of people in the gathering. Some were recalling what they had back in Egypt. Doing the same thing every day and eating the same meal every day can get tiresome. But in the case of the Children of Israel, they were a people constantly on the move. God provided them with what was needed to sustain them every day. They did not have to plant or cultivate the land for food, God made it readily available every day. Yet that wasn't good enough. (1.) When others don't know what you know, don't go along with them. Set yourself apart. You have seen what God can do. (2.) Don't exaggerate your situation. You might not like it but it is keeping you alive. Trust God because he knows best. (3.) When God put you in charge don't complain. God knows what he is doing, and he picks the right person for the right job. Do what God has called you to do. You are in His hands and under His protection. You must remain faithful. You can trust God to protect you and be your shelter. (4.) God understand our limitations and He shows us mercy and grace. He will always be the solution to our problems. Remember we are all accountable to God for our own actions.

Lesson 2: God Sends Quail and Plague: This mixed multitude of people is still causing problems. God provided help for Moses in dealing with the people. God heard Moses' cry for help and God provided assistance for him. Seventy elders were empowered to help Moses. They were empowered with the Holy Spirit but it did not diminish Moses responsibility. He was still the chosen leader. The people were constantly complaining about meat so God provided quail for them. The gathered the quail, cooked it, and began eating, but because they had angered God, while they were eating God sent a plague that killed the people while they were yet eating. (1.) God know we cannot do all things on our own that's when He steps in and gives us what we need to accomplish the task. (2.) Even when God sends us help, He still expect us to fulfill our responsibility as the leader. (3.) Constant bickering and complaining will get God's attention. God will sometime fulfill our request, but we have to live with the consequences. In this case the consequence was death. God will always be faithful and we must be grateful for all He has and is doing.

Lesson 3: Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses: Miriam and Aaron directly challenged Moses. What was the real reason why Miriam and Aaron opposed Moses? The author starts by saying they were upset because Moses married an Ethiopian woman, a Cushite woman. We also find they were upset because of Moses' position of authority. Moses did not respond to this sibling rivalry. God took care of it immediately. We will stand in judgment when we oppose God's elect. Moses intercedes for Miriam when she was stricken with leprosy. It can be assumed that Miriam was the primary instigator because Aaron was not punished then, but his judgment will come later.

(1.) Jealousy and betrayal can destroy the body of Christ. (2.) Many times we forget our own shortcoming and focus only on the shortcomings of others. (3.) Do be jealous of another person's position. Do your best in your position. A title does not mean that person is more important than you. (4.) Sometime opposition will come from within your own family. God choses those whom He can depend on to be faithful and trustworthy in fulfilling His commands.

Lesson 4: The Mission of the Twelve Spies: We all have missions to perform in life and some of these missions are dangerous. These twelve men had a seriously important, and dangerous mission. Going into hostile enemy territory to spy. The people requested Moses send spies to explore the land. This was not God's intention. Mixed reports came back to the people from ten (10) of the men. Even though it was a good land, the report was that giants lived in the land and the Israelites would be destroyed. Joshua and Caleb wanted to go and possess the land, but the people refused. (1.) We should be confident when God calls us to do a job. (2.) God will provide us with all we need to be successful. (3.) When God is one your side you will be victorious. God had faithful accomplished what He promised. They were at the border and God was with them, yet they lacked faith. They fail to trust God to complete what he had started. (4.) There is no room for lack of faith when God calls you to a mission.

#### **Unit 3: Taking God Seriously:**

Lesson 1: Rebellion of the People: The Golden Text of the lesson sums up the intent of the people. Don't rebel against God and you have no need to be afraid. God is with you and the people you are afraid of are helpless prey. Yet the people complained and cried out to return to Egypt. Because the majority of the people believed the exaggerated report and refused to conquer the land God became very angry. He was ready to kill them all right then. Moses interceded for the people and God relented. Even with all that the people wanted to do to Moses, Caleb and Joshus, he still wanted what was best for them. God's judgment was still upon the people because of their lack of faith, their lack of trust. They constantly provoked God. (1.) Things may look bad from a human perspective, but with God all things are possible. (2.) When we rebel against God, we become His enemy. (3.) When you are doing everything God commands, you will still face persecution. (4.) When you have done all that God requires continue to STAND on God's word.

In November we continue with Unit 3 Taking God Seriously.

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

Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.



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Sis. Jackie Powell



As we approach Thanksgiving, we should realize how fortunate we are in having a heavenly Father in our life. Due to this acknowledgement, we know that it is because of Him we are blessed.

We, of course, can thank the Lord for all things positive in our life. But I want to express how thankful I am to be a member of Union Grove. When my mother and I relocated to Georgia from W.Va. in 1988, we had to find a church to worship in. After visiting several churches we finally made the decision to join Union Grove.

One of the main reasons was the friendliness of the pastor at that time. Rev. Bobby Smith called us to welcome us to the church and expressed the desire for us to join. With that, I wish to relate why I believe that Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church is the best church in Georgia. We know that this is my opinion, but I will take this opinion and make it a fact by giving supporting details for my feelings.

The members play an important role in people choosing to join this magnificent church. Once you become a member you will be exposed to different opportunities to express yourself in positive ways. The choir often sings the song, Lord, You Are Good. What a powerful testimony! If singing or playing a musical instrument is not your strong point, I would like to relate a few opportunities that you might choose in order to tell others how thankful you are to be in the Grove Zone. Please forgive me if I omit some contributions that are made by the members that keep the church growing. We are blessed to have our lead pastor and the assistant pastor to interpret biblical scripture to the congregation. We are thankful to have a group of associate ministers to call upon if need be. The Sunday School teachers have the same job description as the ministers for they deliver the word with a strong record of commitment to those in attendance. We're also blessed to have deacons and deaconesses that are there for the members when we have a personal problem. I am thankful to have a caring deacon and deaconess Monroe and Shirley Clark looking after me especially with my losing my mother and baby brother. We're blessed to have church secretaries that handle the church office's daily operations like the finances. They're there to help the pastor with clerical duties. They are there when the GTAH is duplicated for the members to read. Of course we, who contribute to our newsletter, enjoy preparing articles for the members. With the coming of the virus we are thankful for the custodian in the church for they ensure the cleanliness of the church. We are thankful for the member who check our temperature and ensure we're wearing a mask when we enter. We are also thankful for the ushers who welcome the visitors and members each Sunday. We always feel blessed and safe due to the security team. Those who belong to the nurse's guild are there to assist anyone that needs help during the services. I'm sure we were thankful for the media team who made sure we are able to follow the service online. We are thankful for the members who make Union Grove Baptist Church a great church.

Although Thanksgiving Day always ends, our expressions of thankfulness to God should continue throughout our daily lives.

### **Union Grove Healthcare Ministry**

Minister Earnestine Thompson, Leader

November 2021

Stand still let God move, he is a giver of salvation, he is awesome, praise his holy name. He will always love you so we should always love and trust him. We are facing times we have never faced before. The PANDEMIC has a lot of people in an up-roar. People are hurting so we need to keep them in prayer. We do not need approval of others to do God's work, just trust and believe in him because he is a miracle worker.

October 24th was beautiful Pink Worship Service. We would like to thank the Healthcare Ministry for beautiful and loving gifts they sponsored for the congregation. Thanks to all Healthcare members that participated. The pink gifts and pink outfits were awesome.

Early detection saves lives, breast cancer screenings are important for all. Regular screenings can find breast cancer in its early stages, when it's easiest to treat and our chances of survival are the highest. So, let us take care of our bodies, we need it to do the work of the Lord.

The Covid virus is still alive. The state of Georgia is now 50% fully vaccinated, let us keep up working on encouraging others to get vaccinated. Our lives will get better if everyone will go ahead and get their vaccination ASAP. Great is his name, we are nothing without God. Most powerful thing we can easy say is with God all things are possible, we can say with God I can do anything, yes you can keep those smiles going if you live for God and give him all praises he deserves. Remember to stay masked up, socially distanced, and wash your hands regularly.

The Union Grove Healthcare Ministry wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe one if you are traveling to visit family members and friends. Do not forget to give God thanks for all he has done for you and for the hands that prepared your Thanksgiving meal. Do not forget to thank God for all other blessings he has restored to you.



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## Union Grove Man-Talk Bible Study and Fellowship



## **Union Grove Men's Ministry**

Meets monthly via Zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Brother Leroy Frazier, Ministry Leader

## The Men's Ministry's Walk, Bike, and Fellowship ~ Winter Schedule ~

We'll meet Thursdays 9:AM
at the new
Warner Robins
Parks & Recreation Facility
900 N. Houston Road
Warner Robins, GA 31093



Whether you come to walk, or sit and chat, you are always welcome to join us for the fellowship.

Loose fitting clothing Your Favorite water bottle coffee mug	
Comfortable Shoes	A snack: orange, banana, etc.
Face Mask	"Charged phone" w/earphones
Pedometer/Log	Hand towel/Sanitizer

Sign-up for the free membership ID.

A \$1.00 fee is charged to use the indoor track.

Point of Contacts: Brother Ray Shelton Activity Coordinator

Call or Text: 954-253-7768, or

Brother Leroy Frazier UG Men's Ministry Leader Call or Text: 757-334-3768 Page 20 GTAH

## Congratulations

2021 Golden Achiever of the Year



Suser Rosa Tharpe

## 2021 Honorees



Elder Milo Bradley



Bro. Bobby Jackson



Deacon Charles Lenoir

## **YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEKEND**

**NOVEMBER 20TH** 

6:30PM-8:30PM

RIGBY'S TAKEOVER!



#### **NOVEMBER 21ST**

10:15AM

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR SPECIAL GUEST!

▲ Youth-Black

Flava-Blue

Motivators-Green

E Golden Achievers-White

For more information, contact Min. Marble @478-227-5814







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THANK YOU!

DEACON CURTIS

&
SHIRLEY JACKSON



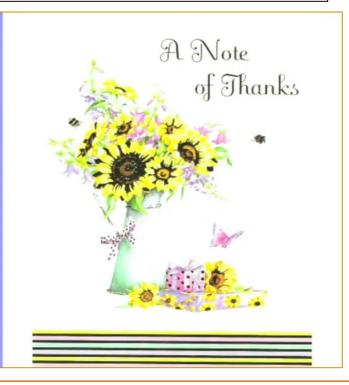
#### ~ To Thank Each One of You ~

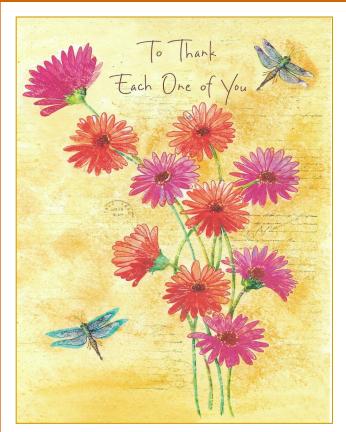
Knowing people nice as you gives life a brighter touch, And so, to each and all of you - thanks very, very much!

Pastor Clarke & First Lady, and my U.G. family, I truly want to thank you all for thinking of me and my family during our time of need. Your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness were truly appreciated.

Love, Deacon Curtis & Shirley Jackson.

THANK YOU!
- WANDA VERRETT



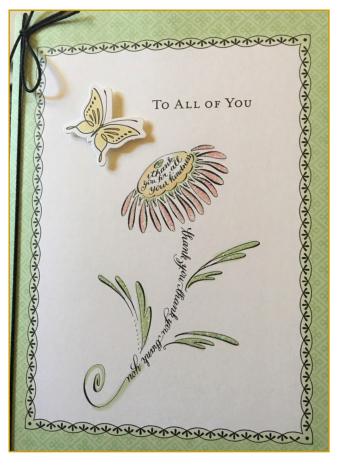


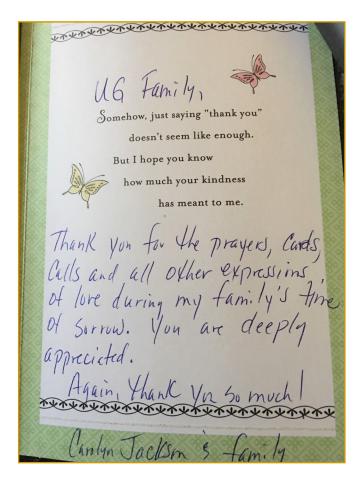
#### ~ To Thank Each One of You ~

To Pastor Clarke and my Grove Zone Family: I appreciate everyone for the prayers, and phone calls during my time in the hospital.

Knowing people as nice as you gives life a brighter touch. And so, to each and all of you, thanks very, very much!

Sis. Marie Newell





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On behalf of the Outreach Ministry, we want to thank EVERYONE who helped make the community Grab-N-Go event an awesome event. The Grove Zone Family came together before and during the event and we believe the community was blessed and God was glorified! Thank you again and God bless each of you!!

Min. Jones

### Veterans at the Vectr Center in Warner Robins

(Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center)



## Thank You For Your Service!!!



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### WARNER ROBINS SAMPLE BALLOT General Election Runoff NOVEMBER 30, 2021

This SAMPLE BALLOT contains all races and questions to appear on the General Election Runoff ballot.

To confirm your voter registration, where to vote or view your specific sample ballot:

- Secretary of State My Voter Page: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
- Download the GA Votes App on your smartphone or tablet
- · Scan the QR code to the right
- Contact the Board of Elections Office, 2030 Kings Chapel Rd, Perry Phone: 987-1973 Website: www.houstoncountyga.org



#### Early voting at:

- · Board of Elections office
- Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center

To view the full early voting schedule visit one of the above websites or contact our office.

#### For Mayor (Vote for One)

- LaRhonda W. Patrick
- Randy Toms (Incumbent)

#### \*\* Warner Robins Mayoral Race \*\*

Early voting will only be for three days: November 22, 23, and 24, 2021

- At the Houston Health Pavilion on North Houston Road from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- At the Board of Elections, 2030 Kings Chapel Road, Perry, GA

#### \*\* Run-off Election Day \*\*

November 30, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(at your regular precinct and at the Board of Elections)
If you have questions, contact Deacon Jerome Stephens at (478) 447-0251





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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving



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Assistant Pastor

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Elder Rashee Ragin

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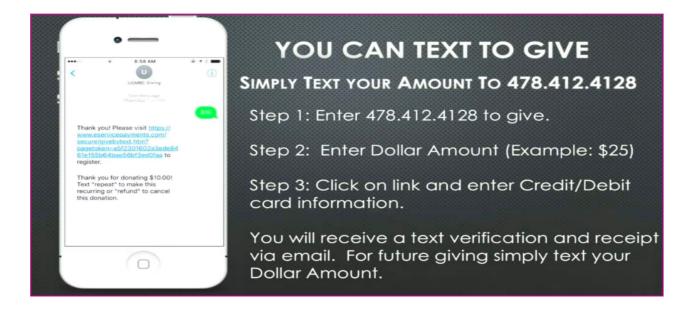


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#### Nursing Home & Hospitals

#### The Lodge

Sis. Maggie Bradley #205A

#### Shamrock Nursing & Rehab Center (Dublin VA)

Elder Milo Bradley, Jr.



#### ~ In Memoriam ~

Sis. Barbara Jean Miller, (Min. Arie Freeman's sister)
Bro. Glenn Jackson, (Sis. Carolyn Jackson's brother)

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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 or bus service at this time.

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## **Newsletter Submissions**

If you have submissions for the December issue please forward them via e-mail to GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com or call (478) 542-1739 by Saturday, December 4, 2021. If you would like to receive the GTAH via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address.

Please continue to 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."

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