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THE YMT MESSENGER

Summer 2012

Youth Leadership Workshop



On January 28th, Young Missionary was honored to host the Durham District Youth Leadership Workshop. The workshop was open to not just the youth but to parents, clergy, and to everyone who work with or associate with the youth of our church and in the community. The workshop's topic was *The Importance Of Essential Youth Ministry In The Church: Guiding Our Youth Into Spiritual Formation For The Mission Of God."*

The facilitators for this event were Rev. Lavisha S. Williams, M.Div of St. Joseph CME Church in Chapel Hill and Sis. Lateesha Foushee also from St. Joseph CME Church and Director of Youth Works for the Durham District. They stressed the importance of the church's relationship with the youth, and reminded the young adults and adults constantly that the youth will not get involved without their help and influences.

As the theme points out, the youth are important in the Body of Christ but many do not realize that they are essential in the Body . The Youth Ministry has the potential to impact the lives of the youth who are involved in a manner that can never be fully comprehended. This ministry is an investment not only for the future, but for today and every church should evaluate and re-evaluate this ministry constantly to see if they are getting the most from their investment. The goal of the youth ministry ought to be preparing students for a life of service and relationship with God beyond high school graduation. These years of adolescent development set the stage for life into adulthood.

Now, what can we offer the youth? Rev. Williams reminded us that the church's contribution is not the only contribution in our youth's life that will influence them and that they not only need to go to church, but they need a relationship with the church. She and Sis. Foushee shared the following suggestions to building a successful Youth Ministry:

***Let the youth be themselves**
***Break things down for them (sermons, bible study, etc). They may do adult stuff but they have youth minds**
***No favoritism**
***Do things outside the church**
***No staying at church all day**
***Do more than singing (Ask what they want to do, (example, surveys))**
***Don't make the youth afraid of their leaders**
***No hypocrisy. Ask them, "If I do my part, will you do your part?"**

The workshop continued with a team building exercise and an educational video called "War For Your Soul" by Reginald Bullock. This video inspires young Black youth and young adults not to fall prey to some of the problems they face in society.

Thank you Rev. Williams and Sis. Foushee for such an informative and eye-opening workshop. The youth, young adults and adults of Young Missionary appreciate the great work you do for not only your church, but for our society as a whole.

2012 Oratorical Contest

When Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week, his purpose was for the history of African Americans to become considered a more significant part of American history as a whole. During Black History Month, African American history is taught to thousands of students at the elementary through university levels respectively. African American history is an extremely important part of American history and it is almost impossible to find an American History textbook that does not include passages about black history, but through the years, many African Americans have forgotten or question Black History Month and it's significance in their lives. On February 24th, The Women's Fellowship sponsored their annual Oratorical Contest, designed to inspire and motivate our youth through the art of public speaking. The theme this year evolved around Black History Month and it's significance to the contestants.

The topic was **"What is the significance of Black History Month and is it important to you as an African American? How has Black History Month influenced your life as an African American?** The students had 5-10 minutes to expound on the topic.



Layla Mahamed
Level I Winner

This year we had more participants, (seven in all), which made the competition more exciting.

Level I Contestants: Keyanna Abrams, Delroy Kombo, Kelton Kombo, Layla Mahamed
Level II Contestants: Gabrielle Caldwell, Chanel Cross, Dominique Cross
Judges: Rev. Angela Black, Kathy Brown, Dennis Dawson, Jamar Wilson

After seven wonderful speeches, once again, the judges decided that each one of them were winners! Each contestant received a Certificate of Participation and a monetary prize. Thank you Youth for a job well done.



Chanel Cross
Level II Winner

Minister's Bio—*YMT's Minister of Music*



Keonte' McCollum was born to Reverend Dr. Charles E. McCollum and Dr. Annie S. McCollum in Petersburg, Virginia. He is twenty-one years of age and received his calling to minister through music at a very young age. He began playing music in the Carver Middle School Band using the trumpet. It was later discovered that any instrument he wanted to play, he could play naturally. As of now, he can play the trumpet, drums, keyboard, organ, and guitar. He knows without a doubt, it was God that gave him such an awesome talent. He participated in the Thomas Dale High School Marching Band during his high school career.

After receiving the call to minister through music, he began taking part in the music department of his home church, Piney Grove Baptist Church; where he played drums. He later became the Minister of Music at Greater Saints Missionary Baptist Church, in Enfield, NC. There he worked with and helped grow the music department greatly. His true love was the youth choir there. He loves the sight of young people uplifting their praises and voices to God. He has worked in church related positions for over ten years. In June 26, 2012, he accepted the position at Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church where he will oversee the music department as the Minister of Music. And in July he became a new member of the YMT church family.

His ministry in life is to help people and the body of Christ be and do all that God would like for them to be. His main priority is to have a music ministry that is spiritually grounded, focused, and life-changing. Music is a tool to lead people to Christ, strengthen their faith, help people experience the meaning of true worship and to glorify God.

"My goal is not performance to my glory but to bring glory to God and to be used by God."

Keonte's favorite scripture is Psalm 150.

"Women of God Living in Grace"

Women's Day 2012

On April 22nd, YMT was a sea of white as the Women celebrated their annual Women's Day. The theme this year was "Women Of God, Living in Grace" (II Peter 1:2-3). Our co-chairpersons were Sis. Kathy Brown and Sis. Juanita White. They reminded all the women and young ladies that God has richly blessed us and as women we demonstrate different strengths and characters. There are some Ruth's out there, and there are some Esther's and some Sarah's. While others are Pricilla's, Rahab's, or Mary's. But no matter what woman of God you are, you should always reflect the beauty of her Father's love.



Min. Stephanie Timmons

Our guest speaker for the morning was Min. Stephanie Timmons from our sister church, New Horizon CME Church. She spoke about *"The Holy Dress Code"*. She spoke of ***Desiring Knowledge*** (don't desire to be a self-made woman, but desire the grace and knowledge of God. Learn how to *apply* the Word of God to your life), ***Desiring Godly Character*** (come out from behind those mountains. Take off that former way of life), and ***Desiring Cleanliness*** (sins can be hidden from the world, but not from God. Apply stain remover often-repentance.)

Thank you Min. Timmons for the fashion tips. We will be sure to use them daily. But her last tip was the best: ***WHEN YOU LIVE A LIFE PLEASING AND ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THATS WHEN YOU GOT IT GOING ON!***

YMT Congratulates Local Deacon

On August 2, 2012, at the Carolina Region Annual Conference which was held at the Four Season Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina, Rev. Angela H. Black, one of our very own local deacons was ordained as Elder.



Elder Angela H. Black

Rev. Black was born in Tarboro, North Carolina to the late Robert L. Sr. and Dorothy L. Hussey. She is married to Brother Mitchell Black and they have one daughter, Tanis Twan Black of Raleigh, North Carolina. She has been a member of YMT since 1997 and has served as President of the Stewardess Board; Women Fellowship, Usher Board and the Cleaning and Hospitality Committees.

In July, 2005, she preached her initial sermon and in 2007, while serving at Young Missionary Temple CME Church, she was ordained as Local Deacon in the CME church.

Rev. Black is presently director of Daughters of Zion (DOZ), a ministry consisting of teenage girls ages 12-18 who are prepared to be Holy and Righteous Women of God. She is also a liturgical dancer and in the Drama ministries at Young Missionary Temple CME Church. She has been a blessing to YMT and to the community.

Rev. Black, your Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. White, Sr., the Ministerial Staff and YMT Family congratulate you and will proudly address you now as ELDER ANGELA BLACK!!

May God continue to bless you as you humbly go forth doing the work of the Lord.

Saints Of Style

On July 7, 2012, Rev. Yvonne Mills, directed a Fundraiser Fashion Show. The theme was, "Daily Wear for a Busy Life, God's People Stepping Out In Style". The YMT Praise Team opened the service with a stirring rendition of "My God Is Awesome", and Rev. Mills read her creative poetry entitled, "Do You Remember". Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan did the prayer and Sister Elouise White read the Scripture, Psalms 34:1-3. The Welcome was made by Sister Delwyn King and Rev. Angela Black introduced the Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Delores Hinton.



Sis. Mozelle Harris, Sis. Hinton, Rev. Mills

There was a Fashion Show Committee which consisted of four women: Rev. Mills the Chairperson, Sister Delores Hinton, who worked with the models, Sister Mozelle Harris, who did the decorations and worked on the door with the tickets and Sister Edith Peterson, who catered the food.

Other churches in the community were invited to participate and the Fashion Show was well attended. The show consisted of seventeen models.

There were models which represented four churches. Penny Thompson - Full Gospel Deliverance Center in Durham, NC, Pastor Apostle Willie Sturgess. Penny is the wife of Elder Darrell Thompson and the daughter of Sister Cleo Saulter, she has one daughter. Carmyen Mills - Snow Hill, NC - daughter of Sherrod Mills and granddaughter of Bro.Raymond and Rev.Yvonne Mills. And Sherrod & Arlene Mills - Community Baptist Church in Durham, NC.



We were glad to have First Lady Bonita Brown, wife of Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor of Wesleyan First Church of Deliverance in the service to represent their church as well. She stated that she was so glad that they were invited. Continue to pray for Rev. Charles and First Lady Brown.

We thank our Volunteers that helped, Chernelle Jones, granddaughter of Sister Delores Hinton, Raynita Mills, daughter of Brother Raymond and Rev.Yvonne Mills and mother to Alexandria Mills-Ray, Christal Peterson, daughter of Sister Edith Peterson, Sister Annette Haley, Sister Roxanne Waller, Brother J.D. Brown for his assistance with the tickets at the door, and we can't forget Brother Leonard Cross for being so helpful in all areas.

After the Fashion Show remarks were made from our Chairperson and our Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. White, Sr. Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan than gave the benediction and blessed the food.

Oh what a glorious time was had by all. May God Bless everyone who donated toward this worthy cause.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

I wonder if you can remember when
The word, "frock" was alive and well.
Oh, I can still hear my momma say,
"Gal when you come home from church today,
Before you think about going out to play,
You better pull that frock off, "Do you hear what I say"?

Oh, I knew what she meant and I heard what she said.
She didn't stutter and "Thank God", I didn't mutter.
Momma didn't put up with that "Talking Back Thing", and
You didn't do it if you didn't want your face rearranged.
She demanded respect, no matter what the cost.
Oh, there was no doubt who was the boss.

Well, that's enough walking down memory lane.
But maybe someday soon, we can do it again.
We've come here today to see a fashion show,
God's People Stepping Out in Style, don't you know.
So just sit back and prepare to enjoy it as long as it last.
'Cause before you know, it will be a thing of the past.

By, Rev. Yvonne Mills, July 7, 2012

Pastoral Musical Celebration

On Friday, July 20, 2012, a musical program was held at YMT by Rev. Deon Davis. The theme for this service was, "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". The YMT Praise Team extended a Praise and Worship service and the Voices of Praise Choir sang the opening song followed by prayer by Bro. Willie Hinton. Sister Debra Ragland read the scripture and the Welcome was given by Sister Mozelle Harris. After Sister Neice King read the purpose, a selection was sung by the choir followed with a beautiful duet, "Who Is He But God", by Niya Boone and Demarius Cooper.



The invited guests included the Mt. Pleasant Male Chorus, Lincolnville AME Male Chorus, Brother Mitch Hines from St. Joseph CME Church, Durham, NC. Each chorus was asked to sing two to three selections. Also, a Liturgical Dance was presented by the Anointed Steps from the Philippians Community Church of NC and the Mime Ministry of YMT Face2Face, gave a mime presentation by the song, "Nobody Did It, But God".



This service was held leading up to the Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Ronald L. White, Sr. Rev. Davis, we thank you for a spirit-filled service well planned; very uplifting and well attended.

Oh, What A Day!

On July 22, 2012, Rev. LaTanya Sanders, and the Young Missionary Temple CME Church Board of Evangelism embarked on a Prayer Walk through the community. Many members composed of youngsters, youth, young adults and seasoned saints, came out to share in this outreach celebration for Pastor's Appreciation Week.

They prayed, waved flags and glorified the lord in song for two miles. It was a demonstration of the love and compassion for our neighbors. The foundational scripture for the Prayer Walk is found in Matthew 5:41, which tells us that Jesus told his disciples, "And whosoever compels you to go one mile, go with them two miles." If you will walk the second mile by faith, you will have no problem helping a stranger or people. Jesus also commands us to, "love our neighbors as we love ourselves."

The walk will always be remembered as a spirit-filled walk that impacted lives as they ministered in prayer for others. The culminating event and life shaking moment happened when they returned to church to join the prayer warriors that were left in church praying them through. The Shekinah glory could be felt in the temple when they all broke out in Praise and Worship. It was such and awesome day! It was suppose to be a rainy day, but the Sonshine keep the rain at bay. Oh What a Day!







Pastor's Anniversary

On July 22, 2012, the 29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration was held at Young Missionary Temple CME Church. The theme was "Honoring the Life and Ministry of God's Chosen Shepherd". The guest Preacher was Rev. Dr. Bruce Grady, Dean at Shaw University Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Grady is a native of Wilmington, North Carolina. He is happily married to his best friend, Michele Moore and they have two children – Isaiah and Alexa. After high school Dr. Grady received degrees from NCSU - 1991(B.S), Duke University Divinity School – 1994 (M.Div), Princeton Theological Seminary (Th.M), and Columbia University Teachers College (Ed.D). In September 1977, Dr. Grady was ordained and installed at the historic Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Harlem, New York. In February 2001, Dr. Grady became the Assistant Pastor of Fordham Manor Reformed Church in the Bronx.



Pastor Ronald L. White

It was a very special day for all of us at Young Missionary Temple CME Church. We were honoring the good shepherd that God has sent to us. Who is that good shepherd? He is the Rev. Ronald L. White, Sr. who has been in the ministry for twenty nine years, but with YMT for three years and the church has grown both physically and mentally since he has been with us. We should CELEBRATE with PRAISE for what God has done!!

To begin the Worship and Praise part of the service, the Combined Praise Team Ministries sang songs of Praise before Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan extended the Call to Worship. Afterward the beautiful Processional of the Combined Liturgical Dance ministries was made, the Hymn of Praise, "Just a `Little Talk With Jesus", was sung. As the congregation stood, the Affirming Words of Faith for the occasion was read. The Morning Prayer was fervently prayed by Ms. Jacinth and Jocelin McAllister followed with the Welcome by Ms. Gabrielle Caldwell. After the Mass Choir sang the Song of Celebration, a slide show Celebrating Pastor White, entitled "A Brighter Day", was shown by Sister Shannon Smith. The Occasion was read by Miya Boone and the Drama Ministry, presented a Dramatized Response of the "Psalm 23" with Rev. Yvonne Mills and Brother Tavares James as characters. There was a Scriptural Dance presented by the Liturgical Dance Ministry on "1st Chronicles 29:12-12"and "Leviticus" did a Special Selection.

The Introduction of the Guest Speaker was given by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and afterward the Mass Choir sang the Song of Preparation, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bruce Grady, Dean at Shaw University Divinity School. His Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians 5:16-21 and the topic was, "Mission of a Mutt Dog".


Rev. Dr. Bruce Grady

He told of the experience he encountered while he and Mrs. Grady led a youth camp in Poconos, New York and how God reminded him of his mission and his purpose for being there. He learned from that experience that the gospel has the power to change us. In verse 16 we see that the gospel is suppose to change the way we see Jesus. The Apostle Paul argued for seeing Jesus in another way even though we once knew Christ from the human point, no longer know Him in that way. Rev. Grady said that some of us have gone to church perhaps for a year, maybe three years but the text wants us to understand that the gospel is supposed to change us; we are not suppose to be the same people we were three years ago.

Paul knew Jesus as the Son; descendant of King David but after his encounter, he saw Jesus as, 'The Anointed One", as The Prince of Peace; as The Great I AM". He saw Jesus in a different way. The gospel not only changes the way that we see Jesus, but it changes the way that we see others. In verse 16, it says that we can no longer regard anyone from a human point of view. The gospel changes the way that we see others, but it changes the way that we see ourselves. In verse 17 of this same text, it tells us that if anyone is in Christ Jesus, there is a new creation. All things have passed away and behold all things have become new. Rev. Grady talked about 1 - The daily routine of some people. How they would do the same thing, the same time every day. But the text tells us that if anyone is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation.

2 – How everyone is not going to like you no matter how hard you try, but if God loves you and be for you, who can be against you. So when they talk about, criticize you and call you everything but a child of God, say, "Hallelujah Anyhow".

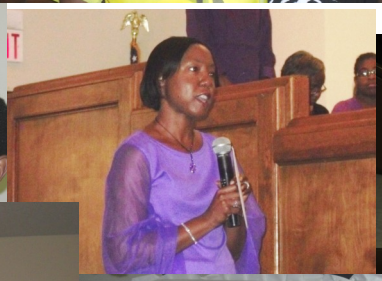
Some very encouraging words were given to Rev. White from Dr. Grady and presentations were given by the different ministries in the church. Remarks were made by the chairperson, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan who acknowledged the YMT church family and friends for all their support and efforts to make the Second Pastor's Appreciation a sterling event. Special thanks to those who sponsored events before the special day and to Rev. Dr. Bruce Grady for bringing such a powerful Preached Word. We also thank Dr. Kirk-Duggan for the beautiful Altar Flowers given in honor of Pastor White and in memory of his friend the Honorable Mike Kirk-Duggan. After the extinguishing of the candles by the Stewardess and blessing of the food, the Benediction and Reception followed. Everyone gathered in the fellowship hall to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Sister Edith Peterson and Sister Delwyn King.

Thank you, Dear Lord for your Chosen Shepherd that you have sent to us. Help us to always be respectful and obedient. A Church, "LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE".

A Brighter Day
Pastor's Anniversary 2012





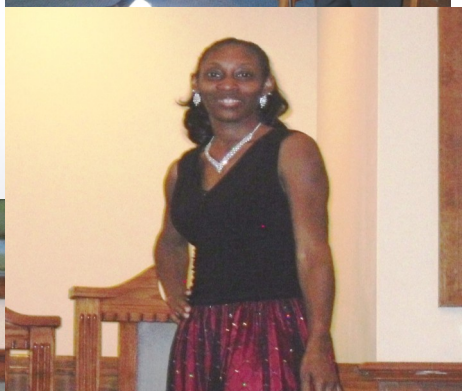
















YMT New Members



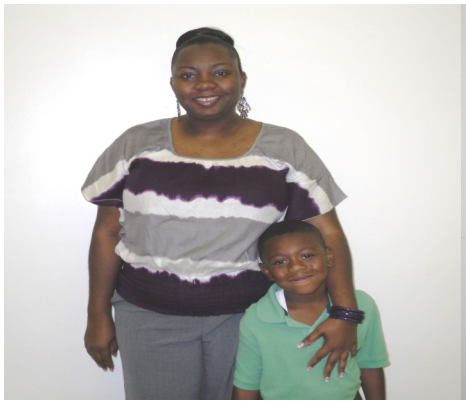
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