

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

# Homecoming 2014

*“Remembering Our Past and Creating Our Future”*

Volume II Issue 8

August 2014

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

*Great Things are Happening*



**David Anthony Clarke, Sr.**  
Senior Pastor

**Michelle Wilson Clarke**  
First Lady



## ~ 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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~ August Events ~

4	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
5	Outreach Ministry, Classroom #4	6:30 p.m.
5	Praise Team, S	7:00 p.m.
8	GSWAG Rehearsal, S	6:00 p.m.
9	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
9	Golden Achievers, VC	12 noon
9	GSWAG Concert, S	6:00 p.m.
10	Youth Open House, VC	after 11 a.m. service
11	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
12	Man Up, VC	6:30 p.m.
13	Puppet Ministry, VC	6:00 p.m.
14	Vision Leaders, VC	6:30 p.m.
16	D-F, W-Z Family Fellowship, Ole Times	12 noon
17	Girl Power, VC	4:00 p.m.
18	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
20	Master Life Starts	7:00 p.m.
21	Spiritual Enrichment meeting, Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
22	Office Closed	
22	Open Mic Night, VC	7:00 p.m.
23	Ministry Workers Workshop	9:00 a.m.
25	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.



Church Service Hours



**Sunday Morning Prayer**  
7:45 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday Bible Study**  
6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Midday Manna**  
12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m.

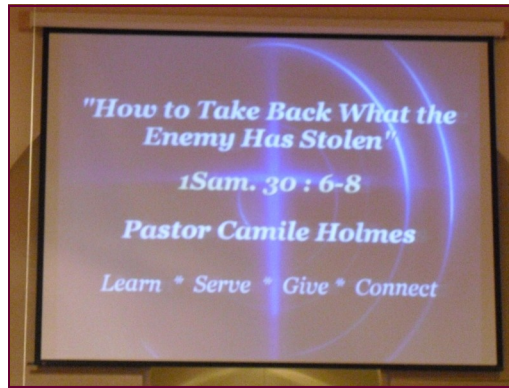
**Radio Broadcast**  
Sundays, 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*"The Light"* FM 100.5

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

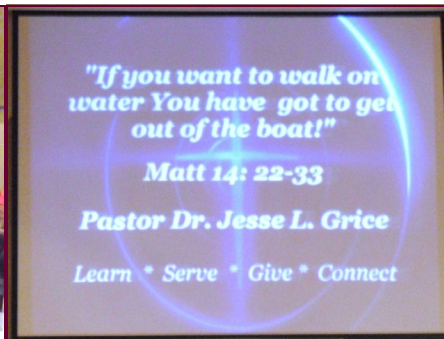
**Additional Church Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

~ 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."*



*Pastor Camile Holmes*  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service*



*Pastor Jesse Grice*  
*11:00 a.m. Worship Service*

**Mayor Randy Toms presenting Proclamation to Pastor Clarke**





*Pastor & First Lady Clarke  
With  
Pastor Camile & First Lady Holmes*



*Pastor & First Lady Clarke  
With  
Pastor Jesse & First Lady Grice*





*Sister Sharon Broughton*

**Historical Presentation**

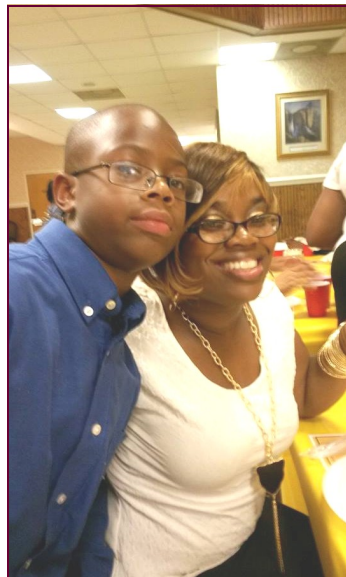
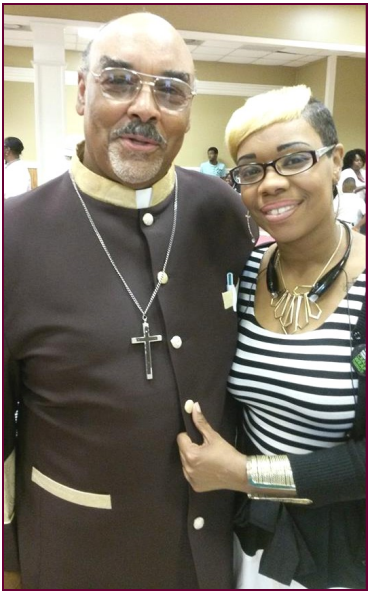
Sister Sharon Broughton presented a historical demonstration reflecting back on...the ringing of the church bell to signal that it was time to go to church, baptisms in the outside pool (cold or hot), Deacon Laney singing “*He Laid His Hand On Me*”, Deacons “lining those old hymns”, all the food in the trunks of cars on Homecoming Sunday and the famous homemade lemonade made in a barrel and stirred with a stick.



*Pastor Bobby L. Smith*











UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



# summer camp

## Great Things Are Happening at the Growve Zone!

Sister Jackie Powell

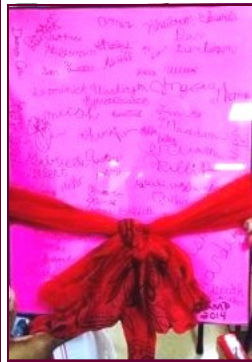
Summer is a unique time of year for the children at many churches. During the summer, Union Grove sponsors a summer camp for kids. During the month long camp, children learn about their religion while doing many different activities. The camps combine faith education with themes that interest children such as games and crafts. Games can strengthen bonds between campers, and camp crafts can provide lessons that help campers memorize Bible verses.

As a retired teacher, I know that the students forget some of the skills previously taught. I also know the importance of helping the students retain the knowledge previously learned. Mrs. Hill, an educator in the Houston County School District made sure this didn't happen to the campers. Academics such as Reading, Cursive Writing, Math as well as Sign Language were reviewed and perhaps introduced to the campers. The campers enjoyed going to the library every Monday for story time and activities.

Union Grove's summer camp featured a wide variety of activities and that helped promote Christian thoughts and values. The campers were blessed to meet Kanorris Davis, a former Perry High School Panther who now plays for the New England Patriots, who came out to speak and to play a few games with the campers.

Although I might speak and praise the camp, it was necessary for me to get the opinion of a camper. I questioned Kierra Williams, a second grader at Parkwood Elementary about what she thought about the camp. She told me she liked coming to the camp and will be coming again next year. She told me she enjoyed taking the field trips to the skating rink, Stevie B's, Rigby's as well as the Museum of Arts and Science. The culminating activity was the Grove Zone Summer Camp Showcase:

The goal of most camps is that every child will have a fun, entertaining summer experience while being introduced to a variety of new activities, challenges and friends. I believe that goal was met at the Grove Zone.





**Summer Camp 2014** was a success and approximately 42 youth in grades 1 - 8 were served. The camp staff consisted of 12 counselors and the Golden Achievers served breakfast and lunch each day.

Sign Language was added to the regular components of the arts. The students presented a song at the showcase using sign language taught by Ms. Hill. Leo Finkley, Jr. and Kymori Edwards dazzled the youth each day with a new theme that included exciting Science experiments. Field Trip Fridays was also a highlight of the camp.

Camp ended this year with the 2nd Summer Camp Showcase on July 18. The students presented a wonderful show called "Surfing Through the Decades"! There was a Michael Jackson sighting singing with the Jackson 5!

*Sister Michelle Clarke*



## 7 Keys to Effective Ministry Meetings

By Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



Have you ever had your time, energy, and spiritual gifts seemingly wasted with ineffective ministry meetings? Here are seven keys to keep that from happening and make your ministry meetings the bomb.com!

### 1. Use the meetings as building blocks for the vision of the ministry.

My desire is that every gathering works toward manifesting the vision for Union Grove. Every meeting, rehearsal, worship experience, Bible study, etc. is to work as a building block to make the vision come to fruition. Use your meetings to make the vision for your respective ministry a reality by sharing teachings or facilitating discussions on required reading. This helps everyone on your ministry team to keep growing and become and accomplish what the Lord has ordained.

### 2. Use the meetings to develop trust.

Allow for questions and candid discussions on sensitive issues. Be honest in the answers you provide. Don't give people the run around! Admit whenever you drop the ball and apologize when necessary. Demonstrate you care about what's on people's minds especially when there are concerns pertaining to money. Trust is one of your most powerful tools in your leadership toolkit.

### 3. Use different things to lighten the mood.

We've used music, skits, and humor to lighten the mood and dissipate the tension that once dominated the atmosphere in our congregational meetings. Lighten the mood of your meetings so people can relax and gel with one another. This helps make ministry teams effective and creative as they work well together and serves as a great recruiting tool, too.

**Learn \* Serve \* Give \* Connect**

**4. Make meetings very informative.**

Providing updates, reports, teaching and vision casting all serve to make ministry meetings very informative and productive. Stay away from gossip, complaining, and chatter that simply wastes time and does not glorify God.

**5. Start and end on time**

Starting and ending meetings on time is one of the greatest tools to use to keep people coming to the meetings.

**6. Implement different control measures to keep things orderly.**

People need to be free to talk and express themselves, but with love, discipline, and respect. Disagreements happen, but let's watch what we say and how we behave. There are plenty Scriptures that speak of self-control, watching our mouths, and how to resolve conflicts with one another. It is up to the leader to implement control measures or boundaries that allows for everything to be done decently and in order. This does not mean that adults are to be treated like children. Amen! Boundaries are necessary in all aspects of society in order for all of us to live at peace with one another.

**7. Deliver dynamic presentations.**

Presentations delivered in meetings can make or break a team. I've seen ideas shot down not because they were bad ideas, but great ideas poorly presented. Hone your presentation skills by paying attention to the questions your team tend to ask and do the best you can to anticipate the questions they might ask as you prepare your presentation. Answer those questions in your presentation and it can invite the support you may need from your team as you move forward in the Lord's work. Deliver your presentation with passion, humility, humor, and God's Word and it can make the meeting one that people are glad they did not miss.

**Conclusion:** Church meetings have helped our church transform over time. I pray your ministry meetings will continually move your ministry and our church forward into God's ordained destiny. Enjoy the journey!



## LET'S GET OUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER PART VI

Sister Wanda Verrett

### STEP 6 – (PRAY) – Eliminating Waste from our Budget!

The Daily Bread a few days ago used the scripture Isaiah 55:1-2, *Come all who are thirsty, come to the waters and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread and your labor on what does not satisfy?*

This scripture tells us about God's free gift of love. As I read it, my mind also thought about all the things we spend our money on that provide no satisfaction.

Thus, our topic for this month, *"Eliminating Waste from Our Budget"*. Let's go back to one of the basic things we started at the beginning, keeping a record of our daily expenditures for a month. If you still have this information, take a look at it. If you don't, you can still do this. Start today writing down everything you spend each day. Start with the information in your checkbook and add other daily expenses. This includes that cup of coffee and that pack of gum. Those cash items we seem to lose track of. Just keep a little notebook in your pocket or purse.

Once we have compiled the information, we are ready to review. This list will reveal a lot about us. Are you an impulse buyer like me? You see it, you buy it. Some telemarketer calls and catches you in a good mood and you buy or donate without thinking? Do you have things in your closet you have never worn?

Do you grocery shop on an empty stomach? I know, it is easier to stop by on your way home, but it does cost you extra money. As you unpack your groceries, note all the items you bought that you normally wouldn't have if you weren't hungry or tired. Do you use a list when you go to the grocery store? I have found it more efficient to keep a running list on my counter. Whenever anything is getting low, I add it to the list. When I get ready to go, I just tear off the sheet and I'm on my way. Even more efficient is keeping the list on your phone. That way when you stop by unexpectedly, you don't have to call home and get someone to read you the list. Whether paper or digital, grocery lists save money.

Check yourself and your family, you may be able to eliminate enough waste to help you pay off another bill. I know someone who stopped buying soda/tea when eating out. This saved his family enough money to finance their annual vacation. As you eat out, check out the price of tea and soda. This can sometimes add \$5.00 to \$10.00 to your bill.

If you have any questions about this or any other financial matter, you may submit them to the GTAH or directly to me, or place a note in the Teaching Ministry slot in the mailroom. You don't have to leave your name. I will answer in the next issue.

## From the Mind of a Young Christian

### Finding My P.L.A.C.E.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving me a church home where I can learn, serve, give and connect. I am excited about growing in Your Word, but I still have questions... Where is my PLACE in this organization? Where can I use my gifts? (I'm not even really sure I know what my gifts are or how to use them.) Where do You want me to serve You, God?*

*Amen*



*Sister Valerie Goolsby*

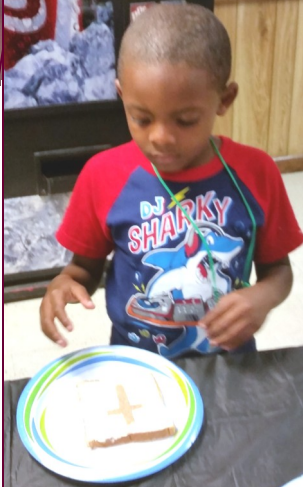
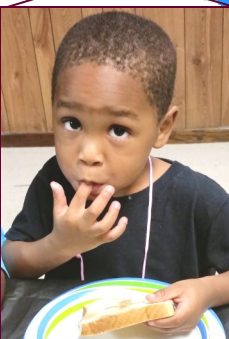
Many of us have these questions in our minds when we first join a church. Unfortunately, in many cases, the questions never get answered. People often join a ministry and are unsuccessful because of not knowing the answers to these questions. I know that for me, I was intimidated by the thought of having to figure out which ministry I would work best in because I thought I had to figure it out all by myself. It turns out that I just needed to learn more about myself before I could answer these questions.

Praise God for always having a plan for us, and always providing a way. For me, He provided the P.L.A.C.E. workshop. Finding your place in ministry is not about somebody telling you what you should be doing. Finding your place is about self-discovery. It's understanding the strengths and weaknesses you bring to the table. It's about self-reflection and self-awareness. But don't misunderstand, it is not all about you. We all work together in the body of Christ. Attending P.L.A.C.E. will also allow you to better understand others so you can work together more effectively.

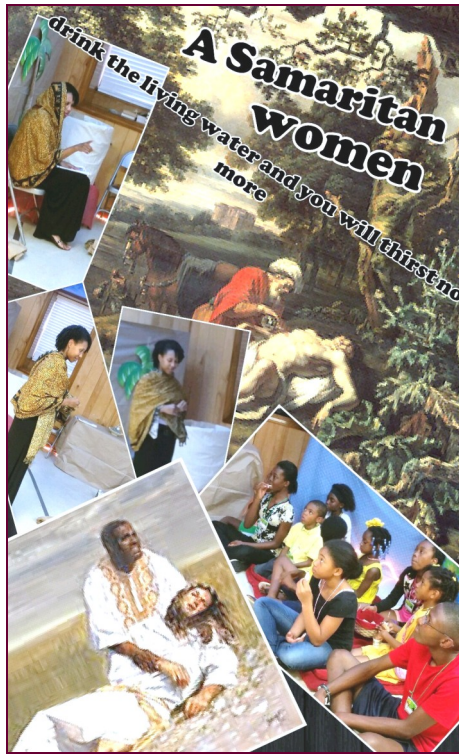
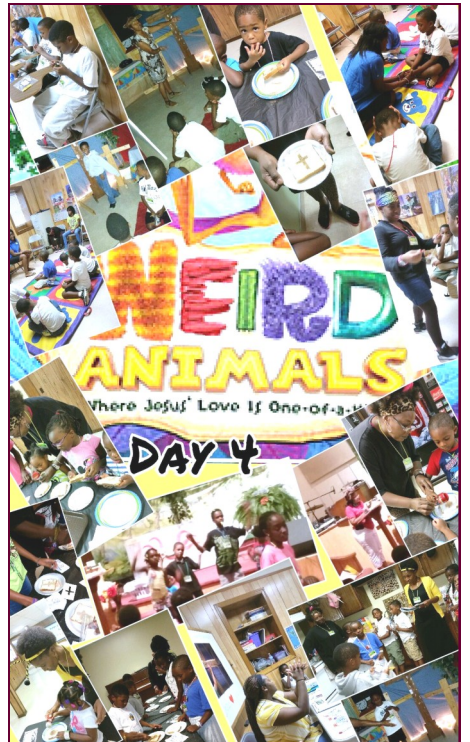
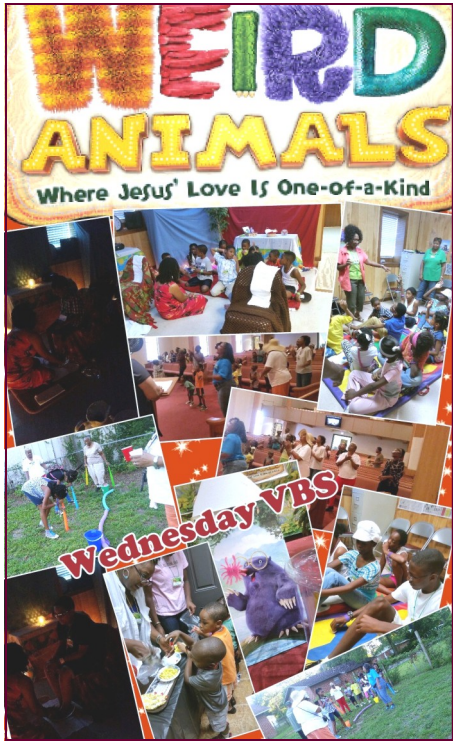
P.L.A.C.E. is an awesome workshop because of how much you learn. Even if you think you know enough about yourself, you will still be surprised. Although the workshop is a requirement for new members, EVERYONE should attend at least once. Even if you have been in your ministry for a while, go and get affirmation. And, if you have been through it already, go through it again after a couple of years. You may be surprised by how things change over time.

So why should you attend P.L.A.C.E? Simple – because it may reveal more about who God made you to be so that you can use your gifts to further His Kingdom.

~V. Goolsby









**I'm a Scientist Get me out of here**

*were all different, but Jesus still loves us*

**Imagination Station**

**KEY VERSE**  
 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ" (Ephesians 2:10)

**SCIENTIST IN TRAINING**

**pre-K**

**WEIRD ANIMALS**

*even though we're different God loves us*

**Critter Café**

**Masterpiece Munchies**

*we are God's Masterpiece*



Yolanda Bennett	Henry Evans	Jessie Leonard	Patrice Smith
De'von Box	Shannon Felder	Cedric Logan	Rose Smith
Christine Bradley	Elder James Ford	Marvis Mason	Sean Spencer
Alando Bray	Calvin Gordon	Dozier McCrea	Krystal Stephens
Cearra Britt	Elder Tommy Gray	Ryan M. Coleman	Ella Stephens
Audra Butler	Yvette Greene	Monte McKenzie	Patrick Talton
Jerome Butler	Edward Greene, III	Martha Medlock	Charles Tate
Maria Clark	Zenobia Gude	Deacon Alvin Myrick	Jacqueline Taylor
Mary Clayborn	Mackenzie Hendricks	Markita Nathaniel	Ruthie Tillman
Pearl Colbert	Feldorcia Humphrey	Anthony Pegues	Shirley Toles
Dettrey Collins, Jr.	Walter Humphrey, III	Lakeshia Ragin	Tiambi Walker
Sandra Cornish	Mary Ann Hunter	Gwendolyn Reeves	Jason Wheeler
Caleb Doe	Henry Jackson	Sarah Ricketts	Stephen Wheeler
Helen Doe	Leroy Johnson	Janice Scott	Willie White
Martin Dunbar	Eunice Jones	Rashad Scott	Minnie Williams
Pastor Butch Dupree	Johnny Jones, Jr.	Min. Antonia Simmons	Norraine Williams
Jacqueline Durham	Nannie Lane	Kay Simmons	Shakeria Wright
Shirlinda Edwards	Minister Mary Lenoir	Doris Sims	

# Happy Anniversary!!!

**Deacon Monroe and Deaconess Shirley Clark**



Our Father, in the name of Jesus the Christ, we thank you for 44 years of marriage on August 22, 2014. *“Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtained favor of the Lord”.*

Proverbs 18:22

*Deacon Monroe and Shirley Clark*



**Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Defreittas**  
*August 7*

**Mrs. Sandra Haugabrook**  
*August 16*

**Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Medlock**  
*August 22*



**Elder Tommy and Linda Gray**  
**August 16**



**Jimmy and Bridgette Oglesby**  
**August 13**



~ 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 Shane Hardee  
 Minister Mary Lenoir  
 Minister LaTonya Phillips  
 Minister Antonia Simmons  
 Minister Mary Ann Swinney  
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe

~ In Training ~

Sister Marie Anderson  
 Sister Linda Gray  
 Sister Africa Porter  
 Sister Earnestine Thompson

~ Deacon Contact List ~

<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 William Jackson	929-4918
	Deacon Robert Simmons	
<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
<b>T-V</b>	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139
<b>W-Z</b>	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713

**\*\* Members J-K \*\***  
 are now assigned to Deacon William Jackson

~ Junior Deacons ~

David Clarke II  
 Caleb Doe  
 Jason Wheeler

~ Administrative Assistant ~

Sister Janice Scott



# BUS MINISTRY

Haven't found a ministry to fit your gift? If you have the gift of evangelism, hospitality or helps, the Bus Ministry may be for you. We are looking for dedicated drivers.

If interested, please contact Elder Dinkins at 478-335-1790

## THANK YOU!

Thank You Union Grove family for all of the cards and graduation gifts! I am no longer a HOCO Bear but a Columbus State Cougar!

Please continue to pray for me while I am away. I miss everyone already, but will be back to visit soon!

**Love, Makayla Asim**

*(daughter of Steve and Salina Wheeler)*



**S. W. A. T.**  
**Jr S. W. A. T.**



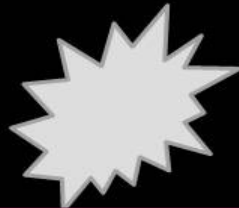
**Students Working & Achieving Together**

**S.W.A.T. is the modern-day version of Student Council!**

**Jr S.W.A.T. is the voice of the "tween" population!**

**GET INVOLVED and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Applications are now being accepted!**



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
**Youth Ministry**  
 Open House

*Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> after 11am Worship Service*

Now that school is back in session, come and learn about all of the great ministries available to youth of all ages!



Children's Church

Foundation



Truth

Nursery

Puppet Ministry



Scholarship



Jr SWAT

SWAT

STUDENTS Working & Achieving Together

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D.E.T.O.U.R.



The Vision Center

1231 S. Davis Drive, Warner Robins, GA

Elder Rashee Ragin, Youth Vision Leader

**Youth Ministry Mission Statement:**

To **KNOW** (to know Him and to make Him known),

To **GROW** (to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ),  
 and

To **SHOW** (let your light shine before man, so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven)

# 1231 & Davis

**OPEN  
MIC  
NIGHT**



**Friday  
August  
22  
7pm to 10pm  
Vision Center**





# CRUISIN W/GOLDEN ACHIEVERS



5 Day/Night Western Caribbean Cruise  
September 14 - 19, 2015

First payment:  
\$75.00  
non  
refundable  
deposit

Due  
August 21

Hurry, space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

-Sis. Abrams

## ~ Ministry Workers Workshop ~

Saturday

August 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.



Concert  
August 9  
6 p.m.  
UGMBC



## It's a Family Affair

D-E-F and W-X-Y-Z

Grove  
Zone

Family Fellowship



16 August 2014 at 12 o'clock noon  
Ole Times Country Buffet Restaurant

Dutch treat: Adults \$8.49\* Seniors \$6.99\* Ages 4-9 \$4.99

STARTED FROM THE BOTTOM  
NOW WE'RE HERE

Where ya goin'?

How do you get there?

Don't miss destiny!

Wednesdays at  
12 noon and 7 p.m.



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# Congratulations!!!



CONGRATS!!! **PV2 Tevin I Kendall** has graduated from AIT School at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA on 23 July 2014. His first duty station is Korea and his report date is 22 August. Hoorah!!!

*Thanks for all the love, prayers, words of encouragement and continued support for me and my family.*

*Be Blessed!!!!*

*Sister Ardell Johnson*

# Congratulations!!!

## Clarkehouse Ministries



## Grilled Summer Sizzling Shrimp Kabobs



*Sister Queen Little*

Prep Time: 10 mins Cook time: 8 mins

### Ingredients:

1 lb. of large shrimp  
1 medium bell pepper  
8-10 small cherry tomatoes  
4 small corn on the cobs  
garlic to season  
old bay to season  
4 wooden or metal skewers  
½ cup of virgin olive oil  
BBQ grill

Season your shrimp with garlic and old bay; toss them in a bowl with a 1/4 of olive oil, set aside, cut bell pepper into cube like pieces, cut each corn into half so that you will have 8 ears...add a shrimp to skewer then a tomato, then a pepper, then a corn. Continue this with at least 3 shrimp to a skewer. If you can do 4 that's great. Make sure your grill is nice and hot. Place shrimp on grill and brush lightly with olive oil, let cook 4 mins on each side brushing the other side when you turn them. After they are done serve them now or later, they will still be delicious...can be served with a delicious salad or over rice!

Enjoy from Queens Catering and Take Out!

***“Caribbean Queens Catering and Much More”***

***Queen Little - Owner / 478-919-3160***

***Head Caterer / Planning Director***

***We look forward to serving you...***

***caribbeanqueens@yahoo.com and on facebook***

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- Please contact **Sis. Janice Scott at 478-922-5514, ext. 102** to schedule events at the **Vision Center. (Members and ministries of UGMBC only)**
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- For a **ride to Sunday services**, please call **478-922-5514 by Thursday at 5 p.m.**
- **The Health Care Ministry** tests for total cholesterol panel using the state of the art equipment on Sundays after worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the test...Appointment only. Leave your name and number at the church office. Sis. Ann Lester
- **Note:** When entering any building/property owned by UGMBC, you are giving consent to the church to use your image in church publications, media, website/Facebook, etc.

### Thank You!!!

The **G.T.A.H. Newsletter Staff** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the July and August issues. Special appreciation goes to Bro. McKinley Verrett and Sisters Salina Wheeler, Tamara Sanders as well as all others who posted Homecoming, Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp pictures on Facebook.

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

*Carolyn Jackson*

*Shirley Jackson*

*Jackie Powell*

*Willie Smith*

### **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".*

