

Upcoming Events:

November 10 – Monthly meeting at Northeast Baptist Church (3pm)

November 10 – Backpack Buddies Food Drive Donations Due

December 6 – Central Children's Home Visit (5-7 pm)

December 8 – Monthly meeting and Christmas Social at Morehead Avenue Baptist Church (3pm)

December 21 – DCMU Christmas Brunch (10am)

January 12 – Monthly meeting at Lincoln Memorial (3pm)

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Lott Carey Convention 2013

On August 14-15, I had the honor of traveling with a few of the Durham County Youth Officers and senior missionary leaders, who represented Durham County at the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention in Washington, DC. When we first reached Washington, we went to an early Morning Prayer service at 5 a.m. People told testimonies about things that had happened in their lives and how God had brought them through. Just hearing so many people tell how good God has been gives you the courage and strength to go on. Just knowing he will do the same for you as he did for so many others. Afterward we had a break to eat breakfast and rest. When we returned we went into our youth emphasis session where Min. Tanikka Shepard gave the message. The message was from 2 Kings Chapter 20, verses 12-20. In the sermon, she asked 3 questions. The questions were: how much like Hezekiah am I? Do I care how my actions affect others? Whose footsteps will I follow? She spoke on how our "wants" have become our "needs." Her sermon really makes you examine yourself and say am I in anyway like Hezekiah. At twelve noon we left the building and caught the subway to



downtown Washington. We visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, World War II Memorial, and finally the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. While we were at the MLK Jr. Memorial, we prayed and remembered the march on Washington.

The walk through downtown Washington helped me to realize how far God has brought us over the years and how far he will take us in the future. Afterward

we caught the subway back to the hotel for the evening worship service. Bishop Sarah F. Davis gave the message and the message was taken from 2nd Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 17-20. The message was entitled "Protect your witnesses." Your witness is your testimony. She spoke on how every disciple is a critical witness for The Lord. We are threats to the enemy and he sends distractions to make your witness weak and you have to decide that your witness cannot be tainted by things of the world, or the things others say. There's an urgency to share Jesus with the world. Statistics say there are over 190,000,000 estimated non-Christians in the world. She also talked about how people are dying from lack of knowledge and how we need to stop being afraid to share the good news. In conclusion, this experience taught me to "let my little light shine" so that the whole world would notice and turn to God. The Lott Carey Convention is a place to have great fun and fellowship with youth and adults alike. I recommend anyone that likes to walk and have fun in Christ to go to the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention.

Submitted by: Kelsey Gyant

More Lott Carey Reflections

Submitted by: Monique Lawson

“Praise Him from the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same!”



What is DCYM?

The Durham County Youth Missionary Department, also referred to as DCYM, is part of the Durham County Missionary Union. The Durham County Missionary Union is a member of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, which is an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The goal of DCYM is to promote missions, Christian education, and a spirit of missionary endeavors among youth within Durham County.

These lyrics are what I could use to most accurately describe my first time at the Lott Carey Convention. From the time that Mrs. Merion told us about her experience at the Lott Carey Convention in 2012 that was hosted in New Orleans, I quickly became interested and only hoped for a chance to be able to attend, and when it was announced that in 2013 it would be hosted in DC and was presented to me to get a chance to go, I was very excited. I graciously accepted the invitation. I honestly can say that I didn't know much about Lott Carey or his endeavors as a missionary, but I went eager to learn more about him and all the others following in his path to spread the gospel of Jesus to all corners of the world.

The group of us that traveled to DC arrived just in time for the 5:30am prayer and worship service on August 14th. I was just so overwhelmed from all of the amazing testimonies that were told. Testimonies ranged from people losing their husband and child in the same year to a mother going to visit her sick daughter and ending up dying at the hospital to adults in their mid-thirties having strokes in their sleep to a pastor with stage 4 prostate cancer still surviving and living a healthy life. They all made my “problems” seem that much more miniscule and gave me so much to be thankful for. One after another people came up to tell the goodness of God and how he brought them through their various situations and is still bringing them through. It shows us that God is still performing miracles the same as he had done thousands of years ago. It truly made my heart filled with joy as I took in all of the great words spoken by all of those people who lean and depend on Jesus without a doubt.

After the Youth Emphasis Session, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, spoke and the title of his message was “Aim for the Ditch.” He was speaking on the kindness that we as Christians should always exemplify and it goes back to the African philosophy of Ubuntu. Ubuntu comes from the African philosophy of human kindness. Dr. Goatley was telling us that we should be aiming to reach the people who are deemed less by society because we are bound up together in the bundle of life and when you see someone in the ditch, you're also looking at Jesus. His closing remarks were, “When you've done it for the least, you've done it for Jesus, when you're doing it for the least you're doing it for Jesus.”

In efforts to observe the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington later on in the day we participated in the Pilgrimage of remembrance honoring the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for jobs and freedom to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial at the national mall. Along the way passing the World War 2 Memorial, The Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the Korean War Memorial, which had such lifelike exhibits that really made you see how much they had to carry along with them during combat. The Korean War Memorial was especially memorable to me because one of the men in our tour group fought in the war and was also where he also lost his hearing. It was so touching to see all of the names of those who died and were injured during the war. Along the memorial there were words displayed on a marble wall that said “Freedom Is Not Free” and it really made me think and appreciate those who have fought and are fighting in efforts to keep our country safe and peaceful. I have a whole new respect for those men and women. While we were continuing on our way to the MLK, Jr. Memorial, we began to sing: “Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around.” Words like those are what give me motivation to continue to persevere even in my personal battles and they still encourage everyone!

In closing, visiting Lott Carey was something that I will always remember and I strongly encourage everyone to attend at least once in their life because it will be a pivotal moment that will encourage you to want to learn more about Christ and to just be a better person in general. I'd like to thank DCYM and our awesome youth supervisor and my First Lady Merion Bethea for opening me up to something new and I'd also like to thank the DCMU President, Mrs. Diane Lamb, for coming along with us and providing transportation. Their kindness is greatly appreciated. The young ladies and I are very appreciative for the experience and journey of Lott Carey. We're looking forward to the future.

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Mission Weekend at Union Baptist

The first day of Mission and Evangelism Weekend at Union Baptist Missionary Church was held today (September 28, 2013). As usual, the day's events began at the church site and then spread to various areas of the surrounding Durham community. The emphasis, as always, was on giving service to others. The theme for the weekend is "God Expects the Best From You", based on I Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". The spirit of mission led all activities.



Everyone who registered was guided to the Fellowship Hall where they enjoyed a hot breakfast complete with sausage, bacon, eggs, pastry, juice, coffee, and Christian fellowship. In attendance were youth as well as adults. After breakfast, Saturday morning's program began with the customary welcome (Alice Mitchell), Theme Scripture (Martha Tilley), and prayer (Arnetta Perry). The Occasion was given by Senior Missionary President Carolyn Leathers. Youth

kicked things into high gear with Asa Clark representing the Hearts of Praise Mime Ministry in a riveting performance of "I Trust You" to the music of James Fortune and Fiya. However, things didn't settle down after that. Instead, a young quartet known as J.A.R.C. (Just A Reflection of Christ) took things in another musical direction with two traditional Gospel selections. It was great to see young African American males seeing this



missionary event as worthy of giving their best in service by displaying their talents.

A workshop facilitated by Rev. Linda Vanhook of Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church gave in-depth foundational background and training on missionary service. She emphasized the necessity of leaving the church site to do the work God expects us to do in our families, communities, and far-reaching areas. She highlighted the multifaceted approach to the Great Commission of the body of Christ (making disciples, preaching, witnessing, and sending). It was noted that "We can't keep God locked up in our church walls or theological seminaries". Her overall emphasis was on an active Gospel, not as spoken, but as shown through deliberate interaction and service.

Saturday continued with box lunches in the Fellowship Hall. The culminating activity every Saturday of the Annual Missions Weekend is community SERVICE. The facilities receiving visitations included Ronald McDonald House, Carver Living Center, Briggs Ave. Community Garden via 4-H Youth Development Center, street evangelism with the Soul Patrol, The Salvation Army Thrift Store, and others. Youth and adults left the church building to render service in food preparation, stocking shelves, sharing a comforting visit, planting trees, and sharing the Gospel door-to-door.

The Sunday 11:15 a.m. service was dedicated to Mission. The Missions and Evangelism Weekend concluded with an honors ceremony for UBC youth involved in the 11 youth ministries at Union Baptist. Among the honorees were Christine Alford (Youth Missionary Vice President) and Jasmine Wilcox (Youth Missionary Secretary). Both young ladies are active in The Youth Church and several youth groups at Union. Youth honorees were given a plaque and a gift card. To God be the glory! Now, we must all continue the mission work on an everyday basis, depending on and glorifying Christ.

Summer 2013 Photo Highlights

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to submit an article or come
on out and join us.

Youth Banquet

Submitted by: Myles Harris



City-Wide Youth Revival

