

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
~Celebrating 124 Years in Ministry~

Great Things

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Are Happening

December 2011—Hale & Hearty

Volume 2, Issue 12

“Nine Great Years”

Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

This month will mark nine years of pastoral ministry at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Nine years! Wow! Time flies when you're having fun and this has been another fun, fruitful year for me while serving at Union Grove as senior pastor. I cannot thank God enough for bringing us together. I trust Him to move in all of our lives in a way that abundantly exceeds anything we could ever ask or think.

Let me express my love and gratitude to our one-of-a-kind First Lady, Michelle W. Clarke. Michelle is my best friend and she's the best First Lady any church could have. She's a fun-loving, outgoing woman of God and I love watching her have fun. One weekly highlight is when some of the armor bearers are trying to get her out of the sanctuary after worship. She loves people and people love her!

I thank God for our wonderful children who are growing up before our very eyes. When we first arrived in Warner Robins in 2002, Janelle was at Warner Robins Middle School and Tenisha and David were at Eagle Springs Elementary. Janelle is now a junior at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina and a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Tenisha is a freshman at Savannah College of Art & Design majoring in graphic design and David is a freshman at Perry High putting it down on the snare drum in the Panther Regiment Marching Band. I appreciate how the Clarke household has expanded over the years to include some very special people we've

embraced as family. We even recently adopted a Chiweenie (Chihuahua/Dachshund mix) named, “Gunny,” and we love him to death!

I really, really love and appreciate our full-time staff; Jan, Margie, and Denise are so much fun. There's never a dull moment throughout the week.

As I observe the armor bearers, leadership, and members of the *Growve Zone*, my cup runneth over as things have evolved over the years. The bonds I have with many of our folks are constantly enriching my life immeasurably.

When people ask me how things are going at Union Grove, I usually sum it up with the word, incredible! Our incredible God is assembling incredible people through whom He is doing incredible things! I am so excited about where we are and where we're headed. Improvement is a constant at our church. It doesn't happen automatically. There are members of our church who invest enormous energy, time, and, yes, money, to make it happen. This makes pastoring at Union Grove such a joy.

Great things are happening and the best is yet to come. With God, all things are possible for us. Let's continue to grow, improve, and *fleau* to new levels of fruitfulness. May God be glorified as He uses us to make an eternal impact in changing the world for Christ. Be encouraged and let's enjoy the journey toward destiny!



Senior Pastor David Clarke, Sr.
and First Lady Michelle Clarke



Mission Statement

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

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*

All scriptures are referenced from the NKJV of the Holy Bible unless otherwise noted.

December Happenings

12/2	2012 Budget Call Meeting, S	7:00pm
12/3	Youth Christmas Gala, VC	5:00pm
12/9	100+ Women in Red Fellowship, VC	7:00pm
12/11	Pastor Appreciation Day, 9th Anniversary	10:30am
12/14	Christmas Play, S	7:00pm
12/15	Operational Support Ministry Fellowship, VC	7:00pm
12/17	Senior Citizen Banquet, VC	2:00pm
12/31	Watch Night, First Baptist Garmon St, New Beginning Center	10:00pm

We may think that we should get our lives in order BEFORE we invite Jesus to come in. But, the truth is, we will never get our hearts right UNTIL we let Him in. He is the only one who can take our messed up hearts and minds, and begin to transform them into clean, sound hearts and minds.

EXTREME HEART MAKEOVER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
— REVELATION 3:20 NIV

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CHURCH SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NEW TIME: 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-day Manna Noon

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Learn ~ Serve ~ Give ~ Connect ~

U.G.M.B.C. OFFICE

HOURS

Tuesday—Friday

8:00 a.m.— 4:30

Monday

Office Closed

Additional Church Hours

Tuesday — Friday

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Janice Scott

Administrative Assistant

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

PASTOR

APPRECIATION DAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND TEACHING

**Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. &
First Lady Michelle W. Clarke**

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.



Thank You for 9 Years of Faithful Service



Guest Speaker: Bishop Brian K. Hodges
Dinner will be served at the Vision Center

2012 Budget

Call meeting

December 2

7:00 p.m.

All members are asked to be present.

Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Union Grove Sanctuary

7:00pm

Volunteers Needed:

One boy, age 10

One female

One male

Costumes & Set

To participate, contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 328-1483

UGMBC Women's Ministry Presents

"Blessed And Highly Favored"

100+ WOMEN IN RED FELLOWSHIP

Date: December 9, 2011

Time: 7pm - 10 pm

Place: The Vision Center

"Greetings, you who are highly favored!

The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28

Come dressed
in your fabulous
RED attire and
prepare yourself for a
night of worship, fellowship,
and fun!

For more information contact: 1st Lady Clarke or Min. Connie Dinkins

*Ladies, please bring your favorite salad to share.

THE SEASON OF Celebration

The Senior Citizen Banquet

is

December 17

2:00 p.m.

at the Vision Center

All senior's 60 & over are invited.

Life Changers Graduation

Sunday, December 18th

10:30 a.m.

Ministry Highlight: Media Ministry

Have you ever wondered why some sounds and vocals of music usher the presence of the Holy Spirit in and gives us an overwhelming feeling of joy? It is because God blesses the music that praises Him.

The book of 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 (NLT) paints a picture for us: *then the priests left the Holy Place. All the priests who were present had purified themselves, whether or not they were on duty that day.¹² And the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and all their sons and brothers—were dressed in fine linen robes and stood at the east side of the altar playing cymbals, lyres, and harps. They were joined by 120 priests who were playing trumpets.¹³ The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the Lord with these words: “He is good! His faithful love endures forever!” At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the Lord.¹⁴ The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of God.*

Brother Henry Scott, who has been a member of UG for 29 years and the Media Ministry’s leader for nine years, says, “The type of atmosphere the Media Ministry seeks to provide is an environment that provides top notch sound unto the Lord.” Colossians 3:23 (NLT) instructs us to work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord, rather than for people. The Media Ministry is also responsible for providing media products, the announcements, setting up sound for the choir, and sound needs of the Pastor. Whenever requested, the Media Ministry makes available sound needs for various church activities. Brother Scott says, “The ministry is always involved in everything that deals with sound and production.”

If you are interested in joining a ministry with awesome dedicated people of God, please contact Brother Scott or any other member of the Media Ministry. It is an indescribable feeling to be in the Temple of God and experiencing his Glory filling it up. That is what this ministry seeks whenever it ministers.



Brother Abraham Scott

Ministry Worker’s Training

Ministry Worker’s Training was held on Sunday, November 20 led by Pastor Clarke. The original plan was to continue “Onboarding” – the process of getting people on board. Instead, Pastor Clarke chose to discuss the morning’s message during the Youth Appreciation Worship Service by Pastor Daniel Rios of New Hope International.

The question, “What message did you receive from the message today?” was posed to those in attendance. Responses from the members included what they felt when Pastor Rios asked three children what they had done wrong recently. The members asked themselves the same question and applied the message to their own lives. Further discussion included the need for male/father figures to the young males in the neighborhood. Pastor Clarke then reminded everyone that young people are watching us. He also noted that “faith is more caught than taught.” The challenge to everyone is to: “pass on a legacy of faith worth catching.” How can we pray for the young folks?” The answer: we should lead by example.

In the last few minutes of the meeting, the members were asked to get in to groups according to their respective ministry. In the groups, the members were asked to share what they are excited about. They were encouraged to get to know about each other beyond just working on the same ministry.



**Union Grove
Challenge:**
“Pass on a
legacy of
faith worth
catching!”

Health Ministry Health Fair



The Annual Health Fair was held on Sunday, November 13 at the Vision Center following the morning worship service with the focus on nutrition. There were approximately 62 people in attendance. Featured during the Health Fair, was Sister Earleen Gilbert, the recipient of a 50 year award in dietary service. She shared valuable health care information, especially good dietary habits. Sister Ann Lester reminded those in attendance that if you don't buy it, you won't have it!



Services provided were: vision screening, HIV testing, blood sugar testing, A1C testing, and blood pressure screening. Information was provided on weight management (from Dr. Cheryl Howard), and menopause. Vendors and door prizes added to the excitement. Cholesterol checks were not performed but members are welcome to receive checks every Sunday in the healthcare office.

Sponsors for the Health Fair were: McDonald's (donated salads), Medicine Shoppe (donated door prizes), Primerica, Alzheimer's Association and the Houston Medical Center. Other information was provided by the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association.



Longtime Member Profile: Sister Mattie Powell

The longtime member profiled this month is Sister Mattie L. Powell, originally from Fairmont, West Virginia who decided to unite with Union Grove in 1989 because of "the friendliness of former pastor Rev. Bobby Smith and the Union Grove congregation."

Since joining Union Grove in 1989, Sister Powell states, "I have noticed the growth of the love and fellowship between all the members. When you walk in the doors of the Grove Zone, you feel the love whether you're a member or a visitor. Due to this love and fellowship, I don't believe anything needs to change. I like the way things are now."

Sister Powell's hobbies include surfing the net, shopping, and reading God's Word. "By surfing the net, I'm able to obtain different perspectives from others concerning God's Word." She also enjoys weekly meetings with the Voices of Prayer and Praise Ministry. "This allows me to fellowship and study God's Word, which helps me grow spiritually." I'm now employed as a worker in "God's Army."

When asked what is her advice to all new members, Sister Powell stated the answer can be found in 2 Timothy 2:15, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* "This is advice that I try and follow myself also. By following this commandment, I believe, will make any member an asset to the Grove Zone."



Sister Mattie Powell

"I'm now employed as a worker in God's Army."

What does the Bible Say About the Heart?

Luke 6:45

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 28:14

Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

John 14:27

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Romans 5:5

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

Philippians 4:7

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:1

[Have the Attitude of Christ] Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Youth Appreciation Day

If you were fortunate to attend service on November 20, 2011 you should have left the church that day with “Something to Hold on To.” Visitors surely should have been impressed by the events in the Grove Zone. We, the members of Union Grove, “threw out our chests” as Youth Minister, Minister Ragin, acknowledged the accomplishments of the adolescents in our church. These accolades were broad since they were accomplished not only in church, but also in the classrooms and on the playing fields.

The congregation, especially the youth, received an upbeat message from Pastor Daniel Rios, Youth Minister of New Hope International Church. From the moment he took the pulpit, we were all touched by his message that emphasized the power of the cross. His scripture reference, Romans 1:18-32, gave all of us “food for thought.” One of Pastor Rios’ strongest points was demonstrated when three of the youth were asked what sin they had committed recently. The involvement and responses of the youth had everyone’s attention. It was also powerful and fitting because it demonstrated Pastor Rios’ key points: all of us should (1) love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and (2) love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor Rios was a dynamic speaker as he kept the youth and adult’s concentration especially when he started a rap and waited for the youth to complete it. This was a demonstration to all of us on the influence of the world through videos, movies, television, and the Internet. The sermon delivered by Pastor Rios was designed to counteract, inspire, and lead young people to genuinely desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, Youth Appreciation Day was a day devoted to making sure our youth is grounded in biblical truth and ensure they have the ability to apply them to their lives.



Youth Fun Day

On Saturday, November 19 the Union Grove youth had a “Fun Day,” coordinated by Sister Cassandra Brown. The kids and adults had an awesome time playing kickball, running around and being free, and being just what they are; kids. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served, which the children really enjoyed. Bragging rights were awarded to Team 2 since they won the kickball game; in which the rights were not hesitated to be used. Sister Brown did an awesome job putting the event into action. She was very pleased to receive assistance from parents and other church members. Overall, Fun Day was something the youth loved and appreciated. They can’t wait for the next one!

Youth Appreciation

Torion Hardin, a senior at Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola, Florida, celebrated Senior Night on Friday, November 4, 2011. He was escorted by his parents, Tommy and Pam Hardin. Torion spent this football season as a defensive lineman.

Torion joined Union Grove on April 13, 2003 at the age of nine, where he gained his spiritual foundation. While at Union Grove, Torion was actively involved in the Youth Ministry, Youth Ushers, Youth Softball, served as a Children’s Church helper, and worked to keep the grounds of Union Grove manicured and beautiful. Even though Torion has moved away, he still considers “the Grove Zone” home.

After graduation on June 5, 2012, Torion will enlist in the United States Air Force.



Torion Hardin

Married Couples Corner

Van and I met in March 1999 while serving in the Air Force Reserve at Robins Air Force Base. At the time, I had no interest in meeting anyone, but Van seemed to be around all the time. Before we left for home one weekend, Van handed me a small piece of paper with his phone number, and asked me to call him anytime I wanted to see a movie. I began asking myself, "What and why is this guy asking me to the movies? I don't know him and he doesn't know me!" I took the phone number and put it in my purse anyway. A month passed by and I started to clean out my purse, and there was Van's phone number. Out of curiosity, I decided to call the phone number. The phone rang several times before he answered. I asked him if he remembered who I was. His reply, "Yes! What took you so long to call?" I was speechless because I was not expecting him to answer. He asked again if I would like to go to the movies. I hesitated, but then asked him, "When and where?" We ended up meeting at the theatre to see the movie "Life."

After the movie, we only saw each other during weekend drills. After some time, Van began asking me to lunch during the drills in which my response was "No." One day, one of my best friends, Nora Mitchell, encouraged me to go to lunch with him insisting Van was a very nice guy. I gave in and decided to have lunch with Van. After that, we began to talk and have fun with each other on the regular. This made us become closer.

Van and I dated for ten years without any demands on either party. We were having fun enjoying each other and getting to know one another. Once we decided we wanted to get married, we went through pre-marital counseling with Van's twin brother, Minister Stewart. When he asked us how long we had been together, Van and I turned to each other and began asking each other while smiling. We had lost track. A short while later, Van and I married June 28, 2008 at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

The advice we would give to anyone is: when dating or spending time with that special person, don't be in a rush to move to the next level. *Carpe Diem* (seize the day/moment). If there are disagreements, always let each other know. Why? Because he or she may think all is well. In other words, keep the communication line open with each other. It is true, you will never know a person 100%, but just enjoy each other and let God speak to your hearts. We have been told that love is kind, love is patience and we can truly say it has definitely worked in our relationship.

~Van and Joan Stewart



Van & Joan Stewart

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Recipe of the Month: Juicy Jerk Turkey



Happy Holidays

From Caribbean Queens Catering

Ingredients:

1 10 lb. Turkey
Jerk Sauce
Onion
Bell pepper
Garlic (minced)
Thyme
Lime juice

Directions:

Place turkey in pan and season with garlic and jerk sauce. Cut onion and bell pepper into chunk size pieces. Stuff turkey with onion and pepper. Pour a 1/2 cup of lime juice inside turkey. Place turkey inside of oven bag and let cook for 2 hours or until the timer pops up. Garnish with fresh thyme and serve with dressing, sweet potatoes and all your thanksgiving fixings.

“At the Cross” A Testimony by a Union Grove Member



*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!*

“At the Cross,” a gospel song by Isaac Watts, is one of, if not my favorite gospel song. Not only because it was the first hymn that I learned as a child, but because it speaks of God’s wonderful love plan for mankind’s only hope and redemption.

In the middle of a recent storm, the thoughts in my mind kept going in circles and feelings of hurt, sadness, anger, disappointment, loss of respect, and shock kept empowering me. In one word, I was heartbroken. I was so filled with despair, and hopelessness that I believed everything about me, was wrong. Sobbing on the floor in my bedroom, I lamented on all the mistakes I had made that put me in my position. These feelings of regret consumed me and all I could feel was darkness. I reached out to a close loved one for comfort, but I was rebuffed. I was sinking. As much as I tried to conceal my sorrow, close friends began to notice that I was not myself.

But when I thought that all was lost and I felt like I was going to give up, God stepped in. My problem didn’t immediately disappear, but He let me know that His grace was sufficient enough to meet my needs. Out of nowhere, the lyrics to “At the Cross,” continued to play over and over in my head and I found myself singing it for the next two weeks. I began to remember something Pastor Clarke had said during one of his Wednesday night Bible studies in which I had written down in

my notes. The study was on chapter 19 in the book of Psalms and it talked about the roaring sounds of the storm. Pastor Clarke said, “In the midst of a storm, God could be speaking to you, don’t miss it.” By then, I believed that God was speaking to me through the lyrics of the hymn and decided to listen and meditate.

The Holy Spirit led me to Colossians 2:11 “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.” In the old covenant, circumcision was instituted as a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham. It was a cutting off of the foreskin. It was the type of circumcision of the heart that was prophesied of and is fulfilled in the New Covenant to everyone that believes the Gospel. God promised that my old stony heart has been cut out and a new heart of flesh is put in me, because I believe. To go back to the hymn, the burden (sin) of my heart has “**rolled away**,” in which I interpreted as the “**body of the sins of my flesh**” is put off.

I was then led to John 1:5 in which John tells us that, “**God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**” God says that if we see the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, darkness cannot stay. It is at the cross that we first see the light. We know that if we see the light, the burdens (sin) of our heart cannot stay. We know that if we see the glorious gospel despite our storm, the “**circumcision of Christ**” puts off the sin nature. It is not by our works, but by our faith in his finished work “**at the cross.**” That right there, is great cause to be “**happy all the day!**”

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me,” Ps 51:10

Deacon's Corner

The theme for December is Hale & Hearty based on Luke 6:45, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks." What does this scripture mean to you?

It means: If you have good in your heart, it will come out, and if you have evil in your heart, it will come out. What you say, comes from your heart. Always be patient with what you say and think about what you are going to say before you say it. The true person within you shows up by what words you say and once they are out there, you cannot get them back. Never respond in anger! Always give yourself time to calm down before responding. It will pay off huge dividends in the end.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Are we responsible for the way we think?

Yes, we are responsible for the way we think because what's on your mind will come out eventually and what's done in the dark will come to light as well.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will also." (Matt. 6:21) Upon what treasure should a Christian's heart set itself upon?

To see Christ in the fullness of his kingdom and to do His will should be the goal of all Christians. We should always seek to please God. The treasure we should want to receive from God is to hear Him say: "Well done my good and faithful servant." If we follow and obey Him, our treasure lies at the end of the road which is in Heaven.

How should a Christian guard his heart (Phil. 4:7)?

By staying prayed up, in the Word, and believing that Christ is Lord of all. If you don't know the Word, you will not know how to survive an attack from the enemy. It's very important that you know and understand God's Word because the enemy knows the Word also and knows how to use it against us. When guarding your heart, you must keep Christ first and let Him be the true ruler and head of your life.

What changes did you personally see when you gave your heart to God?

I gave my heart to Christ at a very young age. Being so young at the time, I didn't see a lot of changes immediately. However, as I grew up, I did notice changes happening in my life. I began to have a personal relationship with God and knew He lived within me because when I prayed, He would always answer my prayers. Through the years, that relationship has become stronger and stronger with Him.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Always remember to keep "Christ" in Christmas.

~Deacon Donald Woodard



Deacon Donald Woodard

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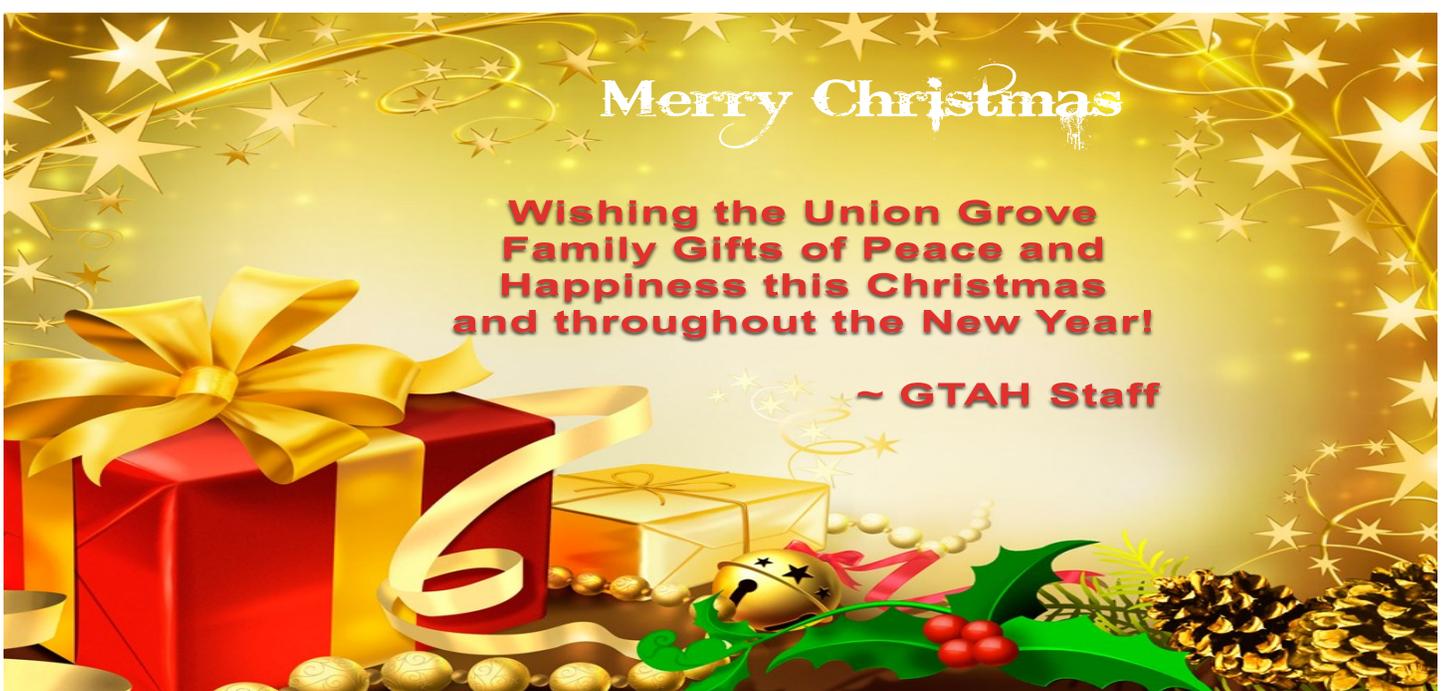
Rebuilding Together

On November 19, 2011, Sister Mattie Howard was the guest of honor at Rebuilding Together's most recent Home Rededication Ceremony. Sister Howard is one of the recent recipients of the charitable works and deeds of the non-profit group. Project leader, James Booker (Union Grove Member) supervised 1,000 hours of volunteer work in over two and a half months to make sure that Sister Howard would spend this year's holiday season in a warm and safe home. During the project, Brother Booker put in over 400 of the 1,000 volunteer hours and donated financial support from his own pocket to purchase building materials.

Sister Howard has donated her time as a volunteer for Rebuilding Together for seven years before eventually becoming a benefactor of the charity's community projects. She never once complained about the conditions of her home while she worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others. If her niece, Anny Grace Johnson, had not spoken for her, Deacon Jerome Stephens (Rebuilding Together President) would have never known Sister Howard's home needed updates and remodeling. Sister Victoria Leonard (Union Grove member) opened her home to her aunt until the project was completed.

For fifteen years, Rebuilding Together's mission is to "preserve affordable housing by bringing volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners in Warner Robins, Georgia." In order to become a benefactor of Rebuilding Together, all qualifying applicants must be 62 years or older, receive low-income, a veteran, and/or a disabled homeowner living in Warner Robins or the Middle Georgia area. The applications are accepted from August 1st to October 31st by contacting the City of Warner Robins Community Development Office at 478-929-1123, or Jerome Stephens at 478-929-1476.

Union Grove members may continue donating their time and tax refundable monetary gifts to Rebuilding Together. Any donations of \$3,000 will make you a Project Sponsor!



Information

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~ Where to Serve ~

Business Stewardship Ministry – Trustees, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Security, Wedding Coordinator— Contact Bro. Anthony Steedley/335-7838

Outreach Ministry – Evangelism, Missions, Prison Ministry, Recreation Ministry – Contact Min. Cornelius Thorpe

Worship Ministry – Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry, Ushers/Greeters Ministry, Surrendered Dance Ministry, In Door Reporter, Genuine Praise Step Team, 4-Him2, 4-Him—Contact Sis. Africa Porter/923-6770

Teaching Ministry – Sunday School, Bible Study, New Members Orientation, Training Ministry, PLACE Ministry—Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett/328-1483

Spiritual Enrichment Ministry – Deacons Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Single's Ministry, Married Couples Ministry, Golden Achievers Ministry, Glory Girls Book Club, Healthcare Ministry, Grief Support, Serenity/Addiction—Contact Dea. Donald Woodard/987-9865

Operational Support Ministry – Media Ministry, Computer Support Ministry, Floral Ministry, Public Relations, Bus Ministry, Food Service, Funeral Coordinator, Newsletter Ministry—Contact Bro. Abraham Scott/213-2263

Youth Ministry – Children's Church, Nursery Ministry, Puppet Ministry, Scholarship Ministry, Girl Power—Contact Min. Rashee Ragin/322-1208

All announcements can be submitted by fax to U.G.M.B.C. at 478-923-6551. Direct all emails to uniongrovl@aol.com or complete a bulletin request form, and place it in the Administrative Assistant box no later than Wednesday at 5pm.

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

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And the Best is Yet to Come!

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