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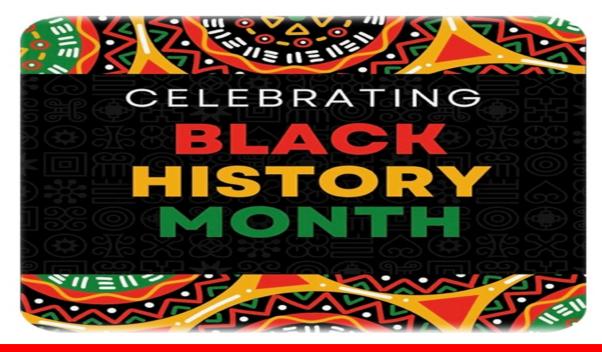






Dr. David Anthony Clarke, Sr. First Lady Michelle Wilson Clarke

Teddy Madison, Assistant Pastor 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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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 **

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Intercessory Prayer Sunday, 8:25 a.m.



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.



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Sunday Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children's Church Available)

Wednesday

Mid-Day Manna, 12 noon E-Manna Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

12:00 noon Prayer by phone: 267-807-9495 Code: 492349889

** For Medical Attention **

Contact the Nurse on Duty Minister Earnestine Thompson

February Events

2-1	Ushers Meeting, S	7:00 p.m.
2-5	H2H Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
2-6	Line Dance, VC	6:00 p.m.
2-7	Mid Day Manna, S.	12 noon
2-7	Nu Creation Youth Program	5:30 p.m.
2-7	E Manna, Facebook/Youtube	7:00 p.m.
2-8	Healthcare Meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
2-10	Golden Achievers, VC	12 noon
2-18	Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Dublin, GA	2:00 p.m.
2-24	New Creation Parent Symposium, VC	12:00 p.m.
2-24	Pearl Stephens Scholarship Program, S	3:00 p.m.

~ VISION STATEMENT ~

~ DEACON ORDINATION ~

November 5, 2023

Congratulations Deacon Curtis Solomon and

Deaconess Catherine Solomon

- Charge to Deacon & Deaconess Solomon Pastor Teddy Madison
- Charge to the Congregation Elder Rashee Ragin
- Consecration Prayer Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr.















We're Moving Forward!

By Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

Grace and peace to you, my beloved church family!

I give God glory for how our church has moved forward the past couple of years. In the past two years in particular, our congregation has progressed by the grace of God and because so many of you have a mind to work. I pray the following accomplishments of our church encourages and inspires you as much as it does me. I'm not taking credit for the following items. I'm simply pointing out how you, as edified, purpose-driven disciples of Jesus Christ, carry on the work to move our church family forward and advance the kingdom of God.



- ⇒ The Summer Lunch Program impacted youth of our church and community again last summer. Thanks to our staff and numerous volunteers, we've continued to meet physical and emotional needs of our church and community through this effort.
- ⇒ Several Union Grove members volunteered to serve on a "Field of Dreams Dream Team" in October of 2023. In the past three months, they've worked to get a preliminary drawing of softball and baseball fields, a pickleball court, and parking lot to be developed on our property. Documents have been signed and submitted to the city of Warner Robins to secure the necessary zoning allowances for us to develop the property to reach our church and community through recreational outreach.
- ⇒ Curtis Solomon was trained and ordained a deacon in November of 2023. His ordination culminated one year of training with our Union Grove deacons.
- ⇒ New church members became trustees of Union Grove and Sis. Margie Tuck became our new Business Stewardship Vision Leader/Chairperson of Trustees.
- ⇒ The Home Ownership Pipeline Enterprise (H.O.P.E.) moved on with one family transitioning out of House of Promise 1 (HOP 1) and another moving in.
- ⇒ A family that was temporarily housed in House of Promise 2 (HOP 2) moved out. Renovations have begun on HOP 2 partially funded by a granted Union Grove received through HUD.
- ⇒ We also continue to serve homeless families through our partnership with Family Promise.
- ⇒ Our Trustees led the effort renovating our sanctuary with the new carpet, refinishing the pews, beautiful stonework, and other furnishings.
- ⇒ We've loosened many of our COVID restrictions, which now allow worshippers to sit anywhere where there's space.
- ⇒ Nu Creation, a ministry that's empowering youth of our church and community, was birthed to provide the participants with skills to compete in a global society. They are receiving help with academics, life skills, and STEM curriculum.
- ⇒ Mid-Day Manna Bible Study has resumed. If your schedule allows, I encourage you to feast on the Word of God with this group on Wednesdays at noon in the Grove Zone sanctuary.
- ⇒ The Word of God is still going forth in Sunday School, Sunday worship, eManna, Mid-Day Manna, Women's Bible study, Men's Bible study, and children's church.
- ⇒ We still have a lively prayer meeting via conference call every Friday at 12 noon. This has been going strong for nearly four (4) years now.

- ⇒ Union Grove has continued to host various outreach events, i.e., Trunk or Treat, etc. We are striving to win souls and meet needs in our community.
- ⇒ We recently resumed hosting funerals at Union Grove. After closing our sanctuary to funerals, weddings, etc., due to COVID, we've again opened our doors to host homegoing celebrations of our church family members.
- ⇒ Members of Union Grove are being trained to become licensed ministers. We praise God for raising servants who are committed to preaching and teaching His Word.
- ⇒ Baptisms are still happening when necessary and new members are still receiving orientation and the right-hand of fellowship.
- ⇒ We remain debt-free!

As we move forward, I am pledging to personally improve in these three areas of leadership:

- ⇒ Focus
- ⇒ Communication
- ⇒ Consistency

As I stated in our congregational meeting at the end of January, here are some goals I've set to improve my service to you as your Senior Pastor:

My Pastoral Leadership Goals:

- 1. Develop and deliver a training program for new leaders at Union Grove by August 2024.
- 2. Host ministry worker workshops regularly this year. We will emphasize focus, communication, and consistency throughout 2024. Dates scheduled: 16 Mar, 18 May & 28 Sept.
- 3. Contact three sick/shut in members each week.
- 4. Submit articles in GTAH each month to boost communication with our church family.
- 5. Visit Golden Achievers' meetings at least seven times in 2024.
- 6. Participate in Deacons' meetings at least seven times in 2024.
- 7. Host one-on-one conversations with UG ministers to facilitate ministers' development. Targeted completion is by the end of April 2024.
- 8. Boost communication with UG ministers through GroupMe.
- 9. Boost social media reach with at least one video per month.
- 10. FaceTime UG staff at least once weekly.

I'm giving God more of me so He can have all of me. I encourage you to do the same. Let's give God glory for those of you serving our church family and community. May God bless you and prosper the works of your hands. Be encouraged. Be inspired. Enjoy the journey!

Dr. David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

YAW '24 was amazing!!!

(thanks to Pastor Teddy and Lady Jae Madison and SWAT members)











** GROVE ZONE GAMES **























~ WESTERN SUNDAY ~

















~ MOVIE CHARACTER SUNDAY ~































~ GENERATION SUNDAY ~



Learn * Serve * Give * Connect

















































Did you know? The first home security system was invented by a black nurse, Marie Van Brittan Brown.

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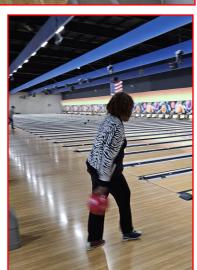
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Story One

Deacon Stephens shared his story about how he and his brother became Jerome and Will Stephens.





Story Two

Sis. Lenora Jones shared how she made herself "available and willing" to step in and watch over a young girl due to her environment.







Story Three

Pastor Teddy Madison shared his experience with his grandmother's dementia.







Story Four

Sis. Gwen Reeves shared how she overcame a stuttering speech impediment.







Jan 5

H2H Night of Worship Jan 12-13

Hebron Fellowship Women's Conference Mar

Women's History Month -Focus on Women Poets

Apr 20

Women's Conference

Jul

Sundresses in the Summertime Fellowship Sept

Community Service

Oct 27

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday **Nov 1-3**

Women's Retreat

Nov 8

Friendsgiving Fellowship **Dec 13**

Christmas Social



Lady Michelle Clarke, Ministry Leader ugheart2heart@gmail.com 478-227-5051



Line Dance Classes

Every Tuesday | 6-7 PM

The Vision Center

1231 S. Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088

For more information, contact: Sis. Cassundra Brown or Sis. Hilda Hayward



Dr. David A. Clarke, Sr., Pastor ~ Teddy Madison, Asst. Pastor



Hebron Women's Conference

(with First Lady Michelle Clarke as guest speaker)



















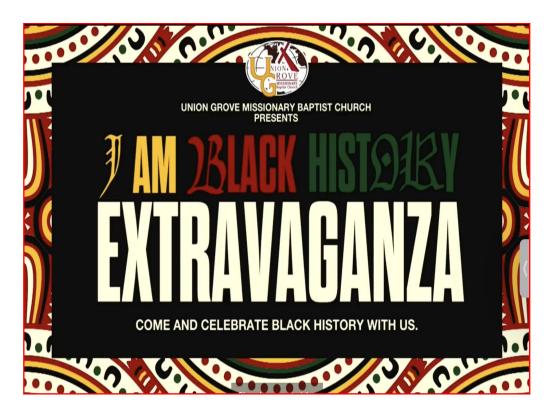
Barbara Burke





Marcel Hovis





~ Golden Achievers ~



January Meeting Door Prize Winners: $Sis.\ Martha\ Medlock$ $Bro.\ Charlie\ Tuck$

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~ Financial Corner ~



LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

It's February 2024. Have you already forgotten your New Year's resolutions or commitments? It's not too late to get on track. Let's review for we decided to do better in 2024, gauge where we are right now, and move forward. If we haven't gotten started, let's begin today. Get a pen and pad and write down

Sister Wanda Verrett

your goals for 2024. Studies show that we do better when we write things down. Beside each goal, put the timeline you expect to achieve this goal. Below each goal list the steps it takes to accomplish this goal. Here are a few things that may be on your list:

- a. Tithe in 2024. Start with the percentage you are paying now, and increase one percentage each month, i.e., 5% for February, 6% for March, 7% for April and so forth. By July, you should have adjusted your budget to accomplish 10% of your gross income. Done.
- b. Save more in 2024. How much do you want to save and when is your deadline for that amount?
- a. Are you saving anything at all? Do you have an emergency fund? If not, this is the first item you need to aim to save. I recommend a minimum of \$1500 and if you are still working, a maximum six months of your salary.
- b. Do you have a retirement account? If your job does not have a retirement account, you can set up a traditional IRA or Roth account. Remember, your child can borrow money for college, but you can't borrow for retirement.
- c. Have you been setting funds aside for your child's education? All our children won't be able to get a scholarship.

IT'S TAX PREPARATION TIME: You should have received all your tax documents by now. If you can still itemize, start getting your receipts and statements in order. If you anticipate getting a refund this year, make plans for it now. Write those plans down. We tend to forget when that check comes in or hits our account. Some plans could include:

- a. Paying down debt
- b. Starting your emergency fund
- c. Starting your retirement account
- d. Starting your child's education fund
- e. Setting aside for your family vacation
- f. Making necessary home repairs.

SCAM ALERT: I'll just say be alert. Never give out your personal information to anyone that you didn't call. The doctor and pharmacy already have your Medicare/Medicaid number. They copied it and put it in your file. The bank has your information as well. **If you call them**, you may have to provide information to prove who you are.







Women's Bible Study



EVERY 1ST & 3RD MONDAY

THE VISION CENTER

1231 S. Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 6:30-7:30 PM

FMI contact Min. Oglesby at bridgetteoglesby@windstream.net

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Join the Nursery or Children's Church

We are currently looking for volunteers to serve and teach our youth from ages 5 to 18 years old at 10AM on Sunday mornings.

Also our nursery seeking volunteers to serve at 10AM on Sunday mornings.

For details please see or contact:

Pastor Teddy Madison
pastorteddymadison@gmail.com



Called To Serve





Sunday February 11th to Tuesday February 13th





2024 Black History Program

Theme:"We are Black History" Celebrating our cultural heritage and triumphs.

Events: Every Sunday in February during the 10:15 am worship service

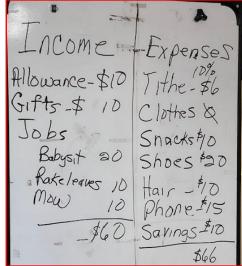


POC: Joan Stewart <u>Jovan203@icloud.com</u> or (478)714-6811 to participate.

Nu Creation Youth Connection Program

Sis. Joan Stewart







Students working with Mrs. Verrett on financial planning while understanding the importance of money and savings.





Find Black History Month Words



Prejudice Luther King Jr. Discrimination Ray Charles Medgar Evers Tyler Perry Peaceful Protest Radolph William Martin American Malisha George Carver Sarah Boone Telephone





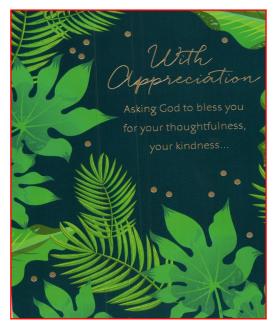
By Jacqueline Powell





If you are not a registered voter,
please get registered to vote <u>ASAP</u>

And PLEASE VOTE!!!



To my church family,

Thanking God for you and your generous heart.

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers and gifts during my illness.

I love you with my whole heart,

Deaconess Shirley Clark

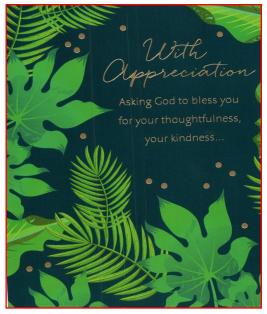


~ Thank you for everything ~

Church members & Golden Achievers:

Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort at this difficult time. Your love & support are well embedded in my heart. I will garner your cards & calls always. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated more than you know.

Oscar and Marie Anderson & Family



~ With Appreciation ~

Union Grove Church Family:

I want to thank you for the prayers, gifts and all the love shown to me during my hip replacement surgery.

I appreciate Pastor, First Lady and all members.

Thank you and much love,

Darlene C. Shelton



Henry Allen

Min. Marie Anderson

Lloyd Brown

Laporsha Buchanan

Zackary Clark

Janelle Clarke

Dorothy Clay

Antwoin Curtis

Ronald Defreitas

Min. Dannie Dukes

Mary Forte

Keshia Gasaway

Debbie Goodvine

Angela Grant

Nyla Hall
Donovan Haslem
Christopher Johnson
Nicholas Jones
Shaquetta Jones
De'marian Kendrick
Daniel Lane
Florine Lowe
Lady Jae' Madison
Min. Edquader Marble
Alesha McNair
Terrika Miller
Kimberly Moye
Gwendolyn Napier

Jonathan Napier
Alexander Pegues
Tawanna Preston
Elijah Radford
Cynthia Raines
Jasmine Riley
Morgan Riley
Rhonda Salone
Valerie Sherald
Temetria Sheridan
Robert Simmons, II
Rodney Solomon
Judy Strickland
Pastor John Sutton

Jordan Thomas

Min Earnestine Thompson
 April Tillman
 Laticha Watts

Devonte Westbrooks
 Carolyn White
 Cherie White
 Paula White

Aretha Whitehead
 William Winn, Jr.
 Alenna Wolmack







Jermaine & Patrice Smith February 19

~ Ministerial Staff ~

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> Pastor Teddy Madison Assistant Pastor

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Elder Rashee Ragin

Pastor John Sutton

Minister Marie Anderson

Minister Dannie Dukes

Minister Arie Freeman, Jr.

Minister Shane Hardee

Minister Mary Lenoir

Minister Annie Lester

Minister Edquader Marble

Minister Bridgette Oglesby

Minister Africa Porter

Minister Nicole Steedley

Minister Earnestine Thompson

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G-I	Deacon Curtis Jackson	333-1139
J-K	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918
L-N	Deacon T.C. Caldwell Deacon Arthur Nottingham	293-8428 918-6287
O-R	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
\mathbf{S}	Deacon Jimmy Oglesby	987-4491
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W-Z	Deacon Hosea Laney Deacon Nathanel Davis	954-3480

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Sister Janice Scott

~ Financial Officer ~

Sister Tamara Sanders



Pastor with Office Staff:

Janice Scott, Denise Davis & Tamara Sanders

Black History facts for the Month of February

Min. Arie Freeman, Jr.

Feb. 1, 1865: 13th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, abolishing slavery.

Feb. 2, 1862: Washington, D. C. abolished slavery.

Feb. 3, 1903: Jack Johnson win the Negro Heavyweight title Negro Baseball League is formed, 1920.

Feb. 4, 1913: Rosa Parks was born.

Feb. 5, 1962: Suit filed barring Englewood, N. J. from maintaining racially segregated school.

Feb 6, 1867: Robert Tanner becomes the 1st Black to receive a degree in Dentistry.

Feb 7, 1926: Negro History week originated by Carter G. Woodson is observed.

Feb 8, 1986: Oprah Winfrey became the 1st African American to host a syndicated talk show.

Feb 9, 1995: Astronaut Bernard Harris, 1st African American to take a space walk.

Feb. 10, 1927: Leontyne Price, internationally acclaimed opera singer was born.

Feb.11, 1990: Nelson Mandela is released from prison.

Clifford Alexander confirmed as the 1st Black secretary of the United States Army, 1996

Feb. 12, 1910: NAACP was founded.

Feb. 13, 1957: Southern Christian Leadership Conference was organized in New Orleans.

Feb.14, 1817: Frederick Douglass was born.

Feb.15, 1848: Benjamin Roberts filed the first integration suit in Boston.

Feb. 16, 1857: Frederick Douglass elected President of Freeman Bank and Trust.

Feb 17, 1963: Michael Jordan was born.

Feb. 18, 1931: Toni Morrison was born, won the Pulitzer Prize.

Feb. 19, 1919: Pan-African Congress was formed.

Feb. 20, 1895: The Great Emancipator, Frederick Douglass dies.

Feb. 22, 1979: Frank E. Peterson name 1st Black General in the Marine Corps.

Feb. 23, 1965: Constance Baker elected Manhattan Borough President, Highest elected office held by a Black woman in a major American city.

Feb.24, 1864: Rebecca Lee becomes the 1st Black woman to receive a M. D. degree.

Feb. 25, 1870: Hiram R. Revels sworn in as 1st black U. S. Senator and 1st Black Representative in Congress Martin Luther King Jr. was ordained as a Baptist minister, 1948.

Feb 26, 1926: Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week.

Feb. 27, 1988: Debi Thomas becomes the 1st African American to win a medal in the Winter Olympics.

Feb. 28, 1932: Richard Spikes invented/patented the automatic gear shift.



Tithes & Offering

Mail your tithes to: Union Grove Missionary Baptist P.O. Box 8497 Warner Robins, GA 31095

Tith	es & Offering
Date 2/16/14	Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
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Step 1: Enter (478) 412-4128

Step 2: Enter any dollar amount

(Example: \$10)

Step 3: Click the link provided and

enter your card information

You will receive a thank you message via text and a receipt via email.



Bro. Darren Covington

Sis. Linda Dickerson

Pastor Butch Dupree

Sis. Gloria Ethridge

Sis. Pat Falls

Sis. Mary Forte

Sis. Sheryl Frazier

Bro. Nathan Holloway

Mother Annie Johnson

Sis. Vicki Latimore

Bro. Leonard McNair

Sis. Helen Lloyd

Nursing Homes & Hospitals

Southern Pines Nursing Facility

Sis. Mary Clayborn #204 Sis. Hazel Mahone #408

Warner Robins Rehabilitation Nursing Home

Bro. Nathaniel Sheppard #304

St. Jude Hospital

Sis. Isabella Legette

Piedmont Hospital

Bro. John Clarington

Houston Medical

Bro. Bennie Johnson

~ In Memoriam ~

Sis. Bernice Morgan Sis. Dorothy McNair

Sick & Shut-In

Bro. Henry Lee Allen
Sis. Kay Simmons
Sis. Lena Anderson
Sis. Lillie Smith
Sis. Mary Austin
Sis. Janet Streater
Sis. Valerie Britt
Sis. Yolanda Buckley
Sis. Margaret Willis
Sis. Doris Burns
Sis. Rosa Tharpe

Non Members

Sis. Beverly Gude
Sis. Annie Holmes
Pastor Bobby L. Smith
Sis. Felicia Hughes
Bro. Karter Williamson
Bro. George Albert
Pastor David Savage
Bro. Jerome King
Sis. Victoria Oglesby
Sis. Ruby Wilson

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