

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

G.T.A.H.

Volume I Issue 9

(Great Things are Happening)

December 2013

Merry Christmas!!!



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*for
11
amazing
years
at
the
Grove
Zone*

Pastor and First Lady Clarke



Pastor's 11th Anniversary

~ 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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~ December Events ~

5	2014 Budget & Calendar of Events Call Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
7	Christmas Play Rehearsal	2:00 p.m.
8	Pastor Clarke's 11th Anniversary	
10	Outreaching ministry meeting, CC	6:30 p.m.
14	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
14	Christmas Play Rehearsal	2:00 p.m.
14	Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet, VC	12:00 noon
17	Intercessory Prayer, Class #4	6:30 p.m.
19	Prayer and Praise, Conference Room	12 noon
19	Grief Support, VC	6:00 p.m.
19	Choir	7:00 p.m.
20	Married Couples Christmas Fellowship, VC	7:00 noon
21	Ministers, VC	9:00 a.m.
21	Christmas Play Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
25	Merry Christmas!!!	
16-31	Christmas Holiday - Office Closed	
31	Watch Night Service	10:00 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."

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

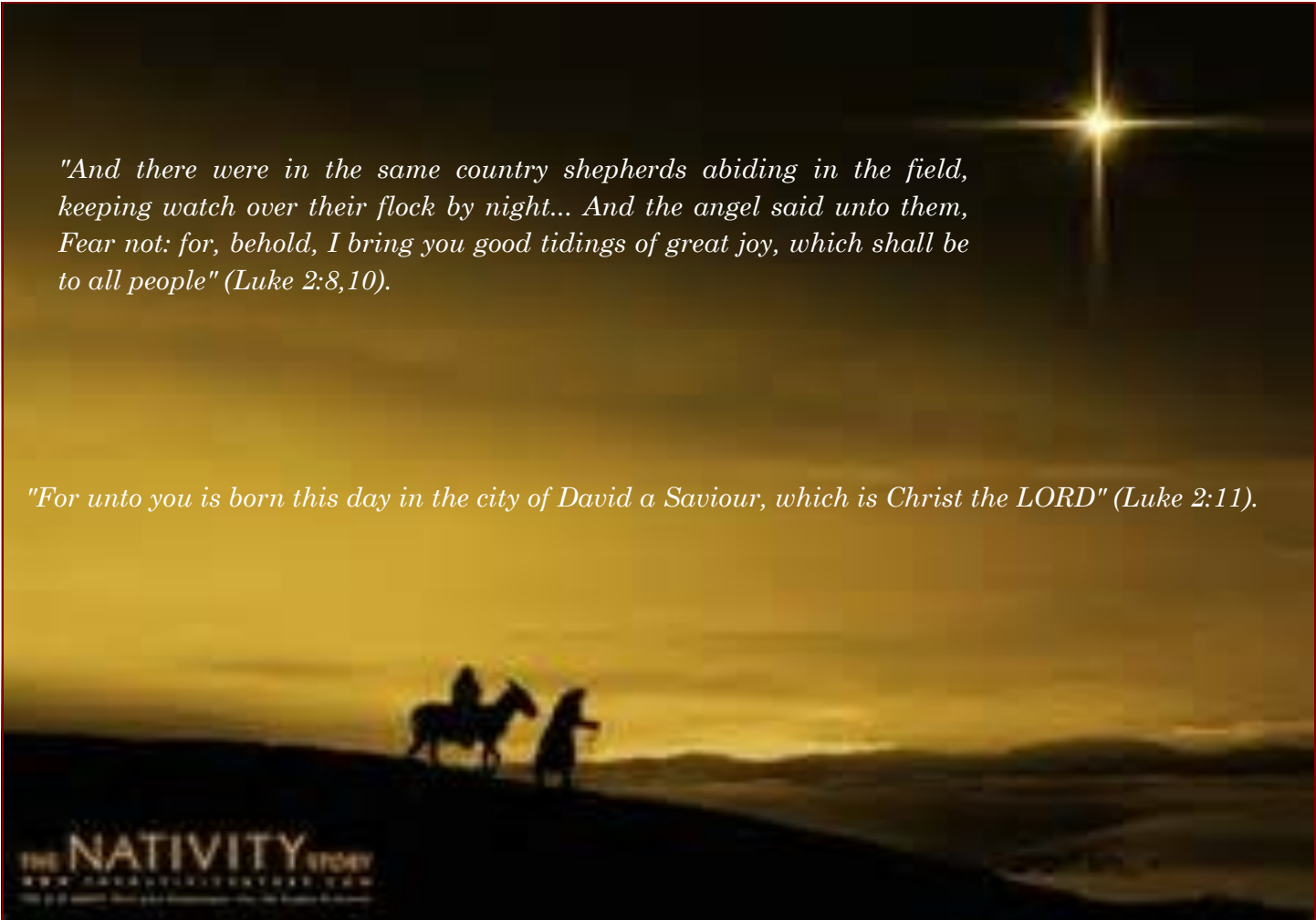
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Additional Church Hours

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

~ *The Birth of Jesus* ~

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His Name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the LORD God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:30-32).



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night... And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:8,10).

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the LORD" (Luke 2:11).

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:15-16).



*"By our Baptism, then,
we were buried with Him and
shared His death in order that just
as Christ was raised from death by
the glorious power of the Father,
so also we might live a new life."*

Romans 6:4 (TEV)

November 17, 2013



*Elder Tommy Gray and
Deacon Charles Lenoir*



Morgan Johnson



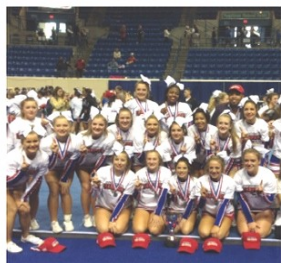
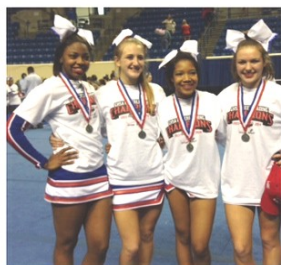
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*"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23 (KJV)*

YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEKEND



Congratulations
to
Veterans High School Competition
Cheerleader - Kiera Salone
for
winning the
2013
GHS State Cheerleader Competition

YOUTH GALA



CONCERT



Mike Hicks
and
Funk Puncs



YOUTH SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2013



~ Honorees ~

Sister Wanda Verrett - dedicated over 25 years of service in the Children's Choir

Sister Gloria Oliver - dedicated over 20 years of service in the Nursery

Sister Harriet Marlow - dedicated 7 years of service in the Greeters Ministry

Sister Rose Smith (not pictured) - dedicated over 20 years of service in the Nursery



AWESOME JOB ELDER Rashee AND SISTER Lakeshia RaGin!!!

YOUTH SUNDAY

~ Special Guest ~

Minister
Paul
Jenkins



*"The enemy wants to
steal, kill, and destroy"*
John 10 : 10
1 Peter 2 : 9
Minister Paul Jenkins
Learn * Serve * Give * Connect





SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND GODLINESS



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)



Youth Parents gettin' their praise on!!!





Longtime Member Profile

Mother Fannie C. Epperson

Union Grove members, one of the objectives of the GTAH is to keep you informed of the happenings in the Grove Zone. Another important objective is to introduce you to the fine members we have praising the Lord. The longtime member highlighted this month is also one of our oldest members, eighty-nine year old Mother Fannie C. Epperson. She is from Tampa, FL and was a member of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as President of the Usher Board #3, a member of the Usher Board #1 and the Mission Society under the Leadership of Rev. T. J. James. In the Tampa Community, she served as Secretary of the City-wide Ushers Union #3 and President of the Gethsemane Mission.

Her daughter and son-in-law moved here to Warner Robins in August, 1989. She became a member of Union Grove on August 13, 1989 under the leadership of Rev. Bobby L. Smith.

Mother Epperson is the proud mother of one daughter, Minister Mary L. Lenoir and Son-in-Law, Deacon Charles R. Lenoir, Sr. From that union, she is thankful to God to be the grandparent of LTC Charles R. Lenoir, Jr (Tanya) and Annjanette M. Johnson (Travis). She is the proud great-grandmother of Tyler and Tayler Lenoir, Miquel Barlow Jr., Travis Johnson, Jr. and Isaiah Johnson.

Being retired gives her the opportunity to spend most of her time studying the Word and enjoying Jesus. She is a member of two community groups, W.A.D.E. (Warriors Acquiring Deliverance Everywhere) and The Sunday School and Nursing Home Ministries. She is so blessed and honored to be able to help the unsaved to be lead to Christ and to speak a word of wisdom and encouragement to bless someone along their tedious journey in Christ. Ministering at the various nursing homes has been such a joy and has blessed her soul when just her presence puts a smile on someone's face. She strongly believes that *"If I can just help someone along the way, then my living will not be in vain."* Another way she has blessed some of the parishioners is cooking and baking pound cakes, although she does not cook and bake as much as she used to because Father Time has a way of slowing you down a little bit.

She is currently a member of the Golden Achievers Ministry and the Voices of Prayer and Praise Ministry. After joining Union Grove, she became a member of the Ushers Ministry and the Women's Ministry.

Mother Epperson, during her time as a member has noticed some changes in the Grove Zone. She states, *"Things have changed quite a lot since I joined Union Grove. But thank the Lord; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever more. I am at the point in my life that, that is all that matters. I have seen changes from the physical structure of the building to spiritual changes in individuals. Worship ministry changed from hymns and spiritual songs to more praise and contemporary songs. The Deacons did the devotion every Sunday and there was an elected or appointed Mother of the church"*.

She would love to see more hymns and spiritual songs incorporated into the worship services on Sunday mornings.

A piece of advice Mother Epperson would give the new members is, *"Stand on the Word and let the Holy Spirit and the Word be your guide. As the Word says at I Corinthians 15:58, therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Stand on the promises of Jesus and you will never, ever go wrong or go astray."*

She states that as she continues her Christian journey, being a member of Union Grove has helped her to grow spiritually from one level to another. She states that she has grown closer and closer to the Lord from the spoken Word of God and the connection she has with God's people.

We, the members of Union Grove are blessed to have such warriors as Mother Epperson in our midst.

New Member Profile

Tamara Sanders



I was born in Leonardtown, Maryland, but lived most of my life in Columbus, GA.

I have been a member of UGMBC since August 18, 2013.

I have two children from my first marriage - Scott and DeCosta. My second and final husband is David Sanders and we have a daughter, Desiree.

My favorite colors are purple and black. I'm loving and caring, great to be around and I love the Lord.



My hobbies include: cooking, spiritual praise, scrapbooking, fashion - love putting clothes together, dancing, decorating, planning weddings, floral arrangements, zumba, working out, Black Girls Run (BGR) races or just walking/running.

I'm not working right now. I used to work at Ft. Benning, GA in the Main Exchange (PX) as a Senior Sales Associate in the Jewelry Dept. I was there for six years and loved it! I was praying for a transfer from that base to Robins, but they didn't have anything available for me. It's disappointing, but I feel that God has something better planned for me. My family and I have been here for six months. For now, we are in an apartment, but one day we'll be back into a home. We love it here!

My goals as a member of Union Grove are: to get closer to God, to learn His Word, to honor His name, to do as He wants me to do, to continue loving everyone, to learn patience and wait on and listen to what He (God) says to do.



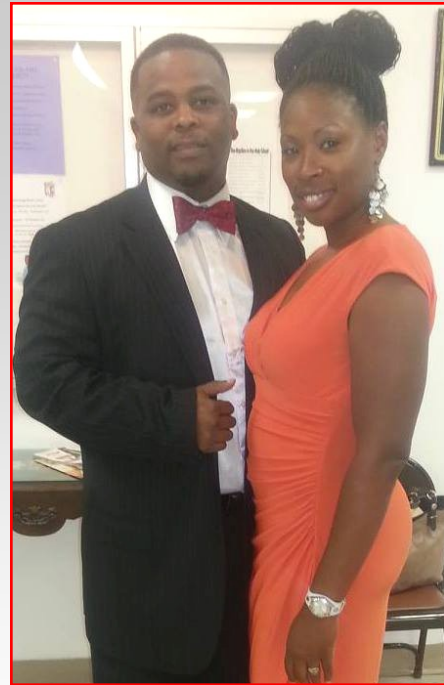
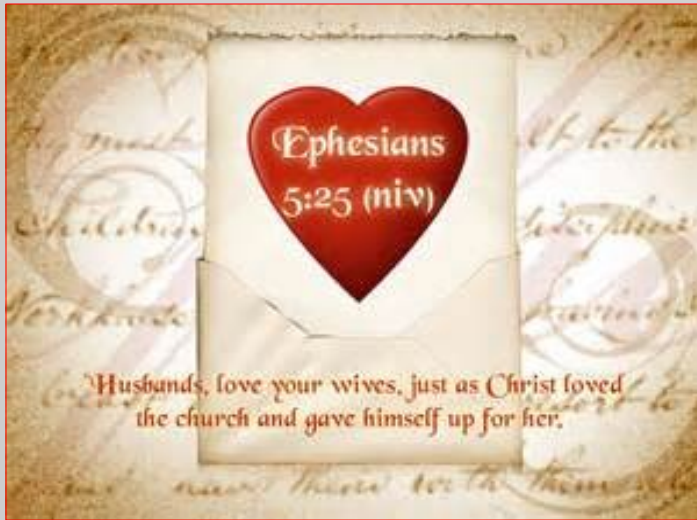
I am currently serving as an Armor Bearer for First Lady Michelle Clarke and on the Praise Dance Ministry with Surrendered.

Changes are scary, but I feel that when God says to trust and believe in Him, you have to move. My husband had been driving that road for over 16 years, falling asleep many a night, several accidents and he made it so he could get off the road by bringing his family closer and less of a commute home. Leaving my home in Columbus, job, friends and family was hard, but I would do it again to hear God's voice whisper, "Move - leave everything for your family." Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is my strength." My husband, David A. Sanders is the head of my household and God is the head of all of our lives.

I'm thankful to be a part of a wonderful, blessed church, Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. I'm finally home.

Thank you "Grove Zone",
Mrs. Tamara Sanders

Married Couples Corner



Yvette and Eddie Greene

When and where did you get married?

Ft. Eustis, VA on November 18, 2006

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

Knowing that no matter what happens, I am not alone.

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

Prayer and communication

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

By choosing not to focus on "work". Take time to learn new things together (golf, swimming, dance) and just enjoy being together.

How does working together help your marriage to grow spiritually?

It gives time to look at and appreciate your spouse for more than just being your spouse.

Anything else that you would like to add?

Marriage is a great thing if both people are willing to put in the work to make it great! Our good times DEFINITELY outweigh the bad!

Golden Achievers...on the road again!!!









2013 PLACE Ministry Workshop Attendees



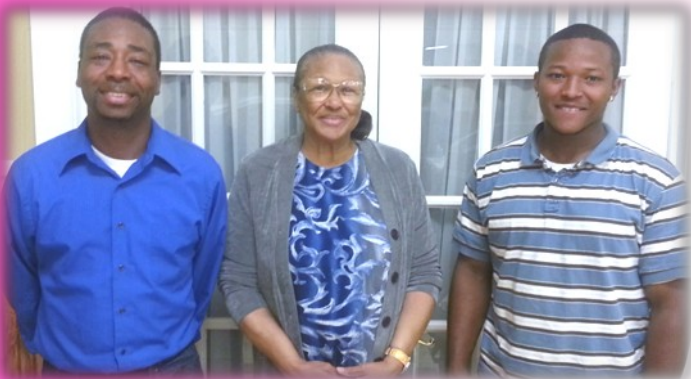
February

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May

June



August

September

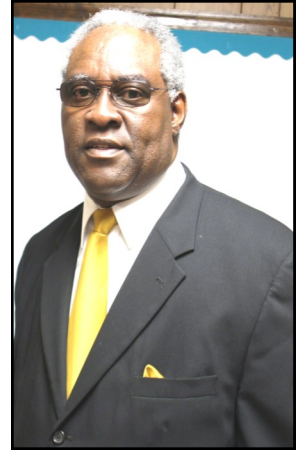


November

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

~ Grove Zone Gallery ~



November 24, 2013
4th Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship service



Odessa Allen
 J'Lexus Bass
 Latilya Bird
 Iris Bracey
 Soraya Brown
 Doris Burns
 Rufus Burns
 Trista Bynum
 Jalaiyah Clayborn
 Bethany Davis
 Linda Davis
 Rodney Davis
 Curtis Doe
 Komola Edwards
 Michelle Gaines
 Earlene Gilbert

Glenn Gulley
 Kamari Hardee
 George Hill
 Yonkita Huggins
 Levi Humphrey
 Min. Rushia Jackson
 Arthur James
 Georgia Johnson
 Terri Kendricks
 Kieya Lambert
 Jabari Leggette
 Charles Lenoir
 Tobias Leonard
 Victoria Leonard
 Deborah Little
 Helen Lloyd

Ntozake Mack
 Kimberly Martin
 Shade Mathis
 Jared McCants
 Dorothy McNair
 Ty'asya Murrell
 Angie Nalls
 Rieshun Newell
 Justin Phillips
 Min. LaTonya Phillips
 Cindy Pitts
 Trenton Quinn
 Tara Raines
 Tameka Robinson
 Henry Scott
 Rosalee Short

Amira Simmons
 Robert Simmons, Sr.
 John Smith
 LaShondria Smith
 Shannon Smith
 Tracy Smith
 Joan Stewart
 Vincent Stewart, II
 Eugene Swinney
 Benedict Turner
 McKinley Verrett
 Wanda Verrett
 Gertrude Walker
 Mae Williams
 Lucinda Wimbush
 Alice Wolmack
 Donald Woodard



*Sister Annie Lester
 December 26*



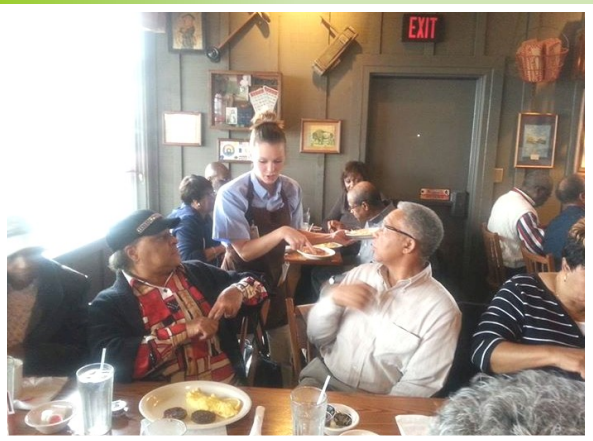
***December
 Anniversaries***



*Donald and Maxine Woodard
 December 30*

*Pastor Clarke having breakfast with
Grove Zone "Royal Retirees" at Cracker Barrel*





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~ 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
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe

~ In Training ~

Sister Marie Anderson
 Sister Linda Gray
 Sister Africa Porter
 Sister Earnestine Thompson

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J-K	Deacon Robert Simmons	
	Deacon Wendell Simmons	953-4290
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	Deacon Charles Lenoir	953-2350
O-R	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
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

~ Junior Deacons ~

David Clarke II
 Caleb Doe
 Jason Wheeler

~ Administrative Assistant ~

Sister Janice Scott



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




Bro. Keith Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS


- All announcements for the bulletin, screen and website can be submitted via e-mail to UnionGrovl@aol.com 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. (Ministries of Union Grove only)**
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- **The Healthcare 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. Annie Lester
- **Note:** When entering any building/property owned by UGMBC, you are giving consent to the church to use your image in church publications, media, website/facebook, etc.

Thank You!!!



The **G.T.A.H. Newsletter Staff** would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue. Your support, assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated.

A special "thank you" goes out to Sis. Jan Scott and Bro. Mack Verrett.



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Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to see your ministry or event featured in the G.T.A.H., contact any member of the Newsletter Ministry, e-mail us at GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Friday of each month or place your submissions in the Newsletter/G.T.A.H. box in the copy room.

G.T.A.H. Mission Statement:

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

The Best is Yet to Come!!!

~ In Memoriam ~

Nelson Mandela
Former South African President



July 18, 1918 - December 5, 2013

*May the spirit of
Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas
give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas
grant you love.*

*Merry Christmas!!!
Happy New Year!!!*



Shirley

Carolyn

Jackie

Willie

The GTAH Staff