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The "Grove Zone" Celebrating 126 Years



David Anthony Clarke, Sr.
Senior Pastor



Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
First Lady Michelle W. Clarke



Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Established 1887

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

G. T. A. H.

Great Things are Happening



~ 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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~ Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church History ~

In 1887, God inspired a group of God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians to gather under the shady branches of a bush harbor tree (located on a tract of land adjacent to Highway 247, approximately one block north of Green Street) to praise and worship, thus establishing the Union Grove Baptist Church. These spirit-filled members gathered to give thanks and to praise God for their many blessings. This assembly sparked the onset of Union Grove as a place of worship in a small farming town called Wellston, now known as Warner Robins, GA. As the membership grew, the space under the bush harbor was inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation. To accommodate this need, in 1887, R.W. and J.W. Johnson granted land to Union Grove for public worship. A medium-framed building was constructed on this land and it was during this period that Union Grove became a well



established church in this small farming community.

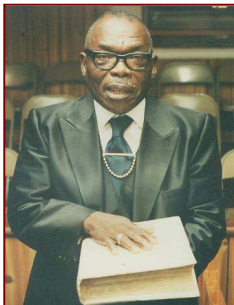
The church was physically relocated from across Highway 247 by the late Deacon Marvin Colbert with the assistance of others, using a mule and wagon when Robins Air Force Base (which was under construction) saw a need for this tract of land in 1940. Several church members searched for a new site and purchased land at the present location of the church, 809 South Davis Drive, from Sherman Reid for \$50.00.

The ground breaking ceremony for the renovation of the church and construction of the current sanctuary was held on August 13, 1994. The dedication service was held on October 15, 1995. Over 126 years, the membership has grown from a few gathered under the bush harbor to 650 members as of July, 2013.

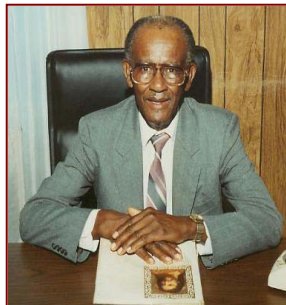
On December 15, 2002, Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. was installed as the nineteenth pastor of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

We will celebrate the church's 126th Anniversary the entire month of September with "Three Nights of Prayer" on September 10 - 12, Pastor Stephen Samuel on Sunday, September 8, Pastor Roscoe Perry on Sunday, September 15, Revival led by Pastor Kenneth Doe September 24 - 26 and Pastor Derrell McIntosh on Sunday, September 28.

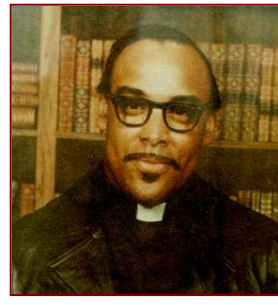
~ Former Pastors: 1959 - 2000 ~



J. H. Williams
1959 - 1968



Augustus Tharpe
1968 - 1976



Bobby L. Smith
1977 - 1991



Arthur L. Hicks
1992 - 2000

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

Former Pastors

1887 - 2002

Name	Time of Service	Total Years of Service
*Min. Cleveland	1887 - 1898	11 years
George Banks	1898 - 1900	2 years
Cleveland Smith	1900 - 1903	3 years
*Min. Ray	1903 - 1906	3 years
*Min. Gibson	1906 - 1909	3 years
*Min. Maddox	1909 - 1913	4 years
*Min. Mallory	1913 - 1914	1 year
*Min. Matthews	1914 - 1916	2 years
George Washington	1916 - 1923	7 years
*Min. Gilmore	1923 - 1928	5 years
Oscar Edmond	1928 - 1938	10 years
Eugene Edmond	1939 - 1949	10 years
Vacancy	1949 - 1951	2 years
L. J. Ross	1951 - 1956	5 years
R. D. Cummings	1956 - 1959	3 years
J. H. Williams	1959 - 1968	8 years
A G. Tharpe	1968 - 1976	8 years
Bobby L. Smith	1977 - 1991	14 years
Vacancy	1991 - 1992	1 year
Arthur L. Hicks	1992 - April 30, 2000	7 years
Vacancy	2000 – Oct. 11, 2002	2.5 years
David Clarke, Sr.	October 12, 2002 - Present	

Note. *First name was not documented in the church’s history records.

- **Minister Bobby L. Smith** was Interim Pastor from September, 1976 to March 1, 1977. He was then Pastor until he resigned on May 31, 1991.
- **Minister Arthur L. Hicks** was Interim Pastor from June, 1991 to December 12, 1992. He was installed as Pastor on December 13, 1992 and resigned on April 30, 2000.
- **Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr.** was elected Pastor of UGMBC on October 12, 2002. He was installed as its 19th Pastor on December 15, 2002.

~ Remembering Deacon Johnnie Head, Sr. ~



1912 -1998

Deacon Johnnie Head, Sr. was born on April 9, 1912 in Monroe County to Harrison and Addie Smith Head. He was married to Lois Head and they had seventeen children. He received his early childhood education in Monroe County and later moved to Houston County.

In 1935, Johnnie Head, Sr. was ordained as a deacon at Oak Grove Baptist Church and in 1940, he came to Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church to fulfill the calling that God had on his life. Deacon Head was blessed with a unique voice that blessed those who heard him. He became well known in the Middle Georgia Community as “*the Singing Ethiopian.*”

In the 1970’s, Deacon Head participated in the renovation of the UGMBC to include:

1. Several classrooms
2. Pastor’s study
3. Fully equipped kitchen
4. Conference room
5. Two restrooms
6. Choir room
7. Administrative offices
8. Bricking of the newly annexed building

Additionally, he served as Chairman of the UGMBC Building Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Bible School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Chairman of the Deacon Board.



~ September Events ~

2 - 3	Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)	
3	Puppet Ministry, YO	6:00 p.m.
5	Voices of Prayer & Praise, S	12 noon
7	PLACE Ministry, VC	8:00 a.m.
7	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
9	Men's Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.
10-12	Three Nights of Prayer	7:00 p.m.
11	SWAT, VC	6:15 p.m.
12	Voices of Prayer & Praise, S	12 noon
12	Singles, CC	6:00 p.m.
14	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.
14	Golden Achievers, VC	12 noon
15	Deadline to apply to SWAT & SWAT Jr.	
16	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 a.m.
17	Intercessory Prayer, Classroom #4	6:30 p.m.
17	New Members Fellowship	7:00 p.m.
18	Youth Empowerment, S	6:00 p.m.
19	Voices of Prayer & Praise, S	12 noon
19	Grief Support, VC	6:00 p.m.
19	Healthcare meeting, CC	7:00 p.m.
21	Ministers meeting, VC	9:00 a.m.
23	Greater Bellevue, Macon	7:00 p.m.
24-26	126th Church Anniversary Revival	7:00 p.m.
25	SWAT, VC	6:15 p.m.
26	Voices of Prayer & Praise, S	12 noon
28	Prayer Walk	8:30 a.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".

UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

126th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JOIN US FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 11A
PASTOR STEPHEN SAMUEL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE, GA**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 11A
PASTOR ROSCOE PERRY, FIRST MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
APPLING, GA**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7P
PASTOR KENNETH DOE, BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
BEAUFORT, SC**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 11A
PASTOR DERRELL MCINTOSH, GREEN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HAWKINSVILLE, GA**

**PASTOR DAVID A. CLARKE, SENIOR PASTOR
MICHELLE CLARKE, FIRST LADY**

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**** Three Nights of Prayer - September 10 - 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m. ****

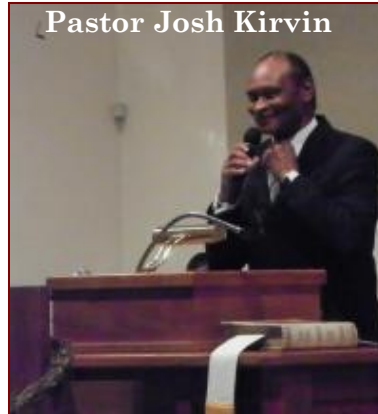
Looking back one year ago.....



Pastor Wendy Smith-Martin



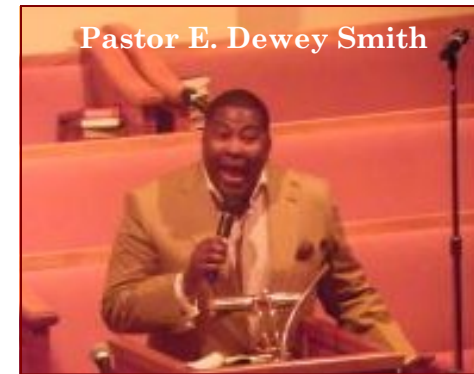
"This do in remembrance of me."



Pastor Josh Kirvin



Ministers Ordination



Pastor E. Dewey Smith



Pastor Kenneth Doe



Minister Travis Greene



Pastor Bobby L. Smith



Pastor & First Lady Clarke







"A Night of Elegance"



Black and White Formal Affair

Featuring Jazz Recording Artist Ben Tankard



Mr. & Mrs. Ben Tankard



Mr. & Mrs. Otis Hicks



Pastor & First Lady Clarke



Mayor Chuck Shaheen





"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:27-28



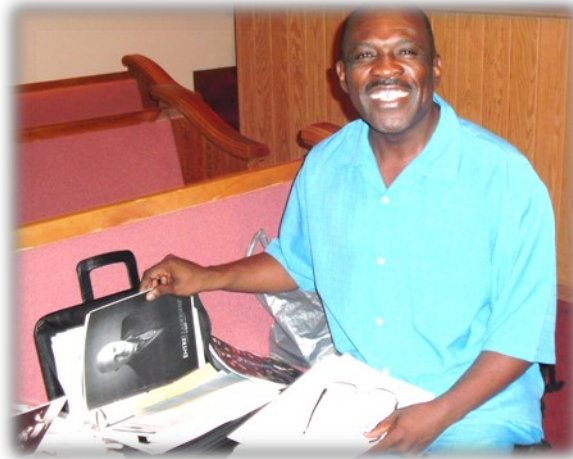
Elder Connie Dinkins
Elder Rashee Ragin
Deacon Slater Thorpe
August 18, 2013



~ Ministry Workers Workshop ~



Dr. Keith Rolle
*presented an
awesome Leadership
Development
Workshop on
Saturday, August 24*



Attendees formed groups to determine what would be their Plan, Strategy, Model, Process and Execution if they had 3 years to build a dynamic team for Kingdom Dominion Impact.



Leaders are visionaries and are honest.



Leaders are diplomatic and courageous.



Leaders delegate, empower & are constant learners.



Leaders are change agents and have a plan for succession.



WISDOM
for TODAY'S
LEADERS

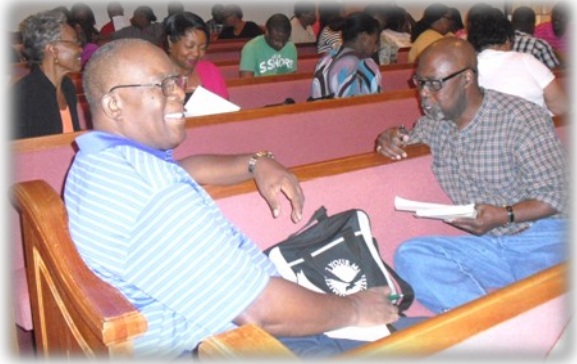
from the book
of
PROVERBS



"Together Everyone Achieves the Extraordinary"

a.k.a.

Teamwork Makes the Kingdom Work...Everyone Wins!



"Be your best self...who else is qualified?"



Drill Sergeant: "Tells team what to do".



Coach: "Shows team what to do".



Negotiator: "Consults team on what to do".



Innovator: "Inspires team on what to do".



Successful leaders are Affective and Effective.



*Sister Wanda Verrett
Teaching Ministry Leader*



Great Job!!!

Sunday School Teachers



Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients



*Jimya
Oglesby
and
Robert
Strait*



~ Sunday School Promotion Service ~

Certificates of Achievement



Michiah recited the Books of the Old Testament



Mission: Honduras 2013

By William Bowden



I first heard about Orphanage Emmanuel about two years ago. I was told it was the most beautiful place full of smiling faces both young and old along with hearts that love the Lord. My friend, retired Maj. Wayne Holbeck, who allowed me to accompany him in July, told me I would thoroughly enjoy going to serve there, especially because I speak Spanish as a second language. The Lord finally made a way for me to go to a town called Guaimaca in Honduras to this orphanage on July 11, 2013. It was a way made out of no way for one reason in particular. I say this because I am a parolee. I am not allowed to leave the state of Georgia without permission, much less the country. But God! He made the way!

The little kids called me by name or “tio,” which means “uncle.” Some of the older kids called me “pelón,” or “baldhead.” The children on the orphanage range from brand new to 18. All are not “orphans” by definition, as there are some who were unwanted by their family, and still others who arrived there due to government interference because of parents who were deemed “unfit” because of finances or drug problems.

In Honduras (pronounced ON-DURE-AZ), there are not many good job opportunities. It is a third-world country in central America. A “good job” there will bring home about \$130.00 a month. Only the rich drive cars. The cities and towns that I saw were all built to cater to the average pedestrian. The buildings are usually close together and there are fruit stands every 100 meters it seemed like. The danger is there as well, however. Honduras has the highest per capita murder rate in the world. Even tiny grocery stores have armed guards standing at the doors. No one in Honduras calls the police on a thief it seems. They are simply shot. This is where Orphanage Emmanuel and other compounds like it come in. They provide a place for hungry and abandoned children who could be legally killed for their next meal.



There are about 600 children being raised in a godly environment on Emmanuel. They are fed three times a day, given lodging, and an education. The orphanage is somewhat like a small city with church, dentist, clinic, and farm all in tow. It is because of this large task of caring for about 600 kids and maintaining a small city that Emmanuel is in constant need of volunteers. God continues to provide to meet needs when no one knows how because of the faith of David and Lydia Martinez who sold all their possessions upon hearing from God, and in 1989 bought the land to birth Emmanuel. (*Dios con nosotros*. God



with us.) More can be read about their testimony and contact information at www.orphanagemmanuel.com.

My time spent in Guaimaca at the orphanage was an experience that I will always remember. It is my desire to return when God gives me the green light. I was only there for two weeks this time, so I hope to stay longer next time. I encourage anyone who thinks they might be interested in going into missions to remember what Jesus said in Matthew 7:7: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.” If anyone would like to know more information from me about Orphanage Emmanuel, or if there are any questions I can answer, please e-mail me at wbowden@ymail.com.

Thank you Jesus and thank you Growve Zone,

Brother William Bowden



Welcome Our
New Members

~ **New Members Fellowship** ~

with Pastor Clarke and Church Leaders

Tuesday

September 17, 2013

7:00 p.m.

All new members are asked to be present.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good". Psalm 37:3 (KJV)

Youth **EMPOWERMENT**

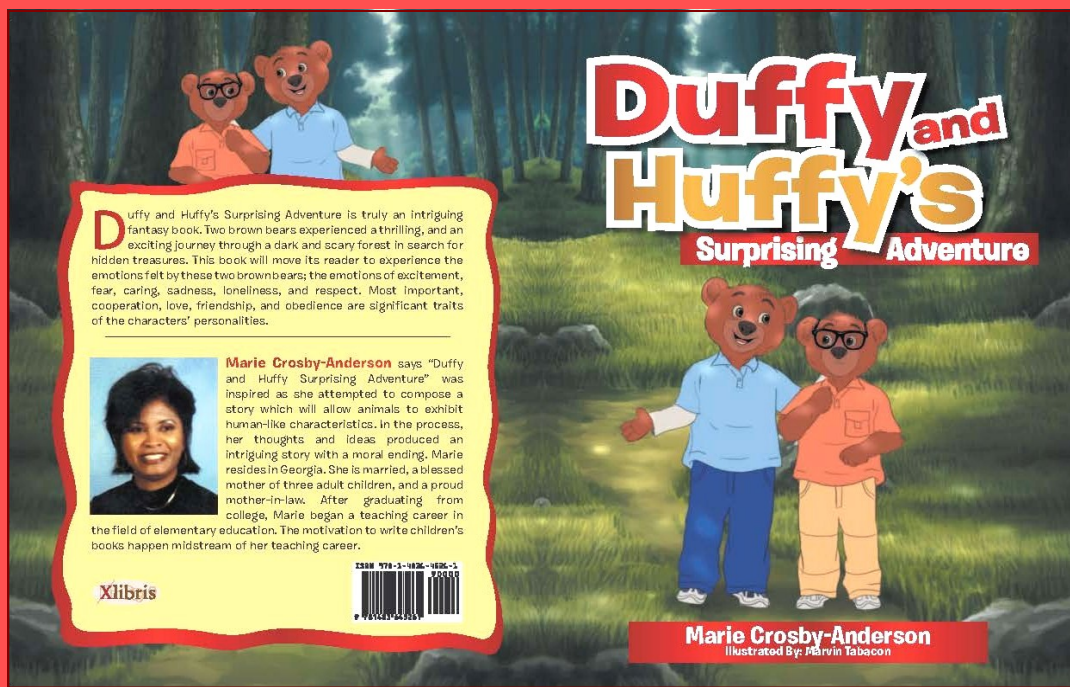


**SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, 7P - 8:30P
UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
809 S. DAVIS DRIVE**

SPONSORED BY THE UG YOUTH MINISTRY

~ Grove Zone Gallery ~





“Duffy and Huffy’s Surprising Adventure”

Marie Crosby-Anderson

“Duffy and Huffy’s Surprising Adventure” is Marie Crosby-Anderson’s first children's book. It is her plan to make this book the first in a series of books.

After graduating from Alabama State University, she began a teaching career in the field of Elementary Education in Georgia. The motivation to write children’s books happened midstream of her teaching career. As her children were growing up, to relax, Marie would take some “me-time”. During this time of leisure, sometimes, she would draw, exercise, write poems and/or jot down thoughts that developed into several manuscripts.

“Duffy and Huffy’s Surprising Adventure” was one of the manuscripts. Animals were written to exhibit human-like characteristics. However, as she expounded this manuscript, over a period of three years, she produced a fantasy book with a moral ending. Two brown bears experienced a thrilling and chilling expedition through a dark and frightening forest in search of hidden treasures. But, a severe storm occurred, and the bears find themselves in the midst of a terrifying situation. Then, they discovered a little mountain lion. Thus, the plot changed.

“Duffy and Huffy’s Surprising Adventure” was written for young children, ages 6-9 years old. In the classroom, this book would be an excellent story to read during guided and shared reading or for silent reading time. At home, it would be a great book for a child to snuggle in a blanket to read quietly while enjoying a glass of warm milk or hot chocolate; It can also be an excellent bedtime story book.

The book can be found at Barnes and Nobles, Amazon.com, Books-a-million, Xlibris.com, etc.



Conch Salad

(will feed four)



Queen Little

Prep Time: 15 mins.

Cook time: 20 mins.

Items needed:

1 head of lettuce

2 lbs. of fresh conch

2 medium tomatoes

1 small onion

1 medium red bell pepper

olive oil..1/2 cup

Garlic bread

Cut onion into long thin slices. Cut red bell pepper into bite size cuts leaving half of it to be cut into small pieces to be steamed with conch. Shred lettuce. Slice tomatoes into thin round size shapes. Take conch, bell pepper and olive oil, season to taste with your choice of seafood seasoning or other. Let simmer all together for about 20 minutes tossing it as it cooks. Remove from heat and place in a mixing bowl. Add bell peppers, onion and lettuce. Toss to your desired look. For each individual serving, place 4 tomato slices onto dish and serve salad on top of slices with garlic bread on the side for an added delicious touch and taste. Top it off with the conch mixture. You can eat warm or chilled..Enjoy !

Caribbean Queens Catering and Much More

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Kimai Adams	Ebon Hicks	Hosea Laney	Anita Reynolds
Annie Allen	Altha Jackson	Maalik Leggette	Arthur Riley, Jr.
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Gabrielle Benton	Dorothy Jackson	Charles Lenoir, Jr.	Terrance Slocumb
Azavian Bray	Wanda Jackson	Virgil Lewis	Brittany Sneed
Kesha Bray	Deshon James	Hannah Little	Curtis Solomon
Beulah Brown	Catherine Jarvis	Rosemary Marsalis	Beverly Talton
Marilyn Byrd	Ardell Johnson	Sara Martin	Cleophus Tate, Jr.
Ty'Larrious Carr	Craig Jones	Iyonna McLean	Aubrey Thornton
LaDareon Copeland	Jasmine Jones	Darchelle Mitchell	Diamond Tillman
Vernita Corbett	LaBrenda Jones	Jordan Murrell	Goldia Toliver
Tommie Cornish	Tevin Kendall	Brenda Nichols	Louise Waiters
Quinten Culpepper	Emmanuel King	Bessie Nixon	Urleaka Woodard
Fannie Epperson	Jasmine King	De'Queveon Parker	Iris Wynds
Russell Gilbert	Annie Lamar	Carlos Perry	Tia'Kya Yates
Nia Glover	Tanya Lambert	Lakeitha Randolph	



David & Rhonda Salone
September 24
19 years



~ Ministerial Staff ~



Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
 Assistant Pastor John Dukes
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 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
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	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918
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~ 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**.
- 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. 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 the September issue. Your support, assistance and words of encouragement are deeply appreciated and have truly been a blessing.

The G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson

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Willie Smith

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