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Pastor & First Lady Clarke





David Anthony Clarke, Sr. Senior Pastor





~ 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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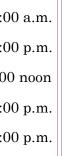
~ November Events ~

1	PLACE Ministry, VC	8:00 a.m.	
3	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.	
6	Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 noon	
6	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.	
6	Spiritual Enrichment, Conference Room	7:00 p.m.	
7	Strategic Plans due		
7	Man Up: Movie & Games, VC	4:00 p.m.	
8	Worship Ministries	8:00 a.m.	
8	Golden Achievers	4:00 p.m.	
9	Veterans Day Service	11:00 a.m.	
10	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.	
10 & 1	1 Veterans Day Holiday (Office Closed)		
11	Man Up, VC	6:30 p.m.	
12	SWAT/SWAT JR, VC	6:00 p.m.	
13	Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.	
14	YAW: Youth Gala, VC	7:00 p.m.	
15	YAW: Open Mic Night, VC	6:30 p.m.	
16	YAW: Guest Speaker: Minister Paul Jenkins	7:00 p.m.	
17	Women's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.	
18	Intercessory Fellowship Dinner (Elder Carpenter)	6:30 p.m.	
20	Prayer & Praise, Conference Room	12:00 p.m.	
22	Woodard Event, VC	3:00 p.m.	
24	Man Talk Bible Study, VC	6:30 p.m.	
27 & 2	88 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)		



Learn

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.

Connect

~ 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."

Give

Serve *

Lord, Thank You For "Here"

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I want to encourage everyone to give thanks daily, especially folks who are trying to reach new levels of living in Christ.

a habit Having of dailv thanksgiving keeps us growing and going. It empowers us to enjoy the process of getting "there"- that place where we have reached our goals. In his book, Happier, Tal Ben-Shahar, Ph. D., says, "We learn to focus on the next goal rather than on our present experience and chase the ever-elusive future our entire lives. We are not rewarded for enjoying the journey itself but for the successful completion of a journey. Society rewards results, not processes; arrivals. not journeys."

As we journey to "there", I want to express how grateful I am to be "here." I'm glad to be where I am in life. Don't get it twisted. I'm not saying everything in my life is perfect nor am I saying I am content enough to stay where I am in life. I still intend to go to new levels in virtually every area, but I'm not going to allow myself to miss out on "smelling the roses" along the way.

Dreams

Being grateful for "here" does not mean that I am not allowed to look down the road and dream of that place called "there." We need dreams-scenes of what "there" will be like. It is healthy to imagine what life will be like when we get married or have children or own our own home(s) or graduate from school or get the dream job or retire or other wonderful stuff like that. The Bible encourages us to dream and imagine the awesome future God has for us. Paul shared



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God's revealed scene of Jesus' return (I Thess. 4:13-18) and exhorts us to encourage one another with the same type of talk. Peter puts in mind of what God has for us down the road when he spoke of an inheritance reserved for us (I Pt. 1:3-6). We are to rejoice now despite any adversity we may face because the dream of being in heaven is to give us joy unspeakable and full of glory. John talks the same way in I Jn. 3:1-3 when he shares the dream scene of our being just like Christ when He appears. In the third verse of that chapter, he tells us to purify ourselves as we await the manifestation of the Dreams of bright dream. tomorrows shed light on how we are to behave today.

Discipline

If you can look down the road at the next level of your life, it should empower you to do what must be done in order to get there. It should also empower you to avoid what can keep you from getting there as well. This is what discipline is all about and dreams and discipline go hand-inhand. One translation of the Bible has Proverbs 29:18 reading, "Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but

happy is he who keeps the Discipline is law." \mathbf{so} important to God. He told Joshua to meditate on God's Word day and night so that he would do what it told him to do (Josh. 1:8). If we had more discipline in our souls, we would have less gang violence, fewer negligent fathers, and fewer young people out of control. Lest I come down too hard on our youth, let me say that they'd be more disciplined if they had more examples modeling it for them.

Be grateful for where you are and enjoy the journey toward where you're headed. Keep dreaming along the way. Meditate on God's Word. Exercise discipline as you journey toward destiny.

Here's a little something I wrote back in 2001 when I was battling some serious depression. I was at a great place in life, but very unhappy. I wrote this to try to encourage myself. I hope it encourages you.

Enjoy The Journey

Your goals are only the destinations. Don't ruin your health. finances. and/or relationships in order to get there. Don't let stress keep you from laughing more often along the way. It's okay to slow things down. Stay focused on where you're headed, but allow yourself to enjoy where you are. Look forward to where God is taking you tomorrow by getting the most out of where He has you today.

 $\begin{array}{c} Enjoy \ The \ Journey \\ \mathbb{O} \ Clarkehouse \ Ministries \end{array}$

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1Thessalonians 5:18

~ THANKFUL TO GOD FOR OUR MARRIAGES ~



Praise the Lord Saints! Here we are again approaching another holiday season of "Thanksgiving". My how time flies! Even though time seems to be moving rapidly we are still given an opportunity to always give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for continually bestowing blessings upon blessings in our lives. It's not all about the food that is placed on the table on "Thanksgiving Day". It's everything that God has provided for us. The bible says "*in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). That is why we want to take this time out to say "Thank you Lord" for blessing marriages and the Equally Yoked Marriage Ministry here at Union Grove! The Lord is increasing the ministry in so many ways but most of all in our relationship with our spouses and for that we are "thankful".

We are currently studying *"The Five Love Languages"* by Gary Chapman and it has truly been a blessing to the class. No matter how young or how mature our marriages are we should always be willing and open to learn new things or polish up on things that we have learned in the past about our spouses Emotional Love Language. Understanding each other's Love Language will cause our hearts to be even more thankful to each other. Learning and applying these "Emotional Love Languages also helps both spouses to meet each other's need and for that we are grateful to God.

Do you know your spouse love language? You may think that you do. Do you want to know your spouse love language? We can help you identify the primary love language of you and your spouse. Below are the five love languages. This will not tell you your spouse language only what they mean. Completing a profile will give each person an indication of what their primary love language is. Understanding and accepting his/her love language helps each person to embrace the primary love language of their spouse. What a world of difference this will make in a marriage; and for that we give God thanks.

Emotional Love Languages:

- <u>Words of Affirmation</u> This is when you say how nice your spouse looks, or how great the dinner tasted. These words will also build your mate's self-image and confidence.
- <u>Quality Time</u> Some spouses believe that being together, doing things together and focusing in on one another is the best way to show love. If this is your partner's love language, turn off the TV now and then and give one another some undivided attention.
- <u>Gifts</u> It is universal in human cultures to give gifts. They don't have to be expensive to send a powerful message of love. Spouses who forget a birthday or anniversary or who never give gifts to someone who truly enjoys gift giving will find themselves with a spouse who feels neglected and unloved.
- <u>Acts of Service</u> Discovering how you can best do something for your spouse will require time and creativity. These acts of service like vacuuming, hanging a bird feeder, planting a garden, etc., need to be done with joy in order to be perceived as a gift of love.
- <u>**Physical Touch</u>** Sometimes just stroking your spouse's back, holding hands, or a peck on the cheek will fulfill this need.</u>

Remember, *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).* So choose to give thanks for your spouse and their love language and you will be blessed with an experience in your marriage like never before.

Our prayer is that you are encouraged and thankful this season and always. We extend an invitation to you to visit the Marriage Ministry Sunday School held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Housing Authority Bldg. across the street from the church. We are truly thankful to Mrs. Sheryl Frazier for allowing us to use the building for Sunday School. Stop by and worship with us, you will be "Thankful" that you did. Be a blessing to your spouse, the choice is yours.

Elder Tommy and Linda Gray Union Grove Marriage Ministry

























\sim Senior Banquet \sim



































Kister Joan Stewart



Teen Bible Study Class steps outside of classroom to see *"Left Behind"*

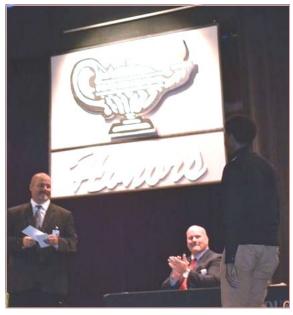


Marquis Marble, Jasmine Bynum, Chanel Crosskey, Deacon Jerome Stephens, Soraya Brown, LaShondria Smith, Aleena Womack, Nyla Hall, Kiera Salone, Shirlinda Edwards, Keiara Springle and Hannah Little

The Teen Bible Study class visited the Galleria Mall Stadium Cinema to see *Left Behind*, starring Nicholas Cage playing the lead, Rayford Steele and his daughter, Chloe Steele played by Cassi Thomson. The movie is based on the best -selling novel by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, *Left Behind*.

The class had a discussion at the conclusion of the movie that included describing their feelings after watching the movie, explain the state of the world after the rapture, and what belongings/characteristics they hold that someone will know they are a believer. This provided the class an opportunity to see the Bible revealed in film right before their eyes.

WAY TO GO JASON!!!





The National Math & Science Initiative (NMSI) recognized students at Houston County High School, including **Jason Wheeler**, for qualifying scores for the Spring 2014 AP Exam!

In addition, students received monetary awards! Way to go Jason!!!



Cadet Airman Robert Strait.... soon to be Cadet Airman First Class Strait!

We are so proud of you Robert!

Robert is the grandson of Elder Tommy & Linda Gray

Jr SWAT <u>S</u>tudents <u>W</u>orking and <u>A</u>chieving <u>T</u>ogether

Jr SWAT is the modern day version of student council and is the voice of the middle school youth at UGMBC! Last weekend, Jr SWAT went to Atlantic Station to see "Bodies - The Exhibition". It was truly an amazing venue! We ARE fearfully and wonderfully made!

The time together also gave current members, Chanel Strong, Reyna Hobson and Sydney Oglesby an opportunity to bond with the three new members, Izaria McLean, Makayla Marble and Zaria Lee.

The Jr SWAT Food Drive was a big topic of discussion! The plan is to reach as many families as possible, especially through the holidays! To ensure we receive a variety of foods, please donate according to your assigned Deacon. Grocery store gift cards and monetary donations will also be accepted.

If you have any questions, please ask any member of Jr SWAT, Sister Salina Wheeler or Elder Rashee Ragin.

Thank you! Jr SWAT







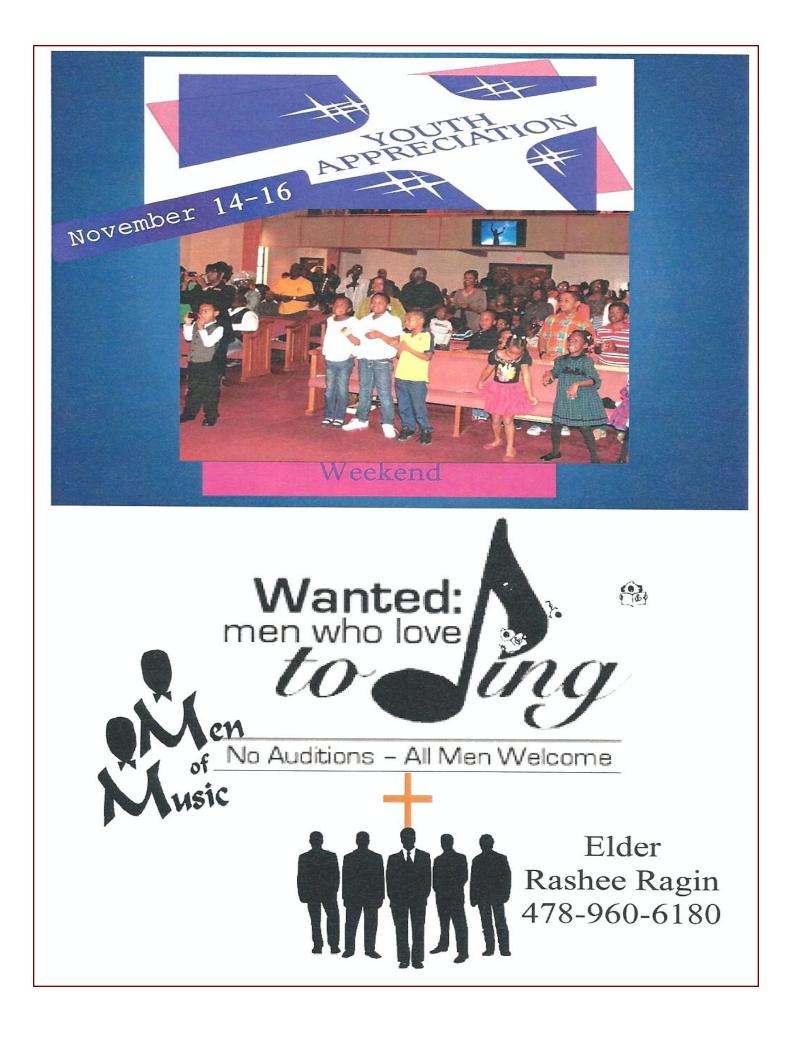
Please Help by Donating!

To ensure we receive a variety of foods, please donate non-perishable goods based on your assigned Deacon (your family's last name).

- A C Canned soup, canned veggies
- D-F Cereal, oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat
- G-I Drink mix, canned fruit, jello, fruit snacks
- J-K Corn bread, cake mix, brownie mix

Please Help by Donating!

- L N Hamburger helper, zatarans
- O-R Rice, dry beans
- S Mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes
- T−V Pasta (elbow, lasagna), mac-ncheese
- W-Z Pasta (spaghetti, angel hair), sauce







Girl Power! godly, girly, gifted met in October for "The Amazing Race *Running with God.*" During this meeting the girls and team leaders met at different venues in Warner Robins to learn about Running with God. The girls wrote poetry about their walk with the Lord and recited poetry publicly at *Books A Million*. Afterward, the girls were engaged in diverse activities at the Galleria Mall. They learned that each has her own race to

run with the Lord. There will be challenges along the way and with the Lord's help, they can run successfully and even run from all temptations. Furthermore, the girls learned, at times in our Christian race we become weary during difficulty and want to give up, but during these times we must rest, renew and refresh ourselves in the Lord and then we will be able to endure to the end. Finally, when our race is over, believers will receive an incorruptible gift from the Lord if we run our race faithfully.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25, Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.



Next year, *Girl Power* will be under new leadership. Our current team leaders will continue to lead as one unit. It has been my pleasure to serve in the *Girl Power* godly, girly, gifted ministry along with other awesome women of God. I have learned much and will treasure the time I was allotted to serve. I love our girls so much and have so much more I desire to do and share with them. Though my time has come to an end, my prayers will continue on. My earnest prayer is that our girls will continue to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and live their lives worthy of the Lord pleasing Him in every way. Colossians 1:10

Love, Minister Antonia Simmons

BREAST HEALTH AWARENESS





Brother Gene Swinney, Lead Health Care Ministry

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the largest voluntary health organization in the United States. They are the leader in the fight to end breast cancer. Breast cancer death rates are highest for African American women, followed by non-Hispanic white women. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women will get breast cancer.

What can you do?

First, be aware of your body. Know what is normal for you. Breast awareness is knowing how your breasts normally look, and feel and checking for changes on a regular basis. Know how to do breast self -exams. The ACS recommends scheduling a Clinical breast exam every 3 years from ages 20-39. Starting at age 40 it is recommended having a Clinical breast exam every year.

<u>Schedule a mammography</u>. A mammogram is an x-ray screening test for breast cancer. This test can help find breast cancer. It is recommended having a mammogram every year starting at age 40. Check with your doctor. Your doctor may recommend more or less frequent exams and x-rays depending on your family or your medical history.

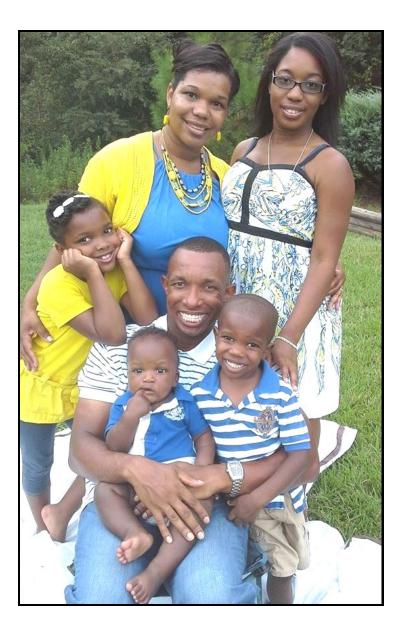
Know the symptoms of breast cancer. Know how to lower your risk for breast cancer. For this information, you may pick up a "Women's Health pamphlet" in the Church lobby or see a member of the Health Care Team for this pamphlet. It contains a lot of good information about symptoms to look for, as well as many other common health topics you should understand. Always remember, your doctor is the best source of any health questions you may have.

<u>Men can also have breast cancer</u>. For men – the same thing applies – know your body, know what is normal for you. Have regular checkups by your doctor. The lifetime risk of a man getting breast cancer is about one in 1000. About 430 men will die from breast cancer every year.

<u>The good news – you can survive breast cancer</u> – especially when found early and treated early. There are over 14 million cancer survivors – and countless others who have avoided the disease completely.

For more information, visit The American Cancer Society websites or call their 24/7 phone number 1-800-227-2345... or see your doctor for a checkup.





At the October 30 Quarterly Church Conference, **Brother Justin Phillips** was elected to serve as the new **Business Stewardship Ministry Leader**.

He will be replacing Brother Anthony Steedley.

Congratulations Lateshia!!!





NEW DESTINY Music Ministry * Volunteer of the Month *

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Brooks Tramale Brooks Della Brown Jasmin Bynum Jassica Bynum Min. Charles Byrd Larry Byrd Elder Tammy Carpenter Michael Davis Gwendolyn Davison Shirley Durden Kymori Edwards Patricia Falls Leo Finkley, Jr. Dejuan Green Jonathan Green Angela Hill-Storey Reyna Hobson Jakena Huggins Storm Husband Azavia Jackson Quelle Jackson Veronica Jackson Patricia Johnson Eric Leggette Tiffany Lewis Shirley Madison

Renita Mathis Shavine Mathis Knieka McClinton Izaria McLean Alphonso Medlock Bridgette Oglesby Ashley Orange Larry Perry Arius Porter Mahogany Porter Tyler Quinn Shafarrah Randolph Kea'ya Reeves Cameron Richardson Kiera Salone Catherine Solomon Hope Solomon Stephanie Solomon Robert Strait Martha S. Swinson Cleophus Tate Jaheem Tillman Ty-Teanna Tillman Garnett West Jasmine West Annie Womack







~ 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 Pastor Teddy Madison Pastor John Sutton Minister Marilyn Byrd **Minister Dannie Dukes** Minister Arie Freeman Minister Shane Hardee Minister Mary Lenoir **Minister James Madison** 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 Brother William Bowden Brother Kentavius Hunter



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J-K	Deacon William Jackson	929-4918
	Deacon Robert Simmons	
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	Deacon Charles Lenoir	953 - 2350
O-R	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
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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





BUS MINISTRY

Haven't found a ministry to fit your gift? If you have the gift of evangelism, hospitality or helps, the Bus Ministry may be for you. We are looking for dedicated drivers.

If interested, please contact Elder Dinkins at 478-335-1790

JEROME "JJ" STEPHENS JR. ANNUAL MEMORIAL BASEBALL CLINIC



Featuring the Georgia Southern University Coaching Staff

When: Monday, December 1, 2014 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Warner Robins High School Demons Diamond 401 South Davis Drive, across the street on Martin Luther King, Blvd.

Cost: \$40.00 (checks may be made payable to Georgia Southern University Foundation – Memo: for JJ Stephens Scholarship)

Who: 2015 - 2019 HS Graduates (8th graders are welcome)

This will be an event featuring instruction conducted by the Georgia Southern coaching staff. Drills will be performed that teach correct fundamental skills of Hitting, Fielding, Throwing, and Pitching.

Check-In: 3:15 pm - 3:45	pm at Warner Rob	ins High School	
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Email(Required):			
Phone:	Grade:	Position(s):	
High School:			

All participants will receive a T-Shirt. Food and Refreshments will be provided after

the Clinic. For more information, you may contact Jerome Stephens at (478)447-0251. Please Note: All participating campers must provide proof of insurance at check-in on December 1. Also, campers need to bring all necessary baseball equipment (glove, bat, spikes, etc.)

"God's Gift" Nursery Orientation



"The God's Gift" Nursery Orientation took place on October 24 and 26, 2014 for the following participants: Ms Morgan Hobson, Ms Zaria Lee, Ms Dominique Myrick, Ms Desiree Sanders, Ms Donna Smith, and Ms Chanel Strong. The adult leaders were Mrs. Shirley Jackson, Ms Refina Pierre, and Ms Ntozake Mack, and the class was facilitated by Dr. Marilyn Byrd.

The young ladies were taken out of their comfort zones immediately by being asked to mimic an animal of their choice and making the sounds that the particular animal would make. Wow! You had to

be there to believe the sounds that were made. We heard some clucking going on, growling, and chirping just to name a few of them.

Then the girls were introduced to each other by adding an adjective to the name they are called. For instance, Ms Dominick described herself as "Delightful Dominique," and Ms Zaria called herself "Zippity Zaria." How befitting for all.

I think the most important aspect of the training was to inform the girls what the differences were between being a "volunteer" and a "steward." The volunteer, according to the American



Century Dictionary (1995) is "to perform an unpaid job willingly and without compulsion." Whereas; being a steward, according to the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance explained the responsibility as an overseer, manager, house distributor, or an employee in that capacity. "oikonomos" pronounced "oy-kon-om'-os" G3623. We understood that to be a volunteer, you would be within your perfect right to



call in sick, if you wanted to; however, being a steward prompts us to walk in our God-given gift of helps. We realize that we are stewards in God's house of ministry and we give God our best in every capacity.

Further, we discussed how each girl would become mandated reporters of child abuse and how to report that abuse; whether physical, emotional, or sexual and the serious implications of neglect to any child. We talked about leadership and the importance of understanding whose they are,

where they come from, why they are here, what they can do, and where they are going in order to lead the children at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. We discussed the Kingdom Purposes of God, more specifically, what it is that He requires from each of them, and where they might fit as they pour into the lives of the babies.

Diapering was the best encounter as the girls raced to complete the task. Our winner was Ms Morgan Hobson. So, when you see her – give her a big pat on the shoulder and tell her to keep up the good work!

Training for the Nursery will occur once a quarter, so if you are interested and want to make a profound difference in the little people's lives, contact Ms Ntozake Mack at <u>478-334-4498</u>.

* Help Wanted *



If you love serving in The Kingdom of God,

If you love to show God's Love to others,

If you are willing to be trained to work with children, then you may be just what we are looking for in our nursery.

> Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control

Sister Shirley Jackson



Captain Mitchell receiving the right hand of fellowship



November PLACE Workshop Attendees



Thank you to all who got out and voted!!!

UGMBC provided transportation for 9 voters to the polls on Election Day.

Six absentee ballots were cast.

A total of approximately 100 were registered by the Grove Zone this year.



Sister Jan Scott and Deacon Jerome Stephens, Driver



Deacon T.C. Caldwell Driver

Deacon Stephens and Sister Carolyn Jackson



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 <u>no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m.</u>
- Please contact Sis. Janice Scott at 478-922-5514, ext. 102 to schedule events at the Vision Center. (Members and ministries of UGMBC only)
- To schedule **funerals** at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483.
- For a ride to Sunday services, please call 478-922-5514 by Thursday at 5 p.m.
- The Health Care Ministry tests for total cholesterol panel using the state of the art equipment on Sundays after worship service. Remember, you must fast for eight hours prior to the test...Appointment only. Leave your name and number at the church office. Sis. Ann Lester
- <u>Note:</u> 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.



From the GTAH Staff

The G.T.A.H Staff

Carolyn Jackson Shirley Jackson Jackie Powell Willie Smith

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.

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 <u>GTAHNewsletter@gmail.com</u> by the 4th 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!!!

Happy Veterans Day!!!

To each and every one of you who has served, we say **thank you!!!**