



VANNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A VOICE IN THE VANNA COMMUNITY

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WELCOME PASTOR CLAUDE HERBERT

PASTOR CLAUDE WAS BORN. IN GREENVILLE, SC AND MOVED TO MAULDIN, SC AT 2 YR OLD WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL HE FINISHED SCHOOL IN 1963 AT HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL IN SIMPSONVILLE, SC. IN JULY OF 1963 HE JOINED THE ARMY AND SERVED UNTIL 1968. AFTER HIS MILITARY SERVICE PASTOR CLAUDE WORKED IN THE COTTON MILLS UNTIL 1977.

**HE ENTERED EMORY IN 1998 AND STARTED SERVING MY FIRST CHURCH IN HOLLONVILLE, GA IN 1999 IN THE GRIFFIN DISTRICT, MOVED TO THE DALTON DISTRICT (NOW SOUTHWEST), ATHENS DISTRICT, ATLANTA- ROSWELL DISTRICT, BACK TO GRIFFIN (3) WITH THE DISTRICT. PASTOR CLAUDE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY IN ATHENS, GRIFFIN, ATLANTA- ROSWELL DISTRICT.
NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE**



IN 1979 PASTOR CLAUDE MARRIED PAULA A. DUPREE . THEY HAVE 4 CHILDREN AND 2 GRANDCHILDREN.



Mercy: Twice Blessed

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” (Matt. 5:7)

Shakespeare’s *Merchant of Venice* contains a splendid speech by Portia that goes to the heart of Christ’s teaching in this month’s newsletter for our reflection:

The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: It blesses him that gives and him that takes. (Act IV, Scene I)

The old bard covers three of mercy’s key components in Portia’s lines. They are impartiality, gentleness, and abundance.

What is mercy? In a nutshell, mercy is the sign of grace in street clothes. How does mercy differ from grace? We can see that grace is undeserved love; and mercy is grace in action. Grace is essentially theoretical, whereas mercy is always precipitable. Saying one believes in grace is one thing. Demonstrating grace (mercy) can be something altogether different.

Mercy goes against the basic grain of our humanity. That can make mercy a downright tough doctrine to put into practice. This is true even though we stand in the shadow of the finest display of mercy the world shall ever see; forgiveness handed to undeserving sinners on Calvary’s Cross..

Pastor Claude



Our youth group will be helping our community by sponsoring different organizations over the next few months and we need your help!

Starting August 4th: Rainbow Pantry - We will be collecting food and toiletries for the Rainbow Pantry. Last day of collections: August 25th.

Starting September 8th— We will be collecting items for the North East Georgia Animal Shelter. Last day of collections: September 29th.

Starting October 13th—We will be collecting stuffed animals to be used for children who come in contact with the Local Police/Sheriff's office.
Last day of collections: October 27th.

Our plan for November and December - We plan to have a Youth Sunday which includes a bake sale. The money earned will be used to sponsor children that are in the local DFACS / Foster Care system during the Christmas season.

Follow us on Face Book for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

- **Sunday's Morning Worship: 9:30am**
- **Sunday School: 10:30am**
- **Every Wednesday: Morning Brunch Gathering: 9:30am**
- **Every 2nd Thursday of each month: Pot Luck Supper: 6:30pm.**

Join Us IN Worship

Mr. Charles Dickerson
8479 Bowman Hwy.
Dewy Rose, GA 30634

Mrs. Frances Osley
C/O The Gables
12 Cobb Memorial St.
Royston, GA 30662

Mrs. Jane Jordan
399 Jordan Street
Royston, GA 30662

**Longtime VUMC members
who would love to hear
from you! Please take
some time & send them a
card or letter.**

Mr. Cohen Royston
2785 Hwy 17S
Royston, GA 30662

Mrs. Nita Jennings
3117 Old Elbert Road
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Mr. Phil McGarity
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