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G.T.A.H. Things Are Happening

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“And not only so but we glory in tribulations also knowing that tribulation worketh patience.” -Romans 5:3

What is adversity? The dictionary defines it as a great affliction or hardship; a misfortune. Everyone experiences a form of loss, set-back or adversity at some point in their lives. 2nd Corinthians 4: 8-9 ESV tells us, We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

This is a true story about Union Grove's own Sis Yolanda Bradshaw. The title is: I Am Still Here. Pregnant at 15 but still here! Drug addition to “Crack...Herione...” but still here! Alcoholic but still here! Divorced but still here! Death of grandson in car accident but still here! Death of father but still here! Diagnosed with

Stage 4 Colon Cancer but still here!

Lets read Sis Bradshaw's Story:

I grew up in New York, the oldest of five, in a two parent home with both parents who worked. I maintained good grades up until the eleventh grade. **At fifteen, I became pregnant with my first child.** This is where my life began to change. After the birth of my daughter, **I began to experiment with drugs.** The **drugs of choice were heroine and cocaine.** I spiraled out of control for approximately two years, dropping out of school and living the so-called fast life. **It took me two and a half years to get sick and tired and decided to get clean.** In 1970, I joined the military where

I met and married my husband of 20 years. Life was good and of this marriage, I had three wonderful children. We travelled overseas and all over the US. In 1990, **we separated and divorced. I was devastated, hurt, and angry.** This lead to the decision to move to Fayetteville, North Carolina. I was now single and began to enjoy my new life as a single mom. I also started my career as a nurse. I started meeting other women (older than I was at the time) going out doing the singles thing, and hitting the clubs. **I began to drink and dabble with cocaine.** During this time, my parents retired to South Carolina and I made the decision to move there also. Shortly

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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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after moving to South Carolina, **I began the use of another form of cocaine called crack. With the use of this drug, I lost everything. Three years later in 1998, I lost my grandson in a car wreck.** I was still using and decided to attend a church that had supported my daughter. The pastor there had spotted me and made her way over to me and touched me and said, "Welcome." My life would never be the same. Not being a Christian, I didn't understand. In 2003, **I made the decision to go into rehab, and returned to North Carolina.** Through all this, I felt someone was surely watching over me. Still didn't understand it. I went to church on and off. **In 2007, I was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Little did I know at the time, I experienced divine healing, surgery was a success and I moved to Georgia to do chemo with the support of my son. In 2008, my dad passed away and I called Yvonne, one of the directors at the funeral home, telling me about a pastor and a church in Warner Robins -Pastor Clarke and UGMBC.** I started attending services, and shortly afterwards joined and began to serve. This time I began to listen and learn what God was saying and doing. I was getting a better understanding of my life and purpose through

these teachings. I have truly realized His works in my life. **Through all my mess, He kept me with a Bible and a nursing license. The passing of my grandson was the beginning of knowing Him** along with the passing of my dad in 2008, Him leading me to UGMBC. I will be very honest in saying that I'm still not where I feel I need to be in my walk and sometimes Satan tries to defeat me. Yes, I still struggle sometimes, but God speaks to me and lets me know, "You are going through some stuff, but you will be okay in these times too!" God has connected me with some Spirit filled people, placed me in a great church where I receive good teaching. So with this, I say thank you Father for who you are, your son, and holy spirit, UGMBC and family, for tough love and being there for me. And an added note, I have now, come June 21, 2011, been **clean and sober for eight years and cancer free for four years. Praise God!** I Am Still Here !

2nd Corinthians 1:4 ESV reminds us this; Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Cheryl Barnes	Barbara Jackson
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Hilda Hayward	Cornelius Thorpe
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Mattie Howard	Kiara Tuck

April Wedding Anniversaries

Our Wedding Day

Minister & Mrs. Leo Finkley, April 3 (19 yrs)

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Scott, April 17 (28yrs)

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Swinney, April 11 (2 yrs)

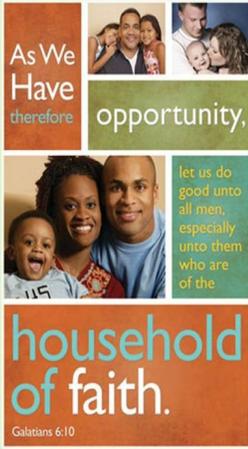
..... Mr. & Mrs. Robert Strickland, III



We would like to celebrate your wedding anniversary with you. Please submit your wedding date to Sis. Dorothy Jackson at daj105@hotmail.com

Announcements

Church Conference



Thursday, April 28
7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend.

G.L.O.R.Y. Ministry

Women's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Mondays
Housing Authority Building, 7:00 pm.
Study begins March 7th with Genesis

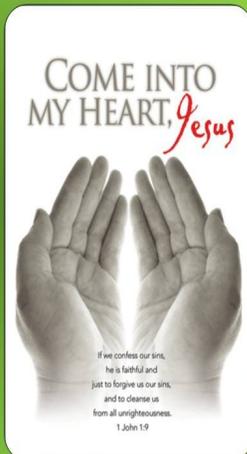
4th Sunday Fellowship
March 27th at 5:00 pm
Children Church
We will watch and discuss the movie **FOR COLORED GIRLS.**



Evangelism Training

2nd Sundays
after church
Children's Church

Street Ministry
4th Saturday
10 a.m. – 12 noon



ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE

2011 Black History Observance Committee Scholarship Opportunity

The 2011 Black History Observance Committee (BHOC) of Robins Air Force Base believes in the potential of all students in the Houston County Area. In an effort to encourage and motivate students, the BHOC will be awarding six deserving students with scholarships. All application packages are due by **May 1, 2011 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. Winners will be notified via mail the end of May 2011.

2011 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a middle or high school student in Houston County
- Middle school students must have an average grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (Fall 2010 and Spring 2010.)
- High Students must have a cumulative grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The following awards will be given:

- Two \$100 awards to two middle school students
- Three awards to high school students
 - one \$150 award, two \$100 awards
- One \$500 award to one high school senior

For more information or to receive a scholarship packet, please email Marchelle Glover at marchelle.glover@robins.af.mil (subject line: "2011 BHOC Scholarship Application")

Please mail all completed application packets to:
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Marchelle Glover
420 Richard Ray Blvd, Ste 100
Robins AFB, GA 31098

Attention: 2011 BHOC Scholarship Committee

Middle and High School Students (Houston County)

2.5-3.0 GPA (4.0 Scale)

Essay Contest

Deadline: May 1, 2011

Hello Everyone,

I hope and pray all of you are doing okay. Ms. Ella Haynes Kooks, a good friend of mine, has a website: <http://takingonlife.com/>. She decided to write an article about my son, Jay Jay. She gets points if you go directly to the website and click on the baseball and glove. Thanks for your support for the Jerome "Jay Jay" Stephens Jr. Scholarship at Georgia Southern University.

Jerome Stephens Sr.

From Our Pastor's Heart

Why I Need to See You on April 28th!

David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



On April 28, 2011, Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church will host its quarterly business meeting. This meeting is closed to the general public; only church members are allowed to attend. These meetings afford opportunities to share what's happening in the Growve Zone so we can continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My hope is that these quarterly meetings encourage us about the wonderful things the Lord is doing and the exceeding abundant things He has in store for us. There are a few things I want to talk to you about at the upcoming meeting. Hopefully, you'll understand why I need to see you there!

Strategic Plans

Earlier this year, I shared a teaching on strategic planning and asked all ministries of our church to submit a strategic plan for what they are looking to do in 2011. I

commend those ministries who submitted their plans. The intent of the plans is to empower us to minister with a greater sense of consistency and purpose. My hope is that we get away from some ministries sporadically doing things that appear to be disconnected from their respective mission. I will share more insights on the 28th concerning the importance of these plans.

Community Garden

Min. Cornelius Thorpe is our new Vision Leader over Outreach Ministry. He is on fire and making progress getting the community garden launched this spring. This project positions us to expand God's kingdom in a multifaceted and creative way. We'll receive an update on this project and how it fits with the mission of our church.

The Shepherd's School

I believe God is calling for me to birth a leadership school. This school, The Shepherd's School, will fill voids commonly left by seminaries and business schools. It will provide affordable, Biblical instruction for pastors, church leaders, and leaders in business as well. The vision is to challenge leaders to lead people with a shepherd's tough mind and tender heart.

This balance hardly found in leadership anywhere. Effective leader-

ship requires tough mindedness that can make difficult decisions and a tender heart that cares for and protects people. Topics commonly addressed in three to seven day leadership conferences and seminars will be provided from eight weeks to an entire semester. As pastor and church, we need to discuss this critical issue because it is a ministry that will prove to be time consuming for me as your pastor. I will share details about the ministry and research that has gone into the business plan. You will have to decide corporately whether or not you are willing to share me as your senior pastor in a way that could radically diminish my availability.

Senior pastors with growing ministries and outside interests is nothing new at all. There are other Men of God who shepherd their flocks while simultaneously serving as U.S. Senators, college presidents, and entrepreneurs. Can Union Grove do what's necessary to embrace God's call on my life? We need to decide on April 28th.

This meeting is very, very important. There will be many more issues presented to you that night to include the quarterly financial report and update on church membership. We will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. I hope to see you there!



April Happenings



4-10	Kappa Zeta Sigma Visiting	10:15 a.m.
4-10	Evangelism Training, CC	after church
4-11	Youth Leaders, CC	6:15 p.m.
4-12	GTAH Meeting, Classroom #2	6:30 p.m.
4-12	Equally Yoked	7:00 p.m.
4-16	Genuine Praise, S	8:00 a.m.
4-16	Youth Ushers, CC	9:00 a.m.
4-16	LUV, S	10:00 a.m.
4-16	Jr. Choir, S	12 noon
4-16	4-Him, S	1:30 p.m.
4-19	Surrendered, S	6:30 p.m.
4-22	Good Friday, Office Closed	
4-23	Evangelism Street Ministry, CC	10:00 a.m.
4-28	Church Conference, S	7:00 p.m.

May Happenings

5-8	Mother's Day	10:15 a.m.
5-12	Vision Leaders, CC	6:30 p.m.
5-15	Graduation Sunday	10:15 a.m.
5-22	Ministry Workers	6:00 p.m.
5-24-26	Prophecy Conference, Rev. Perkins	7:00 p.m.
5-29	Memorial Day Service	10:15 a.m.

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

Monday
Office Closed

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

Janice Scott



Adversity

By Brother Arthur James,

Dedicated to my wife, Carolyn and daughter, Tiffany

Adversity in life is inevitable. My mother used to say, “Keep living; hardships, difficulties, dangers, hard times, tragedies and/or some other misfortunes will surely come my way. But, I must stay prayed-up to help me get through such adverse situations.”

With the above in mind, according to Merriam-Webster, adversity means a state, condition, or instance of serious or continued difficulty including the situations mentioned by my mother. So, what adversities have befallen me?... Loss of a child, David Arthur James, who did not survive the age of one, loss of my first wife, Mary, before the age of 40 due to several illnesses, loss of several corporations, and homelessness in Washington D.C. and Baltimore for over six months.

Although, I just mentioned a few adversities in my life, there are many more. Yet, there are many ways to respond to a challenging situation, including (1) wait for the situation to change (if possible), (2) change the situation (if you can), or (3) change your response to the situation.

The above is a carnal response to overcome adversity, where you have changed YOU, and therefore your experience of the situation. And it is said this is the key point: What you call “adversity” is just your experience of a given situa-

tion. Overcoming adversity is nothing more than choosing to experience the situation differently. But I am reminded that overcoming adversity builds character and character in turn builds hope. It is important to not allow our troubles to overwhelm and drown us. No matter how fierce a storm is, by God’s strength, as believers, we can rise above the storm.

I am reminded there are several Bible verses on overcoming adversity, including the one I rely on, is Romans 5:3-5, “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

There are several people who have overcome adversity in their lives by the grace and strength they received from God. One of the best examples of a person who overcame adversity is Joseph from the Bible, who as we all know was sold off into the hands of foreigners and then to the Egyptians. He spent years in prison and when he finally got favor in the eyes of the emperor and got out, he was thrown into prison again by a false allegation. Joseph went through one storm

after another; however, his faith in God remained unshaken. At the right time, God lifted Joseph and gave him the second place after the emperor of Egypt.

Another such person who overcame adversity is Dale Thrasher of Yazoo City, Mississippi, who survived the devastating tornado of April 24, 2010. Thrasher survived when he ran into the sanctuary and dived underneath the communion table as the entire church building came down around him. Hillcrest Baptist was totally destroyed. I met Thrasher the day after the tornado at the totally destroyed church, the place where he survived. I gave him a donation from my former church, King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church, and to offer further assistance. We prayed together. Then, he talked about his survival, as he read a scripture from Isaiah 41:10, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”





SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE CLASS OF 2011

ANY GRADUATE PRESCHOOL TO DOCTORATE LEVEL

PLEASE PICK UP FORMS FROM AND RETURN TO SIS LASHONDRIA SMITH
FORMS DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

GRADUATES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED ON
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE



The Teaching Ministry is preparing for the Resurrection Morning/Easter Program. If you would like to get a speech for your child, see Bridgett Ogelsby in the classroom area, Wed evening. The program will be held on Sunday morning, April 24th @ 9:30 a.m.

Warfare

Written by: Minister Everand Woodard

Joe was an ordinary Christian, as far as he could tell. He spent time reading the bible everyday. He prayed consistently for others. He was very active in the church as well. He loved spending time in worship and ministry to the LORD. Joe worked downtown at a clinic as a physician's assistant. His love for the LORD carried over into his love for other people. He would always rejoice when he saw a person with a serious illness recover and go back to a healthy life. What was even more beneficial to him was the opportunity he got to witness to people about the Hope he had in Christ. What Joe didn't know was that the enemy was taking note of this. Joe's pious lifestyle and active ministry had begun to show up as a threat on the Devil's Radar. So plans were launched to halt the advancement of the Kingdom of God. At first Joe couldn't tell anything was wrong. He began to have trouble at home with his wife, but he thought it was normal marital strife. Things had begun to turn ugly at his job as well. One of the patients he had been working on had filed a lawsuit against him for malpractice. Joe was adamant that He had done nothing wrong and this person was just seeking an easy payoff. The last straw came when he found out that his son was sick. They took him to the clinic for examination, but all tests came back negative. However, the boy's health continued to decline. Things were starting to take a toll on Joe. At his local church he began to ask other believers for prayer and counseling for his situation, but no one seemed to have any help. Many well meaning Chris-

tians said and did a lot of nice things for him, but it seemed to have no effect on his problems. Joe was out of options. The enemy was effectively using the stress and pain of his current troubles to discourage and shipwreck his faith. His thoughts began to be plagued by ever increasing evil suggestions. The thoughts that came to him offered a way to escape. What was once reprehensible to him slowly began to be considered. The enemy was trying to get in his head. Proposals of ways to escape his situation began to invade his mind. At first, they were pleasurable things. The enemy lured him with the enticement of adultery, drunkenness, even witchcraft. Satan was lying to him, trying to convince Joe that if He indulged in the pleasures of sin that he'd forget all about his problems. Joe was weak, but resolute not to give in. So the enemy increased his offensive. With the stress of all that was going on in their life Joe's wife filed for divorce rather than continue to live in misery. His employers decided to lay him off until the trial was over to escape any possible negative press during the ordeal. Last of all, his son's health declined to where he was in ICU and the doctor only gave him a month to live. Joe was distraught. How could things get this bad? What have I done to deserve this? Where's God at now when I need him the most? Questions like these didn't seem to end. He wasn't able to get any sleep and his mind was a wreck with frustration and fear. Joe lay in bed one night unable to get any rest, so he decided to go

for a walk to try and calm his nerves. While he was walking, he saw the light of a large truck coming down the street in the distance. The devil planted a thought in his head... "If you step out in front of that truck, all your pain will go away." Joe continued to walk as the truck sped nearer to his direction. The more steps he took, the more intense the suggestion became. With each step he took, his heart began to beat harder and harder until the sound was deafening in his ears. Could he end it all like this and be released from his problems? As the thought began to seem more and more attractive, Joe stepped out into the street. The truck driver honked his horn, but Joe didn't move. The truck driver slammed on his breaks, but the street was wet so he started to hydroplane. As Joe stood there watching his impending doom approach him, he breathed a simple prayer... "Lord Help Me!" It was at this instant that he felt a pair of large hands grab him by the arm and yank him out of harm's way! The truck skidded by barely missing Joe, the driver finally regained control. Joe looked up from the ground to see who had grabbed him. A middle age ex-army ranger stared back down at him. Joe listened as the man explained that he had been sleep, but was woken up by the Lord and told to walk to this place 3 blocks from his house. When Joe thought God had forsaken him, God proved to hear his cry. After this sobering experience, Joe was led to begin to fast and

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Keep in Touch...
with Minister James Gaines!

SSG James E. Gaines
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Warfare (cont'd from Page 8)

pray until something happened. One week went by nothing happened. The second passed still no results. Three weeks had gone by with no hint of improvement. As the fourth week began to close Joe was famished, but determined to seek God until He moved. That evening, Joe was reading his bible when he came to Luke 10:19. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Immediately something quickened inside him. He saw that verse in a way he hadn't seen it in all his life. The Holy Spirit began to open his eyes to the battle that he was engaged in with the enemy. Full of zeal, Joe began to read the Gospels anew. He saw how Jesus encountered devils in his day and had given power to his disciples to

do the same. He read in Acts where the disciples continued to walk in this power and authority. Joe arose with new understanding and was filled with faith. Immediately, he went to the hospital where his son lay dying. He walked in the room, put the doctors and nurses out, laid hands on the boy, and rebuked the evil spirit that was afflicting his son. Immediately, the boy was restored unto health. The doctors were greatly astonished as they watched them leave together. The next day, Joe called some men of the church to pray with him for the rest of his issues. They praised God at the good news over his son. They came together to intercede on his behalf and to rebuke any unclean spirit that had been afflicting his life. The Holy Spirit began to saturate the atmosphere so much that the men began to worship and

glorify God until they left. A week later, his wife called. She repented for what she did and they agreed to go to counseling to repair the damage. The impending lawsuit did not end in his favor. He was fired and stripped of his license to practice. Joe was puzzled as to after such a turnaround in his life why he lost this battle. What he would later realize is that God closed that door so that it would free Joe in to the ministry of helping those who are oppressed by the Devil like he had been. God began to open doors all over the world where Joe could successfully do battle with the enemy.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

March Ministry Highlight: Spiritual Enrichment Ministry (SEM)



Deacon Donald Woodard
SEM Vision Leader

*“Whatever you
do for the
Lord... let it be
real.”*



The Spiritual Enrichment Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry which focuses on the needs of our congregation both spiritually and physically, seeking Him in everything we do, working toward the edification of His Kingdom. The Vision Leader that is over the SEM Ministry is Deacon Donald Woodard. He has been the Vision Leader for the SEM Ministry for five years, and in 2013 he will be looking for someone that is led to take it over.

The SEM Ministry consists of ten different Ministries which are, the Deacon Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Married Couples Ministry, Single’s Ministry, Serenity Ministry, Health Care Ministry, Golden Achiever’s Ministry, and the Grief Support Ministry. The SEM Ministry ministers to a variety of ministries in Union Grove.

Deacon Woodard has been at Union Grove for 13 years. He has the most ministries out of all the Vision Leaders. The SEM Ministry theme this year is “Let it be real.” Whatever you do for the lord...”let it be real.” Let’s seek God in everything we do and let Him direct our path. The goal for the SEM Ministry is to “Seek God first in what you want to do”.

The SEM Ministry stated that there are five things we can do to make 2011 a better year at Union Grove:

- Praying,
- Build relationships-unity,
- Learn to do Strategic planning
- Give service, time, and talent,
- Feed the hungry ones-make disciples.

****Please forgive us for regrettably leaving out the Ministry Highlight: Spiritual Enrichment Ministry (SEM) article in last month’s GTAH issue****



April Ministry Highlight: Evangelism Ministry

Sister Lenora Jones joined the Evangelism Ministry shortly after becoming a member. She is presently serving as the ministry leader. She prays that Evangelism will continue to be fruitful through quality time with the Lord and prayer on behalf of the very souls He sends us to harvest. The Evangelism Ministry is an outreach sub-ministry with two sub-ministries. (1) Street Ministry Team (SMT) and (2) Critical Care Team (CCT). Presently, there are 6 active members, 4 inactive members, and several wonderful and loving volunteers.

“Evangelism members are required to give of our time, energy, and effort.” Time: Attending monthly evangelism training and serving in their respective ministry (SMT) or (CCT). Energy: Taking it to the streets, to minister to the souls that we encounter, even in our homes work place, grocery store, etc. Effort: We are expected to "go ye therefore time and time again." It is neither for the faint of heart nor for those who can't handle rejection, but for those through the power of God can love people past their pain.

Sis. Jones says, “Our purpose is to be the light and salt of the earth that we may sow seeds that will bring about a harvest fit for the kingdom of God.”

Their goals are:

1. Praying that through our evangelism efforts, at least 20 souls will accept Christ as savior before the year ends.
2. Anticipating on working closely with the Missions and Prison Ministries.
3. Prayerfully seeking that other doors will open for the ministry.



Sister Lenora Jones
Evangelism Ministry Leader

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Cedine Ministries:

The recent Men's Retreat to Cedine Ministries was a fine example of just what IS possible at the Grove Zone. Seven brothers took advantage of this opportunity to get-away for a weekend of fellowship, fun, instruction, relaxation, and reflection.

We departed Union Grove about 9:30am on Friday, March 25, on a five hour road trip to Spring City Tennessee. The road trip itself was a blessed time, allowing us relaxed time to just talk in general and get to know a little about each other.

We arrived at Cedine, met up with two of my brothers from South Carolina, and checked in to Grace House, a large three story house on the hill overlooking pastures and a magnificent view of the lake. We had a bit of down time, then, the retreat was on!

*Over the next 2 ½ days, Brother Kenny Grant, using the Theme: Brother, Help Me, conducted 4 studies comparing and contrasting, "The Tale of Two Men", starting at Psalm One. Intermixed between the studies, were five workshops: **Brother, Help Me** to Know God and His Ways; **Brother, Help Me** to Know How to Study the Bible; **Brother, Help Me** with My Thoughts; **Brother, Help Me** Be a Godly Husband and Father; and **Brother, Help Me** With My Finances. The presentations were timely and powerful.*

We all enjoyed meeting brothers from other churches and sharing the scheduled activities with them. Some 'Cut Ups' were even caught on camera. One of the joys of the weekend was witnessing four brothers accept Christ as Lord and Savior. The Good News about Cedine is, "what happens at Cedine doesn't have to stay at Cedine".

The Union Grove Men's Ministry is a ministry to Men, building spiritually based men using the tools of prayer, faith, education and leadership to support the church mission. If you would like to know more about our weekend, ask any of these brothers: Bro's Jimmy Oglesby, Eugene Swinney, Leroy Frazier, Min. Cornelius Thorpe, Deacon Wendell Simmons, Deacon Charles Lenoir, or Deacon Donald Woodard.

I want to acknowledge three brothers that registered to attend but were unable to travel with us: Deacon Nathaniel Davis, Deacon Edward Jarvis, and Bro. Kendell Carpenter. Our prayers have been with you all.

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

Brother Leroy Frazier



Men's Ministry Retreat Experience

The Cedine Men's Retreat is a well kept SECRET here in the southeastern part of the US. Even though their intent is not to keep it a secret, not many people know about this beautiful retreat facility which is primarily geared toward the African-American.

This weekend, I experienced true Christian fellowship with brothers from all over the southeastern part of the US to include South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and even a brother from Washington State. The Cedine Ministry facility is a wonderful place to just get away and enjoy the beauty of God's great earth and take part in true spiritual growth with my fellow brothers in Christ.

The retreat was entitled "Brother, Help Me" and all of the breakout discussion sessions were "right on time" for today's problematic society. In fact, I could have stayed an extra day to be able to take in all of the breakout sessions. As it stood, we had to choose a few topics we were interested in attending over the three day experience. I chose "Brother, help me with my Thoughts," "Brother, help me to be a more Godly Husband and Father," and "Brother, help me to study the Word of God." Other breakout sessions were Brother, help me with my Finances," and "Brother, help me to know God's Ways."

The best thing I enjoyed about the trip was the comradery experienced primarily with my brothers from Union Grove and then from brothers around the southeastern part of the US. The retreat offered a full range of activities to include horseback riding, archery, riflery, hay-rides, canoeing, fishing, etc. However, I chose to use my free time for a time of rest. No one pressured you to do anything. There was great food, fun, and to top it all off, we received a rhema word each day from Pastor Kenny Grant--an exciting speaker and devout man of God. It was a true "Mountain Top Experience"-- one that I'll always remember and look forward to attending again.

Be blessed,
Deacon D. Woodard

I was most impressed with the fact that Cedine Ministries was built for Afro-Americans in 1946. Since then Cedine has had a large influx of Christians to attend their workshops, camps, Church leadership conferences, and retreats. I enjoyed this retreat because it was like no other retreat I've ever been on. The fellowship was tremendous, the staff made you feel at home, the housing was excellent, and the food was great! The different workshops blended talented speakers with awesome scriptures from the Bible and the beauty of the surroundings gave me a chance to hear from God! Add to that the excitement of riding a horse, a hayride, and one of my favorite sports - being able to play ping pong; it was a once in a lifetime experience. I highly recommend this to everyone who is looking for a unique spiritual experience in a beautiful surrounding. You will not be disappointed.

Bro. Eugene Swinney

The Cedine ministries retreat gave me knowledge that will last a lifetime. There was a great fellowship between UG brothers and other brothers from the body of Christ from Tennessee and South Carolina. We enjoyed a great speaker, Brother Kenny Grant, excellent food, a vast view of the mountain and a beautiful sunrise. My first time horseback riding was awesome and a great experience in which I will never forget.

Minister Cornelius Thorpe



Baptism Experience: Milton Brown



What made you make the decision to get baptized?

We are commanded to be baptized as Jesus was. I received Christ as my Lord and Savior many years ago. This is my first baptism. The Lord has kept me all these years. I must do His will.



Describe your baptism experience.

On many occasions, the idea of getting baptized had come to me. Two Sundays ago, the message and the Holy Spirit moved me to act. I went before the church and proclaimed Jesus as my Savior. I told my family and they were very happy for me.



Nursery Ministry

What we will be learning about in April...

Memory Verse:

“Jesus loved me and gave himself for me.” From Galatians 2:20

Lesson Aim for April is for our youth to:

know that Jesus is greater than anyone else
be thankful that Jesus died and rose again because He loves them

Story from Scripture found in Matthew 21:1-11 & Matthew 28:33-38, 57-60; 28:1-8



*When we know that Jesus loved us so much that He gave Himself for us we become friends of Jesus

And friends of Jesus show His Love

Where to Look in the Bible when Dealing with Adversity

In the midst of adversity, it helps to recall times when we have been blessed by the Lord; thank God for the good times we've had, and ask what He wants us to learn from our setbacks. Then "cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee." (Psalm 55:22)

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15)

"Jehovah upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that are bowed down." (Psalm 145:14)

"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which he will work for you to-day:" (Exodus 14:13)

"Jehovah is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? Jehovah is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10)

"Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that take refuge in him." (Nahum 1:7)

"Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1)

"A friend loveth at all times; and a brother is born for adversity." (Proverbs 17:17)

Health Care Ministry: Stress

Stress is a mysterious thing you can't see or touch it, but you definitely know it is there. It's very nature can prevent us from truly realizing the damage it can do to our mind, body, and spirit. Turns out high anxiety may well be an actual high. Some people think they need to be stressed all the time in order to really feel alive. They become hooked on the rush they get from stress which stimulates hormones such as adrenaline, DHEA and cortisol. The tension can become addictive and as with most addictions, it can usher into an unhealthy craving.

When you are stressed for a long time, your body's storage of cortisol becomes too low and you will not have enough for your body to run at an optimal level. Once cortisol stays elevated for more than 24 hours, some certain nutrients such as vitamin B and cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels can sky rocket. It can also offset your short and long term memory and your ability to think clearly. Two-thirds of most doctor office visits are related to stress. Elevated stress can suppress the immune system, increase appetite, impact sex drive, affect fertility and so on. It can also lead to behavior changes such as excessive drinking, smoking and binging on "comfort food" as well as lack of motivation. The number one reason an employee goes on disability leave is related to stress.

Adversity may lead to stress. Become aware and fight that giant!

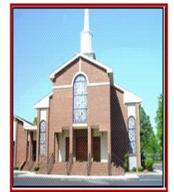
Outsmart Stress Traps:

- Meditate to tune out tension.
- Tempted to curl up on the sofa? Instead, go out with a friend (simply being around other people may squash stress)
- Tempted to dig in a bag of chips? Instead, grab a handful of almonds. Nuts contain Omega3's that may help keep stress hormones such as cortisol in check. Oatmeal boosts the calming brain chemical called Serotonin. Oranges contain vitamin C that counters stress hormones.
- Tempted to drink an energy drink? Instead, try taking a nap. A 20 minute siesta is enough to trigger the hormone needed to balance excess cortisol and you can't beat stress without shut-eye.
- Take a multivitamin; irritation and impatience may be the results of lack of calcium, copper, and zinc that comes with stress. Taking a multivitamin will raise these levels and you will mellow out.

Submitted by: Sister Y. Bradshaw
Healthcare Ministry

Welcome New Members!

Felicia Bush	McKenzie Frye	Allison Jones	Shafarrah Nobles	Vickie Smith
Ryan Coleman	Jamari Goodine	Jasmine Jones	Larry Perry	Antonia Streeter
Antwain Curtis	Jariah Goodine	Johnny Jones	Stephen Piotrowski	Jordan Thomas
Fenneca Curtis	Jaylen Goodine	Shaquetta Jones	LaKeitha Randolph	Lucinda Wimbush
Nathan Curtis	Donnovan Haslem	LaKita Lee	Arthur Riley	Mykala Wimbush
Glen Eason	Skyla Haslem	Tiffany Lewis	LaShona Rouse	Mack Woodard
Jeneva Eason	Courtney Ingram	TyShanta Lewis	Wesley Simmons	
Cornelius Edwards	Breona Jackson	Kelian Love	Courtney Smith	
Komola Edwards	Chad Jackson	Johnathan Napier	Shannon Smith	
Kymori Edwards	Jada Johnson	Gwendolyn Napier	Tracy Smith	



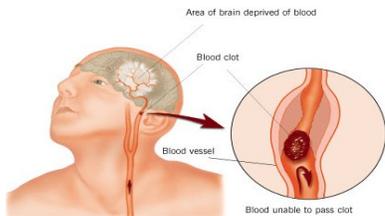
Learn the Signs of a Stroke

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.



A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.



RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke -- Stick out Your Tongue
Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

Youth Lock-In

On March 25-26 we had our annual youth spring lock-in. Our theme this year was "Something 2 Hold Onto.", And that's exactly what we did. With the vision from God with this event, we ministered in a way that our youth would leave with "Something 2 Hold Onto" for the rest of their lives. We kicked the night off with a small concert with the gospel artist Chosen. Chosen is a young man from Macon Ga, that has vowed to be "Sold Out" (name of his album) for God by ministering to the youth. He got the students up and out of their seats, dancing and praising God. Later on after the concert, the teens were separated into young men and young ladies classes as the 10 & under left for the gym at First Baptist on Garmon St. For our young men, we had Mr. Leonard Goolsby come speak to them about the trials and victories of life as a man. Mr. Goolsby grew up in the area and was a former NHS running back and now is employed by RAFB. For our young ladies, a group that goes by the name "Made 2B More" ministered to our ladies. They focused on the attributes of womanhood and how to be a lady, both inside and outside. The goal for "Made 2B More" is to allow the girls to see and believe in the value within them.

After the group sessions, Sons of the King, came through and tore the house down. They encouraged our youth as well as us adults to "shoot the devil off, cause he ain't all that" through song. Sons of the King, are new up and coming gospel rap artist from South Side Baptist church. We look forward to reconnecting with all these guests in the near future. After eating dinner and enjoying the second concert, the teens were transported to First Baptist Gym for interactive games. The games were more than just mere games. It was an opportunity for those who have heard and those who haven't heard of some of the Bible stories to become a part of them and to remember them for a life time.

The students learned to dodge the things that the devil may throw at them through a game of "dodge ball." Also, the students formed teams in order to carry a friend to Jesus that couldn't make it on their own, much like the two men carrying their paralyzed friend to Jesus for healing. While carrying their teammate they had to go through an obstacle course, much like the many things that get in our way of helping our friends. They also played a game of JESUS/HORSE, where they had to learn how to be Christ like and do everything that Christ did, and even shoot like Christ; Whaaaaattttt! After much anticipation we allowed the students to play some Bassskkkkeeeetttt Ballllllllllll!

After the back and forth game of basketball, we headed back the Zone and continued to fellowship until breakfast. God totally moved on that night. Not only were the students able to hold on to something, but we, as adults, were able to get fired up and praise God at what He is doing. We were blessed to have over 100 youth in the house and majority of those were "Grove Zone" youth. We, as a Youth Dept, could not have done it without the many volunteers and donations. We extend our arms out to you and say thank you. Now let's get ready for Panama City or should I say they better get ready for us. God Bless you UG, from your brother in Christ.

Min. Rashee Ragin Holllaaaaa!

“Something to Hold On To”



New Member Profile: The Edwards Family



We are Cornelius, Komola, Kymori-15, Khaibron-6, and Khaedric-4 Edwards. We are from Eastman, Georgia (Dodge County). We became members of Union Grove in January 2011.

Cornelius and I have been married for 18 years. We met in the first grade and became high school sweethearts. I am a lieutenant within the GA Dept. of Corrections at Burruss CTC in Forsyth, GA. I love bowling, football, and just laughing and enjoying my family and friends. Cornelius is in the AF Reserves and is also a correctional officer at McEver PDC in Perry.

He enjoys working out, cooking, and outdoor activi-

ties. We both love fishing. Kymori is a freshman at Warner Robins High School and is active in track and the AFJROTC program. Khaibron is in kindergarten at Pearl Stephens Elementary and Khaedric goes to daycare at Happy Haven in Forsyth, GA. Both boys love riding their bikes, playing outside, and fighting each other. After Cornelius completed his 4-year enlistment in the US Navy, we moved to Warner Robins in 1997 where I was stationed while in the Air Force.

We decided to join Union Grove after attending services for many years. I found Union Grove to be soothing and comforting. We visited other churches in Warner Robins and in our home town, but we always came back to the Grove Zone.

We look forward to completely experiencing the spiritual growth, encouragement, passionate praise and worship, and increased faith that Union Grove offers. We rode past the church last Saturday while a wedding was

taking place, and my son said, "Mama, what are they doing at our church?" That meant so much to Cornelius and me because we want our children to grow up in Christ and to know the love and security of a good church home.

Cornelius is currently serving on the UGMBC Security team. I just completed the PLACE workshop and I am ready to "Exhort". :) I would love to work in the nursery because I do love babies. We all want to be of service where ever we are needed.

We have been spiritually and physically embraced since we began attending. We truly feel blessed to be a part of this family.

Sincerely,
Cornelius and Komola



College Corner



Keiara Tametris Springle, a sophomore at Georgia Military College transferred from Middle Georgia College during fall 2009. Keiara is pursuing an Associate's of Science in Early Childhood Education with an anticipated graduation date of June 11, 2011. Once she graduates, she intends to transfer to Columbus State University pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Early Childhood Education. Her goal is to become a "great" elementary school teacher. Keiara also works part-time for the Georgia Theater Company at the Galleria. She is a part of Youth Ministry and the Women's Softball Team here at Union Grove. When asked how she balances college, work, and ministry Keiara stated, "It is challenging at times but I have to remember to stay focused and not to procrastinate." Keiara lost her mother at the age of 3 and her father at the age of 12. She stated, "With the help of my Aunt Theadora and family, I have come a long way but I know without God, none of my accomplishments or where I am in life would be possible."

A spicy Caribbean flavored fish dish for the "spice" in you!
Submitted by Caribbean Queens Catering (Sis. Queen)
Escoveitch Fish

Prep time: 15 mins. Cook time: 1 hour
For a family of 4: 4 medium size snappers (may substitute for groupers)
scotch bonet peppers (5)
4- large onions
1-bottle of lime juice (sml)
1 whole bell pepper (green)
1 whole bell pepper (red)
salt
pepper
okra
corn



Open fish down the middle for stuffing. Wash fish well with lime juice. Dry fish completely, season with salt n pepper on both sides. Stuff fish with okra, corn and green peppers (may cut peppers in direction of your choice) also onions (1 cup of onions). Place fish with stuffed ingredients in sauce pan on med. heat for 5 minutes on both sides (flipping carefully). Remove fish from pan and place in baking pan (or sheet pan) take your cut up scotch bonet peppers, red bell peppers, remaining onions, and remaining green peppers and cover the fish entirely on top. Pour lime juice over fish 1/2 cup cover your baking pan with aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour or your desired tenderness...You can serve this with a green salad or over a bed of rice. some ingredients may be substituted to your taste (okra, corn....add your choice of veggie). Enjoy !

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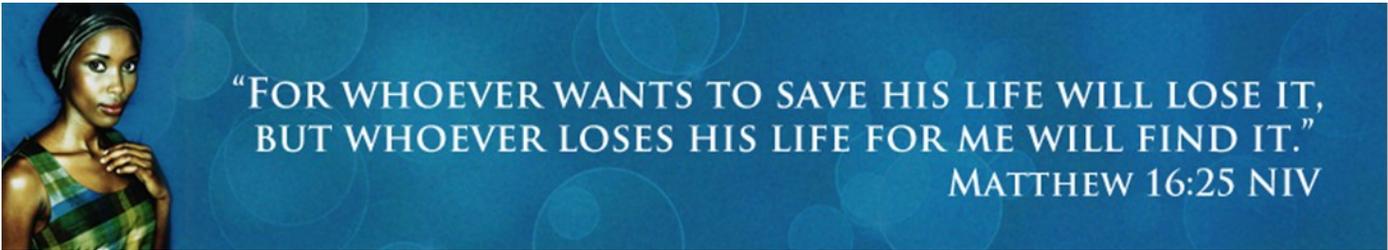
Youth Car Wash



On April 2, 2011 the Youth Department had it's first fundraiser of the year! They had a Car Wash at O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store on Watson Blvd. from 8am to 2pm. According to the Youth leaders, the Car Wash was a great success! They worked hard at getting the attention of the community to donate money. In fact, a lot of people didn't even want their cars washed, but only wanted to give and support the Youth Ministry. What a blessing! The children and leaders washed cars joyfully and held signs proudly. It was a perfect opportunity to fellowship with each other and raise money for their summer trip. The next car wash is scheduled for May 7th. Please come out and support OUR YOUTH!!!



PLACE Ministry

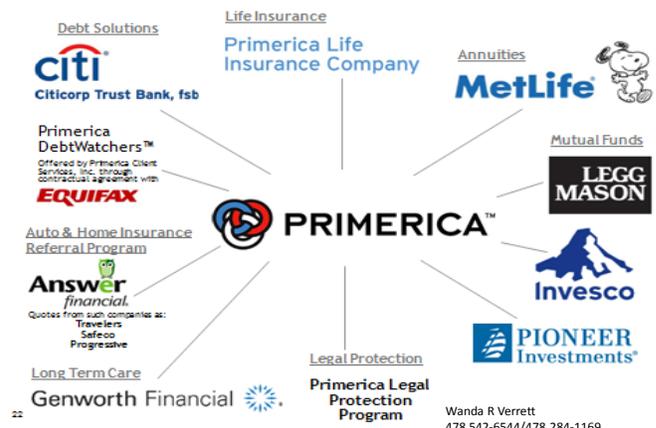


The PLACE Ministry completed its fifth workshop of the year on April 2, 2011. Attendees have their life snapshot on their completed PLACE profile. They begin to see the scarlet thread that runs between the five elements (Personality discovery, Learning spiritual gifts, Abilities awareness, Connecting passion with ministry, and Experiences in life) assuring them that God has uniquely designed them and that he doesn't waste one single thing in our lives! He truly does cause all things to work together for good (Romans 8:28). It is the PLACE Staff's pleasure and honor to come across individuals to help them define their skills and talents. It enriches each individual's life, as well as those all around them. But don't just take their word for it, attend a workshop yourself! The next PLACE workshop is scheduled for May 7, 2011. You MUST sign up to attend! Email placeatthegrove@gmail.com or contact Minister Leo Finkley at 478-787-1685 to register.



The Growve Business Directory

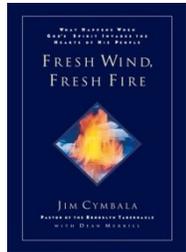
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*Pastor & 1st Lady Clarke
Present the
UGMBC Book of the Month*

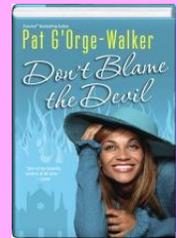
We pray that you are continually reading to gain knowledge, to grow in a certain area, or just reading for enjoyment and to just get a good laugh from the characters that you read about. Pastor Clarke selects books on Leadership, while 1st Lady enjoys Christian Fiction selections. Spring is here! Go ahead and curl up with a good book!

April 2011



Pastor's
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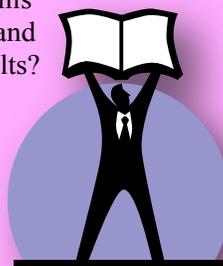


**“Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire”
Jim Cymbala**

As though blowing oxygen upon the dying embers of a fire, pastor Jim Cymbala revived a broken-down church in a rough-shod inner-city neighborhood through Christian faith. Twenty-five years ago, the Brooklyn Tabernacle could barely draw 26 people to a Sunday service. Nowadays the congregation is 6,000 strong--filled with converted prostitutes, pimps, drug addicts, and homeless people, as well as yuppies and wholesome families. Although he's quick to give God credit for this miraculous success story, Cymbala admits that there may be a few human decisions that led to this Christian triumph. Most significantly, he made sure his church community embraced everyone, from all walks of life--no matter how distasteful or foreign. "Christians often hesitate to reach out to those who are different," according to Cymbala. "They want God to clean the fish before they catch them. If someone's gold ring is attached to an unusual body part, if the person doesn't smell the best or the skin color is not the same, Christians tend to hesitate." Thus, Cymbala encouraged his congregation to adopt the very same tolerant and accepting attitude as their God does. The results? Let's just say a church thrives in Brooklyn.

**“Don't Blame The Devil”
Pat G'Orge-Walker**

For Deliah Dupree Jewel, appearances are everything. So when she hears of the sudden death of her daughter-in-law, the wife of her estranged son, Jesse, she decides it would make her look good to head to the rescue. But there's a reason Jesse doesn't talk to the woman who couldn't find her maternal instincts if they hit her over the head... As Deliah faces the fact that Jesse wants nothing to do with her, and that her granddaughter, Tamara, who wants to pursue a career in music, isn't interested in her mentoring and meddling, she encounters an old flame, Deacon Pillar, an ex-gangster who's traded the streets for the Bible. But when he starts stirring up secrets of her shocking past, she's going to need God now more than ever.



Youth Appreciation



Kieya Lambert

There is so much talent at Union Grove, especially within the youth. Most of that talent goes unseen. Someone who has major talent is Kieya Lambert. Kieya is the daughter of Brother Keith and Sister Tanya Lambert. She is a sophomore at Houston County High School. Her talent, which she has a strong passion for, is drawing. She hopes one day to become a cartoonist.

Drawings by Kieya Lambert



The Christian life is not a trouble-free life. We should be mentally prepared to face the challenges that we will have to face.

TRIAL BY FIRE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

- 1 PETER 4:12 NIV

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Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
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Minister Keith Perkins
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Vision Center Scheduling—Renovations will begin January 1 and last through April 30. 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

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	Deacon Alvin Myrick	7 88-5696

~ Where to Serve ~

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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—Contact Sis. Africa Porter/923-6770

Teaching Ministry – Sunday School, Bible Study, New Members Orientation, Training 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, Nurse's Guild 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, Genuine Praise Step Team—Contact Min. Rashee Ragin/322-1208

From the G.T.A.H. Staff



GTAH Staff (left to right): Carolyn Jackson, Ashley Whitehead, Shirley Jackson, and Jairee Williams

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