

EPPM *Crosstalk*

JULY 2013

2013 Youth Harambee June 26-30th

Five of our youth, **Anita Allen, Kentavious Hill, Kenyata Hill, Jordan Robinson and Diamond Wilson**, and youth leaders, **Rori Blakeney, Shirley Harps, and Rayburn McGuire**, attended the Harambee Youth Conference at Claflin University, one of the 11 Black College Fund Schools sponsored by the UMC. Our church was the only group from the North Ga. Conference and we are extremely proud of their willingness to venture out, get a glimpse of their future and participate in this transformational event.

Anita shared... "During Harambee I learned a lot. What really sat in my heart was to love yourself first and live an original and don't die a copy. I enjoyed myself at Harambee and I hope to attend many more Harambee trips. I met many new friends while I was there as well. I want to thank everyone who made this trip happen. And also big thanks to the chaperones who came with us. Thank you!"



Kentavious said... "It gave me a chance to show my leadership. Also, it showed me what college would be like."

Kenyata said... "The Harambee retreat was amazing. We stayed on a college campus and met college kids as well as kids from other churches around the Southeast. The food was very bland and the dances were somewhat lame because they were held by the cafe at night. Overall, the trip was fun and exciting."

Jordan shared ... "that Harambee was a life changing experience. There was a connection with God through worship, small group discussion and meeting other people. I felt like God was opening up doors in life to achieve my dreams and what He has called me to do with my in life."

Diamond shared... "I liked the worship services and discussion groups because it gave us a chance to share and hear what others had to say. Harambee gave me a chance to meet and be friends with people outside of Georgia. The food and parties were great!"

Be sure and speak to our youth and their leaders in the coming weeks and let them know how much we appreciate them and care about them and their future.

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



Happy July Birthdays!

Coy Hinton	1
Latisha Rector	1
Kerri Williams	2
Waverly McMichael Jr.	3
Megan Kemp	3
Betty Maddox	5
AnnJanette Allen	7
Lyndell Norwood	7
Shavien Robinson	8
Clifton Dyer	10
Dianah Rector	10
Quinard Reid	10
Cornelia Stuckey	12
Doiche Travis	13
G.W. Banfield	14
Morgan Gore	14
Horace Couch	15
Shirley Harps	17
Shirley Ashley	21
Verna Porter	21
Ann Gibson	22
Brandon Jones	23
Lillie Walker	25
Ellison McKenzie	26
Stephanie McMichael	28
Carlton Arnold	29
Sara Morgan	29
Renee Solomon	29
Chris Sumlin	30
Wimbley Hale	31



**Happy Birthday to You
Happy Birthday to You
Happy Birthday
everybody...
Happy Birthday
to YOU!!!**

Heavenly Father, we pray today for the sick and shut-in.
We ask that You send your healing power down upon them and make them whole. Comfort them, O Lord, and be with me.
Our known ones are ...



Homebound

Laura Garrison
Lena Herndon
Irma Solomon
Wilbert Strickland
Evelyn Thomas
Calvin Walker

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living:

Rev. Horace Couch – Newman Hospital Nursing & Rehab
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Dailey – Azalea Estates
Lola Hazel – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center
Lillian Matthews – Sweetwater Springs
Anita Spann-Peek – Emeritus at Vinings
Ruenette Sewell – Sweetwater Springs
Rosa Sowell – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center

To the congregation ... If you are aware of others who are sick and/or shut-in, please contact the church office with the name and contact information for the person(s).

The Shepherd's Ministry

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. Hebrews 6:10

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

Action Ministries of United Methodist Church...ON THE MOVE!

Opportunities to serve...

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid

Looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? In Georgia, more than 800,000 children receive free or reduced-price lunches at school during the school year. In the summer, this important meal disappears, leaving parents scrambling and kids hungry. You can help relieve hunger and provide hope and encouragement to kids in your community when you get involved with Action Ministries' Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program. Smart Lunch, Smart Kid provides sack lunches to thousands of North Georgia children every week in the summer, and they need volunteers to help by donating, assembling and delivering lunches to kids. They also provide educational and enrichment opportunities, such as distributing books. This is a great opportunity for kids to serve other kids! Learn more about Smart Lunch, Smart Kid and sign up to volunteer online by visiting www.actionministries.net. Contact: Mark Hellman, executive director, 770-905-9191, mhellman@actionministries.net.

Feed the Hungry Food Boxes

Looking for a simple way to serve your neighbors in need? Action Ministries, through its Feed the Hungry Food Box program, offers churches the opportunity to obtain boxes of food worth \$25-\$30 – enough to feed a family of four for several days – for a \$5 per box donation. Boxes are lightweight, easy to store, and large enough to fit additional food items, such as perishable bread, meat or produce, allowing churches to customize the boxes to suit the needs of the families they are serving. In addition, Feed the Hungry needs volunteers to pack boxes at their Atlanta warehouse, which can provide church staff, Sunday School classes, life and youth groups with a fantastic team-building opportunity to serve others. In just two hours of service, 15 of your members can pack approximately 200 boxes! All ages are welcome. Contact: Mack Barnes, program manager, mbarnes@actionministries.net, 404-662-7593 (for food box orders) or 770-980-1550 Ext. 17 (for volunteer opportunities).

Action Dash

Five cities. One day. One purpose. Action Dash is a family-friendly 5K run/walk created by Action Ministries to bring awareness to the challenges of poverty in North Georgia. Action Dash takes place on Labor Day, Sept. 2, in five cities: Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Gainesville and Rome. Every dollar raised helps Action Ministries achieve its mission of mobilizing communities to address the challenges of poverty by focusing on hunger relief, housing and education. Don your best cape, mask and racing shoes, and become an action hero for your neighbors in need! Prizes are awarded for best adult, child and pet costume. Companies and church staff also can get involved by taking a corporate challenge! Visit www.actiondash.org to register online or form a team. Contact: Kari Nesbitt, Action Dash Race/Walk director, 404-881-1991, knesbitt@actionministries.net.

Congratulations to our 2013 Graduates! Job Well Done!

High School Graduates:

Reginald Robinson graduated from Langston Hughes High School and wants to attend SCAD(Savannah College of Art & Design) to be a graphic designer.

Kadedra Johnson graduated Tri Cities High School

Christin-Joy Armstrong graduated from Augusta Preparatory Day School and will continue her education at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Jamarcus Davenport graduated from Benjamin Mays High School and received a full athletic scholarship to Concordia College in Alabama and an academic scholarship to Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Parrish Jackson graduated from South Atlanta Educational Complex School in Health & Medical Sciences. He plans to attend Atlanta Technical College in the fall to study Aviation Maintenance.

College Graduates:

Morgan Gore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism/Electronic Media from the University of Tenn.

Kim Lloyd graduated from Georgia State University and has a teaching job this fall at Ridgeview Middle School in Fulton County teaching Physical Education.



Murphy-Harpst
LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Murphy-Harpst Children's Center is a nonprofit organization that provides abused children with behavioral therapy, healthcare and educational services to give them a real chance at life. The 2013 Murphy-Harpst Special Day of Giving will be held in churches throughout the North Georgia Conference on **Sunday, July 21st**. In addition to your regular tithes and offerings, we ask that you make a donation to this worthwhile organization.



The United Methodist Children's Home Auxiliary FLEA MARKET

Friday, July 12th and Saturday, July 13th

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

500 S. Columbia Drive

Decatur, GA 30030

The sale supports the mission of the United Methodist Children's Home

Saturday, October 12, 2013...Looking Ahead!

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the United Methodist Women of East Point First Mallalieu United Methodist Church is sponsoring a "Pink Breakfast". Look for additional information in the weeks and months to come.



2013 Fall Lay Servant Ministries Training

Basic & Advanced Courses

Two Saturdays: September 21 & September 28, 2013

8:30am-3:00pm

Ben Hill United Methodist Church

2099 Fairburn Road SW

Atlanta, GA 30331

404-344-0618



A MEMORABLE 11th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Month...

The 11th Church Anniversary was a month long event at East Point First Mallalieu UMC. Hard work and planning went into the events and we are celebrating! We recognized and celebrated the contributions of Community Leaders along with featured EPFM choirs and visiting soloists. The 5th Sunday Mass Choir, Children & Youth Choir and Youth Duets from Tri-Cities produced great singing and inspiration. The liturgical dancing was so artistic and impressive. The two dinner meals were outstanding and great preaching was heard all month.

Tremendously vital community outreach brought dozens and dozens of people to the Saturday Outdoor Grilling and Summer Enrichment Program. A Community Service project was started at the park across street. The Food Pantry offered several trucks of food and on the 3rd Thursday the Food Pantry fed the community with staple foods and sweets. The Bread of Life Ministry continued to offer various types of delicious breads to members and community alike. Let's pray that this is not a one time event, but we celebrate God's goodness and love everyday and every week as we share the GOOD NEWS to others!

**We want to thank the Church Anniversary Team
and all of the participants and servants for a job well done!!!**

Pastor Phillip M. Armstong

KESHAWN RAWLS HEADS FOR YOUTH CHALLENGE



Congratulations and best wishes go to Keshawn Rawls who has been accepted to attend the Youth Challenge Academy at Fort Stewart near Savannah. Youth Challenge is a 22-week in residence, military-styled youth program which stresses academics and physical fitness, and the development of important life skills. Once completed, Keshawn will receive his GED and be on firm footing to pursue higher educational opportunities. Many graduates of Youth Challenge make a decision to join the military, although this is not a military boot camp and no pressure is placed on the cadets to enter the military. Keshawn's typical day is very regimented and strenuous...awakened at 5:00 AM with a 1.5 mile run in formation and thirty minutes of calisthenics followed by a barrack inspection, then march to class for five hours of academics. As a member of a platoon, he will have the opportunity to work off campus in a number of local civic projects in the afternoon. Dinner is served at 5:00 followed by homework time and then 'lights out' at 9:00 PM. Keshawn will not have

a cell phone and only be permitted a 3-minute phone call each Sunday. Communication with home will be through written letters. Keshawn's appointment to Youth Challenge is significant since more than eighteen hundred candidates apply for only four hundred positions at Youth Challenge each year. More than twenty-two thousand formerly "at risk" teens have completed the National Guard-sponsored Youth Challenge Academy since it was first established in 1993. Keshawn reports to Fort Stewart on Sunday, July 21st . Anyone wishing to write Keshawn a letter to encourage him during these 22-weeks can receive his address in the church office or through Alfreda Rawls.

Your CHURCH FAMILY will be praying for you every step of the way, KeShawn!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON....

July 23-25th 6pm- 8:30pm

Classes for children & adults
Dinner served at 6pm in the fellowship hall
Check the bulletin/announcements for registration information!



VBS Leaders Mtg
Meeting at 6:30pm
Monday, July 8th
Come join us!!!!

It's Time to Serve...

The office staff is in desperate need of volunteers to serve by answering the phones and the doors. With all of the maintenance and repair going on in the Administration building, people coming in and out, along with the new programs and members trying to meet, the office area is becoming a gathering place and it is difficult for one person to do it. Please carve out a day you can volunteer to serve as the hostess or host of our church and answer the door and the phone! Call the church office asap!

404-761-3183.

The logo for 'Office Help Needed!'. It features a blue paperclip icon on the left. To the right of the paperclip, the word 'office' is written in blue, 'Help' is written in brown, and 'Needed!' is written in a larger, bold, brown font.