Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church
2901 Sanderford Road
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Fall 2011

THE YMT MESSENGER

From the Pastors Desk



Praise the Lord Saints,

I thank and praise God for the members of this great church. The Lord has blessed us tremendously thus far this conference year. With the help of the Lord we were able to install a completely brand new Heating and Air Conditioning unit for our sanctuary. This major accomplishment was paid for by the pledge donations of the congregation. Although replacing the HVAC system set us back in paying our conference claims at the Winter Account Meeting, our claims are paid in full at this time. The church has also replaced key components needed in the PA and music systems and added a drum shield which makes the overall sound within the sanctuary more comfortable for the congregation. To God be the Glory!

I am most pleased to say we are well on the way to reaching our goal of 200 new members for the 2011-2012 conference year. Our new members are entering the church with an attitude to work for the building up of the Kingdom of God. They are using their God-given talents and abilities via ushering, dancing, singing on choirs/praise teams and other areas in the church. Our new members are working hard to support the overall ministry. They are also doing the work of evangelist by inviting others to come and be a part of our ministry. Embrace our newest members by letting them feel your love and radical hospitality each time they enter to worship. We are experiencing growth in every aspect of this ministry, and I am Godly proud of what the Lord is doing at YMT. There are so many new initiatives and ministries being birthed for all ages.

Continue to give God your very best in Time, Talent, and Stewardship. I encourage everyone to attend the Means of Grace established for your spiritual growth (i.e., Bible Study, Sunday School, Workshops, Training and fellowship opportunities). YMT is the place to be for we are: *"Loving God…. Loving People! "* The Jesus in Me, Loves the Jesus in YOU! So EZ2 Love.

INTRODUCING YMT's WEBSITE

On January 1, 2012 the newly established Website Design Team placed into production YMT's website. Design Team members are Sis Shannon Smith, Rev. Glenda Johnson, and team leader Stephanie Ryals. This venture took numerous hours of committed and dedicated service to get the website into production and will be a continual effort. Initially, our pastor made arrangements to get the website designed by an outside source, however, the team decided to take up the challenge of designing our website. Having a website is vital to the continual growth of our church and allows YMT to now move forward with numerous evangelism and outreach ideas. Since our website is a work in progress, feel free to make suggestions via Pastor White.

Our church has a Motto: *"Loving God… Loving People",* and a website. Recently we completed a challenging and aggressive church logo competition which was won by Sis. Juanita White. The winning logo and explanation will appear in the next newsletter.

"Special Thanks" to Sis. Stephanie Ryals. Your work is critical to YMT's ministry."

Please take time to visit our website at: **http://www.ymtcmechurch.org**

Young Missionary On The Road

Since the beginning of the conference year, Pastor White and the YMT Church family have taken several trips to our sister churches. From anniversaries to revivals, it was a pleasure and a honor to accept the invitations to come and exalt His name together with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Hamlet Chapel



Pastor Ronald White and Rev. Robertson

On August 14th, YMT was invited to a Homecoming service at Hamlet Chapel C.M.E. Church in Pittsboro, NC. Before service began, Pastor Charles E. Robertson and his congregation had a delicious dinner prepared for this fellowship which included chicken, vegetables, cornbread, banana pudding and even a little pigs feet. It was a scrumptious meal. Thank you Pastor Robertson and Hamlet Chapel for your hospitality.

After the great meal and fellowship, it was time for the service to begin. We were graced with a dance from the YMT dance ministry and the Voices of Praise and Sis. Marguerite Cross reminded us through song that: "Whatever You Need Gods Got It!"

Well, it was now time for the WORD which was brought to us by our own Pastor Ronald White. The topic was "Let's Go Deep" (St. Luke 5:4-5). He pointed out that at one time people were pressing to get to Jesus, and everyone must continue to do so. Come on and press your way out of the shallow water (comfort zone) and press your way towards Christ. If you go deep with Jesus, He will change your purpose!





Chalk Level C.M.E. Church

On October 7th, YMT headed to Fuquay-Varina to enjoy a night of Revival with Chalk Level C.M.E. Church. It was an adventure for all those who traveled to the service. The scenery was beautiful and the deer could not wait for us to pass by so they could greet us. (smile)

Once we arrived, Pastor Delores Perry and the Chalk Level family welcomed us with open arms. The Praise and Worship was uplifting and ushered in the Spirit of God.

During the service, the Voices of Praise ministered to the congregation two selections, "God Made Me Who I Am" lead by Bro. Lee Cross and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow " led by Sis. Tanya Davis. Thank you Voices of Praise for ministering through the Word of the Lord through song.

After the Song of Preparation, Rev. Ronald White brought us a word that most of us can relate to, especially the women. The word came from Romans 8:27-30 and the topic was "A Four Linked Chain". Do you wear a lot of jewelry? (e.g., rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc?) There may be some that say no, I don't wear jewelry, but you may not know that you wear a four-linked chain at all times and it is not a chain of bondage it is a chain of freedom.

The 1st link lets you know it was by *predestination*. You didn't choose God, God chose you.

The 2nd link lets you know that you are *called* by God for His purpose.

The 3rd link lets you know that God *justified* you, not through your own righteousness, but through His Son.

The 4th link is a clamp that hooks all the links together. Once the links are together you are *Glorified*!

New Horizon C.M.E. Church

On November 18th, YMT fellowshipped with New Horizon in Raleigh, to kick off their Anniversary with a Friday Night Praise Service. Once again, it was good to be in the presence of two of YMT's own, Rev. William Mosley and Rev. Dr. Annette Mosley.



YMT's Praise Team was the choir for the evening and they did wonderful job as usual. After praise and worship, prayer, and scripture, it was time for Rev. Angela Black to preach the Word of God for the evening. Her topic was, "An Extreme Makeover" from the Book of Acts 9:17-19. She talked about Saul and how transformed into the Apostle Paul who no longer trusted in trust in the flesh, but changed to live a life in the Spirit. We should definitely be thankful that God looks past the flesh and sees our heart. How many of us judge others by how they dress, smell, or type of car they drive? We are too quick to send people down the Damascus Road of our own Persecution and Judgment, but God finds good in the worst of us. Sometimes we need to ask God to change our natural sight so when can see the best in others with our spiritual vision. We are Godly proud of Rev. Black and her ministries.



A Stewardess Tribute

Our Sister Bernice was a very unique individual. She was very soft spoken but carried around a big heart. She loved and cared for people in a way that is rare in our society today. She gave from her heart and didn't expect anything in return. She will truly be missed by all who knew her and especially YMT Stewardess Ministry.

Camilla Davis, President of the YMT Stewardess Board

Ms. Bernice Banks was an inspiration to me every time I talked to her. She always had a smile and kiss on the cheek to start off my Sunday mornings. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She will always be remembered and cherished in my heart. *Barbara Jones*

Bernice Bridges Banks



Sunrise: August 6, 1934
Sunset: October 12, 2011

The friendship between my daughter and Bernice's granddaughter sparked a wonderful friendship between me and Bernice. She was so easy to talk too and opened her home to me and my family. I always looked forward to Sundays when neither of us had Stewardess or Choir responsibilities so that we could sit together during church service. Bernice was always the same, loving and down to earth. She has left a permanent impression in my heart.

Connie Caldwell

Bernice was a devoted woman, first to God then to family and friends. She always had a pleasing smile when she saw you. Anything you asked Bernice, she always helped to do. On holidays she loved inviting her Church family to dinner at her house. *Edna Hemphill*

Bernice had a very sweet and humble spirit that was encouraging to me. She was the same every time we was together. I loved her dearly. She was an example and an inspiration to me.

Anna Leake

I will miss Ms. Bernice's humble spirit. She was one of the kindest and most sweetest people I have ever known. She was beautiful inside and out. She was a (Diva) dressing woman of God. I always told her when I grow up I wanted to be just like her. I feel blessed to have known an awesome women of God. I loved her and she loved me. Our circle has been broken, but we know she is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For that we give God all the Glory, Honor, and Praise. I truly miss her. *Deborah Ragland*

Ms. Bernice had the same name as my mom so I would always say, "Hello Niecy", which was mom's nickname. She always smile and give me my hello kiss. She was so sweet. She had a feisty little attitude just like a diva would, but she was sweet and humble just like a child of God should. I love her and she will be missed dearly. Sha*nnon Smith*

Highlighting the Mothers of our Church

Shirley Ann Gilmore Cooper



Sis. Ann Cooper was born in Greensboro, NC on October 13, 1947 to the late Rev. James Gilmore and Willie Mae Gilmore. Her father was a truck driver, and her mother a homemaker. God blessed them with thirteen children. She grew up in Raleigh, NC and attended Wake County Public Schools. At the age of sixteen, she gave her life to God! Around the same time she met her life-long partner, John Cooper. They have been married for 48 years and together they have four children, (Thomas Cooper, John Cooper Jr., Tanya Cooper Davis and Karen Cooper Daniels). When she and her husband began seeking a place to worship and to spiritually raise their children, they were led by God to join Young Missionary Temple in 1980, under the leadership of Rev. Gilliam. After uniting with the church, Sis. Cooper joined numerous boards and auxiliaries, which included the Stewardess Ministry, and Gospel Choir.

Just as the songwriter wrote, she always wants to DO GOD's WILL! As she walked with the Lord, she did a lot of fasting and praying. God has blessed her with several gifts, including Laying on of Hands, Prayer and Prophesy. She always teaches her children and others about God's grace and mercy. If anyone wants to know how she was able to make through the years, just refer to her favorite scripture:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

2011 YMT Revival And Anniversary

"By Faith We Understand"

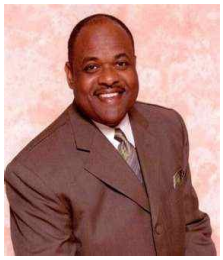
On November 9th, YMT launched our annual Revival leading up to our 95th Anniversary Celebration. The revival began on Wednesday with three anointed nights of Worship, Praise and Preaching of the Word of God!



On the first night we were honored to have ***Apostle Willie Sturgess Sr.*** and his wife Betty Goldwire Sturgess from Durham, North Carolina. We were graced with song and dance from ***The Full Gospel Praise Team*** and the ***Rhema in Motion Mime Team*** and the ***In His Presence Dance Ministry.***.

After the music and dance, it was time for the man of God to bring us the Word of God. Rev. focused on a Christian's Foundation and why it should be SOLID. He asked each of us, "What kind of Builder are you?" (Matthew 7:24-29)

The question was asked: Are you a wise builder or a microwave builder? A microwave builder will try to build their foundation on religion. But being religious and doing good deeds doesn't save you. Also, if your supporting structure is on a firm foundation, which is the Word of God, the name of the church doesn't matter. In other words, don't send your money to the Potter's House when your house is empty. Rev. Sturgess also reminded us that God doesn't judge anyone on their building but only on the foundation on which you lay it. You may not be able to do something as good as someone else can, but if you're doing it for the Glory of God that's all that matters.



On the second night we were graced with the presence of ***Rev. Dr. Joe L. Stevenson , D. Min.*** and the Macedonia New Life Church family from Raleigh, North Carolina. YMT wants to congratulate Rev. Stevenson and the Macedonia family which just celebrated their 133 Church Anniversary and we pray for many more Anniversaries to come.

Thank you YMT Praise Team for leading the Praise and Worship Service and the Macedonia Choir for the beautiful selections.

The preached word came from Psalm 77:9 and the topic was Silencing the Voices of Doubt". These days there is so much going on that raises doubt and things are just not lining up the way we think they should. Just look at what's going on when we watch the news or read a newspaper. Yes, things look hard right now, but ***never*** doubt God.

Rev. Stevenson taught that if you ignore the doubt, it can silence God's voice and paralyze you , so it's best to deal with it immediately before it starts to lie to you (you can't, you shouldn't, you won't).

Remember, the presence of doubt is necessary to authenticate your faith. The remedy is the Lord!



On, Friday night the high praise continued as the ***Rev. Charles E. Robertson*** of Hamlet Chapel C.M.E. Church in Pittsboro, North Carolina fellowshipped at YMT. We were led in a powerful prayer from Rev. Freddie McAllister, who prayed for the Lord to revive our needs so that we don't go out the same we came. Thank you Reverend for the beautiful prayer. After a couple of selections from the wonderful choir form our visiting choir, it was time for the word of God. Before Rev. Robertson preached the Word, he led us in the song: "I will Trust In the Lord". He encouraged everyone to sing and express their trust in God. The sermon followed, taken from Matthew 17:14-20. The sermon topic was "An Essential Faith". Reverend reminded us to always place our faith in God.

Too many times we plant our faith in man, material things, and even ourselves. We often feel as though God can't do anything if our hands aren't in it. However, God already has a plan for our lives, so don't mess with the His plan. Your hope should be built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. If Jesus is on your side, He won't let you perish. We all need Faith. Faith is essential to our Christian Walk.

95th Church Anniversary / Homecoming Celebration



Sis. Mozell Harris

On November 13th 2011, YMT celebrated its 95th Church Anniversary and Homecoming. The theme was "By Faith We Understand" (Hebrews 11:3). It was a majestic time as the Holy Spirit moved through the worship service and fellowship. Our pastor's sermon was entitled: "Write it Down", taken from Deuteronomy 11: 20-21. After the morning worship service, a delicious dinner was served by Edith's Catering Service in the fellowship hall. A special note of "Thank You" goes out to Mozell Harris who willingly dedicated her time and talents as this year's chairperson. On behalf of the entire church, I want to say:

" We love you and appreciate all you did. It was a huge success."

Pastor White

Winter Accounting Meeting Helton Plaza Gastonia NC

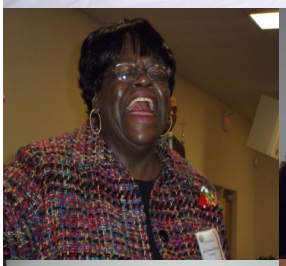
"***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!***
"Psalm 133:1 (KJV)

This year's Winter Accounting Meeting was held at the Charles Helton Royal Plaza on December 9-10, 2011 in Gastonia, NC. The meeting was hosted by Rev. Drexel Mitchell and the Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church. Our Bishop, Sr. Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., presided over the meeting which consisted of departmental meetings, plenary session, general information and spirit-filled worship services. Preachers for the occasion were: Rev. Marion Funderburke (Rogers Chapel C.M.E.), Rev. Dr. Kathy Jones (Parkwood Institutional C.M.E.), and Rev. Dr. Doris Hicks (Cleaves Memorial C.M.E. Church).

The meeting was both informational and inspirational as we fellowshipped one with another in love. If you have never attended a Winter Accounting Meeting, I highly recommend you do so. I guarantee the Lord Jesus will meet and bless you there!

Please enjoy the pictures!











YMT's Youth and Young Adults

Tarheel Challenge Academy (TCA)
" Most Outstanding Cadet "





Congratulations to Bro. Jamal Mahamed who graduated #1 in Class 37 of the TCA located in Salemburg, NC. Jamal graduated: " The Most Outstanding Cadet " in a graduating class of 120 students. Some of his accomplishments were: functioned as Executive Officer (EO), represented the Academy in presenting a donation to the American Red Cross, a member of the Basketball Team and he had zero counseling statements while at the academy. Most of all he studied hard and obtained his GED while at the Academy . His mentor is our own pastor (Rev. White) who continues to be a positive influence in Jamal's life.

We are all so very proud of Jamal and what the Lord is doing in his life. Our prayer is that he continues to let the Lord lead and use him in the lives of others. The bible says: ***"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)***

Khaliyah Goes to the Regional Competition



The Garner Civitan Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Cheerleaders took first place in a competition on Oct. 23. With much hard work and tremendous heart, the 17-member squad then headed to a regional competition Friday, Nov. 25 at the Convention Center in Raleigh. If they had placed first or second they would have gone to the national competition at Disney World. Although the squad did not make it to the competition in Florida, we are proud of Khaliyah and all of her accomplishments. We Love You!

YMT's New Heating and Air Condition System
WE DID IT!!!





In the summer of 2011, YMT's Board of Trustees advised the church that the last functioning air conditioning unit had ceased to operate and the church was currently without air conditioning or heat in the sanctuary. Pastor White presented a PowerPoint presentation at the church conference clearly outlining the problem. A vote was taken to proceed by faith to take the necessary steps to replace the entire HVAC system. In past years, many attempts to repair these units proved to be only quick fixes and not very cost effective. After receiving several quotes from various contractors, the church decided to enter into an agreement with Comfort Wizards Heating and Air Conditioning Company of Garner NC. YMT contracted for replacement of the entire system which covers the sanctuary, front bathrooms and vestibule.

The total cost for this project was over 26K for 4 units. Each unit consisted of an air conditioner, coil, furnace, new 18" returns, and thermostats as seen in the surrounding pictures. To secure the necessary funding to accomplish this task, each member was initially asked to donate 500 dollars to the "HVAC Collection Drive". There were 26 people who paid the $500 asking and 25 people who gave otherwise. Many gave more than what was asked. A special note of "Thanks" to the Trustee and Steward Boards who worked together to solve this major problem at YMT. Thank you Danielle. Great Job YMT! Servants of the Lord, "*Well Done!*" "Thank you" for all who contributed to the HVAC Heating and Air Conditioning Project.



Bro. Leonard Cross - Trustee Chairperson



Bro. John D. Brown - Onsite Project Manager

Highlighting YMT's Entrepreneurs

The Young Missionary Temple (YMT) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is pleased to highlight Sis. Edith Helen Peterson who has been a member of our church since 1982. She was born in Charleston South Carolina and educated in the Charleston Public School System. She is a graduate of St. Augustine's College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. She has a daughter, Christal Dawn Peterson.

She is the CEO of CDP Digital Media. This company specializes in duplication and replication of all types of media. Her company also specializes in custom packaging of products, video editing, and CD/DVD designs. CDP Digital Media services numerous clients throughout the continental US. Some of her clients include: Credit Guard of America, Colonial Williamsburg Tourist Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Wake County Public School System, North Carolina State University, East Stroudsburg University, Golden Choral, NC Baptist State Convention, Duke Hospital, New Life Ministries Cary NC, and several local gospel artist to name a few.

If you have mass media projects and are looking for a cost effective way to duplicate/replicate media in a timely manner, CDP is the way to go. Special request and rush orders are always honored.

She also does Income Tax Returns and runs Edith's Catering Services, a very successful catering business which specializes in weddings, family gatherings, office parties, church banquets and other local events. Young Missionary Temple has employed her catering services on many occasions. As the youth might say:

Her food is G - double O - D.

May God Continue to Bless our Sister in Christ and the works of her hands!

She is a blessing to our church and community!



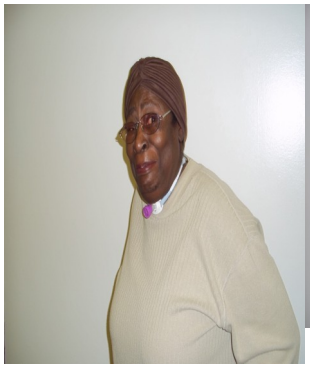
Meet some of YMT's Newest Members
We Love and Appreciate Each of You!



Jacinth McAllister
and Jalon



Niya, Tiffani
Durwin and Kaliyah Boone



Addie Bowman



Rebecca
Braxton-Shelton



Brandon Tann



Trunita Jones



Shaunita Bunch
and Jacobi



Jocelyn McAllister



Daisy Leathers



Tina Johnson
Brianna, Tiana, and Chasity



Cheryl Kombo
Kelton, Relwyn and Delroy



THERE IS A



IN YOU!















Spirit of Praise Dancers