

DCYM

March 2011
Newsletter

On Fire for Missions in 2011!

Upcoming Events:

March 20 – Great Human Race Fundraising Money Due

March 26 – The Great Human Race

April 7 – Supervisors/Youth Officers Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

April 9 – Statewide Leaders' Workshop (Fayetteville, NC)

April 10 – DCYM April Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. (Henderson Grove Baptist Church)

April 23 – One-Day District Conference (Henderson, NC)

May 22 – Durham County Union Scholarship Deadline

July 10 – DCYM Annual Youth Banquet (Tentative Date)

July 11 - 12 – Citywide Youth Revival at Mt. Level Baptist Church

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Pettigrew Healthcare Center Visit
January 10, 2011

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you aware of the various events and activities of the Durham County Youth Missionary Department. We want to hear from you, so please contact us with any important activities that you would like to share. The next newsletter deadline is May 31, 2011. Contact information is on Page 3.

March 2011 Theme: "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced through Education, Missions and Fellowship: A Call to Spiritual Integrity with Emphasis on Love."



Care Package Items Collected from DCYM Churches in January (Thank You to all Churches that Participated!)

Missionary Projects in Progress:

- Harris Family Adoption (the Harris family lost their home due to fire)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Ronald McDonald House Visit
- Valentine's Pillow Project

Your 2011 DCYM Officers:



Pictured from left to right: Kiyana Watts (1st Vice President); Alyssa Williams (President); Elliott Holliday (4th Vice President); Myles Harris (2nd Vice President); and Lynette Spearman (3rd Vice President). Not pictured: Kenya Harrell (Recording Secretary); Deserae Powell (Assistant Secretary); and Dyonte Steele (Treasurer).

Union Baptist Spotlight

February Meeting Hosted by Union Baptist Youth Missionary Department



Legendary Chuck Davis



UBC Instruments of Praise along with the Chuck Davis Dance Ensemble

UMOJA (unity)



More of UBC Instruments of Praise along with the Chuck Davis Dance Ensemble

The Youth Missionary Department of Union Baptist Church was the host to the Durham County Youth Missionary Department in February. The meeting was attended by approximately **two hundred people**. The meeting was called to order by the County President, Alyssa Williams. She welcomed the attendees and turned the meeting into the hands of the Youth from Union Baptist.

David Reavis, the 1st Vice President from Union Baptist again welcomed the group and started things rolling by starting the group in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The Scripture was I John 4:7-8. The Devotional Message taken from the Joyful Helper Missionary Guide was entitled "Continuing to Call" (pages 37-39). The message included a story of God asking the character in the

story "Do you love me?" The conviction that might arise from the story is targeted to get us to move beyond our comfort zones and spiritual slumber, to more effective and active participation in God's plan for our individual lives.

The high point of the day came during the Youth Activity. Worship and Praise was led by the Instruments of Praise dance team along with dancers and drummers from the Chuck Davis Dance Ensemble. The sounds of the African Drummers and the vividly colored costumes worn by the dancers created a visual and aural experience worthy of any African village. Audience participation in the percussion came in the form of hand clapping to the beat of the music. A little extra help with lighting effects came from the UBC Audio-Visual Ministry as well.

Submitted by: **Ronald Jackson**

A Message about Unity and Respecting Elders from Legendary Chuck Davis

At the recent DCYM February meeting, everyone was blessed by a brief explanation of the focus of the Chuck Davis Dance Ensemble's mission by none other than Chuck Davis himself. He reminded us all of our African traditions of respect for elders, tribal care of the village youth, and a deep abiding sense of UNITY, regardless of individual circumstances. Within the presentation, he included audience participation via call-and-response with chanting and physical gestures that embodied the message of UMOJA (unity). The wisdom gained by experience and his world travels was communicated in his voice, gestures, message, and powerful presence. This was truly a unique and moving experience

Submitted by: **Ronald Jackson**

UBC Youth Missionary Senior Dinner in December

On Sunday, December 19, 2010, the Youth Missionary Department of Union Baptist Church held its Annual Senior Dinner. The purpose of the dinner has a multipurpose focus that commemorates and honors the living examples of wisdom, perseverance, and spiritual strength shown by the senior citizens or "more seasoned" adults in the UBC congregation. This annual event also puts the youth in direct contact with the seniors manifested by serving them a meal in their honor. The display of mutual respect and interactive dialog helps to strengthen communication and spiritual bonds across the spectrum of years. This is something so desperately needed in our community

to combat the so-called "generation gap." Faith transcends age.

After the program began and memories were shared, prayer was said to bless the food, leading to the fellowship meal. The Seniors were served by the young people of the Youth Missionaries, Instruments of Praise, Youth Church, Girl and Boy Scouts, and other youth groups of the church. The Seniors really seemed to enjoy the dinner which consisted of chicken, spaghetti, dressing, vegetables, and various cakes. The food, laughter, fellowship, and smiles were plentiful. The intermingling of ages and organizational groupings made the event meaningful and a picture of what the season should always contain, the love of God being shared with others.

Submitted by: **Ronald Jackson**

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May 31 – June
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**We're on the move with
missions-in-action! Feel free
to submit an article or come
on out and join us.**

Other News...

One-Day Session, RTP

On January 9, 2011, members of the Durham County Youth Missionary Department attended the One-Day Session at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park, NC.



Habitat for Humanity Update

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, a small group of DCYM youth participated in the Youth United Building Kick-Off. According to the Youth United Steering Committee, the turnout was amazing with over 125 people in attendance for the ceremony. DCYM youth helped with the building effort. They also participated by cleaning rain barrels and making planter boxes and birdfeeders. The rain barrels will be given to future Habitat houses for rain collection and will also be sold at the Habitat ReStore.



Event summarized by: **Angela & Myles Harris**

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the churches that have hosted a DCYM monthly meeting. We also appreciate those churches that have volunteered their facilities for some of our Supervisors/Youth Officers meetings. We thank God for you, as your contributions to the Department have not gone unrecognized.

Many blessings,
DCYM Youth Officers