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Senior Pastor David A. Clarke First Lady Michelle W. Clarke



Learn, Serve, Give and Connect

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8/2	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12 noon
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8/8	Voices of Prayer & Praise, CC	12 noon
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# FORT PEACE HA HA! THAT OL' PIRATE WILL NEVER GET US IN HERE! WORK WORK WORK A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters FORT PEACE HA HA! THAT OL' PIRATE WILL NEVER GET US IN HERE!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV

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#### CHURCH SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Mid-day Manna Noon Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

RADIO BROADCAST 980AM, 1400AM, 100.5FM Clarkehouse Leadership Moment Sundays: 1:15pm—1:30pm

> Union Grove Broadcast Sundays: 1:30pm—2:00pm



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Monday Office Closed

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

Janice Scott Administrative Assistant







**Church Anniversary Steering Committee** 

**Church Anniversary Souvenir Book Committee** 

Plans are well under way for the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church 125th Anniversary to be celebrated during the entire month of September. The theme for this significant milestone is "Thank You!" Several events and guest speakers are on the program to engage in this momentous occasion including Stellar Award nominee and Gospel Music Artist, Travis Greene and the nine-time Stellar Award winner and Grammy Award nominee, Ben Tankard. The anniversary banquet that will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Galleria Conference Center in Centerville, Georgia will be "A Night of Elegance" - Black and White Formal Affair. Tickets are now on sale for \$30.00 each and can be purchased from any member of the anniversary committee. You may also call (478) 922-5514 for more information.

A Commemorative Souvenir Book is being designed to provide an opportunity for individuals, families, groups, businesses, etc. to be included in this historical production by purchasing ads. The prices are: full page - \$100.00, half page - \$75.00, quarter page - \$50.00, business cards - \$25.00 and patrons - \$24.00 and below. The deadline for all ads is September 21, 2012. Ads should be in PDF format. For more info, contact Min. Tammy Carpenter at 478-334-8997 or Sis. Carolyn Jackson at 478-542-1739.

#### **UGMBC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events**

CHOIR/PRAISE TEAM	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mass Choir	9/2/2012	10:30 a.m.	Pastor Josh Kirvin
Women's Choir	9/5/2012	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Wendy Smith
Women's Choir	9/6/2012	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Wendy Smith
Mass Choir	9/9/2012	10:30 a.m.	Pastor Lorenzo Heard
	9/15/2012	6:30 p.m.	Concert – Minister Travis Greene
LUV	9/16/2012	10:30 a.m.	Minister Travis Greene
Men's Choir	9/18/2012	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Doe
Men's Choir	9/19/2012	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Doe
Praise Team	9/20/2012	7:00 p.m.	Pastor E. Dewey Smith
	9/22/2012	12:00 p.m.	Block Party Cookout
	9/23/2012	10:30 a.m.	Pastor Bobby Smith w/Zion Canaan
	9/28/2012	6:00 p.m.	Banquet/Ben Tankard
Mass Choir	9/30/2012	10:30 a.m.	Ministers Ordination

#### Youth Got Questions... Pastor Clarke Has Answers!



Greetings, people of God! I pray all is well. I am grateful for how the Lord has blessed our nation. Here are two questions submitted to me by our Growve Zone youth.

# 1. How do you know that God is trying to speak to you?

God speaks in various ways (Heb. 1:1). First of all, He speaks to us through His written Word, the Bible. When we read the Word of God we're reading more than a book; we are reading the inspired Word

of God (II Tim. 3:16). Whenever you read your Bible, trust that the Lord is speaking to you through His Word.

Secondly, He can speak through people today just as He spoke through people in the Bible days (Heb. 1:1). He will not only speak through preachers, but can also speak through those with the gifts of word of knowledge, word of wisdom, prophecy, and tongues (I Cor. 12:8, 10). Knowing whether or not the Lord is trying to speak to us through other people requires discernment (I Thess. 5:20-21; I Jn. 4:1). Stay in God's Word to ensure what others are saying lines up with Scripture. Pray relentlessly. Pray that the Lord will make it clear what He is saying to you. His peace is an indicator as to what He is or is not saying (Col. 3:15).

Third, God can also speak by putting desires in our hearts (Psa. 37:4). In other words, there are some things we want to do in life that result from God putting those desires in our hearts as if to say, "Do \_\_\_\_\_ for me." This requires prayer, much prayer, because David desired to build God a temple, but the Lord would not allow him (I Chron. 28:2-3). So, what do we do? Keep reading. I'll tell you in a minute. Lol

Finally, we can hear the unmistakable, audible voice of God. In the Bible, it was clear when God was speaking to someone.





For example, in the case of Samuel, the voice of God was something he actually heard, but initially he didn't know it was the Lord speaking (I Sam. 3:1-10). This, undoubtedly, happens today as well.

Here's a personal testimony that I hope sheds light on this issue. It took approximately a whole year for me to discern what God was saying to me about whether or not to get out of the U.S. Marines. It began with discomfort in my spirit about re-enlisting. I consulted my pastor at the time who shared that my discomfort could possibly be God's way of saying to me it was time to transition into civilian life. I prayed, and prayed, and prayed for months. I went back and forth between staying in the military and getting out. I heard God speak through a sermon from Bishop Eddie Long in December of 1997. It was more than just another sermon. I heard God speak through that message like I had never heard God before. It took time, but I finally knew what God was saying to me. I encourage you to get counsel from others, pray, listen to those who are preaching and teaching you God's Word, pray some more, and God will make it clear what He is saying to you! And, when He speaks, obey!

#### 2. How can God go everywhere if there are 100 people?

God is everywhere at the exact same time (Psa. 139:7-10). No matter how many people need Him at any given moment in time, He can "show up" and meet every need at the same time no matter where they are in the world (II Chron. 16:9). He can meet every need everyone has because He knows what we all need and has the resources to meet the needs (Matt. 6:25-34).

Thank you so much for your questions. I'm having a blast with this! Be encouraged & enjoy the journey!

# Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

Henry Allen Anthony Anderson Oscar Anderson Makayla Asim James Booker Vincent Booker Gail Bradley TiEboni Bradshaw John Clarington Shirley Clark David Clarke Juanita Cofer Fanneca Curtis Nathan Curtis Juanita Davidson Cordelia Davis Gloria DeFreitas Lorraine Easley Myshawntae Edwards Mortimer Floyd Arie Freeman, Jr. Magnolia Gant Omari Green Samuel Gude J'Quan Gulley Tommy Hardin Cedrick Hayward Rodrick Hayward Juanita Hogues Breona Jackson Louis Laney Lakita Lee Annie Lester Patricia McCants Eleanor Minter Keith Perkins Africa Porter April Rhett David Salone Casey Sherman Donna Smith Brandon Solomon Chelsea Solomon Nicole Steedley Harriet Steele MaryAnn Swinney Amber Terry Yolanda Thomas Ayla Toles Dominique Toval Margie Tuck Nakeisha Tuck Salina Wheeler Lasondra Wilson



God has blessed me with 50 years of marriage to my best friend. This man is none other than Nathanel E. Davis. He has taken his place as spouse, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather in the lives of so many that loves him deeply.

You may wonder to yourself, "I can not imagine being married to anyone that long." You may even say, "50 years is a very long time." When you are blessed with the presence of a Godly man who is loving, patient, kind, filled with compassion, and with pretty brown eyes, time has a way of moving fast. Looking back, upon meeting the love of my life, he was God sent.

God knew what I needed, and who would be able to keep me on the straight and narrow without a doubt. I am very happy to be the wife of this Godly man, who is known as "Chief" by his family and friends.

Your Loving Wife, Grace



Deacon Monroe & Shirlev Clark-42 Years

Alvin & Pam Myrick July 14, 2012

Ronald & Gloria Defreitas August 7, 2012

Tommy & Linda Gray August 16, 2012

Sandra Haugabrook August 16, 2012

Alphonso & Martha Medlock August 22, 2012

Jimmy & Bridgette Ogelsby August 13, 2012



Deacon Erl & Grace Davis—50 Years

Deacon Monroe Clark and Sister Shirley Clark will be celebrating their 42nd anniversary on August 22, 2012.

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# Ministry Highlight: Operational Support Ministry



#### **Mission Statement:**

# Diligently serving the Lord by giving exceptional service to all members and ministries Vision Leader: Brother Henry A. Scott

To serve as a Vision Leader is very demanding, but as a leader we must learn how to serve, give, and connect. As a leader I have learned how to love and understand people. I have gained an understanding that we must connect with others to help carry on the mission that God has placed us in the position to do.



Bro. Henry Scott



Sis. Shirley Jackson Newsletter Ministry

Being a part of the GTAH Ministry has helped me to connect and serve with a great group of people. I've learned so much about our congregation and the great things that are happening in the Growve Zone. Our monthly

fellowship gives us the opportunities to not only discuss the upcoming newsletter, but to also have a bible study and to see what's going on with each other spiritually and personally. We have all been given a wonderful opportunity to serve together for the glory of God. Our ministry leader, Jairee, is an excellent leader! The way she brings everything together, it seems as if there aren't any bumps in the road along the way. It's easy to be a part of a ministry when you're working with people who have the same goal in mind. We all want to bring the newsletter together, "To aid others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words."

#### Media Ministry

To provide top notch sound, media products, and service for the media needs of the church.

Contact Bro. Scott (leader role is currently vacant)

#### **Computer Support Ministry**

Offering technical support in order to reach people for Christ Contact Bro. Scott (leader role is currently vacant)

#### Floral Ministry

Worshipping and praising God by decorating His house and our Vision Center with plants and flowers, etc.

Contact Sis. Stephanie Johnson

#### **Public Relations Ministry**

To spread the good news by way of communicating church events and happenings to the church congregation and the general public by use of printed and electronic medium.

Contact Bro. Milton Brown

#### **Bus Ministry**

Serving the Lord's people by transporting members and visitors who want to attend worship services.

Contact Sis. Debra "Queen" Little

#### **Food Service Ministry**

To provide a dining experience of tasteful and well prepared food for our church and its ministries.

Contact Sis. Annie G Johnson and Sis. Mattie Howard (assistant)

#### **Funeral Coordinator**

Serving the bereaved by assisting and encouraging them in the Lord. 1 Cor 1:4-7

Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett

#### **Newsletter Ministry**

To aid others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words/written communication. Contact Sis. Jairee Williams



Again, I want to say thank you to our UG Family and the Youth Support team. Without your generous donations, the Youth Summer Trip would not have happened. You continue to play a major role in the shaping of our young students lives.

This year, the Youth Ministry was blessed to take our students to Orlando, Florida for an impactful three day-two night extravaganza. It was filled with events and adventures from the beginning to the end. There was barely enough time for our students to catch their breath before starting something else. We departed UG on June 27, 2012 at 7:00am and arrived at Universal Studios at 12:00pm. Our bus driver, "Big Mike", was handling his business on the roads. The students broke off into groups and proceeded to explore what would be offered to them. Many of them ran into character such as Thor, Captain America, (characters from the Youth Lock-in), Spiderman, and many characters of the X-Men. While others choose to see if they could handle the rage of Incredible Hulk (another Youth Character). Many deemed the Hulk to be the best ride. A lot of excitement came when our youth ran into each other and shared what rides they experienced or the amazing things they had seen. It is such a joy to see how our kids enjoyed themselves and each other. After closing the park down, we retired to our hotel (to give Orlando a break).

Day Two went the way we planned--time to cool off. We went to "Wet n Wild" water park and had a blast! From the youngest student to the oldest adult, we all got our feet wet at least. Lol! The water park offered so much and First Lady Michelle Clarke was determined to not let our DETOUR students out-do her. She was challenged to ride every ride and I believe she accepted the quest and conquered it as well. Some of us hung out at the kiddies' section with the younger adventurers. Truth be told, they wore us out! But we couldn't let them know that. Shhh! After catching waves at Wet 'n Wild (with no time to rest), we allowed our students to do what they love doing the most, SHOPPING! We traveled to the Mall of Florida for a couple of hours before grabbing a bite to eat and heading back to our rooms.

The third day was aimed at giving Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure all we had left. Most of us ventured over to Islands of Adventure to see other characters such as Shrek, ET, Scooby Doo and Shaggy, and Woody Wood Pecker. We left no stone unturned and no ride not tried.

Not only did we have fun on this trip, it was also a learning experience. Each morning there was a devotional scripture under each room door. Our students and adults were to discuss the topics and scripture provided. Some were made relevant while on the trip.

I must say, I received great joy seeing the eyes of our young people opened to new adventures and sharing them with their church peers. We ALL had an awesome time. We invite you to get involved in the Youth Ministry and join us throughout the year as the quest continues to see what God is doing around the globe.

### Youth Spotlight



Sa'Ni Hayward is six years of age, the daughter of Rodrick Hayward and April Morton, as well as the granddaughter of Sister Hilda P. Hayward. She has attended Union Grove since she was a baby.

This school year, Sa'Ni can be seen walking the halls of Lindsey Elementary as a first grader. Sa'Ni is a very active young lady and loves to get outside and play. She is a member of the Junior Choir and loves to sing. In her free time, Sa'Ni enjoys swimming, riding her scooter, visiting her grandmother, and playing the Wii.

#### Career Day—July 15, 2012





# Summer Camp































# Health Care Ministry: Colorectal Cancer Seminar Submitted by Brother Gene Swinney



On Saturday, July 21, our Health Care Ministry collaborated with New Hope International to host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Colorectal Cancer Education/Screening Initiative Seminar. Both churches partnered with Community Health Works (CHW) who asked every participant to do a pre and post self-assessment (risk factor) survey. Nurse Dairlyn Brown from New Hope International was the keynote speaker while Nurse Annie Lester and other Health Care Workers assisted the twenty registered individuals.

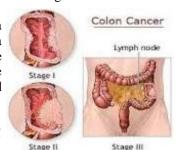
Colorectal Cancer, commonly known as colon or bowel cancer, is a cancer from uncontrolled cell growth in the colon or rectum (parts of the large intestine), or in the appendix. Colon cancer may strike without symptoms. That is why it is so important to get a colon cancer screening test. Symptoms which

may appear include persistent constipation or diarrhea, a feeling of not being able to empty the bowel completely, an urgency to move the bowels, patches of blood in or on stool, stomach discomfort or bloating, unexplained fatigue, anemia, loss of appetite, and/or weight loss.

Screening is very effective and is recommended starting at the age of 50. There are initial screening tests the doctor may conduct in his office. Localized bowel cancer is usually diagnosed through either a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. Usually this cancer begins as a small polyp. While most colon polyps are benign, some do become cancerous. Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of death; but is 90% preventable!

Some risk factors are smoking, alcohol consumption, obesity, not enough exercise, poor dietary habits, and family history. If you are not exercising, become active. Check your food intake. What are you eating that you know is not good for you? Reduce intake of red meat. Increase your fruits, grains and vegetables. A major source of Vitamin K comes from leafy vegetables. The highest sources are from kale, collards (without salt), spinach, and turnip greens. Cabbage and broccoli are also good sources.

So what is your next step? When was the last time you went to the doctor and asked about a screening for colorectal cancer? Are you in shape to start exercising? Does your health dictate a change in the way you are doing things – to (or for) your body? Your doctor can answer these questions. Always see your doctor for specific questions related to your health. Free screenings are available for those who qualify. See if you are eligible by calling 478-252-5212 or visit the Central Georgia Cancer website - centralgacancer.org.



The Seminar ended with a catered healthy lunch and free door prizes. The next step is up to you! Let's take care of our health – and spread the "Word!"



#### New Member Profile: William Bowden

My name is William Bowden, a 23 year old mariachi music lover, who became a member of Union Grove in January, 2012. I have lived in the Warner Robins area for the majority of my life and attended Northside Middle School and Northside High School where I played in the marching band drumline. I am currently a sophomore at Macon State College majoring in Public Service.

I make a living as a gardener and as a field hand on a farm. My hobbies include working with wood, both in my leisure and professional time. I enjoy running races and riding horses.

As a member of Union Grove, my expectation is that I hear from God every time I come to the church. I am play the bongos for the church choir and am undergoing orientation in the Teaching Ministry. My goal is to be used by the Lord in both the Teaching and Music Ministries. I am also interested in joining the Prison Ministry.

# YOUTH USHERS' MEETING SATURDAY, 11 AUG 2012 AT 9:00AM

All Youth ushers are asked to be present.

If you are between the ages of 13 – 18, currently not involved in a youth ministry and willing to serve.

Please join us for this meeting.

Thank you Bro. Willie Smith Youth Usher Ministry Leader



#### WORKSHOP DATES

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>
MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>
JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>
AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>
OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>
NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>







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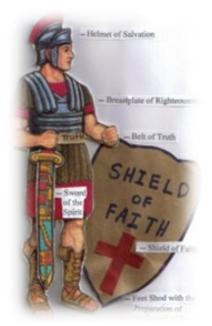
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# Battle is the Lord's Bible Study Series: Shod with the Gospel of Peace

"...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph 6:15)

Part of the armor of God, as described by the apostle Paul, is the shoes of "the preparation of the gospel of peace." What good are shoes? And more importantly, what do they have to do with the gospel of peace? Let's find out.

Imagine a fully armed soldier. He has his sword, his shield, his helmet, his breastplate and his belt, but his feet are completely bare. The picture probably seems strange, and it should! In thinking about it, we can tell something is missing. Footwear was essential for Roman soldiers. In the heat of battle, a lot of fancy footwork



was needed to ensure that they didn't get killed. Their battle was not like ours, where our soldiers shoot the enemy from hundreds of yards away. For the most part, the Roman soldier's battle was hand to hand with your enemy within five feet of your person. Enemies could approach from all sides so they needed to move around a lot to keep abreast of their situation. In some accounts, we read about the shoes of the Roman soldier. Historians wrote that their shoes were thickly studded with sharp nails. Other historians tell us that the successes of both Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar were due to their shoes. They tell us that their armies' feet were shod with footwear that would allow them to travel great distances in a short time and to navigate rough terrain with ease. The modern equivalent would be a combination between combat boots and the shoes that are used in many outdoor sports, called cleats.

Here are two interpretations of this scripture; both are applicable. Of course, the first means preparedness. Part of the Christian walk is to be ready to go out at any time to present the Gospel of Peace. That Gospel is the Word of God. We have to know His Word inside and out and be prepared.

The spiritual Armor of God includes something to put on our feet, because our feet are what carry us as we go out in the world to share the Good News, or the Gospel of Peace! We have been told by Jesus Himself to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15). As we prepare and wear our "Shoes of Peace," we can share the Good News of Jesus and His saving grace to a lost and dying world.

# Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry

Eugene & Minister MaryAnn Swinney



Gene was living in Virginia Beach in 1998 when he lost his job, and the Holy Spirit commanded him to move to Georgia. He obeyed the command but did not have a job waiting for him. In August 2000, God blessed Gene with a Medical Assistant job at the Base Medical Clinic. In that same year Gene and I met. At the time, I was working as a Dental Assistant in a Warner Robins Dental Clinic. The next time I saw Gene was on May 24, 2004. God had also blessed me with a job on Robins Air Force Base and on my first day on the base, I bumped into Gene as I was

going to work. We talked for a moment. Over the course of two years, we kept running into each other despite working on opposite ends of the base.

We started having lunch together in 2007. One day, he drove me back to work and leaned over to kiss me goodbye. I pulled back and gave him one of those "sista girl looks," implying what do you think you are doing? He said, "I wanted to kiss you because this was the first time I really saw how beautiful you were." Two months after going to lunch, God revealed to Gene (and Gene told me) that we were going to be married. God had yet to reveal that news to me. We dated for 13 months and talked on the phone every night for hours.

Gene proposed to me on November 18, 2007 in the church we attended at the time. Since then, our life has never been the same. God brought us together, in a way only HE could. We married April 11, 2008. We know as long as we keep God first, keep communicating, keep praying, and we know God can do anything!

During our marriage, we have had a few disagreements and the big challenge of having an extended family. In everything we do, we acknowledge God first and let him handle our burdens. I have always honored my husband as the head of our house. We have a mutual respect for each other and we enjoy a "unique" sense of humor. Most people, who do not know us, have not seen Gene's sense of humor; we keep each other laughing.

We enrich our relationship by attending Married Couples Sunday School; now studying "Marriage Rocks," an excellent book which allows you to rediscover different phases of your marriage. We also attend one marriage seminar annually. We enjoy a peaceful, loving relationship that is sustained by God. We love praying together, studying the Bible, going to movies, playing sports, and skating together. We both graduated in the first MasterLife class at Union Grove. We love holding hands to keep our love bonded. Before we met each other, we both sustained disappointments and misery in our past. We are determined not to go backwards. By holding onto God and each other, we know God is faithful and CAN INDEED do anything!



# "A Night of Elegance"

Black and White Formal Affair
Featuring Jazz Recording Artist **Ben Tankard**Friday, September 28, 2012
6:00 pm

Warner Robins Galleria Conference Center
2922 Watson Blvd
\$30.00 per person
Children under 5 are free
Dinner will be served

For More Ticket Information Call 478,922,5514





❖ In preparation for the125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration during the entire month of September 2012, the Church is requesting members, businesses, clubs, and organizations be a part of this history making event by placing an ad in the Souvenir Booklet that will capture the essence of this month long event.

CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY

- This is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to a love one, acknowledge a major life achievement, or share the good news about you business or club.
- Your message will be forever apart of this very special 125<sup>th</sup> UGMBC Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

#### Souvenir Booklet Cost Per Ad:

Full page \$100.00
Half page \$75.00
Quarter page \$50.00
Business Card \$25.00

(NOTE: There will be a list of patrons who contribute less than \$25)

POC: Min. Tammy Carpenter, 334-8997 or Ms. Carolyn Jackson, 923-3957



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W-Z	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	478-923-7713

#### ~ 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, Genuine Praise Step Team, 4-Him2, 4-Him—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, Healthcare 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, Girl Power, D.E.T.O.U.R. Ministry—Contact Min. Rashee Ragin/322-208

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For a ride to Sunday services, please call 478-922-5514 by Thursday, 5:00pm



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