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*(Great Things Are Happening)*

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Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



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Lady Jae' Madison



*Happy Mother's Day*

## 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 Office Hours**

**Monday (closed)**

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

**\* Closed for lunch - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. \***

**\*\* Finance Office closed on Fridays \*\***

**Intercessory Prayer**

Sunday, 8:35 a.m.

**Sunday School**

9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday**

**E-Manna Bible Study**

7:00 p.m.

**Friday**

**Prayer by phone, 12:20 p.m.**

**\*\* For Medical Attention \*\***

**Contact the Nurse on Duty**  
**Minister Earnestine Thompson**  
**Sister Rosemary Rodgers**

**\*\* May Events \*\***

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|------|--|-------------------|
| 5-2  | Deacons/Deaconess Meeting, Annex/CC        | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-2  | Line Dancing Class, VC                     | 6:00 p.m.         |
| 5-3  | E Manna, Facebook/You Tube                 | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-4  | Ushers Meeting, CC                         | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-7  | Deadline to turn in Graduation Application |                   |
| 5-9  | Line Dancing Class. VC                     | 6:00 p.m.         |
| 5-10 | E Manna, Facebook/You Tube                 | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-11 | Healthcare Meeting, CC                     | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-13 | Golden Achievers Meeting. VC               | 12:00 p.m.        |
| 5-14 | <b>Mother's Day Celebration</b>            | <b>10:15 a.m.</b> |
| 5-15 | Heart 2 Heart Bible Study, VC              | 6:30 p.m.         |
| 5-17 | E Manna, Facebook/You Tube                 | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-20 | Ministers Meeting, VC                      | 9:00 a.m.         |
| 5-21 | Graduation Sunday                          | 10:15 a.m.        |
| 5-24 | E Manna, Facebook/You Tube                 | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 5-27 | Steedley Event, VC                         | 3:00 p.m.         |
| 5-31 | E Manna, Facebook, You Tube                | 7:00 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".*

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**HAPPY** *Mother's* **DAY**

*Join the Celebration*

**Sunday, May 14 @10:15AM**

*Thanks Mom.*

The graphic features a white wood-grain background. At the top, the words "HAPPY" and "DAY" are in a bold, red, sans-serif font, while "Mother's" is in a large, elegant, dark red cursive script. Below this, the phrase "Join the Celebration" is written in a smaller, dark red cursive font. The date and time "Sunday, May 14 @10:15AM" are prominently displayed in a bold, dark red sans-serif font. In the lower right corner, there is a photograph of two women smiling warmly. The woman on the left has her hair in a bun and is wearing a green and white striped shirt. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a red top. In the lower left corner, there are three pink tulips with green stems and leaves. At the bottom right, the words "Thanks Mom." are written in a dark red cursive font, overlaid on a pink tulip.



*Honoring and Remembering*

**MEMORIAL DAY**

*May 29, 2023*

*Church Office Closed May 30, 2023*

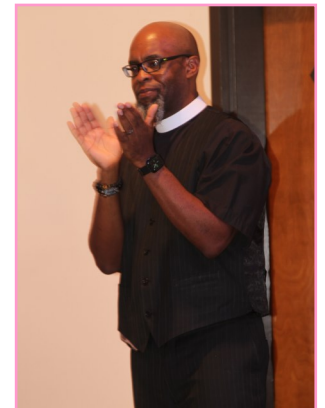
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*~ May is Mental Health Awareness Month ~*





*"The Tragedy Of A Lost Opportunity"*  
 Luke 19:41-44  
 Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr.  
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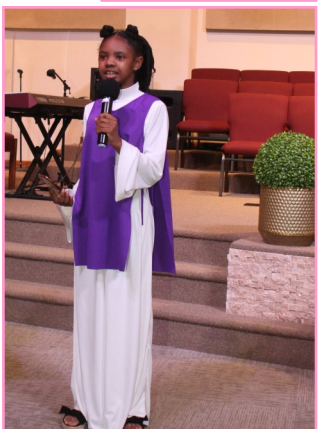
*"The Resurrection In Proper Perspective"*  
 1Cor. 15:12-22  
 Pastor Arthur Hicks  
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- 1) Birth
- 2) Death
- 3) Resurrection of Christ



*~ Easter Speeches ~*







*“What Happened?”*

Luke 24:12

Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr.

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### YOUTH RECOGNITIONS



ABIGAIL STEEDLEY



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JAZMINE GILBERT



JOJO STEEDLEY



SHANNON SMITH



TRINITY MADISON



Brother Damien

# BAPTISM

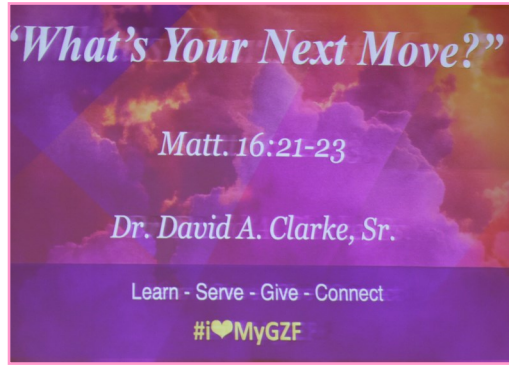


Sister Kelly

When you're in that place of bewilderment:

- 1) Walk away from the tomb.
- 2) Move forward when you get God's point of view of what you're going through.





God's Point of View:

Some troubles are necessary, some troubles are temporary, all of our troubles are to bring God glory.





**"When You Pray"**  
Matthew 6:5-8



**When you pray:**

- 1) Do so sincerely.
- 2) Do so privately.
- 3) Do so confidently.



**Prayer**  
Marie Anderson



**Praise & Worship**



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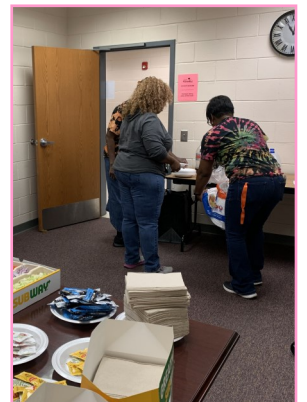
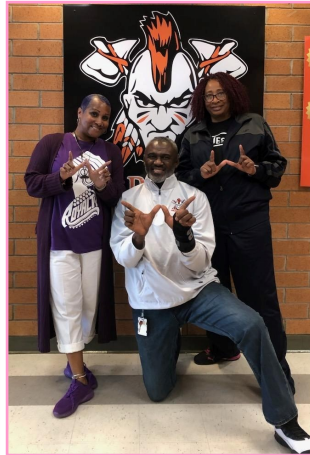


**Pastor Teddy Madison**





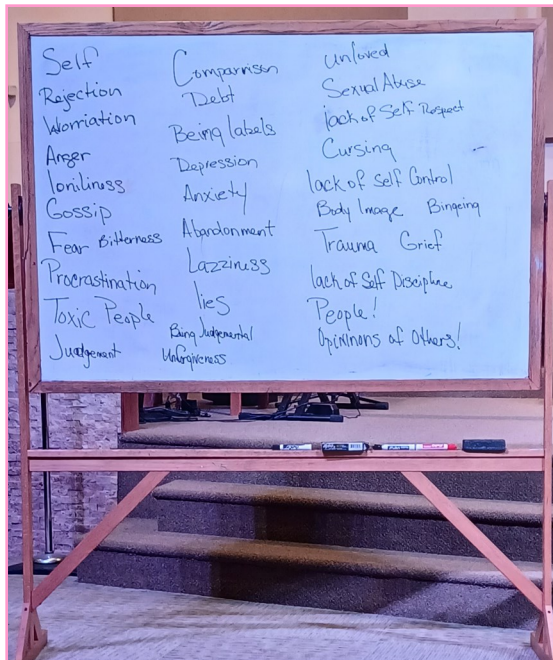
# ~ Warner Robins Middle School Appreciation ~



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# ~ H2H Women's Conference ~







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# H2H BINGO

Prizes: Designer Purses





# ~ H2H Color Party ~



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# ~ Easter Carnival ~



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# ~ Easter Carnival ~



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## ~ *Healthcare Ministry* ~

April 2023



April consists of several awarenesses we should know about. Here are a few 1) Alcohol Awareness 2) National Autism Awareness, 3) National Child Abuse Prevention 4) Occupational Therapy Month 5) Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Awareness Month. Did you know that your diet, stress levels, sleep habits and even time spent outdoors can impact your ability to stay healthy? Exercise is crucial, but we know that can be tough with chronic illness. Recent poll surveys showed 58% is chronic pain and fatigue, 48 % is common barriers to exercise. Don't let your challenges stop you from staying active. Talk to your doctors about what types of exercises that are best for you and how you can keep your immune system in shape.

Exercise with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) isn't a walk in the park, not even with psoriatic arthritis (PSA). Covid 19 has not gone away yet, it's stressful for people with chronic diseases and sometimes death. We have to stay motivated, active and exercise as we feel up to it. Make sure you're taking your medications because pain can happen immediately. Rest is important and so is movement. Sitting all day is not good for the body. Your doing too much time standing on your feet is not good either. You can participate in patient centered research to help track your symptoms, diseases activities and medications. Be sure to share them with your doctors.

Corinthians 5:7 says *"for we walk by faith not by sight,"* John 14:6 – *"Jesus is the way, the truth and the life."* So, we must take all our sickness and problems to him. Psalm 92:13 Those who are planted in house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Let's have strong faith in God no matter what we go thru he will see us thru. He wakes us up every day and blesses us. Praise God thru all your circumstances, he will keep his promises and do it again. Keep the faith and belief learn to spend more quiet time with the Lord because we all need personal relationship with our father. God will never leave you nor forsake you God loves you, you're not alone, you are special, and I thank God for what he has done for us.

I want to thank God for our Healthcare Ministry and team members for all the sacrificing they do to help protect our congregation every week and at every event sponsored by the church. We're always recruiting and looking for new members to help work this ministry.

Minister Earnestine Thompson and Minister Annie Lester are always in the back of the church after worship services if you're interested. Here are a few photos of activities in which our team members attended and participated.

I thank God for each of our team members, God is good.

*Minister Earnestine Thompson*







At the Easter Carnival



*Permission Night* and book signing with Dr. Jackie Greene



At Seminar at the Houston Pavilion





## ~ Financial Corner ~

### May is Here!



Sister Wanda Verrett

This year is moving right along. It's May 2023. Several things are happening this month. School is getting out for the summer, some of our children and grandchildren are graduating from high school and college, we celebrate Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. Let's break those down a little bit.

- a. School will soon be out for the summer. Those of you with school age children, are you prepared? Do you need to arrange and pay for childcare? Hire a high school student to watch your young ones. It will be cheaper than daycare, and you'll help a teenager earn some money. Get those extra meals ready. Stock up on bread at the day-old bread store. The bread is still good, just a little cheaper. They also have snacks. Buy breakfast and lunch meat in bulk. Peanut butter and jelly are make sandwiches. **Some** grandparents are free or almost free resources for the summer.
- b. When it comes to graduates, stick to your gift budget. You can spread the gifts out over the summer. Most will not be leaving for college until the fall. Just send a card if you can't afford a gift. This lets the graduate know you were thinking about them.
- c. Mother's Day is here. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother, she will understand if you can't afford an elaborate gift. Again, stick to your budget. Don't try to keep up with your siblings. At the end of the day, you are the one who must maintain your household.
- d. This brings us to Memorial Day. The official start of summer. Start planning your vacation now. Where will you go? It's okay not to go anywhere. I can tell you that we never took vacations when I was growing up. We stayed home and played in our own and our neighbors' yards. Plan stay-cations. You don't need to impress your kids or their friends.

Did we make good choices with our tax refunds or the upcoming Georgia tax rebate? Summer vacation is a great place to use that refund. Remember there's good debt and bad debt. Good debt brings a return, i.e., a home that appreciates, a car that provides transportation, an education that will support us for years to come. Use your refund/rebate for vacation only after you have:

- a. Paid off/on outstanding debt.
- b. Set up your retirement account.
- c. Set up your child's education fund. (Debt-free college is better than any vacation.)

**SCAM ALERT:** You have not won the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes if you must pay your taxes with a money card. If you didn't see the flowers and balloons outside your door, you have not won. Your taxes will be deducted from your winnings.





Setting : John 14:2-3 2 *“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*

Dear Children,

As you probably know, I’m here with my Daddy A.K.A. God and my other sisters, enjoying our days. I know Mother’s Day is coming soon and I know you all will be sad since we’re not there to celebrate with you, but rest assured, we’re all in a better place. Guess what, we were all discussing the fact that we wouldn’t be there with you but our Father gave us a great present with his praise of motherhood. Of course He said we all had great loving qualities but we told Him if it wasn’t for Him we wouldn’t have been the great mothers that we were down on earth.

During our time down there I can say all of us sisters were Godly women. How did I know that? Duh... Look at our home now.

I think the best attribute was that we know God. And because of this we wanted our children to be godly so we led the way. That is the only way we could pass on the values and qualities of a good child of God..

Our Father also praised us because of our loving qualities we showed. Because of our going to church we were blessed to all attend a church that taught the Word as stated in Proverbs 15:14 says, *“The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.”*

This can apply to anyone, but our Father said we mothers demonstrated this in our daily life and therefore were good stewards in our homes with our children. We mothers were our children’s first teachers so as stated in Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it.”* We mothers are watching you all from our Heavenly home and we’re throwing out our chest because you’re showing the ways of a Christian. We’re arguing playfully whose child is the best adult. Lol Please continue your walk with God and let us mothers stay proud forever. Hope to one day connect with you in our Heavenly home.

Take care and continue to praise our Father,

Mamas, Moms, Mothers

Reporter - Jacqueline Powell





## ~ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~

### APRIL 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

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

For the month of April, we continued with Unit 2 and the first two lessons of Unit 3 of the Spring Quarter dealing with the theme, **Jesus Pleases his Father**. During this unit. Unit 2 was titled **By His Sacrifice** and Unit 3 **By His Teachings**. We got to see how God used these men to deliver His message. For the month of April Elder Connie Dinkins and Minister Arie Freeman facilitated the lessons.

#### Unit 2: By His Sacrifice:

This unit focused on the great sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. His death, burial, and resurrection, (The Easter Story). Unit 2 began with **Lesson 5: Crucified for Sinners; Lesson 6: Risen from the Dead; Lesson 7: Proofs of the Resurrection; Unit 3 Lesson 8: The Bread of Life, and lastly Lesson 9: The Light of the World.**

**Lesson 5: Crucified for Sinners:** The focus of this lesson was on the crucifixion of Jesus. Two thieves were crucified along with Jesus. The people passing by mocked and shouted abuse. If you are the Son of God, come down and save yourself. Isaiah 53:3 stated, “He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief”. **Pt.1: He was treated as a criminal for Jesus had taken on all our sins.** He was mocked by the priest and other religious elders. Even one of the thieves ridiculed Jesus. **Pt.2: We must not let ridicule and mockery shake our faith. Hold on to Jesus.** At noon, darkness soon filled the whole area for three hours. Jesus then shouted with a loud voice “My God, why have you abandoned me”. The people were bewildered. They did not know what to think. **Pt.3: God cannot bear to look upon sin. Jesus felt abandoned because he had become sin for us.** Jesus shouted again and then gave up His spirit. Jesus willingly died for us. The earth shook, graves and tombs opened. Many godly men and women were raised from the dead and was seen by many people. **Pt.4: Jesus willingly died so that we might have everlasting life.** The curtain in the Temple was ripped giving us access to God. **Pt.5: Jesus’ death is what gives us free access to God.** The Roman officer and the other soldiers witnessed all that happened and remarked, “Truly this man was the Son of God”. Gentiles were able to believe what God’s chosen people refused to believe.

**Lesson 6: Risen from the Dead:** The focus of this lesson was on the resurrection of Jesus. The first part of Sunday School was speeches by our youth and a review of the Resurrection story. Mary Magdalene and other women went to the tomb early Sunday morning. They witnessed an empty tomb and was troubled. Mary ran and told Peter and John. They quickly ran to the tomb, John looked inside, Peter went inside. They saw the empty tomb, the burial clothing, and the neatly folded napkin which was on Jesus’ head. Afterward, they returned to the room and told the others. Later that evening while the disciples were in the locked room, Jesus appeared unto them. He showed them his hands and where he had been pierced, they were overjoyed that it was Jesus. **Pt.1: Those who serve God will witness His greatest wonders.** Mary Magdalene faithfully served Jesus. After her conversion she was a loyal follower and was the first to witness the empty tomb. **Pt.2: It takes some people a while to believe, while some see and believe.** John saw and believed. He believed, for he remembered what Jesus had said. **Pt.3: God will bring to our remembrance the thing He said.** They departed and went back to the room still somewhat confused about what was happening. They were alone in a locked room.

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**Pt.4: Jesus is with us and is there to reassure us.** The disciples were alone in a locked room, but Jesus appeared unto them in His resurrected fleshly body. Jesus will always offer us His peace. **Pt.5: Being in the presence of Jesus is a Joy.** Even though the disciples were hiding because of fear of the Jewish leaders, once they saw Jesus all fear was gone, and joy filled their hearts.

**Lesson 7: Proofs of the Resurrection:** The two men were telling others of how Jesus appeared unto them, Jesus again appeared in the midst. They were frightened thinking they had seen a ghost. To calm their fears, Jesus told them look at my hands and feet, you can touch me. I am not a ghost. **Pt.1: Jesus will help us to get over our doubts and fears.** They were still in shock but filled with joy and wonder. Jesus explained to them all that was written in the Old Testament has been fulfilled. Jesus told them they are witnesses to His death, burial, and resurrection. **Pt.2: We are Jesus' witness and we have a job to do.** They were told to stay in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power. Jesus led them to Bethany and blessed them. **Pt.3: We must be patient and obedient to our calling.** As He was blessing them, Jesus was taken up into Heaven. They worshipped Jesus and returned to Jerusalem filled with joy and spent all their time in the Temple praising God. **Pt.4: The Holy Spirit is here to lead, guide and direct us. We are never alone.**

### Unit 3: By His Teachings:

**Lesson 8: The Bread of Life:** The people who were witnesses to Jesus feeding the 5,000+ was looking for him the next day. When they saw the boats and not Jesus or His disciples, they crossed over to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they saw Him, they asked how He got there. Jesus understood they were looking to be fed again. He told them to not be too concerned with things that are easily perishable. Be more concerned about things that are eternal. The people were thinking in the natural instead of the spiritual. Many times, we hear things and we don't get the true meaning behind what is being said. We will not ask questions to get a clearer understanding for many reasons. Jesus is the Master Teacher. He will open our understanding so we will be able to understand. Jesus wants us to trust in Him and believe in Him. You cannot have one without the other. **Pt.1: Jesus will help us to get over our doubts and fears.** It's easy to have doubts. But when you have evidence of proof, then trust and believe. **Pt.2: We should not be too concerned with temporal things.** Things that are everlasting and eternal are what we should seek. **Pt.3: We must seek Jesus for the right reason.** We should not be deceptive in our quest for knowledge and understanding. **Pt.4: Jesus is the only One who can completely satisfy our needs.**

**Lesson 9: The Light of the World:** The theme for this unit deals with the teachings of Jesus and the Apostle John made it very clear that Jesus was an extraordinary teacher. John's purpose was to reveal that Jesus is the promised Messiah the people were waiting for. Jesus tells the people that He is "The Light of the World." This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> I Am that Jesus speaks. Just as God told Moses in Exodus "I Am, Jesus is doing the same because He and the Father are One. The world is in darkness which is sin and Jesus is the true light that comes from God. This True Light is Holiness, Goodness, Compassion and Grace. Jesus came to bring us out of the darkness of sin. Even though the Jewish leaders would not accept Jesus' word because He spoke it himself. The Jews were looking for another witness to what Jesus had said. Jesus' witness is God himself. **Pt.1: Jesus brings light to our lives.** With Jesus as our light, it's hard to stumble and fall. But when you have evidence of proof, then trust and believe. **Pt.2: John the Baptist came to bear witness of Jesus as the Light.** Sent by God, John witnessed to all that would believe. **Pt.3: We cannot know Jesus except through His Son, Jesus.** Not only is Jesus the Light, but He is also the only Way to Heaven.

In May we will continue with Unit III with the final four lessons: **The Good Shepherd, The Resurrection and the Life; The True Vine, and lastly Jesus Prays for Believers.** We will discuss the other I Am's and continue to see how Jesus pleased God with His obedience to God's will.

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.



## **“IN THE CLOUDS AT CEDINE”**

Bible Camp and Retreat Center

Spring City, Tennessee

2023 Men’s Retreat, March 24-26

with Brother Leroy Frazier, Men’s Leader at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

My Cedine experience shared here is divided into three parts. The first part deals with collecting information about the place, Cedine, and what to expect. I call this “The Comings. The Anticipation.” The second part involves brief comments about what took place at Cedine. This is what I call, “In the Clouds on The Mountain Top at Cedine.” The final part includes brief reactions headed home with Brother Frazier. This I refer to as “The Goings.”

- **The Comings. The Anticipation.**

1. First, I wanted to know about the place, Cedine. Its history, which I found to be intriguing as a place spearheaded by whites to serve Black children in Tennessee beginning in 1946...learning Bible scriptures. Cedine’s structure, philosophy, and membership association characterizes its Christian principles. I wanted to witness its geography – physical, human, and environmental surroundings - on a mountain top with large lake frontage, roadways, walking trails, and other amenities of cabins, food, and adequate space with technology for workshops.
2. Second, I wanted to know about the main speaker, Dr. Richard Allen Farmer as a pastor and classical pianist who has spoken, lectured, or performed concerts throughout the world. I was not only interested in Dr. Farmer speaking about the Theme: It’s the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Philippians 3:7-14 but to play the piano.
3. Finally, I wanted the retreat to provide useful information that touches my soul to make me a better servant of God.

- **In the Clouds on The Mountain Top at Cedine. The Process.** This was an experience like no other. Eighty men were singing harmoniously and so loud, I thought the building was about to shake or the roof would take flight. . We, Brother Leroy, and I, as part of “The Eighty,” were praising the Lord...praying and testifying in openness and heart felt. I was “locked in” in the sessions (and felt so good) when the presenters provided useful information about its time to focus on helping others, being aware of and doing something about your health, and making critical adjustments to your finances for the long view.

In the open sessions, presented by the main presenter, Dr. Farmer, played the piano, using his classical music experience and skills to perform, “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”, “Georgia”, “I Need You To Hold My Hand”, and “He’s An On Time God”. He graced each song with the musical styles of standard, classical, blues, jazz, and gospel. His musical renditions of these songs were above reproach. We stood in awe as we applauded. I said aloud, “What a musical genius.”

Dr. Farmer, addressed the following:

1. **2 Chronicles 26:1-26 about Uzziah, the king:** Many times, success fosters pride which often leads to self-exaltation which then results in judgment. What is our outcome - our epitaph? He said, “Live with respect and with the long view”.



2. **Jeremiah 13:1-11 Jeremiah's Linen Shorts:** Although the people had once been close to God, their pride had made them useless. The same thing can happen to any of us very quickly. Pride will rot our heart until we lose our usefulness for God.

“When God speaks, comply to the affirmative!!! Living in compliance with the Lord is a requirement of all of us”.

3. **Philippians 3:1-14: Being acceptable to God;** Running toward the Goal.

“Things that we do, we need to find our strength and place our hope in Christ alone.”

Just imagine, as you close your eyes, you are on the mountain top at Cedine. I feel, it is real. I can reach out and touch the clouds. I am riding on the clouds, hovering around Cedine. As I come down to earth, with my new brothers in Christ, we ride horses. I rode on the slowest horse in the group. Giving commands, I said, “trot,” “chi”, and “whoa”. What an exciting ride!!! Second, I went on a hayride along the roadway throughout the Cedine property. The hayride trailer was pulled by a tractor. Finally, I walked along the roadways, trails, and through the brush up and down the side of the mountain talking with the Lord. There were squirrels scrambling up and down the trees. I listened to the birds whistling, leaves and nuts fall to the ground. In my walking, I found myself near the beautiful large lake. There were eight brothers fishing.

Saturday evening, we attended a fish fry, hosted by a large church group of men in the basement of one of the buildings. It seems as if I had known these guys for a long time. While the fish and other items was cooking, some were playing ping pong; others were having spirited conversations. There was singing. The food was blessed. Then, we enjoyed the food, while continuing to converse with each other.

### **The Goings.**

All my expectations of the Cedine retreat were fulfilled so much so that joy and happiness protruded from my body as I was giving my last testimony to “The Eighty” at the last session. I said, “This has been a rewarding experience that I will never ever forget. All of us, with life challenges of family issues, employment with adequate pay, health issues, judicial calamities, and other personal situations, we all...all of us praised the Lord openly with honesty. I love, (pointing to those present), all of you individually and collectively as “The Eighty”.

On the last night, when a brother took off his shoes, I asked him, “Do you want me to wash your tired feet?” I wanted to openly demonstrate my kindness to the brother. So, the next morning, I asked the brother, “How are your feet?” He said, “Okay” “Thank you brother Arthur”. After more animated ribbing at the front of the room, I said, “All of you, the entire body of “The Eighty”, will be going back with me to Warner Robins, Georgia.” The final day before our departure, while walking, I reiterated, you will be going with me to Warner Robins. So, do not be frightened, as the bus and the other vehicles take a turn in the air, with the Lord's help you are going to Warner Robins...if not physically, spiritually.

My final comment here is, “Hallelujah!!!! Thank You, Jesus for the opportunity to “Be” “Me” on a weekend with “The Eighty”. You, go to Cedine to feel and witness God's unique presence.”

**Brother Arthur James**

Special acknowledgement to: Dr. (Rev.) Ernest Jones and Brother Ray Shelton





Latosha Bass  
 Dea. Cleveland Beard  
 Aidan Bray  
 Ava Bray  
 David Clarke, II  
 Carisma Collier  
 Deborah Covington  
 Bruce Delorme  
 Gloria Ethridge  
 Shirley Frazier

Wanda Gordon  
 Mamie Harris  
 Dea. William Jackson  
 Bennie Johnson  
 Jada Johnson  
 Johnny Jones  
 Zaria Lee  
 Derek Mack  
 Tommy Marlin, Jr.  
 Harriett Marlow

Christopher McNair  
 Jacqueline Nottingham  
 Sidney Oglesby  
 Quinton Oliver  
 Arthur Reeves  
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 Danika Simmons  
 Bobby Smith  
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May 27*



*Curtis & Catherine Solomon*



*David & Teresa Little  
May 18*



*George & Odessa Allen  
May 27*



*Deacon & Mrs. T.C. Caldwell  
May 15*



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Elder Rashee Ragin

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*~ Paraprofessional Appreciation Day ~*



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## *Delivery of Supplies to Pearl Stephens Elementary School*

On Tuesday, April 18, Brother Leroy Frazier, Deaconess Dorothy Jackson and Deacon Jerome Stephens delivered all of the supplies for Pearl Stephens Elementary School. The principal, teachers and about 150 fifth graders were very excited for Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church to minister to them, especially since they would soon be testing. I would like to thank all of you for your giving and support, especially the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry and the Deacons. We will do this as an annual project, so stay tuned.

In His Service,  
Deacon Stephens - Vision Leader



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**List of supplies donated to Pearl Stephens Elementary School**  
**Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Community Service Initiative**

**1 book bag – boy**

**1 book bag – girl**

**6 bags of peppermint candy**

**12 cases of bottled water (small bottle)**

**Small bottles of juices**

**Cookies**

**Kleenex tissues**

**Hand sanitizer**

**Erasable markers**

**Pencils**

**Wipes**

**Lysol disinfectant spray**

**Crayons**

**Glue**

**Head Phone**

**Color Markers**

**Composition notebooks**

**Graf paper**

**Sticky note pads**

**Total Students – 150**

**These are the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

- 1. Ms. Delmarie Bentley**
- 2. Ms. Katie Spires**
- 3. Ms. Caroline Adams**
- 4. Ms. Lataya Idrell**
- 5. Ms. Alica Gresham**
- 6. Ms. Crystal Haynes**



## ~ Deaconess Table Talk Brunch ~

Thank God for His visitation on Saturday, April 29. We had so much fun and laughter. Our Emeritus Grace Davis graced us with a song, "Walk With Me Lord".

Good food for thought. Some of our table talk questions:

- What is something you feel God wants you to do?
- People might be surprised to find out that I \_ \_ \_
- What is your favorite room in your house and why?
- What is the best advice you ever received?
- What is your favorite city and why?
- What is your favorite childhood memory?
- What is the most sentimental possession you have?

Emeritus Min. Mary Lenoir graced us with a powerful prayer at the end.

Thanks to our SEM leader Deacon Jerome Stephens and Deacon William Jackson for your partial visit and Emmanuel King, security.



# Congratulations!!!

**WARNER ROBINS HIGH SCHOOL**

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



**ZY'MECUNNA HOGUES**

WILL ATTEND


**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**

SHE WILL MAJOR IN NURSING WITH PLANS TO PURSUE HER MASTER OF SCIENCE


**2023 CLASS OF**

**DR. JASMINE LASHAI KING'S**

*Doctorate of Pharmacy Graduation Ceremony*



**MAY 14, 2023,  
SUNDAY, 5:00 PM**





CLASS OF

20  23

# DONTERRIO SMITH

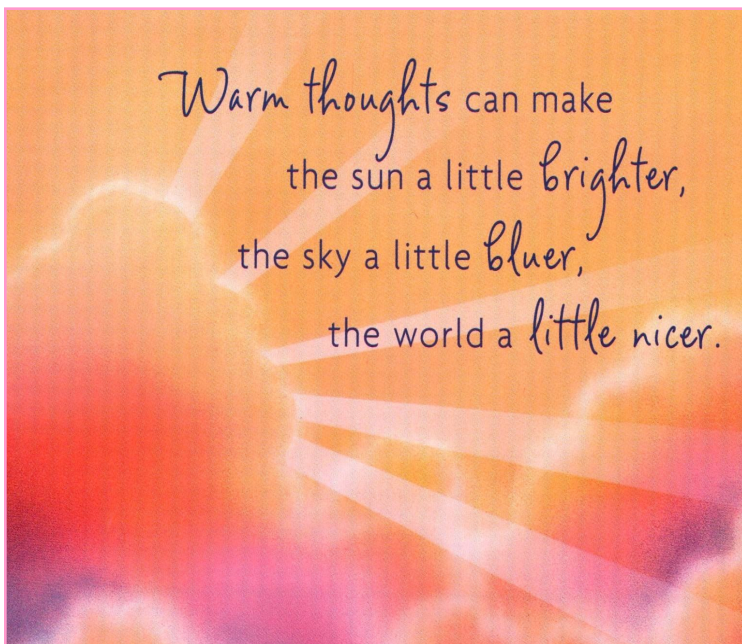
*Magna Cum Laude-Honor Graduate*

FORT WALTON BEACH  
HIGH SCHOOL

*Graduation Ceremony*  
Thursday, May 25, 2023. 7:30pm  
Steve Riggs Stadium  
400 Hollywood Blvd  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

CashApp: \$DonSmith2023

***Congratulations!!!***

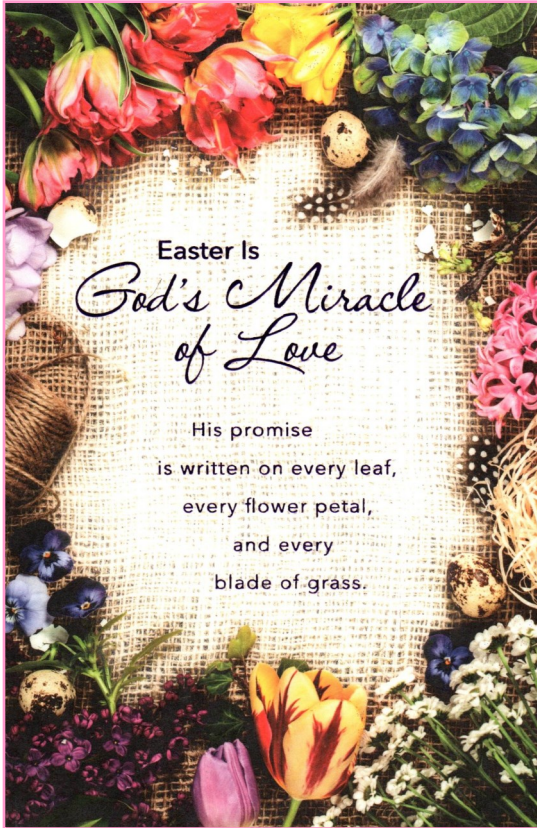
*Warm thoughts can make  
the sun a little brighter,  
the sky a little bluer,  
the world a little nicer.*

**To The UGMBC Family,**

I just want to take time out to express my gratitude to the Deacons Ministry for assisting me in a time of need. You didn't have to do it, but you did and for that, I am truly grateful.

Love you,  
*Ms. Shelia Lunsford*





### God's Miracle of Love

*His promise  
is written on every leaf,  
every flower petal,  
and every  
blade of grass.*

**Pastor Clarke & the UGMBC family;**

Thank you for all the phone calls, prayers and well wishes!

*Sis. Dickerson*



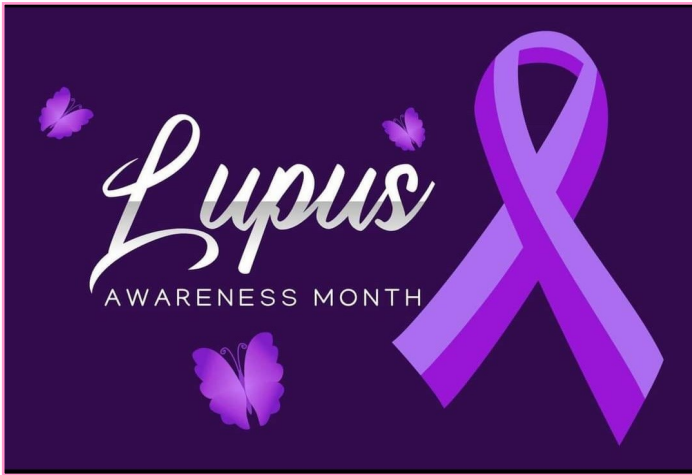
### Thank You

Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much you're appreciated, what a difference you make, and also for your prayers.

Again, thank you,

*Bennie Johnson*





*Hey, Lord, you know I'm tired*  
*Hey lord you know I'm tired of the meds*  
*Hey lord you know I'm tired of my muscles aching*  
*Hey lord you know I'll keep fighting*  
*Hey lord I'll never give up*  
*make up done by me*

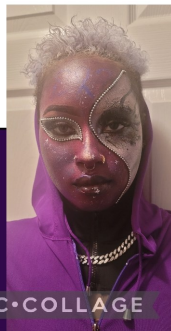
*I'm Desiree's* *Lupus Facts*  
 1. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AROUND 5 MILLION PEOPLE SUFFER FROM LUPUS. ~Latosha

*Our daughter is a fighter*



**LUPUS DETROIT**  
**FACT 2**  
 The presentation of lupus symptoms is not uniform and can differ in terms of intensity and affected body parts from person to person. While a rash and joint pain are frequently observed, lupus symptoms can also manifest as tiredness, hair loss, mouth sores, and fever.

*love Dad/Mom*

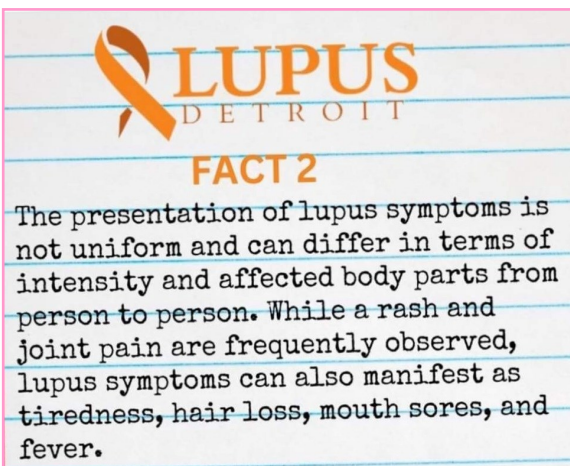


Show your support by wearing a PURPLE RIBBON All Month!!!!

P.O.P- Put On Purple is May 10th

Show your support for Lupus Warriors everywhere by wearing PURPLE

Show your look on via Text. Facebook.







*Union Grove MBC*

# H.O.P.E. PROGRAM

## Application

Applications are being accepted for the H.O.P.E. Homeownership Program. The expected occupancy date is **JUNE 1, 2023**. The program is open to anyone interested in owning their own home. The property for rent through this program is a **3 Bedroom, 1 Bath home** located at **101 Driftwood Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088**. If interested in applying or would like to know more about this program, please contact **Dr. Sheryl Frazier** for an application at **478-508-8129**.

809 S. DAVIS DRIVE WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088

478-922-6997

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**MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY**

**COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP**  
*"Can We Talk"*

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Vision Center: 1231 S. Davis Drive  
Married and Engaged Couples  
RSVP by May 12 at [stephsolo1108@gmail.com](mailto:stephsolo1108@gmail.com)  
or sign-up in the Church Annex

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**Nursing Homes & Hospitals**

**The Lodge**

*Sis. Maggie Bradley #109  
Sis. Bernice Morgan*

**Southern Pines Nursing Facility**

*Sis. Mary Clayborn #106*

**St. Jude Hospital**

*Sis. Isabella Leggette*



**Sick & Shut-In**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bro. Henry Lee Allen: 733-7305     | Sis. Martha Swinson: 929-7993        |
| Sis. Lena Anderson: 329-0688       | Bro Nathaniel Sheppard: 857-492-5758 |
| Sis. Mary Austin: 478-365-7584     | Sis. Clara Smith                     |
| Sis. Yolanda Buckley: 550-5622     | Sis. Lillie Smith: 302-1265          |
| Sis. Doris Burns: 361-6935         | Sis, LaShondria Smith                |
| Sis. Cynthia Carr: 919-5105        | Sis. Judy Strickland                 |
| Sis. Linda Dickerson: 510-491-4779 | Sis. Rosa Tharpe                     |
| Sis. Dorothy Dodson: 478-444-2821  | Sis. Margaret Willis: 478-333-3567   |
| Pastor Butch Dupree                | Sis. Shirley Lee: 953-8995           |
| Sis. Gloria Ethridge: 397-4830     | Bro. Malik Leggette                  |
| Sis. Mary Forte                    | Sis. April McKenzie: 922-3234        |
| Bro. Nathan Holloway               | <b>Non-Members</b>                   |
| Bro. Chester Jackson: 294-9510     | Bro. Jimmy Dodson                    |
| Mother Annie Johnson               | Sis, Beverly Gude                    |
| Bro. Bennie Johnson: 923-8581      | Sis. Linda Hawthorne                 |
| Sis. Vicki Latimore: 302-3540      | Sis. Annie Holmes                    |
| Sis. Hazel Mahone                  | Bro. Tony Jackson                    |
| Bro. Leonard McNair: 478-636-3976  | Sis. Shirley Ray                     |
|                                    | Pastor Bobby L. Smith                |

All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website must be submitted by your Vision Leader and e-mailed to **UnionGroV1@aol.com**, no later than Friday 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.**

**Church/Vision Center Rentals: (Members Only)**

**G.T.A.H Staff**

*Carolyn Jackson, Leader  
Shirley Jackson  
Ardell Johnson  
Jackie Powell  
Tamara Sanders  
McKinley Verrett*

**Newsletter Submissions**

If you have submissions for the June issue please forward them via e-mail to [GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com) or call (478) 542-1739 by Saturday, June 3, 2023. 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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***The Best is Yet to Come!!!***