

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

G.T.A.H.

(Great Things are Happening)



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2013 Homecoming Celebration

August 4, 2013 11:00 a.m.

"Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world"

I John 3:24, I John 4:1-6

For all of those members who "came home" for the 11:00 a.m. service at the Grove Zone, one should have left with a stronger understanding of the problems as well as the solutions to the problems we might encounter in this world.

Utilizing I John 4:1-6 and I John 3:24 with emphasis on verse 4, Pastor Clarke emphasized the importance of John's teaching. He stated that John addressed the world on the Satanic system that's opposite of God. Even though we are faced with some powerful bondage such as lying, partying, greed, depression and racism, the spirit of God is greater. Although the Prince of the Air (Satan) might have us indulging in such vices as hate or prestige, Jesus tells us not to worry like heathens and get desperate to alleviate our problems. Even though these vices might temporarily pull us from God, with an understanding of God's Word we will overcome.

Someone might have this question: "What helps us to fight these problems that we all will encounter in this world?" John's answer to this is to make sure not to embrace false teachings you might hear in the world. We should embrace God's Word; the Holy Ghost is more powerful than anything in the world. The Holy Ghost teaches us what pleases God and helps us to become what is learned. As stated in Ephesians 4:11, the Holy Ghost raises teachers to teach others. With these "helpers" we should feel that what is inside of us, the Holy Ghost is stronger than any vices in this world. Believers have invited God's Holy Spirit into their lives to guide, strengthen them. (by Jackie Powell)

MISSION STATEMENT:



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



2013 Homecoming Celebration

August 4, 2013 8:00 a.m.



Minister Arie Freeman

"The Authority of Jesus"

Matthew 5:1
Matthew 8:23-27

~ Mark Your Calendars ~			
8-1	Ushers meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.	
8-3	PLACE, VC	8:00 a.m.	
8-4	Homecoming	8:00 a.m.	
8-5	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.	
8-6	Outreach Ministry meeting, CC	6:30 p.m.	
8-8	Singles, CC	6:00 p.m.	
8-8	Vision Leaders, Conference Room	6:30 p.m.	
8-8	Healthcare, CC	7:00 p.m.	
8-10	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.	
8-10	Youth Parents meeting, CC	12:00 p.m.	
8-10	Golden Achievers, VC	12:00 p.m.	
8-12	Worship meeting, CC	6:00 p.m.	
8-12	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.	
8-12	Ushers, S	7:00 p.m.	
8-15	Grief Support, VC	6:00 p.m.	
8-15	Spiritual Enrichment, CC	7:00 p.m.	
8-17	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.	
8-17	Ministers meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.	
8-18	Girl Power, VC	4:00 p.m.	
8-19	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.	
8-20	Intercessory Prayer, class #4	6:30 p.m.	
8-22	Singles, CC	6:00 p.m.	
8-24	Ministry Workers Workshop	9:00 a.m.	
8-25	Sunday School Promotion Service	9:30 a.m.	
8-26	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.	

Church Service Hours

Sunday Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Midday Manna 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Radio Broadcast

Sundays, 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "The Light" FM 100.5

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Additional Church Hours

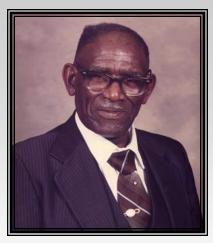
Monday - Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



~ VISION STATEMENT ~

"To be a global network of learning, loving and life transforming ministries where hungry worshippers are discovering and walking in their God-given purpose with exceeding great joy".

~ Remembering Deacon Alfonso "Jack" Stephens ~



Alfonso "Jack" Stephens was born on August 9, 1909 in Houston County that was formerly called Wellston, Georgia to Isom and Pearl Stephens. He had three sisters, Maggie L. Rutledge, Johnnie Mae Duncan and Ella Stephens, and one brother, Ralph Clements. He was married to Fannie Stephens. His children are James, Althea Lee, Benjamin, Charlie Bryant, Willie, Jerome, and Will. Deacon Stephens attended the church schools in Houston County (Elberta, Georgia). He was a farmer, employed with Lewis B. Wilson Airport; formerly Cochran Field, and Robins Air Force Base. He retired in April 1975 from RAFB as a steam plant worker.

In August 1936, he accepted the Lord as his Savior and was ordained a deacon of U.G.M.B.C. in 1937. Deacon Stephens worked faithfully at U.G.M.B.C. and other local affiliations.

He served in several capacities including the following:

- 1. Chairperson of Deacons (U.G.M.B.C.) 68
- 2. Chairperson of Building Committee (1968).
- 3. Church Treasurer and the Secretary
- 4. Superintendent of Sunday school
- 5. The Mason Organization (Worshipful of Scottish Rite Masons, Central City #235).
- 6. President of the Helping Hand Society (Bibb County).
- 7. President of the Order of Eastern Star #138
- 8. Affiliated with the Shriners of Macon, GA
- 9. Past Presiding officer for the building Sunday School Convention of Houston County
- 10. Liaison to the Mother Board (U.G.M.B.C.)

In 1941, Deacon Stephens assisted in moving UGMBC from the base site to its present location. As deacon, he was known to handle any task set before him; he always assisted whoever needed him.

On November 20, 2002, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in His infinite wisdom swiftly flew on wings of love and brought sweet relief to Deacon Stephens.

In My Kevin Hart Voice, "Alright! Alright! Alriiiight! We Gone Learn Today!"

By Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.

And all the Kevin Hart fans said, "Amen". LOL. Well, here we are with the beginning of another school year. IKR. I pray our students at all levels well. Having few do a semesters under my belt teaching at THE Ft. Valley State University, I have seen students with enormous potential who end up failing. SMH. Let me text a few keys to success in school.

1. WTF? Where's The Faith? I know. I know. I kinda pushed the envelope with this one. But, I hope it gets our youth to read my article. Feel me?

Trust God for your success, but, at the same time. put forth the necessary effort to do well in your academic pursuits. Faith without works is dead. Where's The Faith? If you trust God to bless you then you must partner with God and do your part in order to do well. Get on your grind and make it do what it do. Get enough rest at night. Thou shalt not sleep in class! Hit the books. Pay attention in class. Ask for the help you Get need. tutoring if Use necessary. vour smartphone to vour advantage by looking things up to assist you with your studies. When all else fails. Google it! Put your faith to work and watch God work things together for good.



2. LMAO! Lame Mess Annihilates Opportunities. If you want opportunities to come vour wav then discard the lame excuses for missing assignments and performing poorly. I was asked to recommend some of my best and brightest students for a wonderful get-away to an entrepreneurial camp this past spring. Those who repeatedly came up with excuses for not doing their work were never considered for such an opportunity. Because of lame their academic performance they annihilated what could have been a great, unforgettable opportunity. Always do your best! Perform well so that recommendations for mind-blowing opportunities consistently come your way.

3. OMG. Pray! Do not allow "Oh My God" to simply express shock. It should literally be a worshipful response to His goodness or a cry for His Presence.

When the challenges and temptations come feel free to cry out, "Oh My God!" God promised He would always be with 28:20). (Matthew Don't forget where your help comes from. Call on the Lord and trust Him to come through for you! Whether you're on the bus, in the cafeteria, locker room, or library call on the Lord and trust Him to answer you!

Ok. So, I know I pushed the envelope a little bit with the WTF and LMAO. I want to encourage our people to not use such abbreviations in your texting or usage of social media. My hope was to get our young folks to read my article. FR: FR!

I pray you do extraordinarily well this school year. I believe the Lord has great things in store for you. If you perform academically as if you want what God has ordained, I believe you will see Him do exceeding abundantly above all you could ask or think (Ephesians 3:20-21). May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Be encouraged and enjoy the journey!

TTYL





Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School was held July 15 - 19, 2013. The average attendance was 45 children each night. Thanks to the adult and teen volunteers, it was a success!!!





















~ Vacation Bible School ~



Youth Summer Camp 2013 Recap

By Jackie Powell







Employing the policy "It takes a village to raise a child", fourteen adults welcomed children to the Grove Zone Summer Camp. The goal was that every child would have a fun, entertaining summer experience while being introduced to a variety of new activities, challenges and friends. While on campus the children were exposed to a variety of supervised, planned activities that introduced them to a few new things that hopefully became lifelong favorites. Be it martial arts, music, drama or dance, the students were exposed to activities that were enjoyed by the campers. The objective of the camp was to expose the participants to activities that involved teamwork not the selfish idea of I, me or mine.

All of the participants were involved in daily worship services. This, hopefully provided opportunities for all participants to grow closer to Christ and His Church.

As a former, now retired, teacher, I noticed that most of the students forgot what was learned the previous year. A lot of time was spent on reviewing the previous year's curriculum. Another positive attribute of the summer camp was the benefits of continuing curriculum through the summer. The students reviewed and perhaps were exposed to new Reading/Writing and Math objectives. I'm sure the teachers in the school system appreciate the help. One of the instructors said that she enjoyed seeing a happy child go home and want to come back to learn something new be it something small as learn how to tie his shoe.

Although I appreciated the overview by the adults, my main question was "How did the students enjoy camp"? After interviewing two campers I'm sure it's a program that should continue. Jordan Thomas, a Mossy Creek Middle School student related to me that she enjoyed the arts and crafts as well as the teamwork activities. Another student, from Pearl Stephens Elementary School, Divine Davison emphasized that she really enjoyed the crafts, games, devotion and making new friends.

Union Grove saw that it was necessary, that there was the need to embrace its calling all year long. Kudos to First Lady Michelle Clarke, Elder Rashee Ragin, Deaconess Pam Myrick, the camp staff and all other volunteers on a job well done!

~ Youth Summer Camp Showcase ~































~ Meet the Junior Deacons ~



"Hello, my name is Caleb Doe. I am sixteen years old and I attend Central Fellowship Christian Academy, which is a private school. I am in the 12th grade; I have been attending Union Grove since I was a baby and I got saved when I was six years old. Being saved was great, I was filled with the Holy Ghost. By the time I was fifteen, I had matured and I grew in God which was great, but I felt that I needed more. On a second Sunday, I noticed the Deacons and how they were doing devotion and I decided I would like to do that, but it was not only that, I felt like God was calling for me to become a Deacon.

One Sunday in February of 2011, I went up to Deacon Stephens and asked him was there any way that I could become a Junior Deacon - at this time there were no Junior Deacons. He said yes and that I would need to do a lot and asked if I was sure. I told him without a doubt. The training included going to the community, cutting grass for those who could not do it themselves, helping with Baptism and saying a prayer during the devotion. I love every single part of it and I really am thankful that I have this opportunity to serve, but I was not the only one. I was later joined by Jason, David and Leo, of whom I am thankful for, also".

Caleb Doe



Jason Wheeler



"I became a Junior Deacon because I would like to be a part of the helpful things that our Deacons do for the community".

David Clarke II

~ Junior Deacons Ministry ~



The Junior Deacons Ministry is a training program designed to help young men with their responsibilities, character, integrity and to inspire them to be respectable with a biblical concept.

Junior Deacons may attend Deacons Ministry meetings or a separate meeting to work closely with the Pastor, Deacons and the Youth Minister.

The leader of the Junior Deacons is appointed by the Chairman of the Deacons Ministry.

Duties:

The duties of the Junior Deacons will be to visit the sick members, assist in cutting grass of senior and disabled members, work with the Youth Ministry Leader and the youth of the church, help with church/community projects, attend Sunday School or Bible Study and dress appropriately. A Deacon will always be in attendance with the Junior Deacons, no matter the tasking.

Requirements:

- A Junior Deacon must be a male, at least 12 to 18 years old and a member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.
- Junior Deacons must have their parental or guardian consent to serve.
- Junior Deacons will be recommended by the Pastor and the Deacons to the church for approval.
- Junior Deacons will cooperate with the Pastor, Deacons and congregation.
- Junior Deacons must study the Bible and read material to become Ordained Deacons.
- Junior Deacons may attend regular training when asked by the Deacons Ministry Leader or their leader.

The leader of the Junior Deacons, Pastor and Deacons will train the Junior Deacons.

The current leaders of the Junior Deacons are:

Deacon Monroe Clark

Deacon Alvin Myrick

(provided by Deacon Jerome Stephens)

PLACE Ministry invites YOU!



PLACE is an intentional process to connect church members into purpose-driven ministry including self discovery, individualized ministry coaching. Through the PLACE process, people discover that God has created and gifted them with a unique capacity to serve others.

Attend the next **PLACE Workshop** to discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions and life experiences work together to define your PLACE of service within the body of Christ. E-mail: placeatthegrove@gmail.com or contact Min. Leo Finkley at 478-787-1685 to sign up to attend the next workshop



August 3 workshop attendees

* Ministry Workers Workshop *

Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Everyone serving in a ministry is expected to attend.





~ Coming in September ~







~ Three Nights of Prayer ~

September 10 - 12, 2013 7:00 p.m.

~ Coming in September ~



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church 126th Church Anniversary Celebration

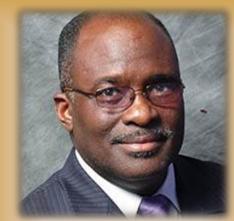


September 8



Pastor Stephen Samuel St. John Baptist Church Gainesville, GA

September 15



Pastor Roscoe Perry
First Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Appling, GA

Revival September 24 - 26



Pastor Kenneth Doe Bethesda Christian Center Beaufort, SC

September 28



Pastor Derrell McIntosh Green Grove Baptist Church Hawkinsville, GA



Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, shall be praised.



~ Being a Proverbs 31 Woman ~

From the very beginning of my life at an early age, I can remember my Father and Mother saying to me, "if you want to have anything in life you better work for it." I had my first lemonade stand at the age of 7. My first real paying job was a hostess at Holiday Inn Restaurant in downtown Miami. I've always liked nice shoes, clothes, purses, even furniture (smile). So I learned early to work for the things I desired. Even though they were given to me, I never took that for granted. You see, I was my daddy's only child, and there was nothing he wouldn't do for his lil beanie girl.

" For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to hurt you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

As a wife, I did the things that a wife was designed to do. And even though I had a job outside of the home, my family was still taken care of. Lunch for the hubby, dinner on the table for all of us at dinnertime as well. I would catch up and do my household chores at night while the kids were sleeping. You see, I had small babies, also that consumed a lot of my time as well. But God! I was raised up in the church for as long as I can remember a church, then there were those times when I wasn't thinking about nobody's church. But I somehow always found my way back into the house of the Lord.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

My days were not always easy. As a matter of fact, I had some very dark days; days of molestation, rape, verbal abuse, physical abuse you name it and I've probably experienced it. But I knew a man! And I would take my burdens to Him. Today I walk in strength, courage and faith.

I refused to faint, God has been too good to me. When I think about the things I could have been - a crack head, a prostitute on the streets, homeless and the list goes on. But God! I can stand today to tell another woman, a sister, an aunt, a daughter that the things in your life God allowed them to happen for a reason, for His glory and your growth. And even if you can't see it now or understand it, just trust in Him. He will reveal it to you one day (in His time).

"Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Proverbs 14:1

Over the years as I've grown in age and in Christ, I've also grown in wisdom. I may not be where I want to be, but thanks be to God I'm not where I used to be. My eyes have seen things and my ears have heard things, but it is my heart that has made me the Proverbs 31 woman that I am. And all the circumstances have contributed to my spiritual journey. And on this journey I've become a better sister, mother, daughter, friend and worker for the kingdom. I say to you my sisters being a Proverbs 31 woman is not as hard as some may say it is. Just be willing to make things happen, trust God and have faith and confidence in yourself. He will do the rest, and He will be by your side every step of the way.

" I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth."

Psalms 121:1-2

Enjoy the journey. I wish you Peace, Power and Prosperity!

Sis. Queen



Seafood Boil



Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

2 lbs. of shrimp

1 lb. of crayfish

1 lb. of dungeness crabs

2 lbs. of snow crabs

Small bag of red potatoes

8 small corn on the cob

2 lbs. of sausage

lime juice, red pepper and your choice of seasoning. (I prefer crab boil by Old Bay)

You can decide on how many people you will be serving for this boil. The above amount will feed 4 nicely.

Cut red potatoes in half with skin on. Cut sausage into bite size cuts. Bring your pot of water to a boil; add corn, potatoes and sausage. Let cook for 15 minutes then add crayfish and crabs, also add lime juice and seasoning at this point. Let cook for 15 more minutes and then add shrimp to cook for 5 minutes more. Drain the liquid from the pot if you desire. Let stand for a few minutes or dig right in.

Top it off with a nice cold glass of ice tea.

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Tommy & Linda Gray
August 16

August 7

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Alphonso & Martha Medlock
August 22

Ronald & Gloria Defreitas
August 7

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August 16

Monroe & Shirley Clark
August 13

August 22

Happy Anniversary

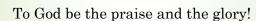
Deacon Monroe and Deaconess Shirley Clark

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



The Clarks thank God for blessing them to celebrate 43 years of marriage on August 22, 2013.









Marion and Margaret Willis

Elder Tommy and Linda Gray



48 years August 2



38 years August 16



Jimmy and Bridgette Oglesby

19 years August 13



~ Ministerial Staff ~

Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr. Assistant Pastor John Dukes Elder Milo Bradley, Jr. Elder Tammy Carpenter Elder Connie Dinkins Elder James Ford Elder Tommy Gray Elder Rashee Ragin Minister Marilyn Byrd Minister Dannie Dukes Minister Leo Finkley Minister Arie Freeman Minister Shane Hardee Minister Mary Lenoir Minister LaTonya Phillips Minister Antonia Simmons Minister Mary Ann Swinney

~ In Training ~

Minister Cornelius Thorpe

Sis. Marie Anderson Sis. Linda Gray Sis. Africa Porter Sis. Earnestine Thompson



~ Deacons ~			
A-C	Deacon Jerome Stephens	929-1476	
D-F	Deacon Slater Thorpe	218-8736	
G-I	Deacon Donald Woodard	987-9865	
	Deacon Louis Laney	329 - 0957	
J-K	Deacon Robert Simmons		
	Deacon Wendell Simmons	953-4290	
L-N	Deacon T.C. Caldwell	293-8428	
	Deacon Charles Lenoir	953-2350	
O-R	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044	
\mathbf{S}	Deacon Alvin Myrick	788-5696	
	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918	
T-V	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139	
W-Z	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713	



Sis. Janice Scott Administrative Assistant



For a ride to Sunday morning services, please call 478-922-5514 by Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

~ Announcements ~

- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to <u>UnionGrov1@aol.com</u> or by completing a bulletin request form and placing it in the Administrative Assistant's box **no later than Wednesday at 5 p.m.**
- Please contact Sis. Janice Scott at 478-922-5514, ext. 102 to schedule events at the **Vision Center**.
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- The Health Care Ministry will provide blood pressure and cholesterol screenings each Sunday after the worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the cholesterol screening.

 Sis. Ann Lester
- To get your copy/copies of the 125th Church Anniversary Souvenir Book, please contact Sis. Jan Scott at (478) 922-5514.

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"To aide others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words".

