

ECHOES OF DISTRICT 7 GROUP TWO

One Day District Conference

Youth Department

Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to the GBSC

April 23, 2016

Upcoming Events

June 18

Central Children's Home Parade
Oxford Orphanage
Oxford, NC

June 19-24

Youth Bible Camp
Red Springs Mission Camp
Red Springs, NC

June 27 - 29

State Oratorical Contest
Peace MBC
Durham, NC

July 24-27

132nd Annual Session
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC

August 15-19

Lott Carey Convention
Philadelphia, PA

August 20

Central Children's Home Day
Oxford, NC

November 6

Youth Evangelism Conference
Ocean View Association Ctr.
Sunset Beach, NC

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From the Supervisor's Pen

Greetings to all of God's children,

I trust you had a fantastic school year. To God be the glory. We give God the highest praise.

Sister Green and I would like to thank you for your commitment and dedication throughout this year. Soon and very soon, you'll be departing, beginning your new vocations and career paths. Remember to pray, keep God first, and read His words. Prayer unlocks the door and keeps us focused. Remember, God loves you, and so do I!

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume you know it all."

Blessings,
Sis. Segrid Davenport
District Youth Supervisor



Congratulations 2016 Graduates!



Ashley Collins (HS), Briana Lawrence (HS, *HG Youth Mission 3rd VP*), Dacaria Adams (HS, *HG Youth Mission 1st VP*), Kelsey Gyant (HS, *HG Youth Mission 4th VP*), Nadia Chase (HS, *Past DCYM Treasurer*), Tiara Martin (HS, *HG Youth Mission Assistant Secretary*), Troy Freeman (HS); Senila Allen (College - NCCU)



Alton (AJ) Brown (HS), Andrew Davis (HS), Myles Harris (HS, *Past DCYM 2nd Vice President*); Arthur Davis (College - Hampton University), Jasmyn Hicks (College - NC A&T)



Marquise Getward (HS)



Jerrel Davenport (HS), Avia Dolberry (HS), Gregory Guthrie (HS), Madisyn Elam (HS), Makensie Elam (HS), Twyla Harper (HS), Alexis Hollis (HS), Taylor Walker (HS)



Deja Myers (HS)

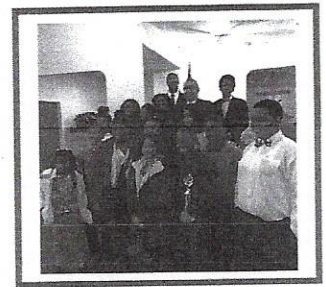
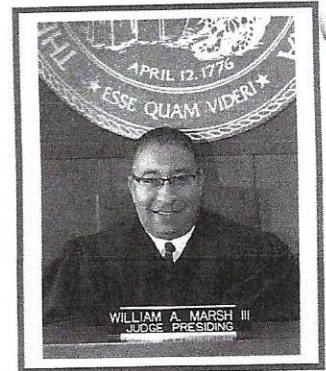
Other: Miles Burroughs (HS), Crystal McDonald (HS), Jekyrah Taylor (HS)

Durham County Report

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I bring greetings from Durham County Youth Missionary Department. I, Lasheka Wilks, serve as the Youth Supervisor for Durham County. We are so excited about missionary work in the city of Durham and started the year in prayer for our city, churches and youth. In January we invited District Court Judge William A. Marsh, III, to come out to encourage the youth. Judge Marsh is not only a native of Durham, NC, but he is also a Hillside High alumnus and a 1979 graduate of Hampton Institute (now Hampton University). Judge Marsh received his juris doctorate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law in 1982 and was appointed to the District Court by the Honorable Michael F. Easley in January 2007. Judge Marsh reminded us that we are equipped to pass the test and with God and our faith, we can do all things.

As a youth group, we have also focused on the power of Prayer, including how to pray and the importance of regular prayer life. **Before we begin to ask anything of God, we make clear our gratitude for what He has already done.** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.' (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

Submitted by LaSheka Wilks - Durham County Youth Missionary Department Supervisor

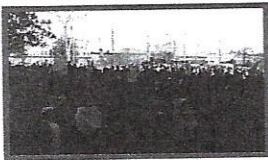


Henderson Grove Youth Attend MLK Celebrations



Henderson Grove Youth Missionaries (Durham County) celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King this year by attending the 2016 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Triangle Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, hosted at the Sheraton Imperial Center in Durham, NC and sponsored in part by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Triangle Interfaith Prayer Breakfast featured the Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, founder and pastor of Abundant Hope Christian Church in Durham, as keynote speaker. Rev. Middleton is a prominent community activist recognized nationally for his leadership in Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods). He presented a soul stirring message.

For more than two decades this event has honored the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream. More than 1,000 people gathered for breakfast and to hear words of compassion, hope, and action inspired by Dr. King.



Following the breakfast, we joined the MLK steering Committee at 10:30am for a Unity March & Rally, beginning at the NC Mutual Life Insurance Company - 411 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701 & concluding at First Presbyterian Church - 305 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701. We brought new and gently used children's books for donation to the Book Harvest's Dream Big Book Drive.



We concluded the day at 6:30pm by attending the MLK Steering Committee's Annual Religious Service at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 Apex Highway, Durham, NC 27713. The - Keynote Speaker was Reverend Dr. Cathy S. Gilliard, Senior Minister of Park Avenue United Methodist Church - New York, NY.



The committee presented scholarships to High School Seniors at this program. Henderson Grove Senior, Kelsey Gyant, received one of these Scholarships. Kelsey serves as the 4th Vice President of the Youth Mission Circle at Henderson Grove and is a senior at Hillside High School. She has been accepted for fall admissions at Winston Salem State University. Kelsey is the daughter of Michael Gyant.

Submitted by Sis. Merion Bethea

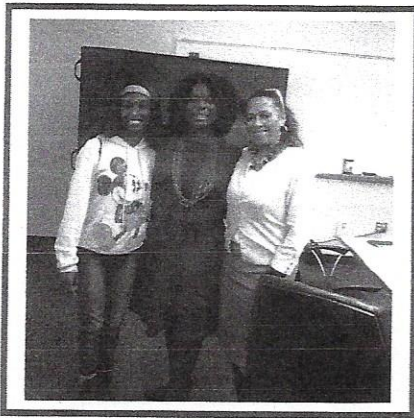
Mt. Level MBC Youth Supply Water to Flint, MI

I bring you greetings from the City of Durham, NC where I am blessed to hold the office of Youth Supervisor for Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church, and Associate Youth Supervisor of the Durham County Union. When our youth heard that Lattisgrove Missionary Baptist Church had an 18-wheel truck secured to take bottled water to our brothers and sisters in Flint, Michigan, they all knew they had to do their part for a great mission. It was truly a blessing when God gave Lattisgrove and its church family this mission, which includes donations of water from East Cedar Grove and Durham County joining together. For we are our Brother's and Sister's Keepers.

Submitted by Sis. Patricia Edwards



Past Youth Missionary Leader Gives STEM Lecture at NCCU



Dr. Jasmine Davenport Crenshaw, a past GBSC, DCMU, and New Hope Association Youth President, provided an insightful lecture on STEM at NCCU. Dr. Crenshaw is an engineer, speaker, and author with over ten years of experience in research and development. She holds a BS in physics from NC A&T State University and a MS and a doctorate from the University of Florida. Dr. Crenshaw is also the founder of Mind Over Matter Institute, where she builds competence, confidence, and collaboration for individuals in STEM. She can be reached at www.jasminedcrenshaw.wix.com/main.



Union Baptist Church Youth Advisor Recognized for Service and Leadership



During the monthly Durham County Youth Missionary meeting on February 14, 2016, held at Union Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church Youth Missionary President, Gianni Howard Lacy, and the UBC Youth Officers presented UBC Youth Advisor, Mrs. Lena Reavis, with a plaque, flowers, and gift basket in recognition of her many years of service and

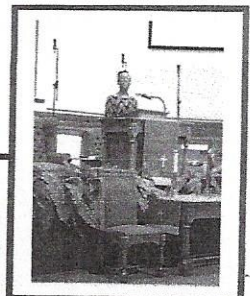
leadership with the youth of Union Baptist Church.

Submitted by Sis. Lena Reavis

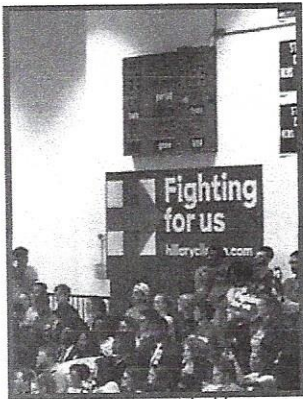
Durham County Youth Place in State Oratorical Contest

Briana Lawrence, who is currently a high school senior and attends Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, placed 2nd in the 2015 State Oratorical Contest.

Madisyn Elam, also a high school senior, and a member of Northeast Baptist Church, placed 1st and will travel to Florida to Nationals.

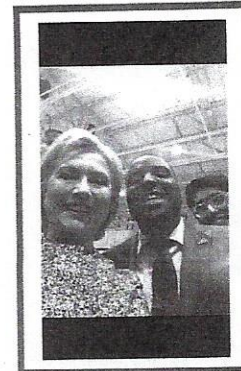


Former Secretary of State and Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton Visits Hillside High School



Picture provided by
Kelsey Gyant

On March 10th, Hillside High Seniors, Kelsey Giant and Ahmad Richardson, and hundreds of others gathered at a "Get Out To Vote" event on the campus of Hillside High School located at 3727 Fayetteville Road in Durham, NC. Kelsey, Richardson, and others who came were addressed by democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Mrs. Clinton spoke for about 20 minutes, addressing issues such as expanding voting rights, healthcare, teacher salaries, and more investments in our Research Triangle area. Her visit left a lasting impression on the many students at Hillside High who will be voting in the Presidential elections for the first time, and answered questions for others who may have been undecided about their presidential choice.



Clinton with Ahmad
Richardson



Submitted by Sis. Merion Bethea

Franklin County Report

The year of 2015 was quite busy for the Franklin County youth missionary department. There were several projects in which we were engaged. These projects consisted of the following:

- Collected and distributed school supplies to various schools
- Sponsored clothes closets (new and gently used clothes) for all age groups
- Prepared meals and took to the sick and shut in
- Made lunch for the homeless and passed them out on in the Raleigh area
- Made cards and took them to the elderly at several nursing homes and rest homes

Other activities that our youth missionary department enjoyed doing including participating in our Christmas Caroling and doing visitations. We also visited the sick and shut in and the elderly. These activities seemed to have brought much joy to all, those who received as well as those who gave. It is always good to be able to bring joy and happiness into the lives of others. This is just what we do in Franklin County, as we journey on and as we make the statement of "being on a mission" for the Lord.

Submitted by Minister Rosemary Cooper

Vance County Report

The Vance County Youth Department has been very active over the past year. We collected bibles and donated to Far and Away Missions. The bibles went to youth of Zimbabwe. Pastor Tom Kelly and Pastor Walter Jackson were very appreciative. Also our youth are collecting tabs to give to Life Line ministries where they take them to the Ronald McDonald House. We were collecting the clear bottle caps for battered women, but there wasn't a place accepting these caps. We also assisted with doing visitation to those that are wheel-chair bound. We visit the nursing home along with missionaries of Vance County once a quarter to have prayer with the residents.

Submitted by Veronica Judd, Vance County Youth Supervisor

Granville County Report

The Granville County Union Youth Missionary continues to be the beaconing light on the hill so everyone will see the Master's hand at work through us. The Ronald McDonald House in Durham, NC is a project that we continue to support yearly. Each year we collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to support families that live out of town (that otherwise would not have housing because of lack of funds) that are in need of housing while their child/children are receiving medical care at Duke Medical Center.

The following is a snapshot of what Granville County Youth are doing:

- In the month of February, essay writing contest "What does Black History mean to me?"
- Annual Program, musical with area youth choirs
- Adopt a family for Christmas
- Sleep over/lock-in
- Visit nursing homes
- Participate in the Rebuilding Hope Program (help build houses for Habitat for Humanity)
- Have fund-raising programs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Train trip to Charlotte, NC
- Community day in the park
- Youth Explosion
- Tour of the Federal Prison in Butner, NC

We solicit all prayers as we continue to embark upon new projects and ideas for our Granville County Union Youth Missionary.

Submitted by Madge Turner, Granville County Youth Supervisor

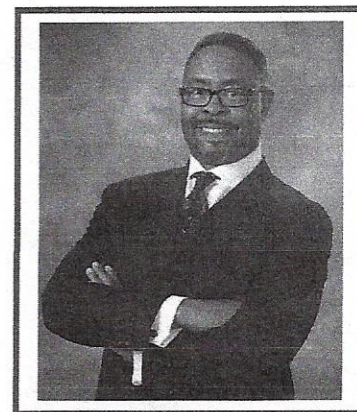
New Lott Carey President

The Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community elected Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Pastor of the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to serve as its next president. The election was held Wednesday, August 12, 2015 during its 118th Annual Session. He succeeds Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Pastor of Charlotte, North Carolina's St. Paul Baptist Church who has served since 2012.

Since 1994, Waller has led the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church to significant growth. They hold three weekend worship services with a congregation of more than 15,000 people. Beyond its ministry campuses in Philadelphia, the church invests heavily in missions throughout its city and around the world including multiple church campuses and residential rehabilitation ministries for women in Cape Town, South Africa and for men in Pretoria, South Africa.

Rev. Waller earned an undergraduate degree from Ohio University, a master's degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a doctorate from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary). A popular preacher, lecturer, and music artist, he and his wife, Dr. Ellyn Jo Waller, are parents of two adult children.

"I was raised in the Lott Carey family," said Waller who began attending Lott Carey events as a youth, "and I am honored to serve this August missional body. I look forward to urging deeper commitments and inviting new partners to help strengthen the Christian witness around the world."

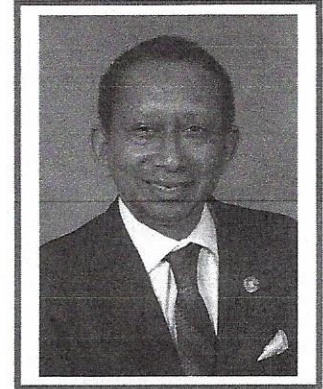


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Durham County Congratulates Central Children's Home



Members of the Durham County Missionary Union congratulated Central Children's Home during the 2015 Parade. North Carolina State Senator Floyd McKissick served as Grand Marshal.



Happy 103rd Birthday Mrs. Catherine Ferrell



Sister Catherine Ferrell, who we affectionately know as "Grandma," turned 103 in October 2015. Sister Ferrell served as Circle President of her church (Mt. Gilead MBC) and she still works with all children. She travels from schools to churches telling the Good News and the Blessings of our Savior. Grandma drives herself to Sunday School and church every Sunday, and often picks up others. She encourages all youth to take advantage of opportunities available to them. Her light truly shines before mankind and she's an inspiration to us all.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

The Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina solicits your prayers for the family of Minister Barbara T. Hewett of Supply, North Carolina, who transitioned to her heavenly home on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Mrs. Hewett served our Convention as a former Youth Supervisor, Institute Worker, Special Worker and former member of the India Leper Colony Committee. A celebration of her life was held Sunday, May 31, 2015, 2:00 PM at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Supply, NC.

