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THE YMT MESSENGER

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From The Pastor's Desk



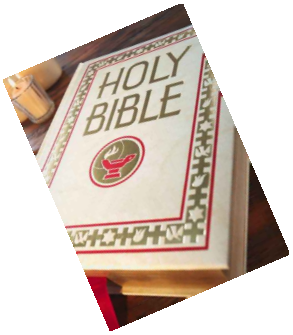
*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. (*Romans 10: 1)

In this chapter the Jews refused to come to Christ for free salvation by faith, and we do the same in various ways. The law showed men their need of salvation by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Christ has fulfilled the whole law, therefore whoever believes in him, is counted just before God. No sinners can stand on their own for "All of our righteousness is as filthy rags". We must come to know the justice of God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There's no need for anyone to be baffled/ confounded/ or perplexed on how this salvation may be found. It is not Christ in heaven, nor Christ in the deep, but rather Christ in the promise and word of God. Justification by faith in Christ is a plain doctrine in the minds and hearts of every one, which leaves no excuse for unbelief. All one has to do is confess faith in Jesus and really believe in our hearts that God has raised His son from the dead. Accepting Gods atonement for our sins is the basis for our salvation and work for the kingdom. *"Therefore, we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the Power of God unto Salvation".*

Beloved brothers and sisters we had an awesome 2010-2011 conference year. We began with the YMT Bash and moved through workshops on Communications within Relationships, The Wisdom of the Enneagram, Flesh of My Flesh/Bone of My Bone, The Boyfriend/Girlfriend Thang, Living Single, A Raisin in the Sun, and Growing in Christ. We were taught bible study lessons on 4 Types of Faith, In the Time of Trouble, Religion or Christ, Speaking with Tongues, Mary/Ark of the Covenant, Laying on of Hands, Binding and Loosing, Lent, Cleansing of the Temple, Cursing of the Fig Tree, Building a Strong Character, and How to Try a Spirit. Throughout the year we have brought to life our new motto "Loving God… Loving People, as we worshipped and fellowshipped together.

What a great year!! THANK YOU JESUS!

However, everyone must stay focused on the Apostle Paul's opening statement in the Romans 10:1. This verse is my ultimate purpose here in Raleigh and your reason for attending church. Like Paul, my sincere desire is for all to be saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost unto abundant and eternal life. This desire is the unchangeable mission and purpose of the church. It's the bottom line and we must stay attentive and not allow ourselves to be side-tracked in this matter. Keep your hearts and minds focused on not only your personal salvation, but also the salvation of others. For the Bible says: *"What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul."* Continue to work for the building of Gods Kingdom. Remember, our commitment shows our level of love for Jesus who gave His life for us. We are seeking 200 souls for Christ this year. We can do it, the Lord be our help. In order to accomplish this, we must ask the question wherever we go, and to whoever God places in our path. The question is: **"Are you saved?" Do you know the Lord Jesus in the pardon of your Sins? Do you have a church home?** The songwriter wrote:



We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves , Jesus saves

Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves, Jesus saves

The Season of Lent





The Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church engaged in a church-wide fast during the Lenten Season. During this 40 day period the church fasted: red meats, sweets, carbonated drinks, and no television until after 6:00 P.M. It was a season of sacrifice, prayer and studying the Word of God. All who endeavored to fast with the church experience a heighten sense of spiritual awareness and growth. Bible study consisted of lessons on Lent, Cleansing of the Temple, Cursing the Fig Tree, purpose of foot-washing (Humility) and a Passover Seder conducted by Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan who taught on the elements and significance of the Last Supper. Our souls were blessed by the 7 Last Words by our ministerial staff on Good Friday Night and Tenebrae. The Lenten season ended with two powerful messages from our pastor at the Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise and Morning Worship Services. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

Annual Conference









The Young Missionary C.M.E. Church was represented well at the 2011 Annual Conference. At the conference there is a lot of good fellowship, teaching and preaching each day. The Conference began on Sunday night with Sr. Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt's Empowerment Banquet Celebration. During the day on Monday, meetings were held . Monday evening is Communion Service, Tuesday is Lay Department Day, Wednesday is Missionary Day, but the highlight was Thursday's Ordination Service. This year we anxiously awaited the ordination of two of YMT's own. Minister Deon Davis was ordained Local Deacon, (he is now REVEREND Deon Davis) and Rev. Latanya Saunders was ordained Traveling Elder. "Oh Praise HIS name!" Rev. Mosley, a son of our church, was admitted into Full Connection. It was great to see our own elevated by the Lord to the next level. On Friday everyone in attendance sits patiently awaiting the calling of the Pastoral Appointments from our presiding prelate. As you may already know by now, they sent our under-shepherd and Man of God back to us for his second year. "Praise God for Pastor R.L. White!" If you have never attended the Annual Conference, please consider going next year. It will be worth your while to see this great Zion in action. As we continue to march up the Kings highway together, let us keep our church, pastor, ministerial staff and each other in continuous prayer.

Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, keep writing and publishing. The world needs your wisdom and instruction.

By faith, and the Lord be our help,

"We Are Going to have another Great Year!"

Enjoy the pictures!









Minister's Bio



Y.M.T.'s next ministerial highlight is of none other than our own of Reverend Doctor Cheryl Kirk-Duggan. Rev. Kirk-Duggan was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana on July 24th to Naomi Ruth Mosely and Rudolph Valentino Kirk I and has one brother (Rudolph Valentino Kirk II) and one sister (Dedurie Vanessa Kirk). She now resides in Raleigh with her beloved husband, Mike Kirk-Duggan.

Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan is a Professor of Theology and Women's studies at Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC and in 2009 received Shaw University's Academic Research Award. She is a gifted author who has written and co-authored 22 books and edited 6 journals.

In 2004 she transferred from Phillips Temple CME Church in Berkeley California where she joined the Young Missionary family under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Edward Eugene Thomas. Since her membership, she has been an active member of the clergy and always assisting her Pastor, assists in the music ministry, and always bringing a unique perspective to the Church with her mighty teaching and training seminars. Her most recent training session was this past Lenten Season where she led the Passover Seder.

Known for her 6 P's as: professor, preacher, priest, prophet, poet, and performer, Dr. Kirk-Duggan is an avid athlete (who completed her first full marathon, 2010 (5 hr. 26 min. 07 seconds) and musician, loves to tinker with her roses, embraces laughter as her best medicine, and the quest for a healthy, holistic, spiritual life as foundation.

Kairos Prison Ministry

On April 7, 2011, Sis. Nellie Evans Nixon volunteered for the 19th time with Kairos Ministries. Kairos Ministries is a international organization sharing God's love to men, women and the youth that are incarcerated.



On Thursday it was an introduction session with the women and we shared snacks with them.

While there, Sis. Nixon and the teams had many discussions with the groups which not only benefited the inmates but themselves as well. For example, they had one talk about "Getting Ready". The discussions not only emphasized, salvation, grace and mercy, but humility as well.

Along with Sis. Nixon's Team there were several teams working with this ministry. The Outside Team cooked the food and prepared bags, the Kitchen Team got the food ready once brought in, the Chapel Team spent most of the day praying and the Music Team selected songs—they did lots of action songs, the ladies loved those the most.

Sis. Nixon visited Death Row once to share lunch with the 4 ladies there. They were very pleased because they don't have many visitors. She says she have met some of the nicest ladies inside and they have become great friends. They call me Sister, Mama, Grandmother and they all write each other often.

The warden stated that the ladies that have attended Kairos have less write-ups than the others. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

This is a great organization and we need more women of Color to join. People relate to their own. Pray for us as we get ready for the November Kairos.

Saints Beyond The River



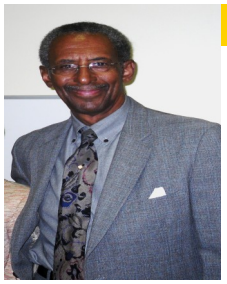
Elizabeth Joyner

Elizabeth Joyner Beckwith, daughter of the late Paul and Goldie Lanier of Harnett County, NC was born on November 29, 1929, departed this earthly life and entered the Master's Joy on May 4, 2011. She was married to the late James T. Beckwith for 42 years. She was employed as a certified nursing assistant for many years. She had a passion for taking care of others and was a faithful worker at all times. Elizabeth leaves to share her memories: Leon Joyner (son), Shirley Smith (William) (daughter), 8 grandchildren, two brothers, one sister, one daughter-in-law, a host of great grandchildren, and a host of other family members and friends.



Lee Anna McKay

Lee Anna McKay (Lee) was born April 1, 1924 to Sandy McKay and Mary Dora Elliott-McKay in Wake County, NC and departed the earthly life March 24, 2011. She was a faithful member of Young Missionary Temple Church for over 55 years and served on the usher board and was a member of the Senior Choir until her health would no longer permit her to participate. She was a member of the local chapter of Zeta Amicae, an affiliate of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. One of her greatest joys in life was to care for and teach children. To accomplish this dream she was a foster parent of Wake County for over 20 years and then became a foster grandparent for Torch Light Academy until November 2010. Her goal until the end was to regain her health and return to working with her children. She was preceded in death by her parents Sandy and Mary Dora Elliott-McKay, one daughter Tarsha Hinton, three brothers, Robert McKay, Obbie Elliott and Walter McKay and three sisters, Dorothy Dunn, Eva Mae Ragland, Mary Jackson and Sister-in Law Lucy Elliott and Brothers-in-Law James Ragland and Lawrence Jackson, along with nieces Mary Dora Elliott Akaronnu, Edith Elliott and Ora Mae Elliott Avery, and nephews Calvin Thorpe Elliot and David Elliott. She leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, (Willie Lee Richard McKay, Dr. Sylvester Elliott McKay), one daughter, (Debra Louise Arrington); daughter-in- law, (Sherrie Larkins), five grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.



William (Butch) E. Saulter

William Edward Saulter was born on July 28, 1940 in Raleigh, NC to the late George Carson Keith and Margaret Saulter Keith and departed this earthly home on June 7, 2011 to be with the Lord. He was educated in Raleigh Public Schools. William married his high school sweetheart, Cleo Allen Saulter on May 5, 1960. From this union came three children, Penny Thompson (Darryl), Vanessa Saulter and Vincent Saulter. William and Cleo celebrated their 51st anniversary on May 5, 2011! Throughout his working career, he was employed with Raleigh City Coach Co, Trailways Bus Co, Public Service Gas Co, and retired from Wake County Public Schools. William joined Young Missionary at an early age and was a member of every Adult Choir in the church. He also served as Trustee, Usher, Sunday School Teacher and Custodian. He also enjoyed talking, bowling, and watching golf on TV, but he enjoyed telling stories more than anything. William is survived by his wife Cleo Saulter, his 3 children, 3 brothers (George Keith, Donald Keith and Crocker C Keith (deceased)), 4 sisters (Virginia K. Scott, Alice Hester, Doris K. Kearse, Linda K. Tuck and Brenda Keith) , 2 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Fishermen of the Month

January 2011: Rev. Nettie Williams
February 2011: Addie Bowman
March 2011: Larry Davis
April 2011: Dennis Dawson
May 2011: Dennis Dawson & Bernice Banks
June 2011: Raymond & Rev. Yvonne Mills
July 2011: JD & Kathy Brown

Then Jesus said to them,

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

Women's Day



Sis. Ida Dawson



Sis. Niece King & Sis. Cassandra Williams

It was a sea of lavender and purple on April 10th as YMT celebrated ***Women's Day.*** The theme of the day was "Purifying Ourselves for Christ" Esther 2:8-9,12,15-17. The Chairperson, Sis. Cassandra Williams reminded us that God wants us to purify ourselves for the coming of the Ultimate King and that God's protective hand is evident throughout the Book of Esther and that God uses ordinary men and **women** to overcome impossible circumstances to accomplish His purposes.

The Word of the day was brought to us by none other than our very own, Sis. Ida Dawson and the topic was "Life is a Journey". God used three women in the bible to illustrate basic fundamentals of life that many people take for granted or forget. With ***Eve*** Sis. Dawson uses her life to remind us to take responsibility for our own decisions in life. With ***Ruth*** we know that wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. One might think that only older people have wisdom, but anyone who follows God's Word has wisdom, regardless of the age. And remember to be careful who you take advice from as ***Esther*** did. Thank you Sis. Dawson for allowing the Lord to use you and speak through you.

The Spirit of Praise Dancers and The Women's Choir graced us with beautiful song and dance for the day. Thanks to all the women for another great program. With God's help, we got through this year's journey!



Vacation Bible School

On June 14th-16th school was back in session at Young Missionary. Vacation Bible School that is. The theme of Vacation Bible School this year was :"Faithbook: Connect*Confirm*Witness" The social network Facebook has become increasingly popular in our contemporary society. The foundation of this enterprise is the ability of members to be connected. As members become connected to the network or server, then they are able to reach out and have "friends" and connect with them. Borrowing from the name Facebook, the concept of "Faithbook" allows us to realize that the concept of our spiritual connection is based on our connection to God. Based on the theme's three principles, each student will discover the connection he or she has with God, and was able to confirm that relationship and bear fruit.

After giving our pledges to the Christian Flag, the Bible and the American Flag. The classes split up and each one was filled with discussion for all ages about communicating and connecting with God, Christians, Non-Christians, the family, etc. There were also arts and crafts projects directed by Sis. Nellie Evans-Nixon and lots of coloring for the little ones.



After classes dismissed each night we could always count on the kitchen staff headed by Sis. Danyell Johnson to have the meal ready for all hungry the students.



The last day was ***Final Exam Day***. Each class gave a summary of what they learned during their three night course and the presentations were fantastic. I think each student received an A+.

The Vacation Bible School Deans, Sis. Deborah Ragland and Sis. Charlotte Mackenzie-Hunter, thanks everyone once again for their participation and encourages everyone to come again next year.

P. E. W. SUNDAY







Rev. Latanya Sanders
Pres. Of Board of Evangelism





On Sunday, May, 22, 2011, Young Missionary celebrated People Empowered to Win Sunday (P.E.W. Sunday) through our Board of Evangelism. Members were asked to fill a "PEW" by inviting the unchurched, unsaved, friends, family and co-workers to fellowship with us. Fourth Sunday is Drama Ministry Sunday and they blessed us with a dynamic drama, then came the Word from Pastor White, entitled "Suddenly." What a "WORD!!!" After service everyone enjoyed a cookout and more fellowship. Great job Board of Evangelism!











Pastor's Anniversary

"A Man On Fire For The Lord, Keeping Watch Over The Flock"

What a blessing to honor the man of god. Thank you, Pastor's Anniversary Committee and Young Missionary Temple, WE DID IT! The preparation and the anticipation leading up the anniversary were all a blessing. The bake sales, cake walks and pre-anniversary celebrations such as the Seasoned Tea on May 14th. The Tea featured Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter food themes. We experienced tasteful food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The tables were judged for the best table decorations, presentation and food. Women's Fellowship won first place with a Summer picnic theme. On June 25th we were blessed with a wonderful Fashion Show with different schemes. We enjoyed seeing members of our church transform into models in their Casual, Dressy and Formal attire.

On Sunday, June 26th we celebrated Pastor's Anniversary with an awesome morning worship service followed by an inspirational message from our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Lewis Sr., General Secretary, Department of Publication for the CME Church. After morning service everything culminated with a banquet held at the Brownstone Hotel in Raleigh, NC. Pastor White received lots of entertainment such as a solo, praise dance, slide presentation, creative art, and mime by our very own H2O. Moments of expressions were given by YMT members followed by presentations from ministries and auxiliaries.

To Pastor White, we give thanks to God for sending you to YMT and allowing you to preach and teach the Word of God. We say thank you for doing the will of God. To God be the glory for the work he has done! Congratulations on your First Pastoral Anniversary here at YMT Church. May God richly bless you. We are proud to call you our *"Pastor"*. "We love you!"



Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Lewis



Pastor White



Rev. Angela Black & Sis. Deborah Ragland, Chairpersons

He tends his flock like a shepherd; he gathers the lambs on his arm and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young (Isaiah 40:11 (NIV))

Convocation Banquet

This years convocation banquet was held in High Point NC were Sr. Bishop Thomas Hoyt honored the Chairpersons of the Steward and Trustee Boards from each local church. Our Honorees were Min. Deon Davis and Bro. Lee Cross.. Also, everyone in attendance was blessed by a powerful, anointed presentation from the YMT Mime Team.
Go YMT, represent our God and Church!



2011 Graduates



The Y.MT. Family would like to congratulate all of our 2011 Graduates. Whether it be graduation from pre-school, grade school, high school or college, we all pray the best for your future and we know you will succeed if you put your future in God's hands and trust Him for guidance and providence.





Skye Daniels

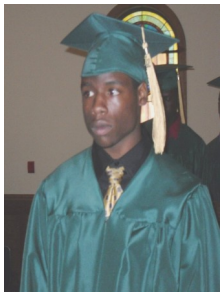
Skye graduated from Preschool and will be attending Smith Elementary

Azuriah Partin-Massenburg

Azuriah graduated from Powell Pre-K and will be attending Powell Elementary

Jeffery Prichard Jr.

Jeffery graduated from Lockhart Elementary School and will be attending East Wake Middle School



Felisha Wilson

Felisha graduated from East Garner Magnet Middle School and will be attending Garnet Magnet High School

Gabrielle Caldwell

Gabrielle graduated from Centennial Campus Middle School and will be attending Enloe High School

Chanel Cross

Chanel graduated from Durant Road Middle School and will be attending Millbrook High School

Demar Kelly-King

Demar graduated from Dillard Drive Middle School and will be attending Southern Wake Academy

High School Graduates:

Bryan Johnson

Bryan is the son of Kelvin and Reverend Glenda Johnson. He graduated from Vance-Granville Community College and will continue on in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program there. Bryan's future goal is to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Darius Davis

Darius is the son of Larry and Tonya Davis and the grandson of Johnnie and Ann Cooper. He graduated from Garner High School and will be attending Chowan University. His future goal is to obtain a degree in Graphic Communications and to play in the NFL. Darius' favorite scripture is Phillipians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

Devinair Summers

Devinair is the son of Linda Summers. He graduated from Enloe High School and will be attending Ohio Northern University where his goal is to be a member of the track team. Devinair's encouragement to others is to do your best at everything.

Terrell Snipes

Terrell is the son of Doreatha McTell. He graduated from Enloe High School and will be attending North Carolina Central University. His future goal is to become a sports broadcaster. Terrell encourages others to finish strong and don't catch the disease called Senioritis.

Joseph Ragland

Joseph is the son of Joseph and Deborah Ragland. He graduated from Enloe High School and will be attending Wake Technical Community College and later possibly join the US Air Force. Joseph's future goal is to go into radio editing and his favorite scripture is Psalm 23.

Jared Caldwell

Jared is the son of Reginald and Connie Caldwell. He graduated from Enloe High School and will be attending East Carolina University. His future goal is to graduate college with a degree in Engineering, Broadcasting or Music. Jared's encouragement to others is "you have to see it to believe it and you have to believe it to achieve it."





