

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 26, 2014

Upcoming Events:

June 15 - 20

Youth Bible Camp
Shaw University
Raleigh, NC

July 28 - 31

WBH&FMC
130th Annual Session
Raleigh, NC

August 10 - 15

Lott Carey Convention
Louisville, KY

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From the Supervisor's Pen

Greetings! To God be the glory—great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave His son, who yielded His life—gate that all may go in. On behalf of our chairperson, Sis. Debra Brodie, and officers of the District Conference, we want to let you know that we are proud of you and the marvelous jobs you have done this year.

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him and He shall bring it pass. (Psalm 37:4-5 NKJV)

Blessings!

Sis. Segrid Davenport
District Youth Supervisor



P-A-W-S-O-M-E Inspiration from Miss Autumn Wright

As a youth activity, the Franklin County Youth Missionary Department dedicated their annual candlelight service on December 7, 2013 to the memory of Miss Autumn Wright (November 3, 1997-October 5, 2013). Autumn was a very faithful and active member of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. Her love and faithfulness inspired many near and far. Autumn was a student at Bunn Middle School where she was a member of the girls' basketball team. In 2011, Autumn was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, cancer of the bones. After her diagnosis, Bunn Middle School retired her jersey and presented her with the "Autumn Wright Award." This award is now presented each year to a student that exemplifies these traits. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE, ADMIRABLE, WINNER, STRONG, OPTIMISTIC, MOTIVATED, AND EXTRAORDINARY, P-A-W-S-O-M-E.** During her battle, she was determined to never give up or give in. Autumn trusted God enough to know that He was able to heal her.

As the evening progressed, a memorial service was presented and members of the Franklin County Youth Missionary Choir paid tribute to Autumn by placing 16 lit candles near a portrait of her. During the memorial service, one of Autumn's favorite song was sung and a liturgical dance was performed. A love offering was then presented to Autumn's mother from the Franklin County Missionary area churches.

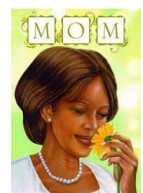
As a missionary circle, we vow to teach our young people to continue to be about our "Father's business", and to pray that God will grant us to see how short our lives are here on earth and how close to His eternity we all live. We pray that God will make us ready to take our leave when the time for us has come, whether it comes sooner or later. We continue to celebrate the life of Autumn who left us so soon. We thank God for the years that we had her among us. We believe that her life which was only begun here has reached its maturity in God's kingdom through Jesus Christ.

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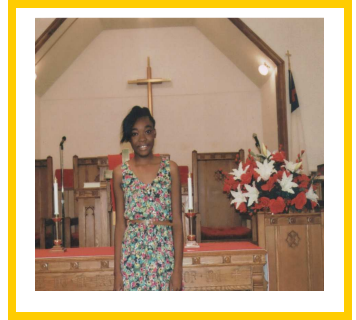
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May God bless you with strength, peace, and His eternal glory.



Nalaysia Alston – Shaw University Project

The 129th Annual Session of the Woman’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was held on July 28 – August 1, 2013 at the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C. On Tuesday afternoon, July 30th the afternoon session started with Miss Jamesha McMillian, 1st Vice President presiding. The music was rendered by the New Era Association Youth Choir. After the youth officers’ march, the judges of the “Shaw University Project” were introduced. Youth from several counties were in competition for the “Shaw University Project.” The youth were grouped according to age and all of the youth did a marvelous job in the display of their talents. The project results were then announced and Nalaysia Alston from Franklin County was the first place winner in her age group, performing a liturgical dance to Tasha Cobbs’s “Break Every Chain”.



Nalaysia is a member of Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg, N.C., where Rev. Emma P. Solomon is the pastor. Nalaysia is a member of the usher’s ministry, the youth choir, the youth missionary, and Nelson Chapel Anointed Praise Dancers. Nalaysia is the daughter of Crystal Alston and the granddaughter of Jackie Dunston. Nalaysia’s siblings are Kamari, Nya and Malik. Nalaysia’s future plans are to pursue a career in dancing and acting. We pray that Nalaysia will continue to allow the Holy Spirit to use her as she ministers to others in dance.

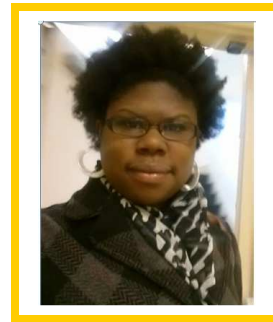
Humbly Submitted by: Minister Cora Campbell, Franklin County Youth Missionary Supervisor

Madisyn Elam – New Hope Association Oratorical Contest



Madisyn A. Elam, a 10th grader at C. E. Jordan High School is an Honor Roll Student. She is very active at North East Baptist Church and in the New Hope Association Youth Department. Madisyn represented the New Hope Association in the annual Association Oratorical Contest and **won**. She moved on to compete in the 2013 State Oratorical Contest, Junior Division. She was the **2nd place winner**. Madisyn has written three speeches prior to the one she wrote in 2013, “The Shepherd’s Song”. On December 21, 2013, Madisyn represented the Youth Department at the Durham County Missionary Union’s Mary T. Horton Christmas Brunch. Everyone was mesmerized with how well she delivered her speech. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, watching television and listening to music on her smart phone.

Chelsey Danielle Farmer – New Hope Association Women’s Auxiliary Service Award



Chelsey Danielle Farmer was the recipient of the 2013 New Hope Association Women's Auxiliary Service Award. Chelsey graciously accepted the Award to assist with her education at Hampton University in Hampton, VA. She started Hampton in August 2013, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Spanish. Chelsey had a great first semester, which resulted in her being on the Dean’s List. She will study abroad in Argentina this summer to enhance her fluency in Spanish. After her undergraduate degree, Chelsey will pursue a Master’s Degree in Criminology and a Juris Doctorate Degree in Immigration Law. Chelsey is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Delton Farmer and the sister of Joshua Farmer. She was an active member of North East Baptist Church in Durham, NC until leaving for college. She sung in the Angels and Mass Choirs, served as Secretary of the Sunday School and was the Youth Ministry Vice-President.

2013 WBHFM Youth Bible Camp Reflections

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Dalaisha Adams



Hello, my name is Dalaisha Adams, and during the week of June 23rd – June 28th, I had the opportunity to go to Haw River State Park to the WBHFM Youth Bible Camp, where Dr. Audrey Battle is the president. During this week, I got to meet new people and learn more about my Lord, Jesus Christ. This year there were 70 campers, who sacrificed many things (championships, cross country, and many other things) to participate in the camp. For example, there was a girl there who take care of her mother, and has been for four years. Her mom will never wake up again. She's suffering from a seizure. But this girl had a chance to get out of the house for a week and participate in swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, kickball, jump rope, arts and crafts, and other activities.

A normal day at camp would entail the following: Rise and Shine; Breakfast; Devotion, Questions & Answers, Announcements; Class period; Reassemble : class reports, memory verses, bible study/character of bible; Dorm reports; Hymn time; Lunch; Swimming time; and Dinner. Activities usually varied after dinner with fashion shows, organized recreation, worship service, and bible bowl. And because we were in the middle of the woods, we took nature walks...during the day of course.

Our theme during the week was "God's Backyard: serve family, serve friends, serve neighbors, serve community, and serve Jesus". On Monday we learned about serving family. The example was how Miriam took care of her brother Moses (Exodus 2:10). God gives us family for a reason; he wants us to care for each other and show love to each other in the same way he loves and cares for us. On Tuesday, we learned about serving friends. The example was about four men who carried their friend to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13-15; 1 John 4:11). Some questions we were left to think about were: Why are friends important? How could you be a better friend? What friend can you serve today? On Wednesday, we combined serving neighbors, and serving our community, and the examples were a Samaritan man that helped a hurt neighbor, and Zacchaeus, who gave to his community (Luke 10:25-37; Luke 19:1-10). On Thursday, we learned about serving Jesus, the example was how Peter and John showed Jesus' love and power (Acts 3:1-19).

At Bible Study, we learned about "The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth am I Here for?" by Rick Warren.

(Psalm 138:8; 139:15-16)

- We are not here by fate, chance, luck or coincidence
- Seek God: follow his path
- God is coming like a thief in the night
- Can a train run without a train track? Neither can we

(Acts 17:26)

- While there are illegitimate parents, there are no illegitimate children
- Reason for everything he creates
- We are playing the game, but stuck on level 1
- 1+1=2...nothing else

(Ephesians 1:4; James 1:18)

- Love; thought of us before he made the world
- Focus on his love
- All that we want comes from God
- Two faced?
- Friends versus Associates < Love thy neighbor

At camp, you may think all you're doing is learning, but you're also having fun on a level that keeps you interested. Thanks to Mr. Marcus, our Gospel Choir was the best choir I have ever been in. We even made up a chant during the week. But you don't have to be in the choir to have a good time praising the Lord, because Praise and Worship is fun, free for all to sing at your own risk, either solo or in a group. We also did scripture showers, and boy was it pouring down rain. Our counselors made sure we didn't slip through, because we had a fashion/talent show later in the week.

Overall, I had a very good time at camp. I brought home a lot more information than I went to camp with. I would recommend this camp to anyone who likes to have a good time in the Lord....
PS...just don't go to sleep first.

Dalaisha Adams

Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Morrisville, NC)

Shannon Lawson



Going to Bible Camp for the first time for me was a great and fun experience. We were put in classes according to our ages. Monday we talked about serving family, the supporting scripture was from Exodus 2:1-10, and the lesson was about Miriam taking care of, and protecting her baby brother. Tuesday we talked about serving friends, and how the four men carried their friend to Jesus so he could walk again. Also that day I joined the gospel choir for the mini concert/worship service. We went on a nature walk to the river, and there also was a contest where the counselors checked the cabins, and whoever had the cleanest cabin would go first to breakfast, lunch, and dinner. After the extra bible study, everyday we would have bible bowl and scripture shout. Wednesday we talked about serving your neighbors and community, where a Samaritan helped a hurt neighbor. Jesus wants us to be like the Samaritan man. Later that day we did different activities like sports, arts & crafts, or swimming, and there also was a fashion and talent show. Thursday was about how Zacchaeus gave back to his community. Also that night was a worship service, and Dr. Audrey Battle was the speaker. Some of the things that we talked about were preparation and patience. After dinner we could play basketball in the gym, stay in the meeting room to watch a movie, do arts and crafts, or swim. And in Bible Study we talked about the Purpose Driven Life "What on Earth Am I Here For?" Fate, chances, luckiness and coincidences are not made in the body of Christ. We are living to seek God's face because God is love. There is nothing deceitful about God. You are who you are for a reason. I really had fun at Bible Camp, and I would love to go again!

Shannon Lawson

Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Morrisville, NC)

Granville County Youth Missionary Department

The awesome God we serve has so graciously kept us in His loving care for another year. It is an exciting time for The One Day District Youth Missionary as we continue to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We want to continue to be that light on the hill so everyone will see the Master's hand at work through each of us. We thank each of you for attending and may God continue to forever Bless each and everyone.

The Granville County Union Youth Missionary continues to be the beckoning 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 snap shot 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 home monthly
- 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

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 Missionary Supervisor

Durham County Youth Missionary Department

The Durham County Youth Missionary Department consists of Youth and Youth ministry leaders from churches in Durham and surrounding communities. Our mission is to engage youth in positive, community service and outreach projects, and to encourage spiritual growth and maturity among our youth.



We have been very busy this year serving Christ through our missionary efforts and endeavors. We delivered drink top tabs to Ronald Mc Donald House and assisted Welcome Baby with their monthly newsletter preparations in May. We sent two campers to Bible Camp in June, and hosted our Annual Youth Banquet and Youth Revival in July. In August, our youth President, Monique Lawson, First Vice President, Xaria Townsend, Secretary Shannon Lawson, and Kelsey Gyant a DCYM member, traveled with DCMU president Diane Lamb and Youth Supervisor, Merion Bethea, to attend the Annual Lott Carey Convention in Washington DC.

We collected and distributed back to school supplies in September. We installed our youth officers and hosted a Youth Leaders Appreciation Night in October. In November, we hosted a food drive with proceeds going to the Back Pack Buddies Ministry at Union Baptist Church. In December, we prepared cards, activity books and other items and prayed for 6 year-old cancer patient Jillie Rae Williams at our Annual Christmas Party hosted by Morehead Ave. Baptist Church. We visited Kindred Rehabilitation and shared Christmas gifts with the residents in January. We sent floral arrangements to Youth Supervisors who were ill in February, and began making plans for our Annual Fund Raising activities in March. We will participate in the Great Human Race once again this year, and will volunteer at the Durham Rescue Mission on Good Friday in April. We'll collect and deliver youth clothing to Welcome Baby in May, and will volunteer at the Veterans Administration in June. We'll conclude our efforts for this calendar year with our Annual Youth Banquet and Revival, hosted by West Durham Baptist Church this year in July.

We have begun to pray for the Youth Leaders who will come on board in the fall, and are trusting God for the increase in Durham County this year.

Submitted by: Merion Bethea, Durham County Youth Missionary Supervisor

