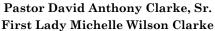
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Great Things Are Happening

October 2021









Assistant Pastor Teddy Madison Lady Jae' Madison

Established In 1887



Under a Bush Harbor

~ 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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~ Church Historical Overview ~

"We, the current members of the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, pay tribute to those of the past and present who strongly influenced the planning of

the church. Through their consecrated service, continued prayers, and spiritual and physical contributions, our church has progressed greatly. In retrospect, one might visualize the first members as a band of God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians with a mission to serve God in spirit and in truth.

In the year of our Lord 1887, these members gathered under a bush harbor located on a tract of land adjacent to Highway 247. This land was approximately on block north of Green Street, Post Office Box B. These spirit-filled members gathered to give thanks and to praise God for their many blessings. This assembly sparked the onset of Union Grove as a place of worship in a small farming town in Georgia called Wellston, which is known currently as Warner Robins. As the membership grew, the space under the bush harbor was inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation. To accommodate this need, in 1887, R.W. and J.W. Johnson granted land to Union Grove for public worship."

Information taken from "We Have Come This Far By Faith". (Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. History Book, 1887 - 2002, Volume 1)



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.





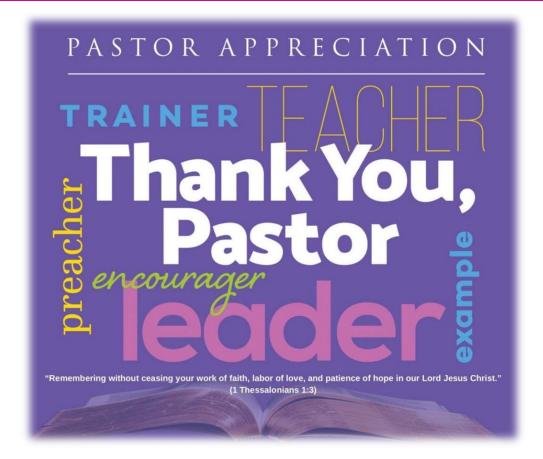
~ VISION STATEMENT ~

"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".















2021 $\sim HOMECOMING \sim$

"The Race Continues"

Philippians 3:4-14??

Pastor Bobby L. Smith

































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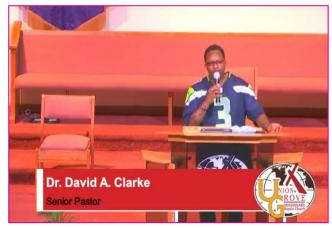


How can we feel good about our church?





- 1) Dwell on the thoughts of your church family that give you joy and make you grateful.
- 3) Expect God to finish what he started in your family.4) You should have a right to feel the way you do about your church.
- 5) Pray for love to overflow in your church family.
- 2) Your church membership should reflect God's "why" driving your life.











How do we shine?

- 1) Harmony empowers us to shine.
- 2) Humility empowers us to shine.
- 3) Holiness empowers us to shine.
- 4) Honor empowers us to shine.









Page 10 ~ CHURCH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT SUNDAY ~ G. T. A. H.



"Focus And Keep It Moving" Philipp. 3:5-14 Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr. Learn - Serve - Give - Connect ## MyGZF

Focus on:

- 1) Taking advantage of adversity.
- 2) The purpose of Christ's possession.
- 3) A vision of victory.























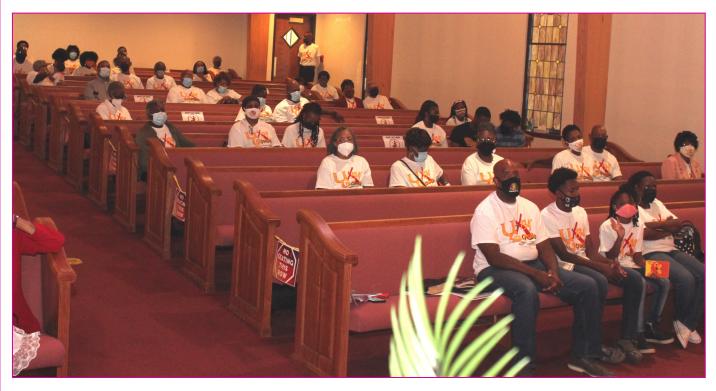












"Transcending My Transgressions"

Psalms 51:10
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

Learn - Serve - Give - Connect

























~ Financial Corner ~

FALL IS FINALLY HERE!



Sister Wanda Verrett

Well, it's finally October and the temperature has finally made a downward turn. We're never satisfied. We're either too hot or too cold. What's happening in October?

Open season for Medicare starts October 15th and ends December 7th. Medicare is health insurance for: • People 65 or older • Certain people under 65 with disabilities • People of any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant)

If you will be turning sixty-five in the next few months, you have been bombarded with numerous calls and mailings offering assistance with your Medicare plan. It can be overwhelming. It's difficult to know what your needs will be in the future. Life can change in an instant. Medicare has several parts.

- a. Part A covers hospitalization (Mandatory at age 65) This is provided at no charge if you paid into the Medicare system while you were working.
- b. Part B covers doctors and other health care. Most people pay the standard Part B premium amount.
- c. Part C is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D. Plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare. Most plans offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover—like vision, hearing, and dental services.
- d. Part D covers the cost of prescription drugs (including many recommended shots or vaccines) Run by private insurance companies that follow rules set by Medicare May help lower your drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future.

You can change your enrollment in Medicare health and drug plans during this time. Things to consider:

- a. What are my general healthcare needs?
- b. What medication, if any, am I on consistently?
- c. What have my out-of-pocket expenses been this year?
- d. What's available next year?
- e. If I'm still working, do I need to enroll in Medicare. Should I stay covered by my employer's plan?

If you have further questions, or need some assistance, feel free to contact me.

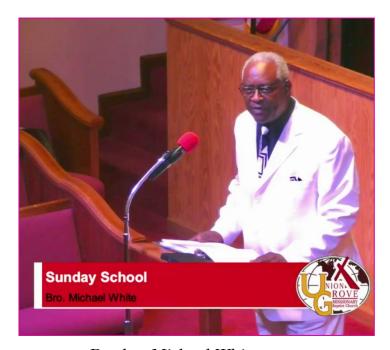
The 2nd Monday in October is designate as **Columbus Day.** The original meaning was that Columbus discovered America in 1492; however, we know that there were already people in the Americas when he sailed here thinking he was in the Indies. Teach truth to your children about our nation's history. It's not canceled culture, but correct culture.

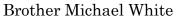
Other things to celebrate in October: National Southern Cuisine Day (11th); National Gumbo Day (12th), National Chocolate Day (18th) National New Friends Day (19th).



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Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.



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~ Adult Sunday School ~ September Re-cap

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.

Our study presented a series of failure of God's people. We get to see how God deals with us because of our failures. God's response is not always the same in every instance. But God is consistent and just in His dealing with His people. God knows that it takes time for us to understand His ways, but God is longsuffering, patient and kind. His love for us is larger than our failures. For the month of September Brother Michael White and Minister Arie Freeman facilitated the lessons. We are examining the Faithfulness of God and His internal working in the lives of His children using as a theme: Faith on Trial. Unit I was titled Learning God's Holiness; and Unit 2 was titled, Seeing God's Faithfulness and as we wrap up Unit 2, we concluded the month with Unit 3 Taking God Seriously.

Unit 1: learning god's holiness:

This unit covers laws governing holiness and the consequences of our failure. Holiness refers to the absolute purity of God. Holiness is thinking as God thinks and God's will becomes our will. Holiness is about understanding the heart and mind of God. This unit shows how God established His holiness before the Jewish people as they journeyed through the Wilderness heading to the Promise Land after their deliverance from Egypt.. Isaiah 6:3 declares "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty. In this unit we got a first hand look at God's holiness and the consequences when we violate and ignore the purity of God.

Lesson 1: Ordination of Aaron and His Sons: God speaks to Moses and gives him the process required for the ordination of Aaron and His sons. Aaron and his sons were called by the God to be priests. He made sure the people knew what was happening by having Moses assemble them at the tabernacle. The priest had to be properly cleansed and attired. Moses washed them signifying they could not cleanse themselves of their sin and neither can we. Only God can do that. They had to be properly attired with garments. This was not just for show but for worship and it set them apart from the people. God made sure everything needed was ready for the ceremony. All of this was ordained by the Lord. Moses anointed the tabernacle and all that was within in order to sanctify them. This signified they were set apart for the service of the Lord. Aaron was clothed in his priestly garments and anointed as High Priest then his sons. As believers in Christ, we must clothe ourselves in righteousness and obedience. (1.) We must have a thorough understanding of what God requires. (2.) God does not leave anything undone. He will provide what is needed to carry out His plan. (3.) We must be willing and open to the leading of the Lord. (4.) We must follow God's standards of holiness and faithfulness.

Lesson 2: Death of Nadab and Abihu: Nadab and Abihu were the sons of Aaron. They did not always do the things required by God. Because they did not follow the prescribed order God had laid out and what they did was not pleasing in God's sight. Some may say that this was really harsh punishment, but God's judgment is always appropriate. God's judgment will always rest upon those who violate

His holiness. God was very specific in what He requires. The actions of Aaron's sons were not what God had commanded and were not authorized. Aaron was not allowed to mourn, for what had happened was justified. The anointing never left Aaron, for God was with him throughout this ordeal. (1). God will hold you accountable for your action. (2). Judgment will come and it will be appropriate. (3.) The punishment may seem harsh, but it is just. (4). God will always remain true to His Word, and He will equip and empower us for whatever service we are called to perform. God is looking for faithful and obedient servants.

Lesson 3: The Day of Atonement: A time of reconciliation. A time of repentance and deliverance from sin. The Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur is a sacrificial time to God under the Mosaic covenant. It is the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. It was God's way of reconciling Israel back to Him. It was the only way to be forgiven for sin and to be able to receive God's blessings. Aaron's two sons have just been killed and now he has to present the burnt offering and sin offering in the Temple. The burnt offering is the ram and the sin offering is the goat. (1.) Aaron has to be properly attired to perform this ritual. Preparation is a must. The right clothing and the required items for the sacrifice. There is a proper way to enter into the presence of the God. (2.) The burnt offering, the ram, is an animal sacrificed on the altar and the two male goats for the sin offering. One of the goats will be the scapegoat which will be released into the wilderness carrying the sin of the people. This was determined by casting lots. Jesus is our Scapegoat. He took on the sins of the world. (3.) Animals were sacrificed as payment for our sins. Jesus paid the ultimate prize on Calvary when he died on that Old Rugged Cross for the sins on mankind. (4.) The Day of Atonement points to God's forgiveness and love for mankind. God has made it possible for us to be reconciled back to Him. God has done all of this to teach us about His holiness.

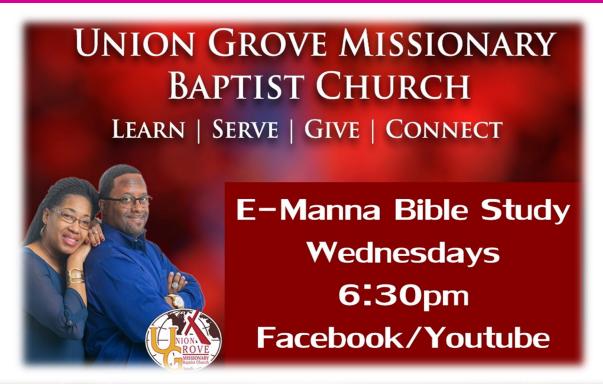
Lesson 4: A Blasphemer Stoned: This lesson should serve as a reminder that we should never mock or disrespect God. We are instructed in Exodus 20 to never take the name of the Lord in vain. This man was of mixed heritage, and Israelite mother and an Egyptian father. He was considered Jewish because of his mother. He was in trouble because he killed a fellow Jew and he cursed God. Both of the offensives carried the penalty of death. The people had to wait until Moses heard from God and the verdict was rendered. God's standards apply to everyone, and sin always has consequences. It is the duty of the community to root sin when possible. Everyone living in the community has that responsibility. Sin affects everyone. In today's lesson, sin affected the man, those who heard him, and the whole congregation. We must be committed and accountable to serving God in holiness. Points to remember (1). It is always good to wait to hear from God. (2). God as a plan and a purpose for everything that is in His Word. (3). God's punishment will always be just. (4). God will never change, and he will treat us all the same. (5). God does not show favoritism.

In October we start a new unit, Seeing God's Faithfulness.

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.

Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

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Five things that speak of an Exceptional Church:

- 1) When it is unique in at least one way it supports Ministry.
- 2) When it prioritizes partnerships that produce changed lives.
- 3) When it seeks fruitfulness outside its own four walls.
- 4) When it demonstrates kindness that advances the kingdom.
- 5) When its stewardship of resources reaps rewards from heaven.



"Exceptional Church"

"I'd Rather Be Dead"

Philippians 1:21

* Weapons of Warfare *

- 1) Appreciation for support.
- 2) Asseveration to glorify the savior.
- 3) Determination to be a blessing.
- 4) Expectation to abide.



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"How Are Y'all Doing?"

Philippians 2:19-30

Standards

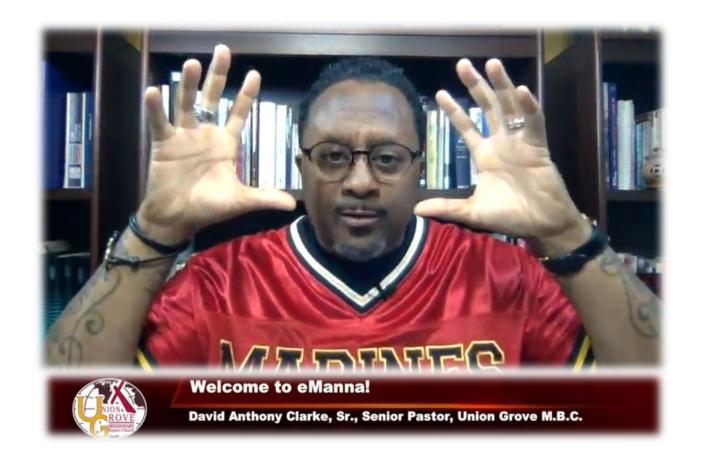
Standards matter. We all have standards for churches.

Standards can have a lot to do with your success.

We must have high standards.

- Harmony
- Humility
- Holiness
- Honor





"How To Fight Back Against Anxiety."

Philippians 4:4-8

- 1) Rejoicing (in the Lord) regardless; always; relentlessly
- 2) Moderation
- 3) Prayer and supplication
- 4) Thanksgiving





"We Fall Down, But We Get Up"

During the Bible Study with my siblings last Friday, I asked them to suggest what I could share with my brothers and sisters at Union Grove. My sister-in-law suggested that since the season has changed to Fall, also known as Autumn, maybe I could discuss how we "fall" as Christians. When we define Fall as a noun, it refers to a season where there is a change in nature. Leaves will fall from the trees; the weather is cooler, and nighttime comes sooner. As a verb it means to drop oneself to a lower position. That might be compared to what happens to some followers of Jesus. Just as plants

become dormant in the Fall, we also become dormant when we disconnect from God. The Fall is a term used in Christianity to describe the transition of the first man and woman from a state of innocent obedience to God to a state of guilty disobedience. Today, it also describes when we as Christians "fall" by sinning. At times it may refer to the problems we endure in life. However, as Pastor Clarke demonstrated such in his sermon on September 26, entitled, "Focus and Keep on Moving", he stated that we must stay focused when we endure problems in our life. Employing Philippians 3:5-14, he shared the life of Paul while he was in prison. Paul endured many trials during this time. As Pastor Clarke shared with us, Paul could not worship like we do at the Grove Zone. Although he was chained, he wrote letters and continued to stay focused and grow. Pastor Clarke asked us, "How did Paul keep on growing?" Answer: he stayed focused. How many of us would continue to "grow" if we are incarcerated?

Pastor Clarke said we must forget the past and take advantage of the adversities. How many of us when we face trials, struggles or problems think/believe it's God's fault and pull away from him? Our "fall" from our all-powerful Father should help us to take advantage and, as Pastor Clark said, "Grow". This "growth" might be in the form of a new job, better relationship and improved health. If we stay focused, we will forget about the past and as Pastor Clark emphasized, see victory!

As we grow, it's wonderful to know that God is always working in the lives of Christians. He is faithful. When we, His children fall, He will pick us up and dust us off. He will never forsake His faithful ones and with His mighty right hand He will hold us up. He knows what we need, and He knows what we're going through.

Sister Jackie Powell



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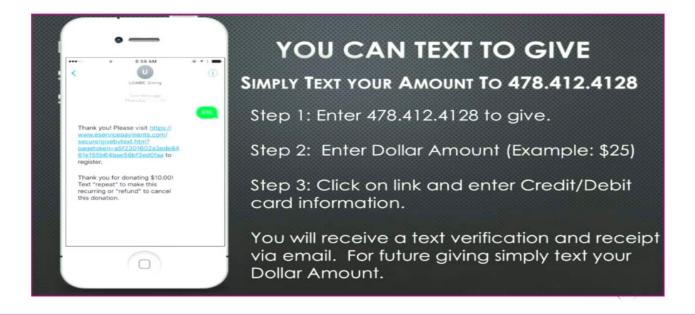








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PRAYER BY PHONE UPDATE



SUNDAY SCHOOL/WORSHIP

New Phone Number: 267-807-9495 New Code: 492349889

Join us Wednesdays at 12:20pm

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Thursday, October 28, 7pm
Zoom Meeting

Ministry Reports are due to Sis. Scott by Tuesday, October 26 at 5pm



MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

November 2, 2021

EARLY VOTING

BOARD OF ELECTIONS & HOUSTON HEALTH PAVILION CONF

Oct 12 - Oct 15 (Tues-Fri) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Oct 16 (Sat) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Oct 18 - Oct 22 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Oct 23 (Sat) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Oct 25 - Oct 29 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information call: 478-987-1973









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Michael Jones Clifford Holmes, Jr. (Incumbent)

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. If necessary, a run-off election will be held on November 30, 2021.



Grove Zone family,

We will have "Grab-N-Go" treats for the community on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Here's how you can support:

- 1) Donate candy.
- 2) Help decorate the carport in the back of the church.
- 3) Help fill treat bags.

If you have questions or if you're interested in supporting this ministry event, please contact Minister Jones at 703.789.2651 or <u>ecjcpt@aol.com</u>.



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Charlie & Margie Tuck 52 years



The Jacksons 58 years

Happy Anniversary!!!

~ Ministerial Staff ~

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



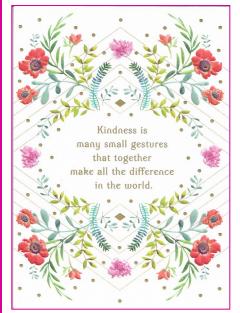


The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 33:5

Dear Pastor Clarke,

I wanted to take time out to let you all know how appreciative I am to have received that beautiful card and monetary gift. I am progressing daily, and I am very happy to have seen another chapter in life, 56 years old. Once again, I thank you Pastor Clarke & 1st Lady Michelle and the UGMBC family for all you guys do.

Shelia M. Lunsford



Kindness is many small gestures that together make all the difference in the world.

To Pastor Clarke & my Union Grove Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes. Thank you also for the beautiful fruit basket and tasty too, that I received during my time of healing.

God Bless You All!

Mrs. Fannie L Smith



"Because of you, there's someone who is thanking God today,

Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way.

Someone who's remembering the special things you do.

And wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through."

Hello Union Grove Family,

Thanks for all of the love you have shown us as we relocated back to Louisiana. You will never be forgotten and will always be remembered.

Our love always,

Donald & Maxine Woodard



Dear Union Grove Family,

Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can say.

Thank you,

The Jarvis, Lane, & McCain Family





Thank you!

To Pastor Clarke and the UGMBC Family

Bless you for the little things you do in thoughtful ways.

Bless you for the way you've brightened up so many days.

Bless you for your giving heart, as kind as it can be.

Bless you in a thousand ways for truly blessing me.

Deacon & Sister Monroe Clark & Family

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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 ~

Brother Robert Murphy

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

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Please continue to be safe!!!



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"To aide others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words."



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