



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church



G. T. A. H.

Volume 2, Issue 12

(Great Things Are Happening)

December, 2014

Merry Christmas!!!

*12
YEARS
of
Faithful
Ministry*



*Elected Pastor
October 12, 2002*

*Installed
as
19th Pastor
December 15, 2002*

Happy Anniversary!!!

*Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.
First Lady Michelle Wilson Clarke*

~ 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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~ **December Events** ~

1	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
4	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.
4	2015 Budget/Calendar of Events, Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
5	Gordon Event, VC	7:00 p.m.
7	Green Grove Baptist Church, Elko, GA	2:00 p.m.
8	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
9	Man Up, VC	6:30 p.m.
10	SWAT/JR SWAT, VC	6:00 p.m.
11	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.
11	Singles, Class #4	6:30 p.m.
12	First Lady Event, Vision Center	6:00 p.m.
13	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
13	Golden Achievers, VC	12:00 p.m.
13	Youth Leaders, VC	12:00 p.m.
14	12th Pastor & First Family Anniversary Celebration	
15	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
16	Intercessory Prayer, Classroom #4	6:30 p.m.
18	Voices of Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.
18	Grief Support, VC	6:00 p.m.
20	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
20	Senior Citizens' Banquet, VC	12:00 p.m.
25	Merry Christmas!!!	
30	Deacons/Deaconess, CC	7:00 p.m.
31	Watch Night Service	TBA



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."



Union Grove

Wow!

Look at God!

I am overwhelmingly grateful for what the Lord is doing in our midst. God is showing Himself strong on behalf of His people. Souls are being saved, lives are changing, leaders are emerging, improvement is happening, and people are learning, serving, giving, and connecting. I am truly excited about where we are and where we're going as a church family. To God be the glory for the awesome things He's doing.

Pastoral ministry is not easy. No matter how you slice it, shepherding the flock of God is hard work. But, I want to thank Union Grove for making it a joyful journey for me. I have leaders who love me, support me, hold me accountable, help me remember all the stuff I forget-lol, pray for me and with me, and keep me laughing. I see people applying what's being taught and the difference it makes in their lives, which is one of the greatest joys of pastoral leadership. I see the Lord answering prayer and fulfilling prophecies that have been uttered over the years. I'm having a ball!

I thank God for my wife, cheerleader, prayer partner, and friend, Michelle Clarke. Our church has THE BOMB First Lady. I appreciate those of you who planned, executed, and attended her special gala. The love Union Grove shows my wife and family makes a huge difference for all of us. Thank you all so very much.

I'm grateful for our children, too. They were *itty bitty* little critters when we first arrived in 2002. They have grown into wonderful, productive adults and I thank each of them for bearing with and supporting the pastoral call on their father's life. I also want to appreciate our church family for the love they've shown the Clarke children throughout the years. It takes a village to raise a child and the Grove Zone has played an incredible and significant part of their village. You'll never know how much that means to Michelle and I.

I want to be a leader who solves problems and makes life better for as many people as possible. May the Lord use Union Grove to solve problems in our community, nation, and around the world. I pray that He sets our church on fire and be light in this dark world. Follow me as I follow Christ. Let's continue to do our part to advance His kingdom in the earth. God bless you all. I thank God for our 12 years together. Be encouraged and enjoy the journey!

Growing in grace,

David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."
I Timothy 5:17

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.

12th Anniversary



December 14, 2014

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

First Lady Michelle Clarke *First Lady Michelle Clarke*

All Union
Grove
ladies
13 & up

7:00 pm
Vision Center



"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His Name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the LORD God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:30-32).

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
12th Anniversary

Pastor CHARLES REYNOLDS
8AM

December 14 2014

Thank You!!!
Thank You!!!



We love you!!!
We love you!!!

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
12th Anniversary

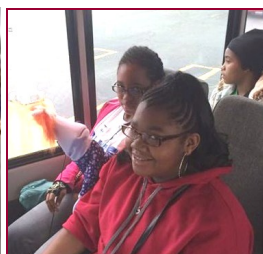
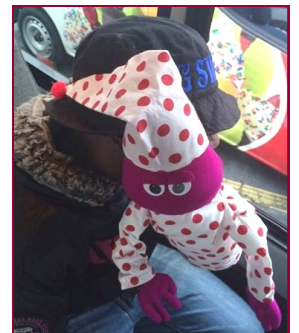
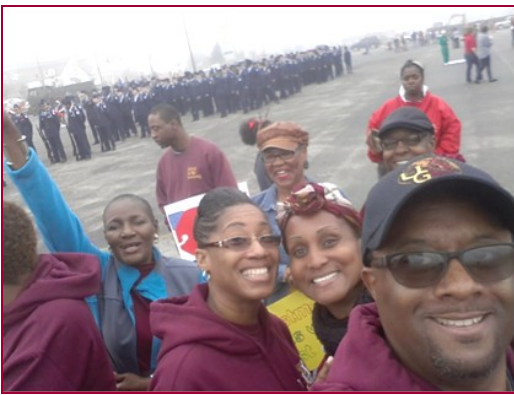
TRAVIS GREENE
11AM

December 14 2014

Warner Robins Christmas Parade

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Members of the Grove Zone marched in the Warner Robins Christmas Parade. Union Grove and several churches came together and sponsored the parade this year under the leadership of Pastor Daryl Vining.



~ Fellowship at Rosemont Senior Living ~



Union Grove Fellowshiped with Rosemont by providing and serving dinner to the residents on November 08, 2014. We had a joyful time eating and building relationships with the Residents. The food was homemade, delicious cooking and full of love provided by Deacon Ed and Sister Catherine Jarvis, Deacon Charles and Minister Mary Lenoir, Sister LaBrenda Jones, Sister Cassandra Brown, Sister Dorothy Jackson, Sister Fannie Epperson and Sister Lena Nixon.

Each resident was presented a dinner bell with a cross on it that said, *"Faith, Love, Hope or Rejoice"*. Sister Virginia Williams was the life of the dinner. We were so glad to have her present after a long sickness and just returning home from the nursing home, a few hours prior to the dinner. Other residents in attendance were: Sister Gloria White, Sister Lula Head, Sister Luella Brown, Sister Mae Lane, Sister Annie Brown, Brother Charles Ross and Brother Joe.

Our Mission at Union Grove is to draw people to Christ, maximize our potential and creatively meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and community. Union Grove is providing church services every first and second Sunday at Rosemont Sr. Living at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor John Dukes, Pastor/Teacher and Minister Dannie Dukes and Minister Mary Lenoir, assisting. Other support Ministers of the Gospel are Elder Milo Bradley, Elder Tammy Carpenter, Elder Connie Dinkins, Minister Denise Byrd, Minister LaTonya Phillips, Minister Cornelius Thorpe, Minister Antonia Simmons and Minister Mary A. Swinney.

February, 2015 will be the Third Anniversary for Church Services held on site at Rosemont Sr. Living. Bible Study is also held on site with Deacon Jerome Stephens, Teacher and Sister Lena Nixon, Assistant Teacher every second and fourth Friday at 1:00 p.m. Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church is making a difference in our community!!!

Merry Christmas!!!

Minister Mary Lenoir



"Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men".

(Luke 2:14).





THANK YOU!

The **Jr SWAT Food Drive** for Thanksgiving was truly a Blessing! We could not have done it without you, Union Grove!

Because of your generous food donations, we were able to give abundantly through our “Boxes of Blessings”. Families received a variety of food that can be served throughout the day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!

We’d like to extend a special “Thank You” to our Deacons who advertised the food drive by “word of mouth” and those who helped deliver to families in our community.

Continue to Help by Donating Once a Month!

A–C	Canned soup, veggies, canned meat	D–F	Cereal, oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat
G–I	Drink mix, canned fruit, fruit snacks	J–K	Corn bread, crackers, cake/brownie mix
L–N	Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Zatarans	O–R	Mac-n-cheese, rice, dry beans, gravy
S	Mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes	T–V	Pasta (elbow, bowtie), white sauces
W–Z	Pasta (spaghetti, lasagna), red sauces		

Thank you!

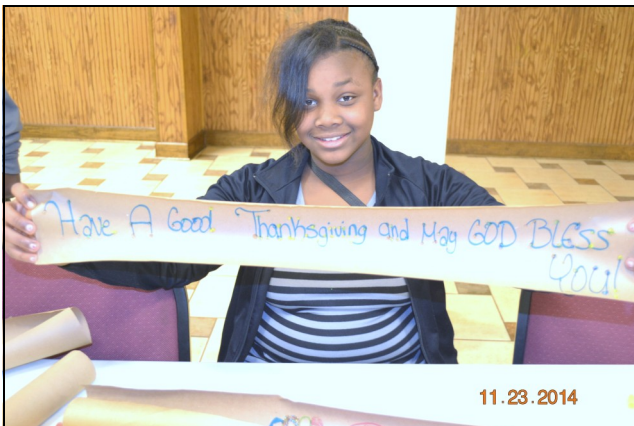


Chanel, Izaria, Makayla, Zaria, Sydney & Reyna

Sister Salina Wheeler, Jr SWAT

Elder Rashee Ragin, Youth Ministry Vision Leader

"Boxes of Blessings"





YAW2K14 Youth Gala



Theme: "The Wizard of Oz"



Jasmine Gilbert



*UG's own Dorothy,
"Lala Ragin and Donna Smith"*

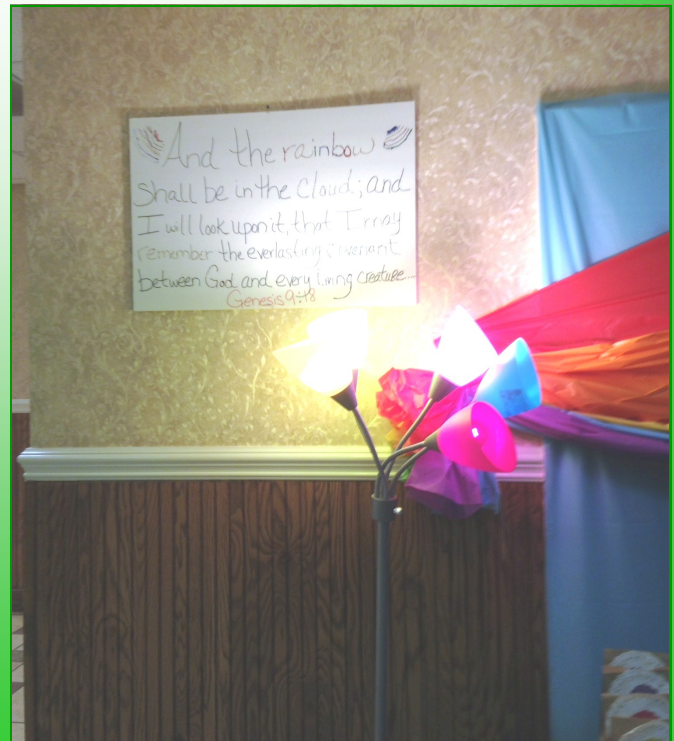


Sister Shirley Whitehead and Sister Harriet Marlow

“Wizard of Oz” theme

by

Sister Africa Porter



Youth Appreciation Weekend

Open Mic Night

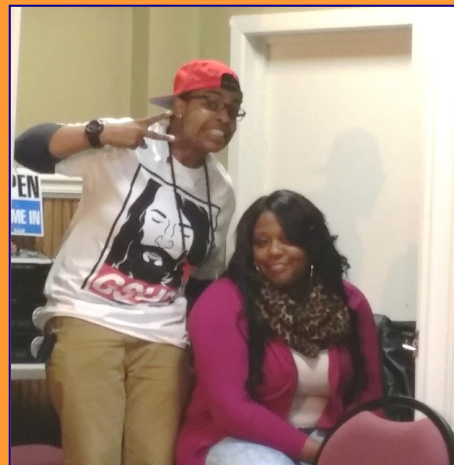
November 15, 2015



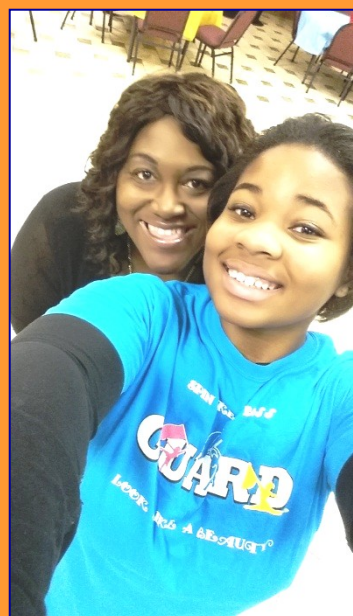
*Jasmin Bynum
Flag Routine*



*Jason Wheeler,
reciting an original poem*



*Chanel Crosskey and
Soraya Brown*



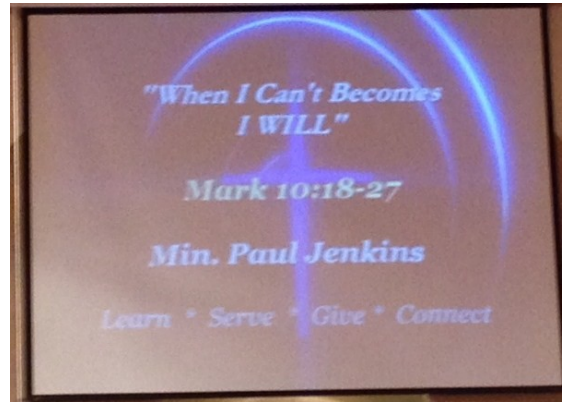
*Sis. LaShondria Smith
and Jasmin Bynum*



Robert Strait, Elder Rashee Ragin and Leo Finkley, Jr.



~ Youth Sunday ~



Youth Praise Team

"Men of Music"



"From Impossible to I'm Possible"

YAW 2k14 was sooo awesome!!!



We kicked it off as usual with our Youth Gala, but it wasn't a usual Gala. Our Jr. SWAT members came up with a theme based on one of our Children's Church lessons of "Courage". Chanel Strong and Izaria McLean pitched the idea of having a "Wizard of Oz" theme for their Gala. We, as youth leaders love it when our young people come up with ideas and it comes to pass. We could not have pulled this off without the assistance from Sister Africa Porter and creative skills to decorate. Our Foundation and Truth students danced and played games the entire night away. It was truly a Gala to be remembered. We are already looking forward to next year: "The Chocolate Factory" Youth Gala.

On Saturday, it was time for us to show some love to our High School and College students. We held our last Open Mic Night for 2014 and it was all worth the wait. Some of our previous "shy" students were bold enough to showcase their talents in Flag and Dance. We were even Blessed with some students from GSWAG to come through and join in on the showcase. I'm so proud and Blessed to be a part of the Grove Zone Youth Ministry and to see our Young People live in the NOW with their GIFTS and talents of the Lord. The highlight of the night had to be Chanel Crosskey giving of a "taste" of her lyrical skills
t h r o u g h r a p .

On Sunday, the climax of the weekend, we were Blessed once again by Minister Paul Jenkins and the Word of God that came through him. It is truly an honor to know such a man that loves his family in such a way that you see God ALL OVER THEM.

We were also able to surprise some of our students with some achievement awards. Our Determined David and Extraordinary Esther, went to Jason Wheeler and Jasmine Bynum for their selfless service and dedication to the ministries of Union Grove. They both have exhibited great character at and away from the Union Grove campus. They lead by example as young people. Along with showing some of our young people Appreciation, our SWAT members wanted to extend some gratitude towards one of our Youth Leaders, just to show that they appreciate what she has invested in them. They wanted to show Mrs. LaShondria Smith some love and admiration for her tireless work of sowing seeds in their lives. The many sleepless nights that she has experienced were not and are not in vain.

To conclude the weekend, we were able to go out as a TEAM and break bread together with the Jenkins
a n d t h e C l a r k e f a m i l i e s .

I'm so in love with my God for placing me in the midst of our Young People and Adults at the Grove Zone. He has Blessed me with the greatest team ever to work with. To God Be the Glory.

Merry Christmas!!!

Elder Rashee Ragin



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:13

~ Youth Achievement ~



"Determined David"
Jason Wheeler



*First Lady and Sister Yvette
at their post*



"Extraordinary Esther"
Jasmine Bynum



Sister LaShondria Smith
recognized as the
Outstanding Youth Leader



Youth Leaders
Sister Avril Mitchell
Sister Bridgette Oglesby
Sister Cassandra Brown



Merry Christmas

Wishing Everyone

a

Wonderful Christmas!!!

from the

*Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry
Elder Tommy and Linda Gray*



*Congratulations
to
Sister Tamara Sanders
and
Sister Patrice Smith!!!*



Congratulations!!!



Deacon Jerome Stephens received the Community Service Award at the Montford Point Marine Association Annual Scholarship and Award Banquet on November 15, 2014



~ Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship ~



*Sister Jasmine Williams
and
Brother Caleb Torres*



Brother Micah Washington





Odessa Allen
 Annjanette Bass
 J'Lexus Bass
 Latilya Bird
 Iris Bracey
 Soraya Brown
 Doris Burns
 Rufus Burns
 Trista Bynum
 Jalaiyah Clayborn
 Bethany Davis
 Linda Davis
 Rodney Davis
 Curtis Doe
 Komola Edwards
 Michelle Gaines
 Earlene Gilbert

Glenn Gulley
 Kamari Hardee
 George Hill
 Yonkita Huggins
 Levi Humphrey
 Min. Rushia Jackson
 Arthur James
 Georgia Johnson
 Terri Kendricks
 Kieya Lambert
 Jabari Leggette
 Dea. Charles Lenoir
 Annjanette L. Johnson
 Tobias Leonard
 Victoria Leonard
 Deborah Little
 Helen Lloyd

Ntozake Mack
 Pastor Teddy Madison
 Kimberly Martin
 Shade Mathis
 Jared McCants
 Tamika McCollun
 Dorothy McNair
 Ty'asya Murrell
 Angie Nalls
 Rieshun Newell
 Justin Phillips
 Min. LaTonya Phillips
 Cindy Pitts
 Trenton Quinn
 Tara Raines
 Tameka Robinson
 Henry Scott

Amira Simmons
 Robert Simmons, Sr.
 Dorian Smith
 John Smith
 LaShondria Smith
 Shannon Smith
 Tracy Smith
 Joan Stewart
 Vincent Stewart, II
 Eugene Swinney
 Benedict Turner
 McKinley Verrett
 Wanda Verrett
 Gertrude Walker
 Mae Ola Williams
 Lucinda Wimbush
 Alice Wolmack
 Dea. Donald Woodard



Sister Annie Lester
 December 26



**Happy
 Anniversary**



Deacon Donald & Maxine Woodard
 December 30



~ 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
- Pastor Teddy Madison
- Pastor John Sutton
- Minister Marilyn Byrd
- Minister Dannie Dukes
- Minister Arie Freeman
- Minister Shane Hardee
- Minister Mary Lenoir
- Minister James Madison
- 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
- Brother William Bowden
- Brother Kentavius Hunter

~ Deacon Contact List ~

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

~ 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



**SINGLES
MINISTRY
Meeting**

December 11, 2014

**6:30 p.m.
In
Prayer Room**



Season's Greetings
Season's Greetings



Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Sister Bridgette Oglesby, the new Teaching Ministry Leader!!! She is replacing Sister Wanda Verrett, who has led the ministry for many years and has done an outstanding job!

Thank you Sister Verrett!!!



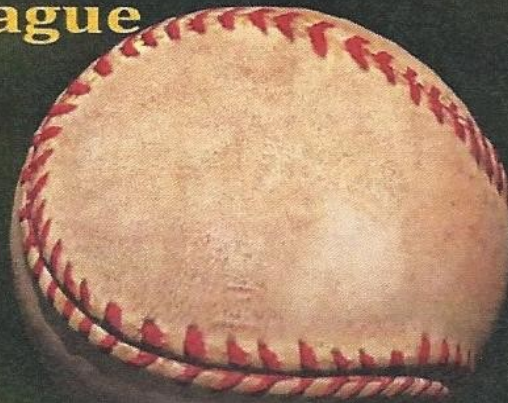
**2015 Warner Robins
Softball Church League**

Contact:

***Brother Emanuel King
478-283-8636***

***Deacon Alvin Myrick
478-952-4286***

***Brother Justin Phillips
404-441-3730***



Senior Citizen Christmas Banquet

December 20, 2014
12pm – 2pm

Vision Center
1231 South Davis Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Theme: "Away In A Manger"
Guest Speaker
Minister Arie Freeman

*For more information, contact Deaconess Grace Davis at 478-923-7713.
Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. * Asst. Pastor, John Dukes
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Mount Calvary Lutheran's 10th Annual *Helping Hands Christmas Dinner*



Who: All in need are welcome. Delivery is available for those unable to drive.

What: FREE Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

When: December, 25, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church, 205 N. Davis Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093

Why: To celebrate Christ's birth and share the love of Christ Jesus our Savior

Please call Mount Calvary Lutheran Church with questions or delivery requests at 478-922-1418

Merry Christmas!!!

from the

GTAH Staff

Carolyn, Shirley & Jackie

Great Things Are Happening!!!



The Best is Yet to Come!!!

* ANNOUNCEMENTS *

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to UnionGro1@aol.com or by completing a bulletin request form and placing it in the Administrative Assistant's box **no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m.**
- 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 this issue. Your support, assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated.



Merry Christmas!!!

Happy New Year!!!

The G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson

Shirley Jackson

Jackie Powell

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 by the 4th Friday of each month or place your submissions in the Newsletter/G.T.A.H. box in the copy room.

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