

G.T.A.H. Great Things Are Happening

Invest In Yourself

I believe it was Robert Louis Stephenson who said, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant." Too many of us want to reap open doors without sowing seeds of personal development. I hope to challenge all of you to invest in yourselves and nurture your spiritual gifts so that you can become all that God has ordained and serve Him with excellence. Let me share a few ways you can do this.

1. Give yourself approval to improve. Whenever I watch American Idol auditions, I am intrigued by how many people think they can sing well and actually sound horrible. No matter how good you might be, (1) you may not be as good as you think, (2) you'll never be as great as you can be without giving yourself the approval to improve. Some of us need to swallow our pride and tell ourselves that it's okay to not only have room for improvement, but to go ahead and put some effort into getting better. Get some training, take a class, read books, or attend a workshop or seminar that will help you improve.

2. Face challenges with courage and curiosity. Anyone who is living for Christ and involved in ministry can certainly expect challenges. They are not always bad things. A curious spirit should make us wonder what God is going to teach us or bless us with whenever a challenge comes our way. This type of curiosity should give us the courage to face the challenges that come our way. With this type of attitude, we can come out of them "strong in character and ready for anything" (Jas. 1:4 NLT).

Sometimes the challenge comes from having to do some things that do not come natural to you. Yes, we should serve according to our passions. However, do not avoid or give up easily on things that are challenging to pull off.

3. Learn from another learner. I learn an awful lot from great men of God who are con-

stantly learning and growing. Despite my schedule, I make time for chats with them so that I can gain from their insights. I pray that you will not allow a busy, overcrowded schedule to keep you from learning from another learner. Getting their time and giving them your undivided attention is too valuable to live without if you're serious about growing in ministry.

4. Take a time out. We are all susceptible to burn out. Take a break periodically and get some rest for your mind, body, and soul. A time out helps us to get back in the game refreshed and ready to serve with new insights and a new level of enthusiasm.

5. Identify and eliminate time wasters. We are all very busy people. We may be unknowingly doing some stuff that is really wasting time that can be used for investing in our development. How much time do you spend watching TV, surfing the Internet, or talking on the telephone? These things are not evil in and of themselves, but we can certainly abuse them and waste a lot of time. Schedule time for reading, practicing, or studying so that you prove to be a wise steward of time. Be mindful of Paul's words to Timothy, "Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Spend your time and energy in training yourself for spiritual fitness" (I Tim. 4:7 NLT).

In conclusion, I encourage you to invest in yourself by sowing into your own development. You are to be a wise steward of the gift(s) God has deposited into your life. I believe if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. However, if we sow bountifully, we shall reap bountifully. Be encouraged and let's reap bountiful confidence, competence, and excellence to the glory of God!

- Pastor David Anthony Clarke Sr.



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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.

MARCH HAPPENINGS

3-13 Evangelism Training, CC	after church
3-15 Surrendered	6:00 p.m.
3-15 New Members Fellowship, CC	7:00 p.m.
3-17 Choir, S	6:30 p.m.
3-19 Genuine Praise, S	8:00 a.m.
3-19 Youth Ushers, CC	9:00 a.m.
3-19 LUV, S	10:00 a.m.
3-19 Jr. Choir, S	Noon
3-19 4 Him Dance Ministry, S	1:30 p.m.
3-21 Women's Bible Study, Housing Bldg	7:00 p.m.
3-22 DOP, CC	6:00 p.m.
3-24 Choir, S	6:30 p.m.
3-25 Evangelism Street Ministry, CC	10:00 a.m.
3-25/26 Youth Lock-in, Church	7:00 p.m.
3-26 Scholarship Banquet	TBA
3-27 Women's Fellowship, CC	5:00 p.m.
3-29 Deacons, CC	7:00 p.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
Administrative Assistant

March Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Leonard, March 10 (20yrs)

Deacon & Mrs. Edward Jarvis, March 15 (13yrs)

Minister & Mrs. John Dukes, March 6 (11yrs)

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Porter, March 10 (9yrs)

Minister & Mrs. Rashee Ragin, March 31 (3yrs)

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



Grow in the Lord



See the Seed

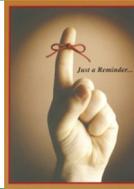
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



GTAH Newsletter—Great Things are Happening is on Facebook! Go to our page and click LIKE. We pray that you will be blessed through our printed words as we spread the knowledge of Christ and encourage spiritual living.

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

The Voices of Prayer and Praise Ministry



Every Thursday
12noon for one hour
Children's Church
Resource:
The Daily Bread Booklet



-Sis. Mary Lenoir, Ministry Leader

AVERY T. WILLIS, JR. THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS MasterLife

- WHAT:** Discipleship Class
- WHEN:** Wed March 9, 2011
- WHERE:** Life Changers Center
- TIME:** 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- DURATION:** 13-14 weeks
- MATERIAL FEE:** \$11.00

Teachers: Minister Arie Freeman and Deacon R. Wendell Simmons
Note: Class size will be limited. First come first serve.

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.

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



But Only God, Who Makes Things Grow... (1 Cor 4:19)

Gardeners grow vivid and lively flowers and fresh veggies where tender, love, care, and effort is essential. They work the soil to make it just right for the seeds, water them regularly, and patiently wait for nature to do its work. Just imagine, a tiny seed could sprout into a beautiful flower that bore no resemblance to when it was a "baby"! How amazing nature is! We, as Christians, should be gardeners growing plants; plants that cannot be seen, felt, smelled, or tasted. What should you grow? Spiritual fruit!

In our physical world, we need plenty of light, water, air, and good soil for proper sowing and reaping of plants. Of course, we also need the seed. Likewise, for spiritual gardening, we need the same elements:

Light: God is the light of this world. Those who abide in Him will shine forth this light. Jesus, who is the image of the invisible God, was sent into the world as our guiding light. This Father and Son are the light that makes our spiritual fruit to grow. In John 8:12, Jesus says "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." He also says in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing." We cannot bear any fruit by ourselves; we need to maintain a constant relationship with Jesus in order to produce fruit in our lives.

Water and air: The Holy Spirit, God's creative power, anoints Jesus' disciples with power and growth, just as water and air anoint plants with life. (Isaiah 44:3; John 3:8) When God fills us with His Spirit, we become productive sowers and reapers.

Soil: Each heart of each individual is the soil in which the spiritual fruit grows. When the heart's condition isn't right, no plant would be able to sprout fully. Receptive soil will yield a plentiful harvest, whereas unreceptive soil will barely yield any before the seed is snatched away by the wrong priorities of life (Mark 4:1-20).

Seed: The Word of God is the seed that can sprout and grow into tall plants in

people's heart (soil), depending on the soil's condition. (Mark 4:1-20) We need the seed in our heart in order for it to grow into fruit.

All of these mentioned elements are required to reap a great harvest: Jesus, who is our Light, the Holy Spirit which is our water and air, our heart which is the soil; and the Word of God that is the seed. Of course, we also need to put effort into growing plants, and patiently let time take its course. Like in the physical world, we need to put some effort in this gardening, but exactly, what should we do? Pointless effort is wasted, so we need to direct our energy properly for maximum benefit. The efforts we need to exert are in the following passages:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers: But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Psalms 1:1-3)

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing." (James 1:22-25)

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit." (John 15:1-2)

From these four passages, we learn these basic principles...

1. Planting and caring for the seed in our soil guarantees harvest. In other words, meditating on the messages in the Bible, will promise success. Yet, just reading the Bible does no one good. We must apply its teachings to our daily living. We must meditate on it by both taking in (hearing) and bringing forth (doing).
2. If something in our lives, like wrong priorities, unimportant cares of this world, and bad associations are hindering our fruit-bearing, we must take them away (prune them) so we can effectively bear the fruit.

Now that all the necessary tools for proper gardening have been identified, it's time to get started! What should we grow?

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us the fruit we should grow: "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control..." (ASV) The fruit spoken here is the spiritual characteristics that the Lord wants to develop in each person. Each quality makes up a complete fruit, so even without just one element, the fruit will be incomplete.

What's so special about this fruit?? Can't we develop these qualities on our own? We can develop these qualities by ourselves; certainly, but we can develop them only to a certain extent. For example, many of us have love, but how deep or how far can it go? The qualities of this fruit are special because they are supernatural; they can be developed only when God develops them in you--no one can develop them by their self-effort. For instance, the love that God wants to develop in each individual is a love that transcends all boundaries, that does not change along with life's circumstances, that endures forever. Since this is a spiritual fruit, it can withstand time and age, and challenges of life. No one will be able to steal it and gobble it all up! And no disease will be able to destroy it as long as you maintain it in good soil.

May you be abundantly fruitful!

Excerpts taken with written permission from "A Spiritual Garden to Grow an Everlasting Fruit" by Shirley Cheng.

Ministry Workers Training

Union Grove ministry workers came together on a Saturday morning to discuss three questions that Pastor David Anthony Clarke posed: 1) Do you know where your ministry is going? 2) What will it be like in the next three years? 3) If you do not change, will the future be different than the past? The purpose of the Ministry Workers Training was to ensure that all ministries have a strategic plan in place. Members were broken up into their ministries to set new goals, share new ideas, and to discuss the strengths and weaknesses among their ministry. Pastor Clarke suggested that all ministries have a plan and seek it through. When a strategic plan is put into action, it keeps everyone asking questions and has them listening to what God is saying. Burnout will occur due to some of us putting on more than God intended us to have. Some steps to take in order to plan effectively are:

1. Pray together
2. Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats will help us match internal ministry strengths
3. Write down ministry team's priorities
4. Write down SMART goals on template
5. Write down action steps the ministry team will take to reach/surpass those goals
6. Assign roles and hold accountable!



Ushers/Greeters Ministry



Golden Achievers Ministry



Finance Ministry



Teaching Ministry



Media Ministry



Greeters Ministry



Youth Ministry



Deaconess Ministry



Equally Yoked Ministry



Music Ministry



Health Care Ministry



Genuine Praise Ministry



Security Ministry



Evangelism Ministry

Baptism Experience:



Jada Johnson & Wesley Simmons
in Baptism Class



Deacon Robert Simmons
teaching Baptism



The Talton Family
in Baptism Class

Minister and Deacon Simmons asked their son, Wesley, why he wanted to be baptized and what did the experience mean to him. His response, "Because I love Him and I really want to live for Him." He also stated, "I was excited and couldn't wait!" Wesley is truly ecstatic. After the baptism, he asked his mom if she can tell the whole world that he was baptized. Minister Antonia Simmons told him that it was his job to share the Good News. She says, "And that is exactly what he did and is still doing! He went to school the next day telling all his classmates about his experience and he even shared how one can become a Christian and how they can get to Heaven. Wesley's parents are so excited to see God's hand on him and his sisters also!



Wesley Simmons



Patrick Talton



Beverly Talton



Craig Jones



Nia Talton

Take Me to the Water



Sis. Virginia Mitchell



Jada Johnson

Communion



Run

Written by: Minister Everand Woodard

Jacinta was always the fastest kid in her school. She was even faster than the guys in her class. It was almost as if she was born to run. Which may have been the case; her parents were both world champion athletes. They had met during the summer Olympics of 1976 in Montreal. Her father was a sprinter from Trinidad, her mother was also a runner from Jamaica. This mixture and growing up in the Caribbean sun seemed to be the perfect environment to develop her speed. She always would win medals in various competitions around the region. It seemed that the Gold medal was certainly hers in the 2012 games. But there was one person she couldn't beat; it was her older sister, Rashelle. Since she was a few years older, they never competed in the same group growing up. But now that they were both of age, they started competing head to head. Jacinta would run with all her might and would end up losing to her sister. It was like Rashelle would beat her with no effort at all. The time had come for the Olympic qualifying trials. Jacinta was confident that she'd beat Rashelle this time. Jacinta ran with everything she had in her, but in the end she was defeated. It was a bittersweet moment. While she lost the race, she still had a qualifying time to advance her to the Olympics. Jacinta was depressed for the next couple of days over her disappointment. Finally her mother came in and spoke to her. Jacinta expected some en-

couraging words to make her feel better, but what she got was a rebuke. Her mother said, "Girl, you know I've been your biggest cheerleader all your life. Your father has been your coach all these years so I sat back and let him teach you. He told me to speak to you and maybe help you out. Do you know why you keep on losing to your sister?" "Because she is faster" Jacinta replied. "No. It is because you're holding back." Jacinta was confused because she felt that she was doing her best. Her mother continued, "When you are on the track you run as hard as you can, but the rest of your life is undisciplined. You stay out late partying with your friends. You are lazy and unfocused in practice. You indulge yourself in things you know an athlete shouldn't. All these years you've had success because you are incredibly gifted. But now you find that you are facing real competition and your talents aren't getting you there alone. You have the potential to run circles around your sister. But as long as you rely on your ability alone and don't train every aspect of your life, you will always lose to her." Her mother's words were very sobering. Had she really been relying on pure talent all these years? As she began to examine herself, she found it to be true. She then purposed in her heart to follow her mother's sage advice. Jacinta became more disciplined and trained herself so that her whole life reflected that she was an athlete. Eventually, the summer came and the

Olympics were here. Jacinta and Rashelle were separated in different brackets for the games, so they couldn't watch each other compete. Jacinta was eager to see if the changes she had made would pay off. They did. She soared through each race and easily made it to the finals, where she met Rashelle. This was her true test to see if she could finally beat her sister after all these years. The night before the race, their father gave them some words of encouragement. "I'm very proud of you both. You have done well. I've been where you are before and my advice for you is this: Leave it all on the track! You only get one shot at this race tomorrow. Don't hold anything back." He continued encouraging them but these were the words that stuck in their minds the most. On their way back to their rooms, Rashelle said to Jacinta. "Whatever happens tomorrow, I want you to know that we'll always be sisters." Jacinta smiled at her in agreement. Even though they had been rivals for so long, they still loved one another. The next morning, the weather was sunny and a cool breeze was blowing. The runners made their way to the track to compete for the prize they had been seeking for so long. Jacinta was nervous but ready. Her heart was racing as she knelt down into the starting block. She began to breathe deeply to calm down. The official signaled for them to make ready. Bang! The starter pistol blew and they were off. Jacinta was sprint-

ing like the wind itself, blowing past her competition. As she pulled out in front, all the advice from her parents and training flashed through her mind. With 20 meters to go, she began to pull out in front of Rashelle. They kept running full speed until the race was over. To her own surprise Jacinta won! She crossed the finish line just moments before her sister. As the excitement and adrenaline pumped through her system, Jacinta ran a victory lap followed by her cheering sister. They were summoned to the winners circle to receive their medals. As the music was playing and the crowd was cheering, Jacinta bent down to have her gold medal placed around her neck. Her mind went back to the night when her mother told her to sacrifice some of the pleasures in her life. While standing there in that moment of glory, there was one thought on her mind. It was all worth it.

1 Corinthians 9 :24-27

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Youth Ministry

Youth Appreciation



Alexander Thaddeus Pegues

Alexander is currently a member of the Youth Ushers and has been for the past 5 years. He also was a member of the Youth Choir for 4 years. He attends Houston County High School where he is a freshman and an honor student.

On December 10, 2011, Alexander received the Brilliant Bear Award for having a 100 average, the highest average of all the 9th graders in his social studies class. He was featured in the 9th grade hallway and in the newspaper with his picture. He was also given a plaque, multiple coupons, and dinners from local restaurants.

In January 2011, Alexander was selected to participate in the District Honor Band in the Baritone section. On February 12, 2011 the District Honor Band performed at Baldwin County High School, in Milledgeville, GA where he sat as 2nd chair.

On February 25, 2011, Alexander was honored at Houston County High School's Black History Banquet for having the Highest GPA of all the African Americans in the class of 2014. He was presented with an Oscar trophy. He currently is ranked as No. 4 for the class of 2014 out of 950+ freshmen. His GPA is 4.00.

Alexander is a member of Jack & Jill of America, Inc, where he serves as the Vice-President of the Teens and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., Esquires.

His hobbies include reading, playing his DS, Wii and X-Box, playing in the band and baseball. Alexander was the only African American to tryout and make the baseball team of all three teams at Houston County High School. He is the starting left fielder. His current goal is to win the rest of his baseball games. His future goal is to become an engineer and own his own company.

Alexander is an intellectually gifted student and talented young man who has always strived to be Number One! He has exceptional work ethics and is always courteous. He loves science and mathematics. His parents are very proud of him and encourage him to be all that he can be.

Youth Spring Lock-In

Theme: "Something to Hold On to" (Luke 8:4-10)



Volunteers are needed! Especially MEN!
Help out to chaperone, lead classes,
and food.

Contact Minister Rashee Ragin for more
information!

Summer Trip Laguna Beach in Panama City, FL

Dates: June 24-26 (4th Weekend)

Transportation: East Coast Tours

Contact Minister Ragin for more information

Fund Raisers: 2 Car Washes at O'Reilly's on
Watson Blvd. (April 2nd and May 7th)

Summer Camp 2011

Camp Dates: May 31, 2011—July 29, 2011

7:30am—5:00pm Daily

Ages: 5-12

Cost is \$55 per week

(2 or more children get discount)

\$25 non-refundable deposit per child

Camp Registration begins Sunday, April 3, 2011



For more information, contact: Mrs. Michelle Clarke, Camp
Director ugfirstlady@hotmail.com

Deacon's Corner

Deacon Jerome Stephens' Thoughts on Spiritual Growth



I believe that in order for one to spiritually grow, the individual has to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Also, to continue to grow, you have to encrypt yourself with God's Word, and be around others that have the same mindset that they are growing too. Anyone who wants to grow should attend bible study and Sunday school. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." To spiritually grow, one must be busy for the Lord, and the things you desire to do for Him, your family,

and others. I advise any new Christian that is hungry for the Word, to pray and ask God to show you where you really need to be and be around others that have the same influence when it comes to your spiritually. Also, read the bible, study it, and try your best to do those things that are pleasing in the sight of the Lord, and then you will become able to grow. He will give you direction, guidance, and anything your heart desires. For a Christian who allows strongholds to get in the way of spiritual growth, I advise them to get with someone in their life that is "in order" to remove strongholds. Also to stay in God's Word, try your best to find someone who is headed in the right direction with God, and confide in them. A time in my life where spiritual growth was evident was when my son, Jerome Stephens, Jr., also known as Jay Jay, passed away in 2005. That was the most difficult time in my family's life. But what my family and I are thankful for

are God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I think about Jay Jay everyday, especially around baseball season because we used to watch and go to games together. Jay Jay had just got a position to be a baseball coach, but didn't start due to him passing away. Some days are better than others, but having God and a strong church family around, helps me get through it all. I thank God for my family, brothers, sisters, and really thank God for my parents. Being an adopted child was a challenge, but I love a challenge. I found my biological father, brother, and sisters and was very happy about that. I thank God for my church family; they are like medicine to me. I have enjoyed my time at Union Grove for all 63 years. I love being a deacon. I have faith and operate in many areas of the church. I counted it all joy, just like Paul said in Philippians, for all the things I have seen here at Union Grove, being spiritual or material. But most of all, I am able to witness spiritual growth in individuals throughout the church. When

people leave Union Grove, in most cases they have a solid foundation in their spiritual walk. Any day that I encounter that is bad, God always smoothes my bad days out. And at the end of the night, I sleep like a baby. I have enjoyed working with people at Union Grove throughout my life. I enjoy working with Pastor Clarke, First lady, and their children. I also enjoy working with the Deacon Ministry which is filled with great spiritual men. The overall perspective of the church is healthy where I stand. I feel that we are headed in the right direction; we need to stay focused and trust in God in everything we say and do. As a deacon, I am assigned to members with names beginning with A-C. I enjoy counseling, giving a helping hand, and whatever I can do to help the members. I thank God for allowing me to be able to do what I do.

God is not content for us to remain in the nest of His grace. He wants us to grow and develop our faith and knowledge of Him, so that we can soar to higher levels of His grace.

GROW IN GRACE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

— 2 PETER 3:18 NIV

The Real Me

Ministers' Wives Getting Real with God and Each Other



Pictured L to R: Sis. Linda Gray, Sis. Michelle Clarke, Sis. Lakeshia Ragin, Sis. Pat McCants, and Sis. Kathy Hardee

What a wonderful and blessed weekend we had at the GA Baptist Association Ministers Wives Retreat held on January 27-29, 2011. The Retreat was held at the GA Baptist Convention Center in Toccoa, GA. Five ministers' wives from Union Grove embarked upon a retreat with expectations of what God wanted to share with each of them about being "The Real Me." The retreat offered worship in the chapel, breakout sessions, spa time, and health screenings. During the breakout sessions, we were encouraged to: keep balance in our lives by living a Christ-centered life; don't just survive, but thrive in ministry; invest in the eternal and not the temporal; be brave enough to stop doing what we've always done; and many more nuggets of wisdom. The spa sessions were simply divine. But nothing can compare to the session that we, the ladies of Union Grove, shared together. Our bond became stronger through our fellowship, prayer, and engaging in God-centered conversations. The retreat provided encouragement and inspiration and helped us build a vital, active support system for ministers' wives throughout the state of Georgia. We are certainly looking forward to the next retreat in 2012.

- Submitted by First Lady Michelle Clarke

Rebuilding Together Honors Union Grove

Rebuilding Together is a national nonprofit with a network of nearly 225 affiliates across the United States. Its mission is to preserve affordable housing by bringing volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners and making them warm, safe, and dry. Rebuilding Together - Warner Robins' president is Union Grove's very own, Deacon Jerome Stephens.



Each year, Rebuilding Together plants a tree to honor a man's vision for our community to make this vision a reality. This year the Colonel Rick Rider award honors Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church for its outstanding support of Rebuilding Together in our community. A certificate was presented to the church during Worship Service on March 6, 2011. The tree will be planted in October of this year.

What's Going on in the Nursery?

We learned that
WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

We worship God when we Give
2 Chronicles 24:1-14

We worship God when we read HIS WORD
Nehemiah 8:1-6

We worship God when we Pray
1 Kings 1:8

We worship God when we sing praises to HIM
2 Chronicles 29:25-31

Our Memory

Verses:

“I praise God because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
Psalm 139:14

“Worship The Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”
Psalm 100:2

Newcomers

This is a list of the new faces that have been in our nursery:

Khaibron and Khaidrick Edwards

Claire, Caleb, and Calvin

Elani and Aziah

Virgil (V.J.) Lewis

T. J. Johnson

Welcome to the bunch!

We look forward to watching you Grow!

January Birthdays

1/16 * Jariah G. turned 5

February Birthdays

2/7 * Sani H. turned 5

2/27 * J'Colby T.

March Birthdays

3/6 * Jameer B. turns 6

3/18 * Gabrielle G. turns 5

3/19 * Kiki H.



Grief Support Ministry

Grief—What is it?

It is a natural and necessary reaction to a significant change or loss in our lives.

Because everyone experiences loss of change from time to time throughout life, it is important to understand GRIEF.

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church does have a Grief Support Ministry.

Deacon Edward Jarvis 923-5139

Sister Catherine Jarvis 923-5139

Sister Allison Jones 333-2350

We are willing to set up a specific time and date to talk about your grief. Don't feel as if you are alone. Let us help you understand GRIEF,

Give us a call—Let's Talk!



Not just decisions, but disciples for Christ.

RETREAT!!!

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“A Mountain Top Experience”

The Union Grove Men's Ministry will go on **RETREAT!!!**

WHERE: Cedine Ministries, Spring City, Tennessee

WHEN: 25 – 27 March 2011 Departing Grove Zone 8:AM Returning by 6:PM

SPEAKER: Kenny Grant, Sr., an Evangelist and Teacher desires to equip believers to effectively minister to those around them.

THE RETREAT THEME IS: “Brother, Help Me!”

WHO IS THIS FOR: Every brother 16 years and older

WHY RETREAT: To get away *for personal reflection* and *Personal consideration* on how you're living out your faith; at work, school, in family life, and in relationships with others. . (If you're thinking, “I'm too busy to go”...then Brother, You really need to RETREAT!)

THE RETREAT COST: Early Bird Discount \$120.00 if paid by 23 Feb - \$140.00 after. You get: Transportation, workshops, fellowship, great meals, lodging and plenty of fun activities.

For Information and to register, contact: Bro. Jimmy Oglesby (478) 397-3704

or Bro. Leroy Frazier (757) 334-3768

College Corner



Michelle Gaines has been attending Macon State College (MSC) part-time for approximately five years. Her major of study is Business Administration with a concentration in Management. She currently holds an associate degree from MSC in General Business. Due to going to school off and on again, Michelle’s main goal is to complete and receive her Bachelor’s degree without stopping.

Congratulations to Cherie White

The daughter of Willie & Paula White



RICHMOND, Ky. – [Cherie White](#), a member of the Eastern Kentucky University women’s basketball team is one of 26 recipients of the 2011-12 Ethnic Minority and Women’s Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics, the NCAA announced recently.

Business of the Month Caribbean Queens Catering



Caribbean Queens Catering



Let us Cater your next Church Function, Office Party, Graduation, Wedding or whatever the Event may be. We offer the finest in Caribbean and other delicious foods.

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So if you're ready for something different and delicious give us a call, We're looking forward to serving you. We offer 10% discount to the Military, And City Employees. And 20% discounts to Churches. We look forward to serving you.

Contact : Queen... Thank You for your Business



Citrus-Walnut Salad

Submitted by Caribbean Queens Catering
Sis. Deborah “Queen” Little

Total Time: 30 mins., including vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 8 heads Belgian endive
(about 2 1/4 lb.)
- 1/2 cup firmly packed fresh Parsley leaves
- Cumin-Dijon Vinaigrette
- 2 red grapefruits, peeled and sectioned



1. Preheat oven to 350°. Bake walnuts in a single layer in a shallow pan 6 to 8 minutes or until toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway through.
2. Remove and discard outer leaves of endive. Rinse endive with cold water, and pat dry. Cut each endive head diagonally into 1/4-inch slices, and place in a serving bowl. Add walnuts parsley leaves, and desired amount of dressing: gently toss to coat. Top with grapefruit. Serve with any remaining dressing. Enjoy!

Vision Center Renovations



“Renovations at the Vision Center are coming along very well,” says Brother James Booker. On Saturday mornings, there are approximately ten men who volunteer and lend a helping hand with the restoration process. Changes that are happening are: replacing the floors, replacing the ceiling, and painting the walls. Brother Booker feels that what is going to excite people the most are the new floors because the carpet is no longer there. Currently, no help is needed at this point in time; however, there may be a need for assistance in the future.

With the work of God’s children, anything is possible.



Where to Look in the Bible for Spiritual Growth

God's Word is fuel for the refiner's sanctifying fire, water for the planted tree's growth, and a rock-solid foundation for the builder. We need all three desperately. Here is a collection of verses dealing with spiritual growth and maturity. The Bible does more than keep us from sin (Psalms 119, 1 [John 2:14](#)). The truth sanctifies the sinner ([John 17:17](#)), bringing growth resulting in the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:16-25](#)).

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 14:20

Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

Ephesians 4:13-15

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Ephesians 4:20-24

But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Colossians 2:6-7

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:9-10

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Hebrews 5:12-14

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses excised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

1 Peter 2:1-3

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

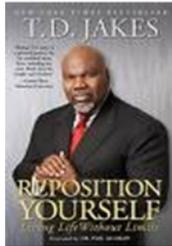
2 Peter 3:17-18

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

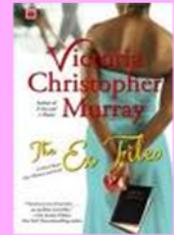
*Pastor & 1st Lady Clarke
Present the
UGMBC Book of the Month*

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.

March 2011



Pastor's
Pick



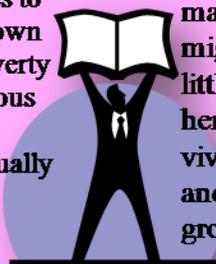
1st Lady's
Pick

**"Reposition Yourself: Living Life Without Limits"
T.D. Jakes**

Jakes takes the biblical definition of faith--the substance of things not yet realized--and adds that without some effort, faith becomes nothing more than a belief in magic. Although he admonishes the trend toward prosperity preaching that equates economic well-being with blessedness, Jakes reinforces the connection between faith, good works, and responsibility. And citing biblical verses and observations by successful people--Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and athlete Deion Sanders, among others--Jakes offers sound advice on how to put faith into action. He begins by insisting on a hard self-examination and takes aim at what he considers the major barrier to success: self-imposed limitations that result from a lack of spiritual faith. Jakes applies scripture across a wide range of personal challenges, including finding a mate and achieving financial success. For those who have already achieved a measure of success, Jakes cautions against complacency and arrogance. At whatever level of achievement, Jakes urges readers to learn to open themselves to giving and receiving blessings. Recalling his own rocky road to success from a childhood of poverty to the head of one of the nation's largest religious enterprises, Jakes makes clear how he was compelled to reposition himself to grow spiritually and materially. Jakes continues to deliver a message of hope and inspiration.

**"The Ex Files: A Novel About Four Women and Faith"
Victoria Christopher Murray**

In this powerful testament to Christian fellowship and friendship, four members of an L.A. prayer group find spiritual growth and heartache as they struggle with broken dreams. Drawn together by Hope Chapel's Pastor Ford, these African-American women stand at crossroads in their lives. For Sheridan, it's trying to choose between marrying her lover or going back to the Ex who left her for a man. Kendall deals with her rage over her younger sister and Ex falling in love, but must make a life or death choice when her sister becomes seriously ill. Asia wants revenge on the father of her six-year-old daughter, a retiring, married LA Laker who's decided to end their decade-long affair. Vanessa copes badly in the aftermath of her husband Reed's shocking suicide, grappling with a growing depression that threatens her ability to go on. The engrossing transitions the women go through make compelling reading, but some readers might find some of Pastor Ford's wisdom a little off as she assures Sheridan that Quentin, her Ex, "wasn't born that way." Still, Murray's vivid portrait of how faith can move mountains and heal relationships should inspire her growing conservative fan base.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
-Eph 2:10 (NIV)



Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
2 Cor 5:5 (NIV)



March 5, 2011 Workshop Attendees

PLACE is a Bible-based, self-discovery process that helps pastors, church members, lay leaders and others realize their ideal PLACE of ministry in life and in the local church. PLACE was created out of a desire to help pastors design and maximize church ministries. It was also designed to equip Christians to serve in ministries that bring fulfillment in their Christian walk and help them carry out God's plan for their life.

To date, 54 Union Grove members have went through the PLACE Workshop at the Growve Zone and have received their one-on-one individual coaching sessions. When attending the class, it is stressed that by no means does PLACE take the place of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12 makes it clear that each Christian is given spiritual gifts according to the Lord's choice. The PLACE team's goals for 2011 is to have over 100 members of UGMBC go through the PLACE workshops and begin serving in a ministry.

We are only 3 months into 2011 and our goal is half-way completed! Praise the Lord!

Help the PLACE Ministry achieve its goal by getting involved. We are looking for those who are led to become a PLACE Facilitator and PLACE Connection Coach.

Contact any of the PLACE Staff Members to make this happen:



- Minister Leo Finkley
- Wanda Verrett
- Leroy Frazier
- UrLeaka Woodard
- Deborah "Queen" Little
- Jairee Williams



The next PLACE Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 8am to 4pm. SPACE IS LIMITED... YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP. Email placeatthegrove@gmail.com or contact Minister Leo Finkley at 478-787-1685 to register.

Members Profile

Whether a New Member or a Longtime Member, you are WELCOME!

New Members Profile—The Lewis Family

Virgil and Tiffany Lewis have lived in Warner Robins for approximately eight years. They joined Union Grove on November 21, 2010 and received the right-hand of fellowship on January 22, 2011. They have one son, Virgil “VJ” Lewis Jr. (15 months). Virgil, originally from Louisville, GA and Tiffany, originally from Cuthbert, GA were united in marriage on July 28, 2007 at Union Grove. The Lewis’ said, “We were looking for a church that was not too big, but one we could enjoy as a family. We wanted a church where we could fellowship and meet new people. Union Grove felt like home to us as we were embraced with love and the grace of God.” Virgil and Tiffany both graduated

from FVSU. Virgil is currently finishing up his Master’s degree in Counseling and preparing to take the Comps Exam. He works for The Methodist Home for Children and Youth of Macon, GA as a Human Service Provider.

Tiffany is now working towards her doctoral degree in Organizational Leadership and Human Resource Development. She works for Nichiha USA, Inc. in Macon, Ga as a Purchasing Coordinator.

They enjoy spending time with their son as well as family and friends. Virgil likes being outside: washing cars or mowing the lawn. They both like to shop and travel. “We would like to become closer to God

as a family. We expect to learn, trust, and serve God in the way that is expected of us. We are excited and look forward to being a part of God’s plan at Union

Grove.” Virgil, who attended the February PLACE Workshop is currently serving with the Security Ministry. Tiffany, who has signed up to attend the April PLACE Workshop is undecided at this time of what ministry to join.



Longtime Member—Sis. Hilda Hayward



Tell us about yourself. My Name is Hilda P. Hayward. I grew up in southeast Georgia in a small town called Claxton. It is known world-wide for its fruit

cakes. I became a member of Union Grove in August 1994. I was invited to attend Union Grove by a friend named Tonya King. Tonya and her family were a part of the military. I enjoy reading, doing yard work and going to High school football games, (Northside of course). I have lived in Warner Robins, GA since 1990. I have three children and three grandchildren; I work for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a Consumer Safety Inspector. I inspect meat products. I ensure that the consumer is protected.

Are you currently serving in a ministry? Or is there a ministry that you are interested in joining? I am currently a part of the Teaching Ministry and Youth Ministry. I have been a part of the Nursery Ministry and Singles Ministry. I would

like to be more active in the Women Ministry.

What are the main differences compared to when you first joined Union Grove and now? When I first came to Union Grove, I didn’t have a relationship with Jesus Christ. I was broken and hurting. I committed my life to God and started to learn the things of God and how He loves and cares for me. It really blows my mind how the Creator of the world will communicate with me through His Holy Spirit. I connected and started giving and serving and I have become a part of a family.

Are there any specific traditions that you would like to see Union Grove bring back? I always enjoyed the Sunday School review. It was an opportunity for the young people to share with the congregation what they have learned in the class. It was an opportunity to sing the hymns as well. I would like for Union Grove to have a Sunrise Service on Resurrection Morning.

Can you give any advice to the new

members of Union Grove? Get involved. Get to know the family by connecting. Come to Sunday School and Bible Study. Learn the heart of God and He will guide you into what ministry is right for you. Volunteer to assist. You will be amazed how rewarding it is to be a part of something. Get to know a young person. They are the future church. Just pick one and get to know that young person. It will really change your life.

How has being a member of Union Grove affected you? I have grown spiritually. Being a member has given me a sense of belonging. Union Grove has a very positive image in the community and to be a part of a force is just great.

Is there anything else that you would like to add? I have experienced a lot of different things in life but being a Spirit-filled born again Christian is the best thing that has ever happened to me. As I grow spiritually I find more liberty. God is awesome. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of His Kingdom. And it’s Great to be a part of the Union Grove Family.

Men's Ministry—Super Bowling



“The Union Grove Men’s Ministry would like to thank all that were able to come out to Super Bowling on Saturday, February 19th at the RAFB Bowling Center. What a joy it was to see everyone bowling, laughing, eating and having good fun. We appreciate that you took the time [in coming out to bowl with the Men’s Ministry]. May God continue to bless the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Family.” - Bro. Leroy Frazier



Healthcare Ministry

EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES!

Produce helps you keep fit and feel great. A healthy mind is also important. Start at your own pace and with small servings of produce. Your body will need to adjust and get used to the fiber intake. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables. Count your produce servings. Achieving your 5-a-day goal is easy when you incorporate multi-produce meals into your routine.

- Opt for more green salads
- Choose vegetable-laden soups
- Combine your favorite fruits to make an appealing fruit salad
- Put a variety of vegetables such as zucchini, onions, and eggplant on the grill at your next barbecue
- Add apples, raisins, citrus and other fruit to green salads



Sis. Earlene Gilbert

With the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, the National Academy of Sciences all recommend that everyone eat a low-fat, high-fiber, produce-rich diet. Adding fiber to your diet is extremely beneficial and very easy to do when you choose from the following: Fruits; apples, apricots, citrus fruit, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, pineapples, plums, prunes, and raisins. Vegetables; broccoli, carrots, corn, peas, potatoes with skins, romaine lettuce, and spinach. Legumes and Seeds; dried beans, peanuts, sunflower and pumpkin seeds. Adopt a meal plan and an attitude that will lead to a healthier more energetic you.

Married Couples Corner

When and where did you get married?

We were married on 16 August 1975 in Alexandria, Louisiana at my mother's home. This August 2011 will be 36 years.

What can you say is the best thing about being married?

The best thing about being married is that both of us know and love the Lord and we walk in a covenant relationship with Him and one another.

What are the most challenging things about working in ministry together?

There was a time, during the early years in our marriage, that we had many challenges. We have one daughter that was born with a birth defect and taking care of her was our first priority but there was a challenge for us to do ministry. We had conflicting schedules. We also had to work on one of us staying home if one of our girls got sick. Another challenge is working in two different ministries, being at church but in different places, and different times. That's when we would have to drive two cars or we would have to wait for one to finish their ministry service. Our challenges now are not nearly like we had earlier in our marriage but there are still some and we work through them.



Minister and Mrs. Tommy Gray

It seems that working together doesn't come naturally for many couples. How can couples learn to work better as teams?

This is a process and it takes time. Pray and seek God first. Second, talk things out to understand each other. As we discuss issues or concerns, we become aware of each other's strengths and weaknesses. That's what we have done over the last 35 years and we now have a pretty good handle on working together. Don't get us wrong, we still have some misunderstandings, but we work through them quickly.

How can couples learn to really appreciate each others' differences instead of being irritated by them?

Eph 5:33 says "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." From our studies on marriage over the years, we have realized that we see things through different lenses. From the "Love and Respect" book, the author shares that men see through blue lenses and women see through pink lenses. This means that neither is wrong, just different. So we now can appreciate each other differences because we understand that we see things different and not be irritated by our differences. This takes years and there are still times when we take off our pink and blue glasses. These are the times when we need to pray more. So our advice to each couple: understand and know that each person sees different and appreciate the difference. Respect and love one another and remember communicating is the key.

Can couples really keep their professional and personal lives separate? How can they keep them from revolving their lives, discussions, and personal time around work?

This takes work. Some couples can and other have to work at it. We decided that we will talk with each other either on our lunch break or set a time for work related discussion then leave it alone. It is important that we come to an understanding of keeping things in perspective. We then have more time to build our marriage and focus on each other.

How does working together help grow your marriage spiritually?

While working as a team, God has caused us to take His yoke and pull together in harmony. Understanding that the man is the covering of the wife and that the wife is submissive to her spouse. Here is that love and respect again. It is a blessing to work together in ministry. We pray and study together which strengthens us and we enjoy one another.

Anything else that you would like to add?

We thank God for our marriage and we pray that we have many more years to grow even closer and stronger. We want to be an example to those that are married and those that aspire to be married. We are here to listen and provide encouragement to couples at Union Grove and in the community. Sunday school classes here at Union Grove are designed to help strengthen marriages or enhance marriages. The book and study of "Love and Respect" will bring out some things in you and your spouse that you may not even realize or recognize. Remember to pray together, keep the communication lines open, and appreciate the differences in each other. We love you and pray for you always.

Tommy and Linda Gray
Covenant partners
Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry

INFORMATION

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 Minister Tommy Gray
 Minister Rushia Jackson
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Sister Dannie Dukes
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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 begin January 1 and 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 ~

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O-Sm	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
Sn-V	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139
W-Z	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, PLACE Ministry—Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett/328-1483

Spiritual Enrichment Ministry – Deacons Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Single's Ministry, Married Couples Ministry, Golden Achievers Ministry, Glory Girls Book Club, 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

Oh, Lord, help us . . .to be glad of life, because it gives each of us the chance to love and to work, and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with our possessions, but not contented until we have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by admirations rather than disgusts; to covet nothing that is our neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of enemies, often of friends, and every day of Christ. . .



Alondra Anderson	April McKinzy
Lillie Buckles	Leonard McNair
Marques Butler	Sharhonda McNair
Theodolphus Caldwell	Marie Newell
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Tenisha Clarke	Charlotte Shelton
Michelle Culpepper	Condell Smith
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Teresa Jones	Brenda Thornton
Keith Lambert	Pearl Toliver
Shwanda Leggette	Catrina Turner
TyShanta Lewis	Shun'kia Turner
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Minnie McCollum	Andrena Williams

From the G.T.A.H. Staff



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

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Thank You!

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