



# G.T.A.H.

## Great Things are Happening



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### "We Love Because HE First Loved Us."

1 John 4:19

It is a certainty that some people are easier to love than others. A grandparent may easily love his or her grandchildren because they love him or her in return. The question however is, what about the angry people on the freeway--how are we to love them? To learn about real love, try reading 1 Corinthians 13.

Loving requires the capacity to love and the ability to love others requires having a heart of love. It is only when we have the heart of love that we are capable of choosing to love even though we have the capacity to hate. Love builds and hate destroys and for this reason, to be able to choose love even though we have capacity to hate is

the evidence of proper administration of our God given free will. Love is not an affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the other person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.

In His teachings, the Lord Jesus tells us that we would only replica His love when we are able to exercise patience with others, not irritable and forgiving endlessly. This goes beyond showing love to those that are able to love us back. It goes so far as being kind to those who are unable to reciprocate our love just as Christ showed us kindness through His sacrificial love. He showed it even when we were yet without knowledge of His love for us.

Expressing Christ's love to others can only be pos-

sible if we are not self-centered, self-absorbed and self-oriented because to be able to love requires looking beyond ourselves to the needs of others around us.

Jesus twice said that we should love others as He has loved us, John 13:34 and 15:12. This requires putting the needs of others before our own. This is something we can only do with the help of God—who is love.

The power of love is above all powers and whatever you are going through today, why not cast it behind you and say a word of loving prayer for someone out there to demonstrate that the power of love in you is everlasting. Most High power and as such above everything.

#### 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 loving and life transforming ministries where hungry worshippers are discovering and walking in their God-given purpose with exceeding great joy.*

## From Our Pastor's Heart

### Why I Love My Wife

By Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



I know February is Black History Month, but I want to put a spotlight on Valentine's Day and talk about the love of my life, my wife, my girl, my shopper extraordinaire, my babies' mama, my BFF for real, the BOGO queen herself, our First Lady, the one and only Michelle W. Clarke.

Husbands, we are commanded in the scriptures to love our wives as Christ loves the Church. I exhort all the Grove Zone brethren to love their wives or girlfriends in a way that honors God. Here are a few reasons why I love my wife as much as I do.

One reason is because the Lord gave her to me. As God gave Eve to Adam, the Lord gave me Michelle. I hope you can see your wife as God's gift to you and appreciate her as such.

Another reason I love my wife is because she supports me and encourages me as I strive to reach my goals. I can be quite driven sometimes. When I set my mind to do something I'm very likely going to make it happen. Michelle pushes me, affirms me, and constantly tells me I'm the man!

In her eyes, I was the man as I rose up the ranks in Uncle Sam's Marines. I was still the man when I did a brief stint as an unemployed civilian. I had no job, but I was still the man—just an unemployed one. That's when I needed to hear it the most. I was virtually depleted of all self-esteem and self-respect. We were staying at her parents' house. Everybody had somewhere to go during the week but me. Even little David, who

was a year old at the time, had somewhere to go! Thank God my joblessness didn't last too long. But through it all, she's been there for me.

When I shared how I was called to preach, Michelle wasn't feeling it. She wasn't ready to be a minister's wife. I'm not too sure how ready I was to be a minister! Preach? What? Really? But, she has been my #1 cheerleader for over 20 years of ministry. Even if I'm away from home preaching a revival or teaching leadership she pushes me on. Some of you know how she can't sleep when I'm gone, but she supports the work with no complaints. She's an incredible gift.

There were many other times I made some moves that she wasn't exactly 100% in favor of, but our beloved First Lady would make the best of it. Getting out of the Marine Corps after 12.5 years, moving four times within a year after my discharge, and many other transitions were not the easiest things for her to endure. They say, "Behind every good man is a good woman." They, whoever *they* are, need to add how she may be kicking and screaming and quitting another job or withdrawing from school or packing up the household again, but she's behind him.

I haven't always been as appreciative as I should. I've made some major blunders, y'all. But, one thing for sure—I try to make it clear to Michelle every day how I'm crazy about her and how I'm glad the Lord put our lives together and kept us together for nearly 23 years. She's an incredible woman. Marriage has a lot to do with what you see when you look at your spouse. I hope our married GTAHS readers will look at their spouses and appreciate the gift God has brought into your life! Happy Valentine's Day! Be encouraged and enjoy the journey!

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

2-10	Healthcare Meeting, Conf Room	6:30 p.m.
2-11	Valentine's Day Gala, WRCME	7:00 p.m.
2-12	LUV Rehearsal, S	10:00 a.m.
2-12	Jr. Choir Rehearsal, S	12:00 noon
2-12	Golden Achievers, CC	12:00 noon
2-12	Pearl Stephens Reunion, Classroom #1	12:00 noon
2-12	4 Him Rehearsal, S	1:30 p.m.
2-13	Softball Meeting, S	after church
2-15	Surrendered, S	6:00 p.m.
2-17	SEM Meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
2-19	LUV Rehearsal, S	10:00 a.m.
2-19	Jr. Choir Rehearsal, S	12:00 noon
2-19	4 Him Rehearsal, S	1:30 p.m.
2-19	Super Bowling Saturday, RAFB	3:00 p.m.
2-20	Youth Parents Meeting, S	after church
2-21	<i>President's Day—Office Closed</i>	
2-22	DOP Training, CC	6:00 p.m.
2-24	Money Management, Housing Authority	6:00 p.m.
2-26	Ministry Workers Workshop, S	9:00 a.m.
2-27	Pearl Stephens Day	2:00 p.m.

### March Happenings

3-5	PLACE Workshop, Housing Building	8:00 a.m.
3-12	Youth Empowerment	5:00 p.m.
3-15	New Members Fellowship, CC	7:00 p.m.
3-25/26	Youth Lock-in	
3-26	Scholarship Banquet	

### CHURCH SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER  
8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
10:15 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 p.m.

Monday  
Office Closed

Additional Church Hours  
Tuesday — Friday  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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## February Highlight: Deacon's Ministry



Deacon Jerome Stephens was ordained as a deacon, February 9, 1975 at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He has served at Union Grove for 36 years and loves every moment of it. He stated that there have been some rough seas, but God made it all smooth again. He has been at Union Grove since 1948 (63years) and joined as a member during revival in August of 1956. He joined under leadership of Pastor R.D. Cummings. He did however, miss 14 years due to serving in the United States Marine Corps 1956-1969. Even though he left while on duty, he always came back to Union Grove when he had a chance. Deacon Stephens brings a lot to the Deacon's Corner. He brings leadership and wholesome experience as a deacon. He also brings administration, helping hand, exhortation, wisdom, evangelism, teaching, mercy, and assists the pastor with

the care of the congregation and the community. He feels very privileged and blessed to serve with the other deacons who serve. Being a deacon is very meaningful to Deacon Stephens. To him it means to be a servant, knowing your role as a deacon, showing mercy, but yet stay strong. A statement that his mother always told him that has carried him a long way is the saying, "Treat others as you want to be treated". He stated that you have to be always learning and ready for change. You have to study to show yourself approved unto God and not be ashamed of Gospel. Also, the Office of a Deacon is well purchased 1Timothy 3:13. Due to being a true loyal member for so many years, Deacon Stephens has seen Union Grove's highs, lows, and when we just did not know what to do, however, we prayed and God has brought us a mighty long way, over hills and mountains. He is so grateful to have seen so many saved, accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior and numerous lives changed to do a greater work for God. Deacon Stephens stated how he truly loves his church family and how we are truly blessed to have a thought provoking pastor, great worship services, great Sunday school, great Bible Study, and just the works of God.

Deacon Donald B. Woodard was first ordained as a deacon at Red Chute Missionary Baptist Church in Haughton, LA on June 11, 1995. At that time, he was still in the Air Force and served as a deacon there until he received permanent orders to RAFB on January 15, 1997. He became a deacon at Union Grove on June 31, 2005 and has served till this present day. He has been a member since 1997, upon arrival from Louisiana to Georgia with his family. As a deacon, Deacon Woodard brings with him a wealth of experience as a deacon. He also brings gifts of administration, hospitality, leadership, Exhortation, and wisdom. After recently attending PLACE Ministry, his spiritual gifts were identified to him as his top five gifts. He has also confirmed that he is in the right place at the right time serving as a deacon. The meaning of being a deacon to him is servant-hood. He has always been a servant in one form or another. Following college, he joined the military, and even then he served in the youth choir, an usher, participated in the youth department, and Baptist Training Union. Deacon Woodard loves Union Grove and our church family. He stated that it has been a pleasure to serve at Union Grove and to seek God's divine will for life. He feels that there is no better place to worship God than here at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



Deacon Monroe Clark has been a deacon for 39 years and a member of Union Grove for 22 years. He brings many years of service and experience to the Deacon Ministry. He has served as a deacon over the men's ministry and served on the committee to establish a salary package for our first full time pastor. He served as an assistant bible study teacher under Deacon Robert Simmons. Presently he is responsible for members with the last names of O-SM. Deacon Clark also ministers to the members in the nursing home on communion Sunday. Being a deacon is a humbling experience as well as a privilege to be chosen to serve God and his people in this ministry. Deacon Clark continues to seek God asking for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding on how he can better serve Him and his people.



Deacon Alvin Myrick has been a deacon for four years and a member of Union Grove for seven years. He brings commitment, ideals, faithfulness, integrity, and a heart of God's people as well as humility to the Deacon's Ministry. Being a deacon simply means taking on the heart of a servant. A deacon is a spiritual leader who is strong in spirit. One that can face any obstacle that may come along. The Deacon's Ministry provides me a golden opportunity to do something significant for the Kingdom of God. It also allows me to love the church, be committed to its members, and be devoted to its mission.



Deacon Robert Simmons Jr. has been a deacon for three years and been a member of Union Grove for 7 years. Deacon Simmons brings youth, energy and a legacy to uphold being a third generation deacon to the Deacon's Ministry. In Deacon Simmons eyes being a deacon is ultimate servitude. "Not only do I minister to the physical needs of the members but also their spiritual needs. The keys to a strong growing church isn't just good preaching, a good teaching but a strong, experience and spirit filled Deacon's Ministry and I am blessed to part of such a ministry."

Deacon Edward Jarvis was ordained in December of 1980 and has been a member of Union Grove since May 1977. Deacon Jarvis brings wisdom and a great load of experience to the Deacon Ministry. He also brings stability and the ability to serve hard and true. Being a deacon is very meaningful to Deacon Jarvis. He feels that he is elected to serve and work with the Pastor, other deacons, and the members of the Church. He used to be a part of the Bus Ministry, Finance Ministry, and many more. He has passed along some of those responsibilities to the "young people", as he calls us. The Bible is his social authority of Christian life and the work of a deacon.



Deacon T.C. Caldwell has been a deacon for 13 years and has been a member of Union Grove for 22 years. He brings a compassionate ear to the Deacon Ministry, meaning he lends a helping hand. He is more a listener than a talker. He likes to see what the problem is and how he can assist one with helping it. Being a deacon means being a servant. He plans on putting more into the ministry because he feels like he can do and bring more and pretty soon he will be able to dedicate a little more. He is doing a great job in the ministry and loves doing the work of God.

Deacon Nathaniel Davis has been a deacon for 20 years and has been a member of Union Grove for 24 years. Deacon Davis brings a personal relationship with God to the Deacons corner. He also brings a strong faith in God's word and strong family value. He has maturity, integrity, and experience in dealing with people. He understands the role of being a deacon and is familiar with a short-term model for caring for hurting people. Being a deacon means putting feet to faith to Deacon Davis. When we serve with others, especially who have no way of repaying us, we imitate Jesus. As He gave himself, we do the same. Jesus sets the example, and we imitate Him (John 13:14-15). Deacon Davis feels that most pastors and deacons recognize that their role is not to provide long term intensive counseling for people in their churches. Most of us haven't been trained to be professional therapists, and our duties to shepherd God's flock require our time and attention. Mostly to reach the lost, discipling new believers, and developing leaders.



Deacon Slater Thorpe has been a deacon for four years and was ordained 11 February 2007. He has been a member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church for ten (10) years. He joined Union Grove in March 2000 and after completing New Member's Orientation, he received the right hand of fellowship on 09 April 2000. "It is noteworthy that I started attending Union Grove in February 1997 when I arrived at Robins AFB as an active duty enlisted airman." When he decided to retire from active duty in 2000, and make Warner Robins his home, he also decided to make Union Grove his church home. He is blessed with the spiritual gifts of Administration, Wisdom, Exhortation, and Mercy to the Deacon's Ministry. He also has a background in substance abuse prevention and treatment and training in suicide prevention. He is the Vice Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry and on occasion serves as back up ministry secretary. Being a deacon gives him the opportunity to be an advocate for all members of the church body and be a source of support for our pastor. It allows him to serve our members by helping to provide for their spiritual and physical needs. The book of Acts tells us the Apostles said see ye out seven men of good report and filled with the Spirit and wisdom to appoint over the work of helping church members. "I feel honored and humbled that the Union Grove Missionary Church family saw those qualities in me and I thank and praise God for it."

# Real Love

By: Minister Everand Woodard

Growing up as a young man, Daniel always loved his country. He always cherished the memories growing up with his family celebrating the Independence Day. His goal was to one day enter public service as a governor or maybe a senator. But his parents were not well off so they couldn't send him to a good school so he could fulfill his dreams. His senior guidance counselor suggested he join the military and allow them to pay for school. As he thought it over, the idea seemed more and more perfect. What better way to start his manhood, than by serving in the military protecting the country he loved. After He graduated, he enlisted. He decided that the best path for Him would be in the Marine Corps. Even though recruit training was hard on him he enjoyed the camaraderie and training he received. The 13 weeks seemed like they were over as soon as they started, so went the rest of his training. The world being as turbulent as it was, his new unit was deployed to a remote location of Africa as peace keepers. The area had recently become unstable because of a civil war. It was a very different place from where he grew up. The culture, climate, and people all seemed very foreign to him, as if he were in another world. His days were tough. His shifts lasted sometimes 12 hours or more. They patrolled the area always on the look out for possible insurgents. He only got a few hours of liberty each week. The time he had was spent absorbing the local culture, in the one restaurant they were allowed to visit. It was there he met Raisa. She was about the same age, but different from any girl he'd ever met before. Something

about her charmed him in a way he didn't think possible between a man and a woman. The feelings he was developing for her seemed to surpass mere human emotions. As time went on his whole world revolved around the expectation of possibly seeing her. All the danger he faced as an infantryman seemed to be worth it just cause he got to know her. After being there for a few months the environment only got worse. They were having a hard time keeping the peace. Guerilla warfare was breaking out all over the region by an unknown group of assailants. Because of this, they couldn't freely go into the town as they used to. Daniel used his last weekend pass to confess his love to Raisa. He was pleasantly assured that her feelings were mutual. He told her of the impending restriction that meant he may not see her for a while. They assured each other, as soon as they could they would leave together and find a place where they could be together in peace. Weeks went by and he didn't hear or see her. This made him think about her all the more. One day his unit got the orders to investigate the possible headquarters of the rebel faction. They arrived at the unassuming location to find that the intel was in fact good. They were able to capture most of the group with no casualties, but three ran around back of the facility. Fearing they may get backup, Daniel and two of his squad mates chased in pursuit. They split up and Daniel was able to capture the rebel he was chasing. As he approached the person something about them seemed eerily familiar. He ordered them to turn around, to his

shock and dismay, it was Raisa! An overwhelming sense of confusion and betrayal washed over him. While he stood there with his mouth a gape she spoke, she tried explaining herself. Just then her comrades burst in being chased by Daniel's team. Bullets were ricocheting as they ran in. They tried to grab Raisa but she hesitated so they kept running. As Daniel's men ran in firing and shouting towards their targets they saw Daniel and Raisa. Thinking she had him hostage, one of his partners brashly shot at Raisa to free his fellow Marine. Before the bullet could reach its target Daniel jumped in front of it sacrificing himself for her safety. As the men drew closer they watched as Daniel's body hit the ground. Raisa screamed as she knelt down to comfort her fallen lover. When the men reached them they found to their dismay that this was the woman that Daniel had been going on so much about. Raisa's tears washed over Daniel's face as He lay there bleeding out. She began to cry uncontrollably as Her loved one was dying in her arms, she kept shouting Why!?! Why!?! With the last bit of strength that Daniel had, he reached his hand to her face and wiped the tears from her eyes, caressed her cheek and spoke these words. "Last month I told you, I loved you more than life itself and that I would die for you. That didn't change when I found out you were my enemy." In saying that, he used up the last bit of power left inside him and lay lifeless. While this was happening his friends were radioing for a medic to come help their wounded friend. They arrived when it seemed too late. They put

## Real Love (cont'd)

him on a gurney and sped away to the local treatment facility. It's been three months since that happened. Raisa has since left that way of life and completely changed her ways. She's now in school in Paris studying foreign diplomatic relations. Her professor who knows a little about her background would ask her why she changed so much. She would tell her story and say "I met a man who loved me and even though we were enemies he gave his life for me to save me." He replied "I'm sorry for your loss". She then said "That's how the

story ends. I thought that'd would never see him again. I was overwhelmed with grief and remorse. Then three days later, I saw Him again. He came and found me! I was beside myself; I was completely astonished. I watched Him die, I asked him how can this be? He told me that He once was dead but now He lives. While He did die on the floor, He was brought back again in the clinic. He later was medically discharged from the service. A month later we got married. I resolved to change my life to one that promotes peace instead of

violence." For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

(Romans 5:6-8, Ephesians 5:25)

### A Valentine's Day Poem for Zaria(h)

Valentine, do you know how very special you are?  
 Have you noticed how the sun shines down on you with a smile of a thousand orchards?  
 Are you aware that the moon holds within itself a portrait of you?  
 And look at how the stars reflect your inner beauty for the whole world to see?  
 Valentine, do you know how very special you are?  
 Since before your conception, there has been a plan especially for you.  
 I remember the day of your arrival, the peace that rode in on your shoulders  
 The quiet spirit within you that stood before you and commanded your presence  
 And although there were challenges, you found contentment in your three fingers  
 Valentine, do you know how very special you are?  
 I am certain that what is maturing on the inside of you will bring you before kings and princes  
 It will open doors unimaginable for you and they will give from their most precious parts to you  
 Stay in the race, run it steadfastly, even circumspectly, just run and see what the end will be  
 Valentine, do you know how very special you are?  
 Okay, well I'll tell you... Ready? One, two, three  
 You're special to God and you're special to me.  
 I love you always, Zee.

Ganny, 01/27/11





## *Servant Leadership* by Dr. James C. Hunter

Submitted by Sis LaShondria Smith

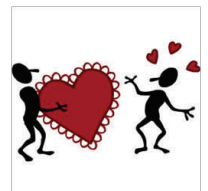
- \* Healthy relationships-meet the needs of the people
- \* Appreciation and respect are the core in a relationship
- \* Show the person love; Mark 12:31
- \* Love is not based on feelings but on **how you behave** meaning passion/feelings are a benefit of displaying/showing love but not = to LOVE; Romans 13:8-10
- \* Love is extending yourself for others; meeting their needs; how you behave towards someone. John 13:34&35, John 15:17, Phil 2:1-4
- \* Love is what love does; an action
  - \*The kind of character you have is displayed when you love your enemies\*  
Matt 5:43-48, Luke 6:27-36, Romans 12:9-21

**In a relationship once warm and fuzzy have passed, now it is time to do the real work:  
1 Corinthians 13<sup>th</sup> (A Model for Marriage)**

### What Love Does

Patient	Show self-control; are you a safe person?
Kind	To give attention, appreciation, and encouragement; common courtesy
Humility	Thinking of yourself less; authentic and real
Respectful	Treating people like they are important
Selfless	Meeting the (legitimate) needs of others
Forgiving	Giving up resentment when wronged
Honesty	Free from deception more than just speaking the truth
Committed	Sticking to your choice

- \* Kindness is the lubrication in a marriage (holds it together) Jeremiah 31:3
- \* Selflessness is one of the greatest attributes
- \* Resentment destroys human personality and causes physical harm too; not free to love nor be who you really are; holding on to stuff. Colossians 3:12-15
  - \*\*\*\*\***It is a choice to forgive, be mindful that people make mistakes**\*\*\*\*\*
- \* Honesty (tough love) free from DECEPTION! Not pretending and holding accountable
- \* Ask yourself, "Am I involved or committed to this marriage?"
- \* Backstabbing is being disloyal to someone in their absence, very destructive and unacceptable; address the person and the issue; if there is a problem state it and resolve it
- \* Keep in mind we think 4 times faster than someone speaks; slow thoughts down and extend yourself. **Active Listening** is putting own thoughts to the side to hear, feel, and think as the person that is talking; an act of love
- \* Cutting people off is portrayed as "What I have to say is more important than what you are saying;" manipulation; not good; harms communication
- \* Seek first to understand then be understood- God provided 2 ears and 1 mouth
- \* Take the time and from now on SHOW LOVE...





## From the Heart of Union Grove

*On February 13th 1995, I had my son Christopher Rashaud. Even though he was not born on Valentine's Day, that is the day that we went home. This was a special day for me because I took home the best Valentine's Day present you could ever receive. Unlike flowers, he would not wither and die or a box of chocolates and a card that would get thrown in a drawer and forgotten about. With every passing year, I have grown to love him more and more. He is a constant reminder of God's continuous love for us.*



-Sis. Nicole M. Steedley



*I told my husband one year not to buy me any Valentine's candy because I was on a diet. He did as I asked... I bought a box myself. Each day, I would hide in the bathroom and eat candy until the whole box was gone. Who was I fooling???* 🌐

-Sis. Grace Davis

## It's Heart Health Month; Show Love for Life

In a month known for its often trite and superficial sentiments, it's worth noting that when it comes to love, actions speak louder than words. That's right. You can show someone just how much you love him or her by caring for your health and taking a few preventive health measures.

February is **Heart Health Month**, a time to bring to the forefront awareness about a deadly disease that affects as many women as men. In fact, heart disease kills more women than any other disease including breast cancer. The American Heart Association reports that 1 in 3 American women die of heart disease, compared to 1 in 30 women who die of breast cancer. Even with these alarming statistics, many women don't recognize heart disease as their greatest health risk. That's why it's so important to educate women about the dangers of this disease - so that they can take action and take charge of their heart health. But, it's not all bad news. Heart disease and its related conditions can be prevented.



According to the AHA, 80 percent of cardiac events in women may be prevented if they make the right choices concerning their heart health, i.e., a balanced diet including fruits and vegetables, regular exercise and abstinence from smoking.

This month, show your love by making a change for the better. Even if you feel healthy now, it's still important to take action to ensure good health for years to come. Do it for you and do it for them!

### 5 medication-free strategies to help prevent heart disease:

1. Don't smoke or use tobacco.
2. Exercise for 30 minutes on most days of the week.
3. Eat a heart healthy diet.
4. Maintain a healthy weight.
5. Get regular health screenings (blood pressure, cholesterol levels, diabetes screening).

*Joy Batteh-Freiha is editor H Health + Fitness.*

# finding your **PLACE** in life and ministry



February 5, 2011 PLACE Attendees



PLACE Ministry invites **YOU** to discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and life experiences work together to define your PLACE of service within the body of Christ by attending the next PLACE Workshop!

**Lunch, snacks, and materials  
will be provided!**

The next PLACE Workshop will be held on March 5, 2011. New Members who joined Union Grove anytime in 2010 and 2011 are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. Because space allows for 20 participants, anyone else who is interested in attending, your space will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. You **MUST** sign-up to attend the workshop. Email [placeatthegroove@gmail.com](mailto:placeatthegroove@gmail.com) or contact Min. Leo Finkley at 478-787-1685. You will receive a reply back to notify you if space is available. Unfortunately, child care is not available at this time.

Can't make it on March 5th? No worries! Sign-up early for any of the upcoming PLACE Workshops! Choose one from the following dates and send us an email or contact Min. Leo Finkley to claim your space:



April 2, 2011

May 7, 2011

June 4, 2011



**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

# Where to Look in the Bible for Love...

## LOVE is the greatest of all the virtues

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1)

## Walk in LOVE

“Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us ...” (Ephesians 5:1)

“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith ...” (1 Timothy 1:5)

“Let all that you do be done with love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14)  
“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ...” (Hebrews 10:24)

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling ...” (1 Peter 3:8)

## What LOVE is

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” (1 John 4:18)

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

## LOVING God

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.” (Matthew 22:36)

“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul, that you may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:6)

“And you will seek me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

“... and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 4:29)

“They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul ...” (2 Chronicles 15:12)

“... you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all His heart to do what was right in My eyes ...” (1 Kings 14:8)

## LOVING yourself

“This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:38)

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor AS YOURSELF.” (Galatians 5:14)  
“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor AS YOURSELF: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:18)

## LOVING Others

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart ... You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:17)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34)

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” (1 John 4:11)

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:7)

“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:14)

## LOVING your enemies

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ... Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:44-48)

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Highest. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.” (Luke 6:27-36)



# Love Is...

All except one of the words of love hidden in this puzzle can be found in 1 Corinthians 13 4-8. Words can be found in any direction. Can you find them all?



- PATIENT
- NEVER FAILS
- KIND
- AGAPE
- TRUSTS
- PERSEVERES
- PROTECTS
- HOPES
- NOT RUDE
- TRUTH
- NOT PROUD
- DOES NOT ENVY

Which word is the special word?  
What does it mean?

Our hope and our faith can work together to bring God's purposes to reality in this earth, but the motivation behind our hoping and believing should be love; love for God, love for His people, and love for the world.

## FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NIV



## Valentine's Day Gala: "For God So Loved..."

What an exciting and wonderful evening it was at the "For God So Loved..." Red Carpet Valentine's Gala on 11 Feb 2011. The Photographer Mr. Mattox took pictures of couples on the Red Carpet. There were over 120 guests that attended the Gala.



Joan Stewart did an awesome job as the MC of the event (thank you Sis Joan).

Pastor Gardner from New Birth Fellowship, Albany Georgia brought 38 people with him. He blessed our hearts with an awesome message from Matt 19:6 where he taught about making a great marriage is a process. He demonstrated as being a Master Chef two potatoes (Mr. and Mrs. Potato). In this demonstration he showed how both people lose their identity through the process of when you take two potatoes and peel the skin, cook the potatoes and then mash them together to make one.

Our own Bro Eason made us laugh during the humor hour and Sis Urleaka Woodard's praise dance prepared our hearts to receive the spoken word. Thank you Bro and Sis.

We had wonderful music played by our very own band and a guest musician from San Antonio that accompanied the band for a few selections. We also gave away donated gift baskets as door prizes. Most of the winners were from the guest church.

The evening was one to remember as we continue to know that God so loved and that we ought to love one another



We want to say thank you to all who help with this event:

Pastor David and Michelle Clarke (for your love and support)

Pastor Gardner, wife and his members from New Birth Fellowship, Albany, GA

MC- Joan Stewart who graciously accepted the invitation to be our MC.

Deacon Woodard our SME Vision Leader

The UG Financial Committee

Dance- Urleaka Woodard

Comedian---Bro Eason

Decorations—Sis Maxine Woodard

Set up--- Tommy Gray, Keith Lambert, Bro Frazier and Deacon and Sis Jarvis

Cakes: Sis Annie Abrams and , Min Mary Lenoir

Music: Keith Perkins and the band and Sis Josalyn Sawyer

Programs: Sis Tanya Lambert, Sis Janice Scott

Photographer: Bro Mattox

Greeters/Ushers- Sis Harriett and Sis Rhonda

To the Warner Robins CME church and Q Jacobs

Keith and Tanya Lambert

Caterer (Debra "Queen" Little) and her staff

And to all of you that came out to support and fellowship with us,

**God so loved—and we love you all- From UG Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry  
Tommy and Linda Gray**



# Scholarship Ministry attends Black College Expo

Submitted by Sis LaShondria Smith



On Saturday, February 5, 2011, the Scholarship Ministry and twelve high school students traveled to Cobb Galleria Centre in Marietta, GA to attend the Black College Expo. The expo

featured a very informative college fair, representing well over 50 Historical Black Colleges and Universities, other universities and colleges, along with educational organizations. The mission of the expo is to: increase college enrollment among underserved/underrepresented youth, connect students and student athletes directly to colleges- including historically black colleges and universities, provide numerous scholarships and access to scholarship programs, offer tutorial programs for college preparation-including subject tutoring and SAT/ACT prep, offer academic and skills development along with college readiness to students and student athletes, connect students to career, internship, and vocational opportunities.

There were many colleges and universities represented and the students were able to walk to each table and speak to the college representatives as well as gather information. Free t-shirts, bags, banners, pens, pencils, and cups were given to the students from the colleges and universities. The students were able to fill out forms with their personal data in order for the colleges to contact them in the future. There were band auditions for band students to play and receive scholarships on the spot. Students were able to apply and gain acceptance into colleges during the expo, all application fees were waived.

The students had an opportunity to attend seminars on "The College Student Athlete" and "Real Talk." During the athlete session, coaches and college representatives provided information on the requirements to become a collegiate athlete and the importance of building your own film/game tape to capture your athletic ability and what you can bring to their athletic programs. During "Real Talk," there were four African-American males, two who were doctors: Dr. Eastman in Pharmacy (who later surprised us as a

gospel rap artist) and the other in Business, who works for a Fortune 500 company. These gentlemen talked about the transitional phase our high school students will face going from high school to college. They encouraged the students to prepare well and maintain a high GPA because once it drops it is hard to raise it up, to stand up, and get involved.

There is much work that needs to be done in our communities. The speakers commissioned our young men to be around positive people, dress well and stand out as young men, being a trend-setter not a follower, and look in the mirror to inspire themselves, "Encourage just one to encourage another." The speakers encouraged our young ladies by stating they choose who they have a **relationship** with; its **relating** to someone and that person being on their **ship**. As a young lady, you are riding on a ship heading to a destination. Why take someone with you to your destination that does not want to relate to you, get to know you, respect you, or value you? They also advised the young ladies not to tell a guy everything about them because he tends to play on that to reel them in emotionally. The final relationship piece the speakers provided to the young ladies, was if a brother is not willing to sweat for them (working, providing for them) then do not allow him to sweat on them (have sex with them). The speakers also encouraged the students to know their course syllabus, to invest at least 30 minutes every night on each class, find a study group that actually studies-not a social hour, use the college years to find themselves, get involved, and to get to know a variety of people because in the corporate world you will have to relate to a diverse group of people. Most importantly, the students are attending college to gain an education and prepare for a successful future; not party. There will be opportunities later in life to have real fun if they invest in their education now. Good paying jobs will follow.

The students embraced the expo opportunity, gained a lot of insight, and information to help prepare them for their future.





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

***Making the Most of Every Opportunity***

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*

*-Romans 8:28*



*“And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.”*

*- Isaiah 46:4*



Sis. Savannah Cole



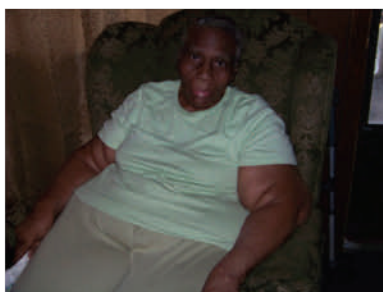
Sis. Gloria White

On January 28, 2011, Union Grove reached out to two ladies from Rosemont Apartment for Seniors (Sister Gloria White and Sister Savannah Cole) with the love of the Lord on their hearts. Those in attendance were Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr., Deacon Jerome Stephens, Deaconess Annie Lester, and Minister Leo Finkley. The purpose of the visit was to share the Gospel with those needing salvation and to uplift and encourage those who have a relationship with the Lord.

The Holy Spirit moved at Rosemont that Friday as Sister Gloria White became part of the Union Grove family by accepting Union Grove as their church home and Sister Savannah Cole requested to be under Watch Care.

On the same day, the members of Union Grove also visited the home of Sister Virginia Mitchell, the mother of Union Grove member, Lorenzo Mitchell. She was presented with the plan of salvation and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior.

Sis. White and Sis. Mitchell have both requested to be baptized at Union Grove.



Sis. Virginia Mitchell





## A Touch of Black History

### “The Legacy of Pearl Stephens”

Pearl J. Stephens was born on February 22, 1887 to Warren and Emma Jackson of the Wellston Community (now known as Warner Robins, GA). Most of the children in her community went to school in churches. Most of them actually were in the churches, but sometimes there might be a one-room school building on the church grounds with one teacher instructing children of different ages.

At the age of 18, she met Isom Stephens, who lived in the Elberta area and taught at the Macedonia Baptist Church in the Dunbar area. She married him when she was 19 and they had 13 children. At that time, the Houston County Schools prohibited married women from teaching. She finally reached her goal of teaching when the rule forbidding married women to teach was changed. Her first job was at Sandy Run Baptist Church where she earned around \$20.00 a month.

Later, in the World War II years, Mrs. Stephens appealed to the Houston County Board of Education to open a school for the rapidly growing population of children in the Union Grove area. The board furnished two teachers and provided books for 90 children to attend school at the Union Grove Baptist Church. She also started a fund to build a school, since the church building at that time was inadequate to serve as a school. But times were hard and the fund only amounted to \$6.00 after two years. She went before the Board of Education again, asking for a school to be built for the black children of the community and was told that they had no money for land. That's when Pearl Stephens took matters into her own hands and gave the Houston County Board of Education some of her own land – 1.57 acres she had inherited from her family. The board accepted her offer.

A two-room building with an out-house was constructed on the land in 1949 and the black community in the Warner Robins area had its first tax-supported school, furnished with second-hand books and desks from the school board. The school was named for her, and six years later, in 1955, when court pressure was building for southern school systems to offer equal educational opportunities, a modern red brick building was constructed. In 1955, the school bearing her name was opened. High school students were accepted in 1960 and the first class to graduate was the “Class of 1965”. The school is still in use today as Pearl Stephens Elementary School and is located at 215 Scott Blvd. in Warner Robins.

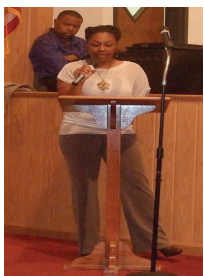
She received little pay and no pension or benefits for her later life. Nevertheless, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren still honor her legacy, not only with their own valuing of education and high professional achievement, but with a scholarship each year.

Pearl Jackson Stephens died on January 19, 1980 at the age of 92. The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pearl J. Stephens Memorial is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 3:00 p.m. at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Descendants of Pearl Stephens currently at Union Grove are: Ella Maude Stephens (only living child), Jerome Stephens, Annie Abrams, Shirley Madison, Eddie Anderson, Jr., Angelia Grant, Will Stephens, Altha Lee Jackson, Barnette Anderson, Janice Scott, Dorothy Clay, Mary Jackson, Lateshia Scott, Rashad Scott, and Keith Scott.

This information was taken from the article: “*The Legacy of Pearl Stephens*” that appeared in the February 20, 2004 issue of *The Houston Home Journal*.

### Mary McLeod Bethune



Sis. Ashley Whitehead touched on Black History by presenting the biography of Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955), who was an American educator and civil rights leader that was best known for starting a school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida, that eventually became Bethune-Cookman University and for being an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 2004, Bethune-Cookman University celebrated its 100-year anniversary. It currently sits on 82.2 acres (333,000 m<sup>2</sup>) in Daytona Beach. There are now 40 buildings that educate more than 3,000 students from almost every state in the United States and 35 countries, and the school is located on Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard, which was once 2nd Avenue.





## From the Heart

Submitted by Deborah "Queen" Little

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe You?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother, has taught us never to accept pay for kindness." He said... "Then I thank you from the heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was

strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit. Many years later that same woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for a consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately, he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "Paid in full with one glass of milk." (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed. "Thank you God, that your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

## Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. -Ephesians 6:4

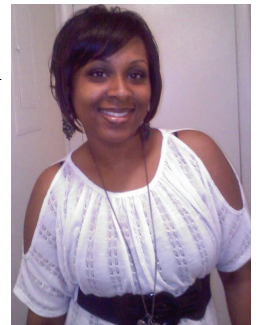


Judah Michael Phillips, the youngest child of three, was born 17 Sep 2009 and has been adopted by the Golden Achievers as "Baby Jesus" after playing baby Jesus in their 2009 Christmas play. Judah lives up to his name "praise". He loves music and tries to sing and dance anytime he hears any. He is daddy's boy all the way, likes being outside and harassing his sisters.

On January 16, 2011, Judah's family came to Union Grove to make a commitment before the Lord to submit Judah to God's will and to raise him according to God's Word and God's ways. May the Lord bless Judah, his parents, his siblings, and his entire family.

## College Corner

Ashley Whitehead is a junior at Macon State College (MSC) and pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.



"I'm determined to be a very successful person. I'm keeping my focus on the Lord and on my studies! My grandmother passed almost two years ago and she would always say, 'You better get that lesson while it's free! It's not going to come easy but give God some of your time and you'll be alright.' God has truly brought me from a mighty long way and I'm grateful for where He has me now in my life."

# Come One... Come All



Join us Wednesday Afternoon for Mid-Day Manna at 12 noon or evening bible study at 7:00pm for a 12-week series on the study of Stewardship.

All Sub-Ministry Leaders are to complete their ministry's strategic plan and submit to their Vision Leader by March 31, 2011.



Please practice "Jesus Loves Me" (#5 on the CD).

If you are were not given a CD, see Sis. Wanda Verrett or Sis. Pat McCants

## Curry Chicken with White Rice

Submitted by: Caribbean Queens Catering  
Sis. Deborah Little

Prep Time : 15 mins.

- 1- Whole chicken
- 1-sml onion
- 1-sml. bell pepper (green)
- 2- cups of rice
- 4 -tbs of curry powder
- 2-whole limes
- 1 ts. of salt
- 1-ts. of pepper (black)



Cut chicken into bite size pieces. Wash with lime and marinate with curry powder and remaining lime juice. let sit for 8 hours prior to cooking. cut onion and bell pepper into chunks. Add chicken to skillet size pan along with the salt and pepper and the juice from lime. turning each piece as it browns. slowly add water (1/2 cup) to skillet. add onions and peppers and cover. let cook for 10 mins. at a high heat, then let simmer for 5 mins. serve over white rice with a lime twist on the side....Enjoy !

# Wanted!



Join the Newsletter Ministry!  
GTAH Newsletter is looking for dedicated brothers & sisters of the Union Grove family to spread the news of the Great Things that are Happening at the *Grove* Zone. We are currently looking for writers and a photographer. No prior experience is needed, just a heart for sharing the knowledge of Christ.

Contact Sis. Jairee Williams  
or email us at  
[gtahnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:gtahnewsletter@gmail.com)  
to get involved!.

## Attention! Attention! Calling all Business Owners at the Grove!

To all those who have been blessed to own your own business, please submit your business name, product or service, address, phone number, a brief description and a photo of your business to

[gtahnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:gtahnewsletter@gmail.com).

The GTAH Newsletter will build a Directory of Business and each month, we will spotlight one business so that this information is available to the Union Grove family.





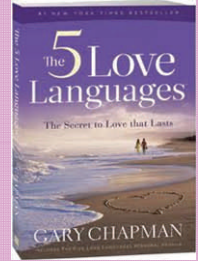
*Pastor & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Clarke  
Present the  
UGMBC Book of the Month*

**This month, we will focus on LOVE. Always remember this: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Show love today and everyday not only with your words, but with your actions.**



Pastor's  
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1<sup>st</sup> Lady's  
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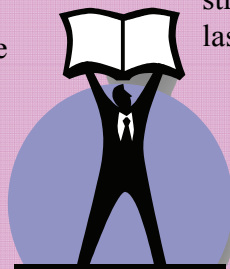


**“Why I Love Black Women”  
Michael Eric Dyson**

Dyson draws on his personal life, marriages, and history to praise and celebrate black women. He starts with the women who put his feet on the path from young welfare father in a Detroit ghetto to celebrated theologian, writer, and social commentator. He profiles several prominent and unknown black women who have made valuable contributions to national life and to Dyson's personal life. Among the black female icons he celebrates are the revolutionaries Angela Davis and Assata Shakur, the legislators Maxine Waters and Barbara Lee, and legal scholar Kimberle Williams Crenshaw. Dyson ties them to a historical lineage of black women who have supported black men despite strained relationships, disparities in income and educational levels, and interracial dating and marriage. Dyson takes to task those aspects of black culture, from hip-hop music to church doctrine, that undermine or disrespect black women. He ends with a sermon, a message of mutual respect and love that is applicable to the continuing struggles of black men and women.

**“The 5 Love Languages:  
The Secret to Love That Lasts”  
Gary Chapman**

Marriage should be based on love, right? But does it seem as though you and your spouse are speaking two different languages? bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman guides couples in identifying, understanding, and speaking their spouse's primary love language—*quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, or physical touch*. By learning the five love languages, you and your spouse will discover your unique love languages and learn practical steps in truly loving each other. Chapters are categorized by love language for easy reference, and each one ends with specific, simple steps to express a specific language to your spouse and guide your marriage in the right direction. A newly designed love languages assessment will help you understand and strengthen your relationship. You can build a lasting, loving marriage together.





### **SUPER BOWLING SATURDAY**

The Union Grove Men's Ministry cordially invites all of you to join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and BOWLING.

WHERE: Robins Air Force Base

DATE: Saturday, 19 February 2011

TIME: 3 – 6: PM

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON – All ages (pays for 3 Games and Shoes)

There will be designated lanes for our Youth.

We will need everyone to sign-up so that we can plan and reserve the appropriate number of lanes.

Sign-Up Sheets are located in the fellowship Hall. The Cut-off-date for signing up is 16 February

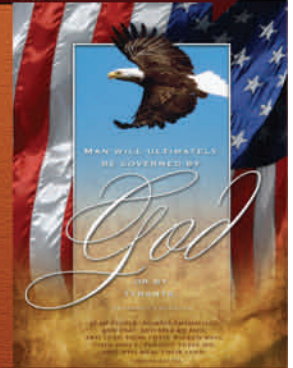
Transportation will be provided for anyone needing assistance in entering the Base, will depart from UG parking lot at 2:30 PM.

For questions you may contact: Bro. Jimmy Oglesby (478) 397-3704  
or Bro. Leroy Frazier (757) 334-3768

## Holiday Closings

Office Closed

President's Day  
February 21



## Ministry Workers Training



Saturday, February 26

9:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

All persons serving in a ministry are asked to be present.

If you would like a copy of your tithes & offering contributions, please sign the list located on the bulletin board in the rear of the church.

Pick Up Only!!!

Tuesday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm

You must sign the list. No call-in request will be honored.

-Sis. Margie Tuck

## THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR THE LATE  
MRS. PEARL J. STEPHENS



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011

3:00 P.M.

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

In honor of Black History Month, scholarships will be awarded to deserving young students

UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

809 SOUTH DAVIS DRIVE  
WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA 31088

## Join the Men's Ministry for a Mountain Top Experience March 25-27, 2011

Who: Men 16 years and Older

Theme: "Brother, Help Me"

Where: Cedine Ministries,  
Spring City, Tennessee

For details, contact:

Bro. Jimmy Ogelsby at 478-397-3704

or

Bro. Leroy Frazier at 757-334-3768

Early Bird Special: \$120

Regular Price: \$140



# Information

## ~ Ministerial Staff ~

Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.  
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Minister Milo Bradley, Jr.  
Minister Connie Dinkins  
Minister John Dukes  
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Minister James Ford  
Minister Arie Freeman  
Minister Charles Frye  
Minister James Gaines  
Minister Tommy Gray  
Minister Rushia Jackson  
Minister Keith Perkins  
Minister Rashee Ragin  
Minister Antonia Simmons  
Minister Mary Ann Swinney  
Minister Cornelius Thorpe  
Minister Everand Woodard

## ~ In Training ~

Sister Dannie Dukes  
Sister Mary Lenoir  
Sister LaTonya Phillips

**All announcements** can be submitted by fax to U.G.M.B.C. at 478-923-6551. Direct all emails to uniongrov1@aol.com or complete a bulletin request form, and place it in the Administrative Assistant box no later than Wednesday at 5pm.

**Vision Center Scheduling**—Renovations will last through March 31. Please contact the church office if you were scheduled to host an event at the Vision Center during these months.

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

## ~ 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, Sr.	
	Deacon Robert Simmons, Jr.	953-4290
<b>L-N</b>	Deacon T.C. Caldwell	293-8428
<b>O-Sm</b>	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
<b>Sn-V</b>	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139
<b>W-Z</b>	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713
	Deacon Alvin Myrick	788-5696

## ~ 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

**Worship Ministry** – Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry, Ushers/Greeters Ministry, Surrendered Dance Ministry, In Door Reporter—Contact Sis. Africa Porter/923-6770

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

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Agape—it means Godly love

### Happy Valentine's Day

The Best Gift of Love

For God so lo**V**ed the world,  
 That He g**A**ve  
 His on**L**y  
 Begott**E**n  
 So**N**  
**T**hat whosoever  
 Believeth **I**n Him  
 Should **N**ot perish,  
 But have **E**verlasting life

(John 3:16 KJV)



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