





Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church

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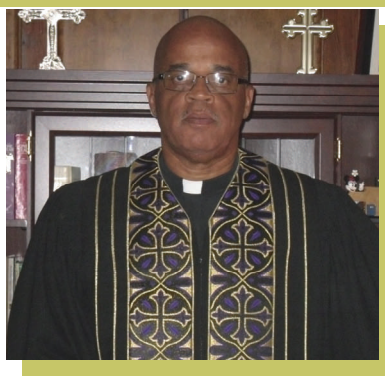




FALL 2010 ISSUE

THE YMT MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

I am honored to have this opportunity to address the congregation through its quarterly publication of the Young Missionary Temple Messenger. Hallelujah! A church newsletter is very important in the life of the local church. The YMT Messenger serves as a great source of information for the membership, a tool for evangelism in community, and unofficial historical record for our church. Thanks to all who submitted articles in a timely manner which helped to meet the deadline. God Bless each of you! A special note of "Thanks" to our editor for responding to the call to resurface this periodical and serve as its editor. Great Job!

I was assigned to Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church on Friday July 23rd, 2010 by Senior Bishop Thomas L Hoyt Jr. at the 2010 Carolina Annual Conference. After Bishop read all of the appointments, I sat there, for what seemed like hours, watching the joy and sadness of those around me who were saying goodbye to their departing pastors and welcoming the new. I sat there wondering if anyone from YMT Raleigh came to the conference, or maybe the hurt of saying goodbye was just too painful. Then suddenly something wonderful occurred right there on the conference floor. It seemed as though God sent a small portion of the heavenly choir to me. I heard the most angelic, harmonious voices behind me crying: "***Here We Are!***" I turned to see the smiling faces of Rev. Dr. Kirk-Duggan, Rev. Johnson, Rev. Black, Sis. Juanita White, Sis. Kathy Brown, Sis Deborah Thomas and Sis, Charlotte McKenzie-Hunter. Melodies from heaven rain down on me, rain down on me. Thank you so much!

Please allow me to use these same first words spoken to me by the members of YMT as my beginning words to this great body of believers. Well YMT, ***"Here We Are!***" A body of believers who worship together as Young Missionary Temple CME Church located at 2901 Sanderford Rd in Raleigh NC. ***Here we are*** with a new pastor with 27 years of both ministerial and Sr. Professional Staff experience. ***Here we are*** with many in the congregation excited about moving forward in the newness of God's grace. ***Here we are*** with some hesitancy and reservation concerning the ministry and unable to fully embrace the words of the Apostle Paul: "Forgetting those things that are behind, I press.....". ***Here we are*** sitting together at Restaurants / Pop Warner / High School /College football and Middle School volleyball games and others events together bringing to life our new church motto. Although our name does not reflect this inner change, our spirit truly does. ***Here We Are!***, the New YMT CME Church. To God be the Glory for the things HE has done.

As Young Missionary Temple transitions and transforms, let us remember that the Bible makes it clear that it is not about us. We recognize that it is not about what we want, but rather what God wants to do through us for His Church. ***Here we are*** with a great opportunity to make a real impact in our church and community. The dawn of a new era awakens and beckons us to smell the fresh fragrance of Gods vineyard with joy and excitement as we work. Several new ministries have already began at YMT (i.e., Daughters of Zion, Sons of Calvary, Drama Team, and YMT Messenger). I can hear the abundance of rain and will gladly sing with Miss Kacey Ford (3 years old) who so eloquently sings:

"Rain Lord, Rain Lord, We won't have room to receive. Open up the window, pour you out A blessings.

***Here we are*! *Here We Are! Here we are* Lord Jesus!**

Follow Me, As I Follow Christ,

Pastor White

REVEREND NETTIE WILLIAMS



Our first highlight of the ministerial staff is Reverend Nettie Williams. Rev, Nettie Williams was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania on May 27th,to the late Annie McNeill and William Matthew McGregor and had 10 brothers and sisters.

She grew up on a farm in the small city of Raeford North Carolina and attended Upchurch High School. And later attended beautician school and also received training as counselor. After being called into the ministry in 1962, she attended divinity school.

Reverend Williams married, the late Fred Matthew Williams had 9 children. The Lord blessed their union with 5 girls and 4 boys.

Reverend Williams joined YMT in 1983 under the leadership of Reverend Raymond Sommerville Jr. and have worked on numerous Boards and Auxiliaries including: The Missionary Board, Sunday School Teacher, Board of Evangelism, Saint's Club, and Leader of Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

Reverend Williams loves her church, loves her Pastor and just loves people! She enjoys seeing people working in harmony for the uplifting of God's Kingdom. Rev. Nettie we love You!!!

PICTURES FROM THE YMT BASH—AUGUST 2010



















EMBODYING WORSHIP OUTDOORS: RUNNING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan

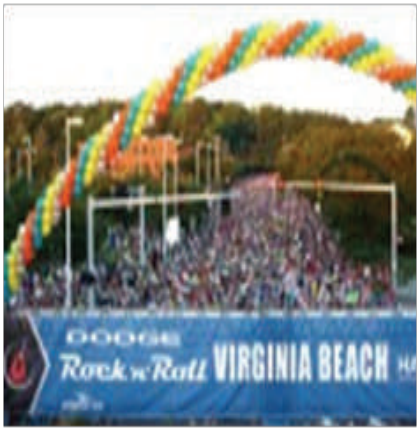
Labor Day weekend, over 20,000 runners completed a half-marathon (13.1 miles), at Virginia Beach, VA. The runners included elite Olympians and wheelchair competitors at the front end, and those who walked more than they ran at the rear. Most did not wear the "Dodge Rock 'N Roll Half-Marathon" T-shirt. Some of us wore T-shirts with the front labeled TEAM 413. On the back, the shirt read: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). And, that's how I was able to run: I ran for the glory of God.

The race began at 7:00 AM. The day was beautiful and I had come to run this my third race with another Christian believer, Rona Drummer. Drummer was the trainer for YMT's [Young Missionary Temple] Crown Ministry course, in 2009. We drove up on Saturday, to pick up our bibs and tags. Running a race is an incredible experience. One has to draw on all kinds of energy and strength to press through. After training for months, we're finally there. There is the task of pacing oneself, so that your breathing is modulated, that you do not peak too quickly, injure yourself, or burnout before finishing the race. For this course, I paced myself with the group aiming to run the race in 2 hours and 15 minutes. For one while I was with the group; another time I was ahead of the group; towards the end, I was behind the group. The key thing is that I ran for the glory of God. When I started thinking too much, I did a reality check: was my breathing OK? Was my body tired yet? Was my pace even? I remembered to get out of my head and not to worry about if I was going to make it; or, how long it was taking. My focus was on being in relationship with God as I inhaled the power of the Holy Spirit and exhaled any thoughts that would impede my progress.

Along the way, God sent several angels. Rick and Sam were the two people who helped us pace ourselves. There was a retired gunny (former marine sergeant). He had been to Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. We talked about faith as we ran. He said he couldn't imagine doing what Jesus did for others. I reminded him that by serving in the military he had put his life on the line several times. He then remarked how he had never been wounded. He guessed that God had saved him for a reason; perhaps God had spared him so that he could be running next to me. I also invited him to do volunteer work with inner city kids, youth who have no strong male presence, who need the love and discipline he could give. Though he thought they would hate him, I assured him that if he loved people and helped them learn how to practice discipline, they would come to love and appreciate him; that this could be a powerful ministry.

Ministry and praise were watchwords that day. People embodied ministry by encouraging others to keep pressing forward. I went through my "mental rolodex" of hymns and praise songs: "Blessed Assurance"; "Yes, Lord"; "Shake the Devil Off"; "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," to mention a few.. Several people saw the back of my shirt and commented on the message. I often responded by saying, "Bless you!", or "To God be the Glory!" We realized we embodied a sermon as we ran, some pressing boundaries they had never crossed before, that we needed to help each other. You should have heard us all cheer when the elite runners were headed back to the finish line before we got to mile four!

I ran to praise God. I worshipped with others. As I ran with the power of the Holy Spirit, each breath brought me closer to God. I listened for God all around me, and offered encouragement to others, as they encouraged me. As we were within the last two or three miles of the race, I was approaching the one hill in the entire race (we ran up and down it at the start, and then again at the end), and was thinking, I don't think I can run anymore right now; I will walk it. Before I could stop running, a woman came running up behind me, and she said she liked the back of my T-shirt, and told me that I could keep running and make the hill. And, I did. I made it up the hill that was the freeway, and made it on down; my angel waved and kept running. I slowed my pace; and, was running next to a man named Shane. This was his first half marathon and he had trained for three months. He was elated that this was my third. We ran and at times walked short distances. When we got to the 13-mile marker, it seemed like we would never get to the 13.1 mile. That was when we had to hunker down and remember what was on the back of my shirt. Off in the distance, we could see the finish line balloons. We pulled from deep inside and then we ran together to cross the finish line. What joy! We made it; we finished the race. All under 2 hours and 20 or so minutes! To God be the Glory!



HIGHLIGHTINGS THE MOTHER'S OF YOUNG MISSIONARY



Mother Anna Leake

Mother Anna Leake was born in Nash County North Carolina on June 27, 1939 to the late Edna and George Harris. She has 5 brothers and 3 sisters. She grew up in Nash County where she attended Spring Hope Spaulding High School .

She has been married to the love of her life, Brother Otis Leake for 53 years. They have been blessed with 2 beautiful children, Patricia Annette Leake Jones and Otis Lee Leake Jr., 4 grandsons and 1 god-grandchild.

She and her husband joined YMT in 1969 under the leadership of JI Thompson.

Mother Leake has headed the Hospitality Committee for many years and has worked on or with the Stewardess Board, Missionary Society, Class Leaders, Women's Fellowship and Saint's Club.

Mother enjoys working with the Hospitality Committee. She likes serving food and cooking. She loves her church, her Pastor, the people and fellowship. One of her favorite ministries is Intercessory Prayer.



Mother Edna Hemphill

Mother Edna Hemphill was born in and grew up in Chester South Carolina on December 11, 1930 to the late Hester and Edger James. She had 5 brothers and 1 sister.

Mother Hemphill married her love, the late Mr. Willie Hemphill and has 2 children, Debra Thomas and Frankie Hemphill.

Mother joined YMT in 1969 under the leadership of JI Thompson and has served faithfully on the Hospitality Committee, Missionary Society, Stewardess Board, Senior Choir, Saint's Club, Women's Fellowship, and is also a Class Leader.

Mother enjoys serving on all the Boards, serving her church, attending Bible Study and Sunday School. She has enjoyed working under all the Pastors she has had and is looking forward to Reverend White's leadership. She also enjoys the children at YMT.



We Love them very much!

"Our Golden Girls"

YMT'S EDITOR FOR THE CAROLINIAN NEWSPAPER—SIS. DELORES HINTON



Sister Delores D. Hinton joined Young Missionary Temple CME Church in 1974 under the leadership of Rev. J. I. Thompson and has held many offices while attending this church. She was a member of the Adult Usher Board, Adult Sunday school Teacher, President of the Gospel Choir, Choir director, President of the Board of Christian Education and a Class Leader.

Delores's hobbies are writing poetry, short stories, creative skits, singing Gospel (Quartet) speaking and acting. She is a former member of her family Gospel Quartet group, "The Exciting Edwards Sisters of Raleigh". While in High School, she was on the Tattler Staff and in the A1 rating Drama Club and had parts in such plays as, " The Age of Innocence", "Red Headed Stepchild", "Blue Boy" and more.
In December 2004, she received an Editor's Choice Award from the Library of Poetry. Some of her creative poetry is registered in the Library of Congress and one has been published.

In 2009, as she read the newspaper, she noticed that many area churches had articles in the paper, and felt it would be one way to let the public know about the great things going on at Young Missionary Temple CME Church. She told God about her desire and one night while lying in bed, the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. She currently writes the weekly church article in the Carolinian Newspaper, and every 3 months submits an article to the Christian Index. It is a joy for her to be able to get the message to the public in a way that encourages them to attend our service. I hope that the articles will change hearts, especially the hearts of the unbelievers.

Delores loves praising God and puts Him first in everything that she does. She loves her church and wants it to be known as the church where the Love of God Abides.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHURCH MOTTO WINNER



Sister Connie Caldwell

Praised the Lord!

As I thought about a motto for our church many concerns came to my mind. I knew the motto had to be something that captured the essence of our church congregation, something meaningful, but not too long. It had to be a motto that all members ages 6 to 60 and up could remember and relate to

When I thought about our church congregation, immediately "love" came to mind. We have been called a church of loving people. I was reminded of Luke 10:27, where Jesus confirms one of the components to eternal life: "…Thou shalt love The Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Now this is a quality that we at Young Missionary Temple do well, and are always striving to improve upon. I was also led to John 15:17 where similarly, Jesus commands us to "love one another". We, the Saints of YMT obviously love God first, and we so easily love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We love people whether at work, in the community, in school, on the streets, in nursing homes, or in line at Wal-Mart. It is evident by our testimonies, conversation and actions. This is what led me to think of the motto:

Young Missionary Temple, Loving God…Loving People

Matthew 22:37-39

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FISHERS OF MEN

Then Jesus said to them,

"Come after Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Mark 1:17

August - Deborah Ragland and Evelyn Young

September - Reco Scofield

HOMEGOING SERVICES FOR OUR BELOVED SISTER LIZZIE HEDGEPETH



Homegoing services for Sister Lizzie Hedgepeth was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at Young Missionary Temple, Rev. R.L. White Sr. officiating.

Mrs. Lizzie Walters Hedgepeth was born on March 13, 1923 in Wake County to the late Lee and Mary P. Walters and entered into eternal rest on September 11, 2010.

She joined the Wake Chapel Baptist Church at an early age. Later she joined the Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Lizzie's love for all people resulted in her becoming an encourager, friend, and mother to those whose lives she touched. She welcomed you in her home with encouraging words and was always concerned about ones spiritual relationship with God. Her belief in the power of prayer was always expressed in her conversations.

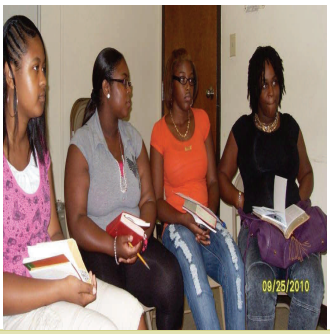
She was united in Holy matrimony to the late Charles L. Hedgepeth. Mother was loving and caring to her children. In her passing she leaves behind two sons, (James L. Primes and David ONeal), 3 (daughters, Ernestine Bass, Cora Harris and Janet O'Neal), 2 Goddaughters (Dorothy Sykes and Bernice Wade), 1 brother-in-law, 3 sister-in-laws, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

NEW MINISTRIES AT YOUNG MISSIONARY TEMPLE

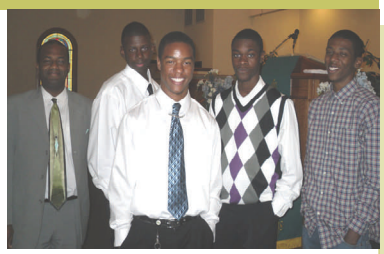
DAUGHTERS OF ZION



On September 12th, 2010 the Daughters of Zion (DOZ) had their kickoff meeting. The DOZ is a ministry geared towards teenage girls ages 13 to 19. Using the book "Growing in Christ" - Navigators Press– which teaches 13 assurances contained within the word of God, this ministry requires study and preparation by each participant. There are several workshops, seminars and other events geared towards the teens at YMT Church. Under the leadership of Rev. Angela Black, we look forward to these teens growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for the DOZ Ministry as we prepare of young ladies for critical challenges of life.



YOUNG KINGS



Based on the scripture 2nd Samuel 7:16 and under the leadership of Rev. Anwar Pace, "Young Kings" is a ministry for teenage men ages 13 to 19. This ministry has the same focus and goals as the Daughters of Zion Ministry and will using the same text book, and attending the same workshops, seminars and events. All teenager are welcome to become a part of the Young Kings Ministry here at YMT. However, the longer you wait, the more lessons you will have to complete to catch your peers. Young Kings meet every fourth Saturday at 12 noon. Please pray for the success of this new ministry and the young men who attend.

YMT DRAMA MINISTRY

Please see Pastor White if you would like to become a member of YMT's Drama Ministry which performs each 4th Sunday during the Morning Worship Service. We need dedicated actors to assist.

SPOTLIGHTING OUR YOUTH



Gospel Rap Group "Leviticus" Performed at the World-Famous Apollo Theater on August 4th



Alexandria Mills Crowned Miss Pre-Teen of Garner in August

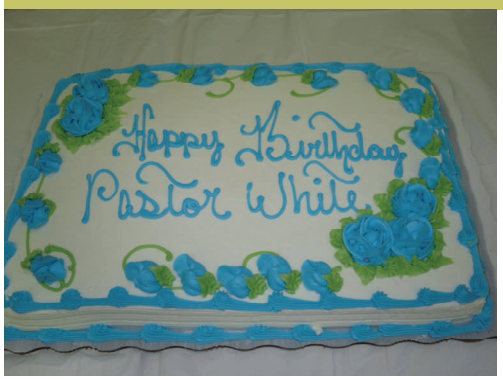


Star Player for East Garners Middle School Volleyball Team



Kate Davis was inducted into The National Society of Collegiate Scholar on September 19, 2010

ITS YOUR BIRTHDAY! A CELEBRATION FOR OUR PASTOR.





On September 19th Young Missionary Temple held our first Birthday Celebration for our pastor (Rev. R.L. White Sr.) The celebration started with a host of cards presented to him by our Chosen Generation (Children's Ministry). Some bought and some handmade, but all presented in love. The children then serenaded Pastor with the wonderful, traditional happy birthday song.

After service the celebration continued when the Stewardess Ministry presented Pastor with Birthday Cake. It was too big for him to eat by himself, so he shared his birthday cake with the congregation by giving the first slice to one of the children.

The fellowship continued as everyone ate cake, drank punch and wished our Man of God a Happy Birthday. Once again Pastor, we pray you had a Happy and Blessed Birthday and that there will be many more to come here at YMT. Thanks to all who helped to make this a day of happiness for our pastor!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



BAPTISM AT YMT

On Sunday September 26th, 2010 during the morning worship, Bro. Caleb Shaw and Bro. Reco Scofield were baptized at Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church. It was the first baptism at YMT in many years and a source of inspiration to all who witnessed this great event.

Holy Communion and Baptism are the sacraments of the Church. Baptism is a religious sacrament marked by the symbolic application of water to the head or immersion of the body into water, resulting in admission of the candidate into the community of Christians.



Kaleb Shaw - Rev. White - Timothy Cofield

The Purpose of Baptism:

1) Water Baptism **identifies** the believer with the **Godhead** – Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
   "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NIV)
2) Water Baptism **identifies** the believer with **Christ** in His death, burial and resurrection.
   "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4 (NIV)
3) Water Baptism is an **act of obedience** for the believer. It should be preceded by repentance, which simply means "change." It is turning from our sin and selfishness to serve the Lord. It means placing our pride, our past and all of our possessions before the Lord. It is giving the control of our lives over to Him.
   "Peter replied, 'Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church--about three thousand in all." Acts 2:38, 41
4) Water Baptism is a **public testimony** - the outward confession of an inward grace. In baptism, we stand before witnesses confessing our identification with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord for the Baptism of these two brothers into the Body of Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS



November

9-11 Church Revival
9 Conference Claims Due
12 Youth Night - "Boyfriend/Girlfriend Thang" 7 p.m. (All invited!)
14 94th Church Anniversary @ 3:30 p.m.
19 "Living Single" (Workshop) @ 7:00 p.m. (All invited!)
21 Church-wide Engagement @ 3:30 p.m., 2nd Church Anniversary of New Horizons CME Church
25 Happy Thanksgiving!

December

10-11 Annual Conference Winter Accounting Meeting, Gastonia, NC
12 Trustee/Founder's Day
17 Love Feast @ 7:00 p.m.
17 Youth Night Christmas Celebration @ 7:00 p.m.
19 College Recognition Day @ 11:00 a.m.
19 Christmas Program 4 PM
25 Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus!
26 31 New Year's Eve Watch Night Service @ 10:00 p.m.

January

1 Happy New Year!
9 Helen B. Cobb Observance
14 Youth Night "Building Strong Characters" (Workshop) 7:00 p.m.
17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
28 Evangelism Workshop 7:00 p.m.

FROM OUR EDITOR



Sister Shannon

This newsletter is to highlight, inform and enlighten you of the things going on not just at Young Missionary but around our community. Please consider becoming a part of the editorial staff. I am in need of interviewers, photographers, and those familiar with layout and design. Show your love by assisting with this publication. I would really like a few of the youth to get involved. It's a lot of work. Too much for one person. Help!!!!

If you have any articles to feature in the YMT Messenger, please present them me. Thank you. I pray you have enjoyed this first edition of the YMT Messenger. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.