

### Upcoming Events:

January 8 – DCYM January Monthly Meeting at 3:00 p.m. – Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church  
1500 S. Roxboro Street  
Durham, NC 27707

February 12 – DCYM February Monthly Meeting at 3:00 p.m. – Union Baptist Church  
904 N. Roxboro Street  
Durham, NC 27701

March 24 – Great Human Race

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### A Look at What's New



**New Theme:** “Preaching, Teaching, Reaching, to make a difference for Christ: A Call to Spiritual Integrity in Unity and Cohesiveness”

*Matthew 28:19-20; I Corinthians 1:10; and Psalm 133:1*



### New Youth Officers

The Durham County Youth Missionary Department would like to welcome the following new officers:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President - **Alex Alford** (Union Baptist Church)
- Treasurer - **Nadia Chase** (Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church)
- Assistant Secretary - **Jazmyn Horton** (Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church)
- Assistant Treasurer - **Paris Davis** (Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church)



Alex Alford, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

### Union Baptist Church Missionary Weekend

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Union Baptist Church held its first Missionary Weekend. The event was focused on missionary opportunities for service outside the walls of the church building. The event involved all organizations within the church. The weekend was coordinated by Minister Cecil Fields. The event was an outgrowth of his efforts towards serving and evangelizing the community by the Soul Patrol of Union Baptist Church. The outreach effort attained its goal of having those participating working as “One body on One day” in our community.

The outlets for service were as diversified as the organizations giving Christian Service.

The sites for ministry were Carolina House, Habitat for Humanity of Durham, Carver Living Center, Pettigrew Nursing Home, Urban Ministries of Durham, Ronald McDonald House, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, and more. The focal scripture was Matthew 28:1-20. Volunteers were transported to the various ministry locations by personal cars or church vans. Ministry took various forms around the city depending on the location and nature of the facility or organization being served. The spirit of giving permeated the gathering as people prepared to venture out and take the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ out to those in need.

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## Words of Wisdom from Mrs. Vivian Samuels



Alisha Williams and Mrs. Vivian Samuels

### Greetings Durham County Union Youth,

First I want to thank our God and Savior for bringing us out this afternoon. As we go through the days every day we do want to take time to say thanks to God Almighty for seeing us through each day. We don't have to wait until the end of the day to say "Thank You God" to him.

You know I have never observed a period that you, the youth, have been given a time to testify. Let me back up. Do you know what the word testify means? May you are sitting beside someone who has had a hard time or going through something that you needed to talk to someone about.

Your story may help someone else who is going through the same thing, or may have already come through, which will influence or give someone

else hope and courage to not give up.

You may have had the faith to pray your way out, which will teach someone else to pray to have **faith**. This is what God tells us to do. To help somebody show from day to day.

So you may not be ready today, but you don't know when someone is getting ready to use a knife or gun all because he or she does not know how to give or show a little **faith** in God and to say a kind word to someone who is angry and does not understand or know what an act of **love** can do. This example or great act of **faith** will keep someone from joining a gang.

So may be your president can put this on her agenda. I hope this waiting will not be too late to save a life this week. Again thank you for coming and call on us.

Submitted by: **Mrs. Vivian Samuels**  
White Rock Baptist Church



Briana Lawrence

### Briana's Two Symbols:



### Love!

- L** - Love can bring someone's spirit up this Christmas.
- O** - Overall, do we really know the meaning of Christmas?
- V** - Victorious praise goes to the son of the highest.
- E** - Everlasting love is what Jesus has given to us, even in our time of sin!

Every year someone or something in the world has one day that they can call their own. For most of us that day is our birthday. The one day where we can feel special. Well during the special month of December there is a babe that was born. A babe that would one day turn water into wine, die on the cross for our sins, and rise again on the third day. One day that babe would have two fish and five loaves of bread, and would feed over 5000 people, including his disciples. One day he would make the blind be able to see, and the sick to be healed. That babe's name is **Jesus!** He was born of the virgin Mary. He is the son of the most high God.

As we think about love this Christmas, God had love in his heart when he sent his only son to this sinful world. If we ask for forgiveness, he will wipe away all of our sins. The bible verse that helps me believe this, and know that it is true is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Also in John 15:13 it says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." That is a powerful thing because there is not really anyone in the world who would die for you to live again. So this Christmas sons and daughters of God, let's make a difference.

I want to ask you a question. How would you feel if on your birthday someone was thinking

about themselves and not celebrating your special day? What if they were thinking about presents or food? I don't know about you but I would feel terrible. Now I'm not saying it's not good to think about food, because food is good and it has its purpose. And I am not telling you to stop thinking about presents and gifts. But I am saying, don't put so much thought into these, because, these are not the true meaning of Christmas. And yes, this year Christmas is on a Sunday. We should all go to the church of our choice on that day, because we should be celebrating the son of the most high. Our redeemer, CHRIST our SAVIOR!

Two symbols come to my mind when I think of love: a heart and a cross.

The heart represents the long suffering love that God has in his heart for our souls. The love that Jesus, the son of God, had for us because he could have come down from the cross, and left the world to die in our sins, but he didn't. He stayed on the cross. He was stabbed in his side, got nails in his hands and feet.

The cross represents salvation on this Christmas. The salvation you have with Christ Jesus in your life is everlasting. It is eternal. If you put these two symbols together it equals love. Let's have **love** this Christmas. Not only love for our family, but for those out there who are in need too. Just remember: "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Submitted by: **Briana Lawrence**  
Youth Mission President, Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church

# The Mary T. Horton Christmas Brunch

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We're pressing forward with  
missions-in-action! Feel free  
to submit an article or come  
on out and join us.

Congratulations to Mrs. Merion Bethea, who received special recognition at the December 2011 Mary T. Horton Christmas Brunch for her Godly service as Supervisor of the Durham County Youth Missionary Department.



**Mrs. Merion Bethea**



Youth officers **Myles Harris**, **Alyssa Williams**, and **Nadia Chase** pictured with **Mrs. Merion Bethea**, DCYM Youth Supervisor, and **Mrs. Patricia Edwards**, DCYM Associate Youth Supervisor

## Missionary Weekend continued from Page 1

The day was a beautiful testimony to God's people's willingness to give of themselves.

The day began with a meal in the Fellowship Hall of Union Baptist. This was followed by a workshop on Mission, with guest speaker Dr. Brenda Harewood. She gave everyone the benefit of her years of experience on the missionary field all over the world. She has a heart and spirit dedicated to mission. She reminded the listeners that the programs and collections that are generally thought of as mission are not an end in themselves. She reminded us all of the actual giving of personal time and sacrificial giving that was exhibited by Jesus. We all were challenged to reexamine our own commitments to mission work and very personal nature of the connections we make in outreach ministry aimed at spreading the Gospel message through direct service. Our showing up, spending time, and helping in whatever capacity might have more impact for Christ than any sermon from a distant pulpit.

It is noteworthy that on the day of the Mission Weekend, hurricane Irene was hitting the city. Although there was the potential of heavy rain and high winds, over a hundred people braved the elements in efforts to give service for Christ to the community. Attendees from Mt. Gilead and other local churches took part in this Mission In Action event. Events scheduled for the day included the following: Carolina House - helping to set up the African American Variety Show, greeting attendees, etc.; Habitat For

Humanity - Helping with landscaping, weeding, etc.; Inter-Faith Food Shuttle - picking and packing produce, organizing and bagging food, and labeling; Ronald McDonald House - Cleaning public areas, making baked goods, providing or serving meals; Nursing Homes - visiting people on the sick and shut in list, leading devotion or worship services, and giving words of encouragement and prayers.

The Senior Missionary Department of Union Baptist under the Leadership of Mrs. Caroline Leathers and Georgetta Parker worked to coordinate the various groups that participated in the days events. It was the first time an undertaking of this magnitude had been attempted. It was a learning process for all involved as well as a blessing for not only those served, but also those who did service as well. I believe that God was truly glorified. There was excitement and expectancy in the air as all groups went out to give service. From the conversations upon return to the church, each group seemed to have experienced the work of the Holy Spirit as He blessed their efforts in whatever form of service that was rendered. The prayer is that this is only the beginning of this type of Mission In Action outreach. If we take this year's lessons learned and apply them, we will be even more effective at next year's Mission Weekend at Union Baptist. Let us continue to pray for God's blessings on this great work for the kingdom.

Submitted by: Mr. Ron Jackson, Union Baptist Church