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IT'S UP TO YOU!!

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I read a church sign the other day that read "If the elephant or donkey have let you down, try the Lamb!" We are currently still bitterly engulfed in racial tensions and socio-economic clashes. This time period is closely kin to the 60's era. Perhaps these are the moments that will truly define this generation. What are you made of and what cloth were you cut from? These are some of the questions that these moments will answer. They will prove what we truly believe apart from what we say. Just how much have increased education, innovated technology, social and political advances, awareness and expanded platforms benefited our people? Before you answer, how does it show? What does it show? As you think of those things let me also sit this on your shelf...many are looking to Capitol Hill and to a big white house to "make America great again." Many are demanding that local, state and national leaders come out and say something...do something and show something. We are discouraged as the stories of police brutality and other civic atrocities hit the waves and we are even further disappointed when those in power don't respond the way that we want them to. What about the one with ALL POWER!? What is he saying? What is he doing? I know that everybody in America isn't Christian but those that are should only consult Capitol Hill after they checked out the

Hill to see if they're on the same accord! I'll tell you one of the things he's said and one of the things he's already done! He's poured out his Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17) and he's told us what to do with it (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:18)! We've been taught that we've been given everything we need to carry out what we've been called to do (2 Peter 1:3-10) and now we need to act. That's right...WE...not they! Has anything really moved in this country that didn't start with a grassroots campaign? The foot soldiers came from the fields, hills and hovels, not office complexes and suites. Talk. Get a plan. Mobilize. Move! If one thing doesn't work, go to another, but whatever you do...don't stop! They killed the momentum once, the King fell at the Lorraine Motel and we know that the devil won't stop until he's finally convicted to hell and in the meantime we were told to occupy! How far will we go? It's up to you. Let's not let it rest on the shoulders of one. If you're really concerned, get connected! You have to start by being collective. Young Adults from far and near, I call upon you! That's right, you! It's up to you!

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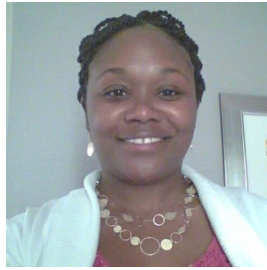
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## EACH ONE, REACH ONE

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Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As your State Young Adult Enlistment Chairperson, I admonish each of us to take on this age old challenge: "each one reach one". With our already busy schedules, unfinished goals, incomplete checklists, church, school, careers, families, and bills, it shouldn't hurt to add this one more little task to our plates!

It's simple; use those things and places that occupy our time everyday as opportunities to minister to and connect with those that may be lost, misguided, unsure, or simply sidetracked from the only One who keeps us grounded in the face of all we endure.

Take a moment to not only share a smile or kind words to someone who's down, but actually reach out to someone and make a conscious decision to pour into that person's life on a regular basis, even in the smallest yet consistent way. Invite someone to be apart of your missions ministry, your church, and our state young adult department. Start today; and watch God not only grow the body of laborers for Christ, but watch God grow in you!

I am excited about what God is doing this year so far through young adult missionaries across the state and I look forward with even greater expectation for the future!

Here are some ideas that I have gathered from Young Adults around the state:

1. Discussion Groups at a coffee shop or restaurant with topics relevant to young adults. The purpose is to grow those in your group and to minister to others who may over hear your conversation. You can welcome them to join in.

2. Gathering at someone's home for a light snack/meal and discussing the Bible and Study Book (Small Groups)
3. Starting a Christian Blog that allows everyone in your group to share encouraging words throughout the week. Invite others outside the group to read at their leisure.
4. Interactive workshops and study classes that focus on what God's word says about current issues both national and international.

No matter the method, it is important that we are educated Biblically so that we grow in Christ daily.

As we grow, we are able to reach others and help them grow. That should be our top two priorities as a Missionary.

## Joy Killers

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Sometimes when you're just alone in the car, your office, or wherever, and you begin to think about how much God loves us, the thought of His love will just over take you. It is a feeling that I love so much, to feel that you are in complete relationship with our Creator. Too often, I personally lose sight of this with the day to day activities of life. I find myself becoming easily distracted when certain things happen, like traffic, the lack of funds in the bank, my children that are on 1000, time running out, or just life in general. It is so easy to get caught up in everything else and forget that God loves us so much that He can calm whatever we may be going through, no matter how minute it may actually be. For me, the big things don't bother me as much, it's the little things that I have to watch out for. It has been resounding in my brain, that the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. With this in mind, I have been trying to pay close attention to the ways in which he tries to do these things in my life. Again, it's not the really big things that are blatantly in my face, but the small subtle things that he tries to

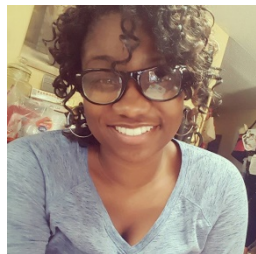
wreck for me. It's almost like I forget that faith works even with the bite size things. So easily, I can become impatient with my children to the point where I find myself yelling all the time and forgetting to extend grace. When church people don't do right, I find myself again becoming very impatient to the point I get irritated and would rather isolate myself. Sometimes, I can be full of energy, and something goes wrong or I don't get the reaction I expected, almost immediately I feel like doing nothing. Some may say that I probably need to be seen by a professional, but in my observations, I see that the devil just likes to come and steal, kill, and destroy my joy. I try to remember, that if I resist the devil, he will flee and that the joy of the Lord is my strength. This means that in those moments I have to literally focus on doing the opposite of what my flesh is use to or wanting to do. Unfortunately, in those moments, it is very easy to be human and hard to remember proper responses. I am learning and practicing though that when these things happen, to just stop, breathe, remember God's word, and to extend grace. Most times, this is me walking away from the situation literally, breathing, and saying JESUS, HELP ME!

Ephesians 6:12 says, For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. When we remember who the real enemy is, the little things can become null. When we recognize the enemy at work, we can shut him down. Matthew 17:20 says, "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." Put your faith to work. It doesn't matter how small or big the situation, know that you don't have to be defeated! God's got your back! HELP LORD!

## The Sweetness Continues

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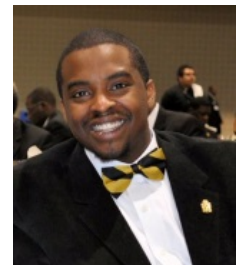
Hello Young Adults!

Half of the year is behind us! Wow. I hope that you all are having a wonderful year in spite of your personal challenges along with all the chaos in this world. I understand the frustration that you all might feel about the state of our world but I still believe that 2016 can still be a "Sweet 2016". As I mentioned in my first article, I am praying to have a "sweet 2016" in spite of whatever occurs. I have had some "sweet" moments and others that weren't so pleasant but I still have hope that better days will come! I'm really excited about one of my "sweet" moments that has occurred this year and I look forward to more to come. :D One thing, I have learned in this life is that God may allow some unfavorable situations to occur but he always allows some "sweet" moments to follow. Stay encouraged! Here are some encouraging scriptures to refer to:  
Isaiah 40:30-31  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Joshua 1:9  
Romans 8:28

Become a Faith Ambassador

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*"Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless."*

Isaiah 10:1



The role of the Church in our political process has been an ever evolving process that began with the church being the direct rule and guide, but now more recently the voice of faith has been coopted by gimmicks, false promises and moral impotence. During this critical time in our State and Nation, The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, under the guidance and leadership of the General Baptist State Convention is preparing for a massive outreach effort for voting in our Congregations. For the past 2 months many Churches across the state are standing up and training many of our leaders and ushers on ways churches can engage and what to look out for in regards to political engagement.

For years, many in the Faith Community have felt left out of the voting process. As many Churches provide more and more services through ministries in the Church, it has become critical to protect their 501c3 tax exemption status and thus leaves Church leaders to opt for a more passive approach to voter outreach. The reality is that regardless of tax status, the church and its members have a right to help educate ourselves on all matters of life including political. The Convention is also keenly aware of the importance of not letting Churches become subject to harmful repercussions of improper voter engagement. In June the General Baptist worked with non-profit groups to coordinate a, "Ushering in the Future" event where Ushers met to discuss how they can get involved in educating the congregation. Also many Congregations are designating Faith Ambassadors for Voting as a part of the Souls to the Polls campaign. This program is an annual effort to organize rides and marches to the polls during the early voting period. Each church that signs on receives training, materials and a Faithful Voter Pledge card to ensure their members know where to vote, what's on the ballot and the major changes to the election process. To make sure your church is engaged we invite you to visit the site [demnc.co/faith](http://demnc.co/faith) or email co-editors of *The Harvest*.

### YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS

Check out the awesome things young adults are doing around the state!

[Washington Chapel MBC Young Adults](#)

Greeting and High Praises:

We bring you greetings from Washington Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, NC We are doing big thing in our Young Adult Department!! We are in the preliminary phases of establishing a (YAMM) Young Adult Mighty Missionaries to bring unity amongst the Seniors, Young Adults, and the Youth within our church. Also, to address needs within our community to activate Missionaries. We are also establishing a step team an jump rope squad to bring fitness into the mix an allow young people to build confidence and have big fun praising God!!! Just be on the lookout because we are on a "mission" to uplift an activate missionaries for Kingdom Building!!!!

Yours Humbly in Christ,  
Natasha McGaha  
Young Adult Director

### Durham County Young Adult pursues



Catherine Henry (Daisy) and Jonathan Rion Bethea (Hooke) Photo by Teri Brennan

**Acting  
Career in  
New York  
City**

Driving  
Miss Daisy,

the 1988 Pulitzer Prize winning play by **Alfred Uhry** was staged this summer at the **Players Theatre** in Greenwich Village in New York City, New York. The production was part of Be Bold! Productions American Classic series and starred Catherine Henry as Daisy, Ken Straus as her son, Boolie and Jonathan Rion Bethea as Hoke.

Jonathan is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Johnnie Bethea of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Jonathan began his acting career in the Drama Ministry at Henderson Grove and was an award winning student in the Drama Department at Hillside High School. He graduated with a Bachelor

of Fine Arts degree in 2010 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He lives in Astoria Queens, New York.

Driving Miss Daisy is a 1987 play by Alfred Uhry about the relationship of an elderly white Southern Jewish woman, Daisy Werthan, and her African-American chauffeur, Hoke Colburn, from 1948 to 1973. The play was the first in Uhry's Atlanta

Trilogy, which deals with white Jewish residents of

that city in the early 20th century. "It is amazing how relevant this classic piece remains" stated Artistic Director,

Brenda Bell. " It is a tender story about two ordinary people in the final quarter of their lives. An intimate story that has a huge impact on our hearts, speaking directly to the inevitable humanity in us all."

Driving Miss Daisy opened on June 9 and ran through June 19.



John B. King (right) and Jonathan (left) (Photo/Photo by Teri Brannan)

**Highlights from Young Adult Retreat**



"Missions with Feet"  
College Edition



On Saturday, April 09, 2016, young adult officers and a few youth gathered at the Lillington First Missionary Baptist Church in Lillington, NC to package and prepare boxes for distribution to Shaw University and other colleges as a kick-off to summer missions. The project, "Praying Your Way through your Exams!" was a project that the Lord gave the

Young Adult President, Rev. SL Raines because one of the initiatives of our State Young Adult department is to let the state and world know that not all young adults are lost and that we are still a vital force in the Kingdom. We also endeavor to reach out to other youth and young adults to let them know that they are important people in our churches, communities and in our lives and that we are still praying with them and for them during times that might be frustrating, stressful or overwhelming for some. We hope that this project and all of our ministry endeavors empower people to love God, live his Word and to serve the world! We esteem every church, missionary group and individual who helped make this project successful and we challenge every area, region and local church to implement such a project so that other colleges, institutes, universities and organizations of higher learning are reached and many others are touched by the power of prayer. The goodies in the box aren't half as good as the God that we serve and any act that shares his love, power and work in any way is better than good! Special thanks for our State YA officers: Freda Lemay, 1st Vice President, Markeese Patton-Williams, 2nd Vice President, Tilola Robinson, 3rd Vice President, Brittany Raines, 4th Vice President, Kyerre Hawkins, Secretary, Kamillah Lemay, Choir Director, Taurian Parham, Assistant Choir Director, Marcus Bass and Minister Bryan Haynes, Harvest Newsletter Editors, Curtis Hill, Historian, Bryan Simmons and Quentin Cannady, Musicians, Rev. Kelvin Barnes, Worship Chairperson, our Directors—Mrs. Evelyn Johnson and Mrs. Joyce Lashley and all of our committee members, Advisory Council members and each of you! The project yielded over 750 care packages to be distributed at Shaw University and other institutions and we are sure that each and

every student who receives a package will feel the love of Christ and of our great Convention!

“In the Cross of Christ we glory!”

All Things WBH-FMC

Check Us Out on the Web

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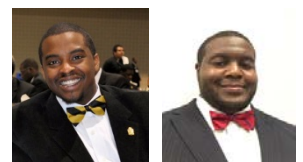
Young adults across our great state are doing wonderful things. Please take a moment to share with other young adults how your young adult department is reaching the masses. We want to know. Feel free to submit an article with pictures to [bmh1919@gmail.com](mailto:bmh1919@gmail.com) to be featured in the next newsletter!

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# The Face of YA State Missions

Many talk...few do! Young Adult Missions "Pic Collage!"

750 Care Packages were prepared for college students at LFMBC "Pray your way through your exams!"



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Packages included goodies but most of all...Scriptures and prayers for college students getting ready to take Spring final exams! We are grateful to God for the vision and an opportunity to serve!

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