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### **Church Service Hours**

#### **Early Morning Worship**

8:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday School**

9:30 a.m.

#### **Sunday Worship**

11:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday Bible Study**

6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

##### **Midday Manna**

12 noon

##### **Bible Study**

7:00 p.m.

#### **Radio Broadcast**

Sundays, 1:15 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

"The Light" FM 100.5

# G.T.A.H.

*(Great Things are Happening)*

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*"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost". John 19:30*



***"It is Finished, but it's not over!"***

How appropriate, a new 8:00 a.m. worship experience was launched at the Grove Zone on Resurrection Sunday, March 31. Sister Africa Porter ministered through dance with the message taken from I Chronicles 29:11-14. The awesome Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. brought the Word: *"It is Finished"* with the scripture coming from John 19:30. The sermon concluded with Little Miss Alexis Jones turning her life over to Christ and she is a candidate for baptism.

Sunday School now begins at 9:30 a.m. and the second worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. We are growing!!!



**Grove Zone First Family**

### **~ MISSION STATEMENT ~**

*"To draw people to Christ, maximize our potential and creatively meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and community."*





# ~ Resurrection Sunday ~



*"And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people". (Matthew 27:50-53)*





## Great Things are Happening in April

4-1	Trinity Baptist Church, Ft. Valley, GA	7:00 p.m.
4-2	Summer Camp Registration begins	
4-2	Deacons & Deaconess meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
4-4	Choir, S	7:00 p.m.
4-4	Ushers meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
4-6	PLACE, VC	8:00 a.m.
4-6	Girl Power, VC	4:00 p.m.
4-8	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
4-9	Choir, S	7:00 p.m.
4-11	Healthcare, Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
4-11	Choir, S	7:00 p.m.
4-12	Jerome Stephens Golf Tournament	11:00 a.m.
4-13	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
4-14	Life Changers Graduation	11:00 a.m.
4-15	Women's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
4-18	Choir, S	7:00 p.m.
4-20	Greeters meeting, Classroom #2	11:00 a.m.
4-20	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
4-22	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
4-25	Church Conference	7:00 p.m.
4-26	Married Couples Movie Night, VC	6:00 p.m.
4-27	Ministry Workers Training	9:00 a.m.
4-29	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
4-30	Deacons, CC	7:00 p.m.

### Office Hours

Tuesday — Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Additional Church Hours

Monday—Thursday  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

\* Learn, Serve, Give, Connect \*

~ 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".*



## Men's Ministry Retreat

Seven Brothers from Union Grove attended the men's retreat at Cedine Ministries in Spring City Tennessee. Again, it was a great weekend of fellowship, fun, instruction, relaxation and reflection.

The road trip itself is always a blessed time. It allows us as fellow members of Union Grove to sit and chat with brothers we worship with but rarely make time to connect with. Just the trip to and from is worth the weekend to just talk in general and get to know a little about each other. It has fostered some meaningful relationships that I may have otherwise overlooked.

This year's theme was: *"Becoming a Man of Prayer"*. It was presented in such a way that I had to re-examine what I pray for and how I pray about some things. One of the big take-a-ways for me was recognizing that I still pray some prayers that need to grow up.

As always, meeting brothers from other churches, sharing scheduled activities and time with them means a lot to me. I've developed fellowships with brothers from other churches at Cedine that don't happen between churches in Warner Robins. I would like to have many more brothers attend the men's retreat and have this mountain top experience for themselves. Oh, and for those that think it is camping, it's not. Check out the website: [cedine.org](http://cedine.org).

Shhh! Wives, give yourselves a break and send him off to retreat for a weekend. He'll be in good hands and, absence does make the heart grow fonder.

Thank you Union Grove Family, for your prayers and well wishes.

Brother Leroy Frazier



Cedine Ministries, established in 1946 and located just north of Chattanooga, TN, offers a beautiful view from on high. Cedine was created so that black children could have a place to go to camp, learn the Bible and have fun. Since then, the Ministry has grown tremendously. It now offers an experience for everybody – Men, Women, Teens, Children's Retreats, Single, and Marriage Retreats. Cedine also offers ministries for mission and Church Leadership Conferences.

This year's theme was *"Becoming a Man of Prayer."* Seven men departed Union Grove for a unique experience in God, prayer and fellowship. I enjoyed the prayer workshops, and an added bonus was listening to the teachings of Pastor Lavender. Each workshop focused on a different aspect of prayer; strengthening my prayer life. The fellowship experienced in the van before arriving to Cedine was only magnified once we started praying, singing and eating together. We enjoyed horseback riding and I played several hard-fought games of ping pong with a Minister from another church. It was an unforgettable 3 days that must be experienced!

Brother Eugene "Gene" Swinney





The Cedine Ministries Retreat experience is not one that can be captured in words. The retreat center, a vision of a missionary in 1946, began as a camp for black kids who were not allowed in other camps. It has grown to be a 100-acre oasis with breathtaking scenery--a declaration of God's wondrous works. From the drive up with the brothers until we parted ways upon our return, for me, it was certainly a weekend like no other. This year's theme was *"Becoming a Man of Prayer."* The weekend was filled with scripturally-based lectures, breakout sessions and fun and inspiring fellowship with brothers representing several states across the East Coast. We were able to engage in personal, quiet time in prayer with God and an awesome time of sharing personal struggles with the brethren. It was encouraging to realize that struggles were very similar, which helps us

press our way through this journey to GLORY. I must admit, too, that I do look forward to the Saturday late night fish fry and board/card games each year!

Brother Jimmy Oglesby

***"I have gone to the mountain top of Spring City, TN Cedine Ministries and I've seen the promised land."***

My name is Gary Stiggers and my exodus to Georgia by way of the military machine occurred 13 years ago. Approximately one year ago, I was reclaimed by my Lord Jesus, at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

When I was first approached by Bro. Leroy Frazier concerning a Men's Spring Retreat, I tried every maneuver in my hope chest to weasel out of it, but as you can see, "what does a weasel got on an old fox?". My perception of fellowship with the brethren at that time, and even right up to our March 22 departure day, was nothing exceeding a handshake, a right shoulder bump and "I see yah, wouldn't want to be yah"!

After Bro. Swinney's remarkable prayer, just soaring with power, the magnificent seven boarded the housing authority van and began a most extraordinary journey. Oops! Magnificent seven? I thought you'd never ask: Leroy, Patrick, Gene, Henry Lee man (so cool he got two names), Robert (his friends call him" Wendell") and last but not least BJ (Big Jimmy). This was my first time on an offsite adventure with all but one of the seven. I was taken aback, almost immediately; when Bro. Swinney's prayer begins to unfold.

I've never been that comfortable among men I knew, let alone men I don't know, you can forget it. By the time we reached our appointed destiny, we were already charged. After the admin building, we retreated for a moment to our quarters. (Note: great accommodations) Leroy and Wendell were assigned to Grace House, Patrick, Gene, Henry Lee; BJ and I were assigned to Ramah House.

The theme: *"Becoming a Man of Prayer!"* Luke 18:1 was taken seriously. I never in my "short yellow bus" mind could have believed another's account, or could have imagined, that a place like this existed. Brothers on one accord, for real! Pastor Kevin Lavender Sr., with his well served gospel message, time after time, again awesome!

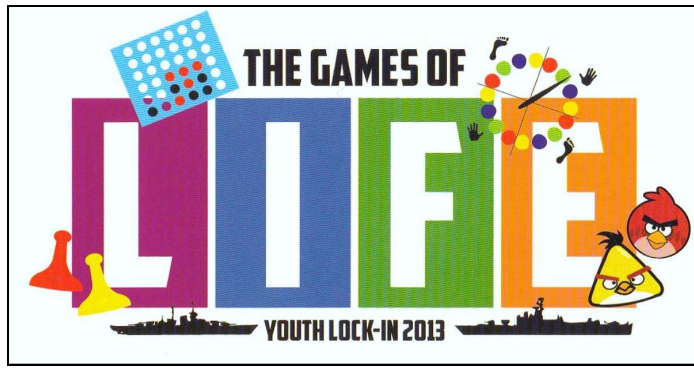
The workshops - I had no clue, brothers did that kind of thing. Did I say, "Bro's on one accord!" Duh! U don't hear me doh! The fellowship was off the chain, the activities, being ready, because from ground zero you hit it running. Food, my compliments to the ladies cooking and serving our meals; the youth waiting our tables, Vernon our music minister, he brought a new flavor to gospel music, in the key of (G). (Smile) Thanks Bro Vern!

To Kelvin, and Shawn Vaughn, Reggie, Lil Wil and all my bros. at the fish fry in Grace House, even to the bros. whose names I didn't mention. May the Peace and the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ; guide, keep, and protect you all til we meet again next year.

Brother Gary D. Stiggers









## **PLACE Ministry**

Attend the next **PLACE Workshop**

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Vision Center

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lunch, snacks and materials will be provided.

### **Ways to Register:**

1. E-mail [placeatthegrove@gmail.com](mailto:placeatthegrove@gmail.com)
2. Sign-up sheet in the annex
3. Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 328-1483



**February  
Workshop Attendees**

**March  
Workshop Attendees**







## ~ Jerome Stephens, Sr. Annual Golf Classic ~

### UNION GROVE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GROUP INC. PRESENTS:

#### **REGISTRATION FEE:**

\$75 dollars per player, fee includes:

- Lunch
- Range Balls
- Green Fees
- Cart

#### **HOLE SPONSORSHIP:**

*Sponsor a Hole for a Life Changing Cause!*

\$500 Hole Sponsorship:

- One individual sign on a hole
- Up to 4 players' registrations and all fees paid

\$250 Hole Sponsorship:

- Three individual signs on a hole

\$100 Hole Sponsorship:

- Unlimited signs on a hole

#### **TEAM PRIZES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100.00 Visa Card (each member)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75.00 Visa Card (each member)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 12 pack of Titlist golf balls

#### **INDIVIDUAL PRIZES**

Longest drive: TaylorMade Driver

Closest to pin: Odyssey Metal-X Putter

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m.
- T-off at 12:30 p.m.
- Soft Spike Shoes Only

#### **PAYMENT:**

Make all checks payable to:

UGCEG, Inc.

All entry forms, sponsorships, and donations should be mailed to:

UGCEG, Inc.

P.O. Box 6692

Warner Robins, GA 31095-6692

Email: [ugceg@att.net](mailto:ugceg@att.net)

# Jerome Stephens, Sr.

# Annual Golf Classic

## "4 Man Scramble"

(Mulligans Available)



**Friday, April 12, 2013**

**Waterford Golf Club  
620 Hwy 96 Bonaire, GA**

**For pre-registration  
information please contact:  
Lena Nixon at 953-4909 or  
Slater Thorpe at 929-8585**



# ~ Grief Support Ministry ~



**Fellowship Dinner**

March 29



*“Weeping may endure for the night,  
but joy comes in the morning”.*

*Psalms 30:5b*



*“Blessed are those that mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.”*

*Matthew 5:4*





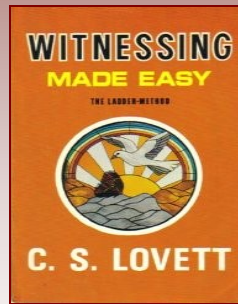
# ~ Teaching Ministry ~

**“Witnessing Made Easy”**  
(shows you how to take the worry out of witnessing)

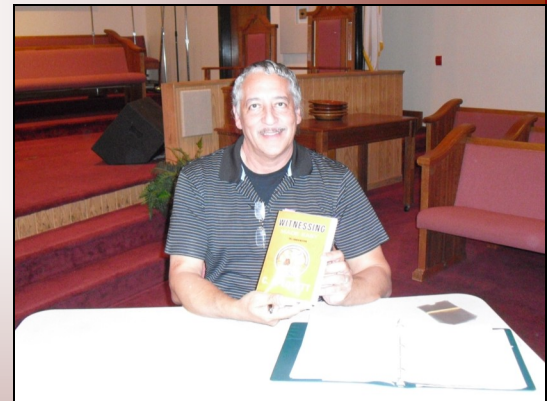
**You learn...**

1. That witnessing does not mean soul-winning;
2. That the spirit’s power follows your words;
3. Exactly what to say and do.

There are ten steps (rungs) in the 13 week (Wednesday Night Bible Study) Witnessing Course. Each offers a bit more ego threat than the preceding one. The course begins with secret actions, gradually moving closer and closer to people in bite-sized steps that are FUN. As soon as a person absorbs all the threat at one level and feels comfortable doing the action, he/she is ready to advance to the next higher level.



**Brother Leroy Frazier**





# ~ 2013 Presidential Inauguration ~

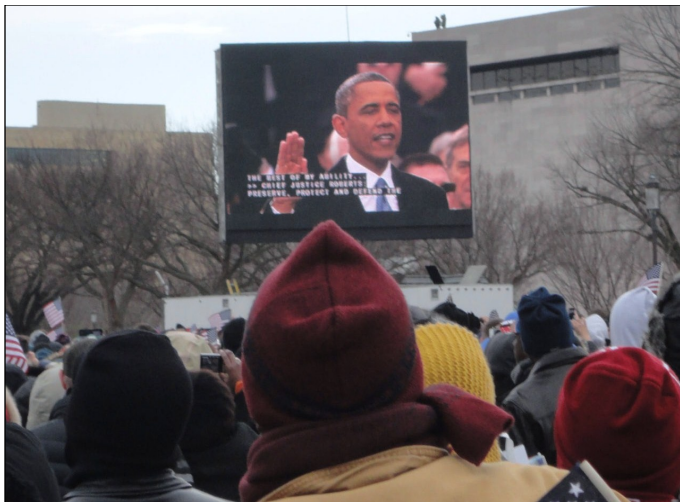


**Deacon Jerome Stephens**



On January 21, 2013, Deacon Jerome Stephens attended the Presidential Inauguration which was held in Washington, DC. Deacon Stephens was glad that in his lifetime he was a part of this historical moment. He always wanted to attend an Inauguration and since he missed it for President Obama's first term, he promised himself that he would make it if President Obama was elected to serve a second term. Deacon Stephens registered over 1,200 people to vote and he feels that he had an impact on getting President Obama elected again.

The most exciting part about attending the Inauguration and Parade was to actually see President Obama and the First Lady walk down Pennsylvania Avenue in person. That was a Kodak moment that Deacon Stephens says he will never forget in his entire lifetime. Also, on his trip, he did get a chance to visit The Jefferson Memorial and other government buildings. He said that if he could say anything to President Obama he would first say, "Mr. President, I am praying for you and rock steady and keep doing what you are doing because God and the Nation have your back, and also, pray and keep God first in any and everything you do". Deacon Stephens never thought he would see an African American President, but he always hoped for it. President Obama is setting a great example of being a President and shows you that anyone can do it. With President Obama being President, Deacon Stephens does feel that it is possible to have another African American President in the future. He says that he might not live to see it, but it will happen again. In his lifetime, he is happy that he experienced a part of this historical and cultural event of our Nation because God was in the plan; there is no doubt in his mind that God was in the plan.



*"Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;"*

*1 Timothy 3:8*

# **Ordination of Deacon William Jackson**

*"Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well."*

*1 Timothy 3:12*

January 27, 2013





# Pastor Clarke's 10th Anniversary



# Disciples & Disciplettes

softball

Date	Time				
16 Apr	730pm	MCh-1	U.G.	Trinity	PV2
18 Apr	730pm	MCh-1	1st Baptist	U.G.	PV2
22 Apr	830pm	MCh-1	SouthSide	U.G.	PV2
23 Apr	615pm	MCh-1	2nd Baptist	U.G.	PV2
29 Apr	615pm	MCh-1	U.G.	1st Baptist	PV2
2 May	730pm	MCh-1	Trinity	U.G.	PV2
7 May	730pm	MCh-1	SouthSide	U.G.	PV2
13 May	615pm	MCh-1	U.G.	2nd Baptist	PV2
14 May	830pm	MCh-1	1st Baptist	U.G.	PV2
21 May	730pm	MCh-1	U.G.	Trinity	PV2
23 May	615pm	MCh-1	U.G.	Southside	PV2
28 May	915pm	MCh-1	U.G.	1st Baptist	PV2
3 Jun	730pm	MCh-1	2nd Baptist	U.G.	PV2
6 Jun	915pm	MCh-1	Trinity	U.G.	PV2



## ~ Information ~



### ~ Ministerial Staff ~

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.  
 Assistant Pastor John Dukes  
 Elder Milo Bradley, Jr.  
 Elder Tammy Carpenter  
 Elder Connie Dinkins  
 Elder James Ford  
 Elder Tommy Gray  
 Elder Rashee Ragin  
 Minister Marilyn Byrd  
 Minister Dannie Dukes  
 Minister Leo Finkley  
 Minister Arie Freeman  
 Minister James Gaines  
 Minister Mary Lenoir  
 Minister LaTonya Phillips  
 Minister Antonia Simmons  
 Minister Mary Ann Swinney  
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe

~ In Training ~  
 Sis. Marie Anderson  
 Sis. Linda Gray  
 Sis. Africa Porter  
 Sis. Earnestine Anderson



### ~ Deacons ~

<b>A-C</b>	Deacon Jerome Stephens	929-1476
<b>D-F</b>	Deacon Slater Thorpe	218-8736
<b>G-I</b>	Deacon Donald Woodard	987-9865
	Deacon Louis Laney	329-0957
<b>J-K</b>	Deacon Robert Simmons	
	Deacon Wendell Simmons	953-4290
<b>L-N</b>	Deacon T.C. Caldwell	293-8428
	Deacon Charles Lenoir	953-2350
<b>O-R</b>	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
<b>S</b>	Deacon Alvin Myrick	788-5696
	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918
<b>T-V</b>	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139
<b>W-Z</b>	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713



Sis. Janice Scott  
 Administrative Assistant

## ~ Announcements ~

All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to [UnionGrovl@aol.com](mailto:UnionGrovl@aol.com) or by completing a bulletin request form and placing it in the Administrative Assistant's box **no later than Wednesday at 5 p.m.**

Please contact Sis. Margie Tuck at 478-922-5514, ext. 103 to schedule events at the **Vision Center**.

To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.



### Look What's New!!!

For a ride to Sunday Morning services, please call 478-922-5514 by Thursday, 5 p.m.





## ~ Celebrations ~



Keynan Anderson	Bennie Leonard
Cassandra Brown	Tipney Little
Tyre Bynum	Lee McCants
Kim Cannon	Fannie McLean
Theresa Clarington	Cheryl Montgomery
Margaret Colbert	Robert Murphy
Torstan Collier	Pamela Myrick
Gayla Davis	Lena Nixon
Kenneth Davis	Jimmy Oglesby
John Dukes	Lindsey Oglesby
Arie Freeman, Sr.	Gloria Oliver
Blanche Gilmore	Juanita Randolph
Sandra Haugabrook	Jasmine Reese
Naomi Haynes	Jeremy Sims
Wilbur Haynes	Anthony Steedley
Hilda Hayward	Jerome Stephens
Maurice Hill	Alvin Striggles
Mattie Howard	Cornelius Thorpe
Christopher Hunter	Ta Shay Toles
Barbara Jackson	Kiara Tuck
Julius Johnson	Jasmine Wheeler

## ~ ANNIVERSARIES ~

*Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Swinney*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strickland, III*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Leo Finkley, Sr.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Simmons*



~ FYI ~

## Coming Soon!!!



Camp applications are now available!!!

For more information, pick up a Camp Information Sheet located by the Nursery or see First Lady Clarke.

Applications for Summer Camp Employment (for those interested in becoming a part of the faculty and staff) may be downloaded from [www.thegrovewr.org](http://www.thegrovewr.org).



The Health Care Ministry will provide blood pressure and cholesterol screenings each Sunday after the worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the cholesterol screening.

Sis. Ann Lester

## Thank You!!!

The Newsletter Ministry would like to thank everyone for your prayers, encouraging words and your contributions to the April Issue as we get the GTA H back up and running. Your support is a blessing to the ministry and affords us the opportunity to be a blessing to others.

### The G.T.A.H Staff

*Carolyn Jackson*

*Shirley Jackson*

*Jackie Powell*

*Willie Smith*

*Ashley Whitehead*

## Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to see your ministry or event featured in the G.T.A.H., contact any member of the Newsletter Ministry, e-mail us at [GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com) by the 3rd Friday of each month or place your submissions in the Newsletter/G.T.A.H. box in the copy room.

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

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