# 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 22, 2017

### **Upcoming Events**

### June 17

Central Children's Home Parade Oxford Orphanage Oxford, NC

### June 11-16

Youth Bible Camp Camp Dixie Fayetteville, NC

#### June 24 - 29

State Oratorical Contest New Life MBC Greensboro, NC

### July 23-26

133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session Benton Convention Center Winston Salem, NC

#### **August 13-18**

Lott Carey Convention Birmingham, AL

#### August 26

Central Children's Home Day Oxford, NC

#### November 4

Youth Evangelism Conference Greensboro, NC

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# From the Supervisor's Pen

Greetings to all of God's children,

School is almost over, closing days are near. You will leave your teachers, soon to say goodbye. Let us give God some praise! He brought you over the last four years. Praise and thank Him for taking care of all your needs.

Go forth knowing that God cares. You can trust God regardless of your situation.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)



# Congratulations 2017 Graduates!



Denesha Allen (HS), Victor Harp (HS), Jamesha Lindsey (HS, HG Youth Mission 2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Dakaria Jones (HS, Past HG Youth Mission Treasurer); Arielle Harris (College – North Carolina Central University)



Marissa Alkins (HS), Morgan Benford (HS), Dezmond Garrett (HS)



Nina C. Kerr (HS), Elliott Moore (HS), Destinee Wormack (HS)



Khalil Greene (HS), Curlin Parker (HS)

Other: Taniyah Eaton (HS - Franklin County)

# **Graduating Twins Make History**

Paul and Peter Caroline of Franklin County both received full-ride scholarships valued at over \$300,000 to two of the nation's most prestigious universities. Peter is scheduled to attend Stanford University in Palo Alto, California and Paul will attend the University of Pennsylvania. The Caroline brothers are seniors at Franklin County's Early College High School. In May, both Paul and Peter will graduate with a high school diploma and two Associate's Degrees each from Vance-Granville Community College. Congratulations Paul and Peter!



### **Talent Showcase**



**Detrick Jones** 

The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest and Conference was held in Durham at Peace Missionary Baptist Church on June 27, 2016. Detrick Jones, son of Ms. Regita Jones, won First Place in the State and New Hope Senior Division. Christopher Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Jones, won State and New Hope Prepatory. Detrick will travel to St. Louis, MO to compete in the Nationals.

Previous winners include Ms. Madison Elam, who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the New Hope and State Oratorical Contest in 2015 and traveled to Nationals to compete in Tampa, FL, capturing 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Madison is the daughter of Ms. Ayshea Elam.



**Madison Elam** 





# Franklin County Youth Busy in 2016

The Youth Department of the Franklin County Missionary Union held a hotdog and clothing giveaway on Saturday, October 22 at Riverbend Park from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Many people braved the wind and cool weather to come out and fellowship with the young people. Many household items, books, clothing, hotdogs, and drinks were given away.

Youth Director, Reverend Cora Campbell, with the assistance of youth department helpers, Reverend Rosemary Cooper and Reverend Dexter Wright organized the event.

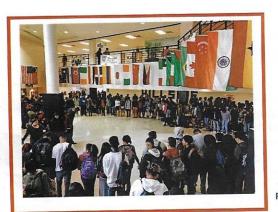
The youth department took part in Christmas in August program at the Central Children's Home in Oxford on Sunday, August 6. Residents were given gift cards to help purchase back to school supplies. Reverend Kenneth Williams, pastor of Hawkins Chapel in Franklin, delivered an inspirational message. He was accompanied by the Mass Choir who was attired in Christmas colors.

On Saturday, November 5, Franklin County youth attended the Youth Evangelism Conference at the Ocean View Association Center at Sunset Beach.

The culmination of 2016 was the Candlelight Service held at Mitchell Baptist Church on December 3 at 5:00pm. A choir consisting of former youth members provided music along with clergy of the Franklin Area Clergical Ecumenical Society (FACES).

Submitted by Rev. Cora Campbell

# Hillside High Students Demonstrate Faith at School



According to the Durham VOICE, students at Hillside High School in Durham begin each day with prayer before school starts. Student leaders join hands with approximately 120 other students and faculty members and share ten minutes of meditation, prayer, and expressions of thanks. Students, both believers and nonbelievers, are experiencing the power of prayer and the impact of coming together to relieve anxiety and start the day in a positive way.

Picture Source: Durham VOICE

# Granville County, Local Honorees, & Centenarians

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### **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
- · Washington, DC trip to tour the White House

Submitted by Madge Turner, Granville County Youth Supervisor

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

# Local Honorees



Congratulations are in order to the Vance County praise dancers, who were honored as the Have a Heart 1st Place Winner at the General Baptist State Convention.



Phil Freelon

Durham-based architect Phil Freelon is receiving national recognition for helping to spearhead the design of the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC, which opened to the public in September 2016.

### Centenarians

The Fifth Commandment says: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you" [Exodus 20:12 (Ephesians 6:1-3)].

In other words, we are to honor our parents, so that we may live a long life. Is this possible? The following 4 **centenarians** (100 plus years of age) would probably answer "**yes**."



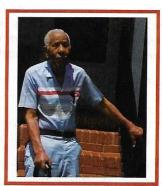
Catherine Ferrell 104 yrs. old



Gertrude Ratchford Hamilton ("Mother Ham") 100 yrs. old



Georgia P. Mitchell 103 yrs. old



Reuben O'Neal 100 yrs. old

### **Future Cradle Roll**

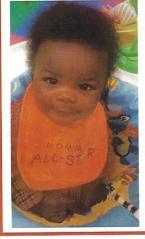
Congratulations to the former youth officers who have been blessed with a new addition to their family.



Ezrah and Jasiah Alexander

Parents: Christina and Brandon Alexander

Grandmother: Deacon Geneva Walker



Anthony Juan Crenshaw

Parents: Anthony and Jasmine (Davenport) Crenshaw Grandparents: Deacon Clarence and Segrid Davenport



Faith Diane Rozier

Parents: Dekhasta Diane Becton Rozier and Superior Court Judge Vinston Miller Rozier, Jr.



### Ordination Service for Minister Cora P. Campbell

On Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm, God revealed yet another plan that he ordained for his faithful servant, Minister Cora Phillips Campbell.

The setting for the Ordination Service for Minister Campbell was at Nelson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where Pastor Micah Mason delivered the inspirational message, **God's Got a Master Plan** and presented her with a certificate of Ordination, granting her the honor of becoming Rev. Cora Phillips Campbell. Pastor Mason also did the Ordination Prayer (Laying on of Hands). Music was provided by the Nelson Chapel Combined Choir.

Rev. Campbell, the daughter of Oveda Collins Phillips and the late James A. Phillips Sr. was born and reared in Franklin County where she attended Louisburg and Bunn High Schools. She is the mother of four children Tony (Tonya), Tyrone (Kimberly), Tekenna and Alissa and the grandmother of ten grandchildren. She has an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Medical Office Administration and is currently enrolled in the Apex School of Theology, Durham, NC and is seeking a Bachelor's degree in Theology.

A lifetime member of Nelson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Campbell is actively involved in many of the church's ministries. She has a passion for young people and she serves as the Franklin County Youth Missionary Supervisor and Youth Director of the Franklin County Missionary Baptist Association. Her motto is "Let's be about our Father's business, as we work now, then we'll play later."

Several years ago, Rev. Campbell delivered her initial sermon, *For Such a Time as This!*" Rev. Campbell says "there is no doubt in my mind that God converted me, called me, and conditioned me as He prepared me for this day. Why did I not come forth before now? Simply because it was not my time." On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Rev. Campbell delivered the message, *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet, The Best is Yet to Come.* With that message, God continues to move in her life. She often says, "I haven't been perfect but I 'sho' been faithful and I believe this is my season for Grace and Favor."

As Rev. Campbell humbly gave her remarks, everyone could truly see that it was her time, for she had been faithful, she had been true, and for her faithfulness, it was her time to be blessed!

### **Rev. Wright Graduation**

Rev. Dexter Wright will receive a Master's of Divinity Degree from Apex School of Theology on May 20, 2017. Rev. Wright is a member and associate minister at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Bunn, NC. He is married to Christine S. Wright and has one son, Douglas. Graduation starts at 10:00 a.m. on May 20, 2017.





## **Educator Mary Williams Succumbs**

1920 - 2016

Sister Mary Williams was born in Franklin County. She was the oldest of five children, to James Thomas and Rose Etta Foster Southerland. She was married to Brother Wayman A. Williams.

She loved children and had a passion for Christian Education. She commuted and car-pooled to NCCU Durham and St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, inspiring others to go back to school as well. She graduated in the spring of 1966, majoring in Elementary Education.

She served as Executive Board Member, Institute Worker, Historian, Workshop Presenter, President of Franklin Count, as well as The One Day District Conference. She received many leadership certificates and recognitions for Life-Time Dedicated Services.

Her husband preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories Bro. Wayman A. Williams, Jr. and a daughter, Malvina Chambers (Lance).

### With Heartfelt Sympathy

The Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina solicits your prayers for the family of Minister Phylisa F. Kelly. Minister Kelly was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Chadbourn, NC. She was a speaker on the state-wide level with the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Association and ran the youth Bible camp each summer. Reverend Kelly was a graduate of North Carolina Central University and a retired educator who was widely known for instilling Christian values in the youth that she served. She will be dearly missed.

