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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

10th & 11th - 7:00pm
POWER Revival
New Birth Cathedral

12th - 12 noon
Haiti Memorial Worship Service
New Birth Cathedral

14th - 7:00pm
Fellowship Service w/ Temple Sinai
@ Temple Sinai

18th - 6:45pm
Tuesday Evening Bible Study resumes

19th - 10:30am
Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes

IMPORTANT NOTE:
FIRST FRUIT WORSHIP SERVICES will be held
7:00pm every Sunday Evening @ New Birth
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JANUARY

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Pastor Ben Carroll
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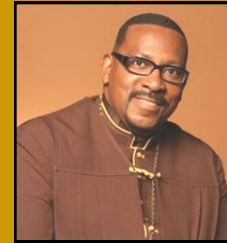
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FAMILY NEWS

The Joshua Generation Reloaded

NEW APPROACH TO MILLION FOR THE KINGDOM



"Holla Back Bishop"

Dear family and friends,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:14

The year is winding down and we are in the middle of the season that is often emotionally difficult for some and economically demanding for many. May I suggest a solution that is certain to suffice both situations? Jesus!!! He is the reason for this season. *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6).* Our wonderful Father and our marvelous God gives us the gift of His Son, the child that was born.

Gifts are intriguing in that they may appear elaborate and ornate or modest and understated; however, the gift is apparent only after the wrapping is removed. The real joy and appreciation of any gift is to know and to benefit from its purpose. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (John 17:3)*

In his season of giving, let's receive our gift as we commit to know Him better. In exchange we can give Him the best gift, the gift that can't be bought, the only present that He wants. We can give Jesus dominion and access to rule over every part of our lives. As we increase in the knowledge of Him and submit to the authority of His word, His peace permeates the places of His preeminence. *For of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, (Isaiah 9:7a).*

Finish Strong,

Bishop Victor T. Curry
Founding Senior Pastor/Teacher



New Tribe concept presented to members

He did it before, and we believe that He will do it again!

During the launch of our Million For The Kingdom Campaign 2011 on Sunday October 17th, 2010, Bishop Curry and the leaders of our Trustees Ministry unveiled some new components of this annual church-wide initiative.

Million For The Kingdom was initiated a number of years ago by Bishop Curry as a faith building exercise designed to demonstrate the awesome power and faithfulness of God. With an objective of bringing God one million dollars in one Sunday for the work of Kingdom here at New Birth and its entities, the membership is encouraged to trust God with a sacrificial offering above their usual tithes and offerings on Million For The Kingdom Sunday, which this

time will be February 20th, 2011. To accommodate and facilitate the accomplishment of this goal, those members that choose to can also contribute on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to Million for The Kingdom Sunday.

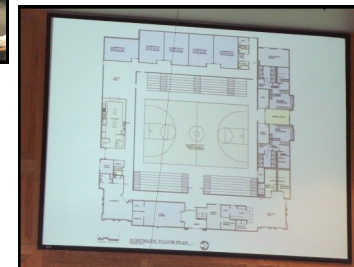
Ever on the cutting edge of ministry, this year we will take a new approach to the Campaign and while members will contribute as individuals, the church has been divided into tribes named after the

Another exciting component of this year's "Faith Raiser" is that the funds received will be specifically used for the building of the new "Joshua Generation - Carrie P. Meek Family Life Center." Elder Bob Tyler and other members of our Building Committee unveiled the architectural plans for the Center and outlined the many ministries that will be housed in the new facilities.

The New additions to the "Wall of Faith" from last year's Campaign were also unveiled by the Trustees during the 7:00am Service.

As is customary there are a number of categories of giving and all members are encouraged to join a tribe if they are not already in one, fill out a commitment form and prepare to give.

We are all by faith believing God that He will bless us with the resources necessary to give, and once again prove Him to be Jehovah Jireh - Even in a Famine!



Plans for new Family Life Center revealed

sons of Jacob. Every major ministry within the Church has been assigned to a tribe, however members that are not a part of a particular Ministry are encouraged to join a tribe. To the end that, in much the same way that in Biblical times, tribes contributed to the building of the tabernacle of God, we will combine our resources and do likewise.



New additions to Wall of Faith unveiled

OVER 1500 FED @ AGAPE LOVE FEAST

New shoes, clothes, hair cuts and a hot meal, all free of charge. That's what we treated hundreds of people to at our annual Agape Love Feast hosted by the Lord's Kitchen III and the Evangelism Ministry of our church.

I say "we" because it is the contributions of members like you that positioned these ministries to bless the needy in our community with some of the necessities of life.

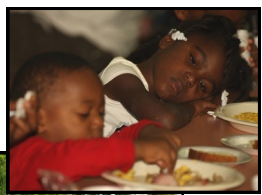
Statistics from many organizations indicate that due to the economic downturn, more people now than ever before in recent history are dependent upon charitable organizations to make it. With unemployment still over 9% and a slow economy, many are finding it continually difficult to provide the necessities of life for themselves and their families. Presently 14% of the population is living below the poverty line; that's a 15 year high.

Against this backdrop of lack, 1,550 hot, thanksgiving

dinners were served on Saturday November 20th between the hours of 11:00am - 2:00pm by the above mentioned Ministries. The Feast which was held at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School in the "Over Town" area of Miami, and at New Birth Belle Glade proved to be an answer to the prayers of many in those communities.



Even before the doors opened, scores of people lined up to ensure that



with dessert; persons attending the Feast were also blessed with free clothing, shoes and haircuts, if they wanted or needed them. Also in order to provide for the hygiene need of those in attendance, some 350 bags of toiletries were distributed.

Ever mindful of the fact that, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish, you feed him for life," Elder Marietta Freeman and her team from our Employment Ministry were also on hand to help with both job search and job search preparation information. Those in need of assistance with foreclosure information and assist- Cont'd..... pg. 4



Scores of people wait in line to be blessed @ Love Feast

YOUR MINISTRY @ WORK! WEEKEND SET ASIDE TO APPRECIATE SERVANT LEADERS

Those that are sincerely called of God into ministry, don't do it for thanks or applause, they do it because they are convinced that God has called them to it, and they realize that it's the least they can do, when they consider all the He has done for them. There is however, great value in saying "Thanks" to them even though that's not their motivation, and that's exactly what our Senior Pastor did recently.

In an effort to show his sincere appreciation for the tireless, dedication of the hundred of ministry volunteer leaders that serve within the over 60 ministries here at New Birth, and those that volunteer and work at the various entities, Bishop Curry designated the weekend of November 13th - 14th as "Servant Leader Appreciation Weekend."

On Saturday November 13th at 7:30am, Outstanding Leaders within each Ministry were honored with awards at a special Celebration Breakfast at New Birth Enterprise. The event could be summed up in one word; "Plenty." There was plenty of good food, plenty of laughter, plenty of fellowship plenty of encouragement and plenty of awards. Various tributes were presented however the highlights of the event were an inspirational message by our own Dr. Mack King Carter who was the featured speaker of the morning, and another by Bishop Curry, who took the opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You" in person to some of the



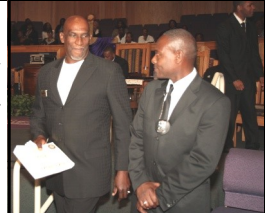
most faithful servant leaders of our Church. Bishop Curry also personally presented



In a show of unity, the leaders smartly adorned in black and white were celebrated in a processional at the 11:00am Worship Service. Another highlight of the day was a video presentation featuring past and present leaders. Exceptionally done, it featured servant leaders who have over the years blazed trails in ministry here at New Birth. The video presentation led us as a church to reflect upon and appreciate the significant role that servant leaders have and continue to play within the Ministry. As our Bishop so sincerely declared in the video presentation, their work "frees



each award. The Celebration continued on Sunday November 14th, as we came together as a church family to celebrate our servant leaders.



him up" to attend to the priority of preaching. He further stated that because of their unselfish service he is also free to lead the way in the many community oriented endeavors of the Church's entities. All because these invaluable servant leaders are attending to the other aspects of ministry. Thus, he thought it not robbery to set aside time for us as a church family to say a collective "Thank you!"

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY



Prayer is one of the most powerful resources that we are blessed with as believers, and while many Christians never fully appreciate or appropriate this gift, there is a group of saints here at New Birth that are blessing this ministry as

they cover us all in prayer.

I speak of course of our Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Under the leadership of Elder Shaleem Olatunji, this group of about twenty intercessors do major ministry, behind the scenes, on their knees

in prayer. With a mission of undergirding, our Bishop, New Birth, its entities and members in prayer, this Ministry is constantly busy.

Weekly they host prayer sessions every Sunday morning from 6:00-6:30am, every Tuesday at 12 noon and every Saturday mornings 7:00-8:00am. Additionally our Elders join with the Prayer Warriors every morning from 6:00-6:30am on a prayer line. All of these prayer times of course are dependent upon the Church's schedule, however every measure is taken to ensure that our Bishop and the Ministry are always covered in prayer.

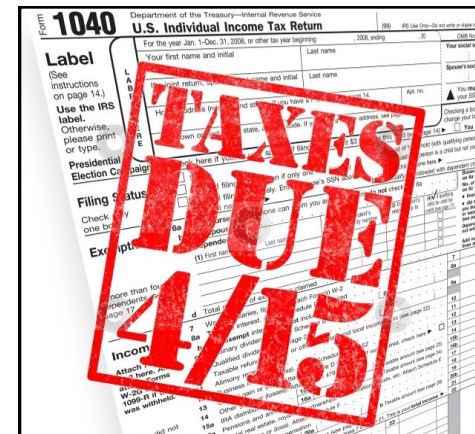
The Intercessory Prayer ministry has also engaged in other events over the years, such as prayer walks, one of which they recently did on the new site of our Family Life Center. When we have television programs on The Word Network,

they man the telephones. They visit the sick and shut-in to pray with them. They are called upon to say the Opening Prayer at many Ministry events. They have also conducted Seminar Wordshops on Intercessory Prayer. It is also a blessing to know that during every service they are strategically seated throughout the sanctuary interceding.

The Ministry is presently working on developing a youth component, as they see it as imperative that our children are taught how to pray and intercede on behalf of their peers and the things that concern them.

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets every 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00-7:00pm here at the Church and interested persons are welcome to come and join them. Should you desire further information, please call the Church at (305)685-3700 x. 306.

DON'T WASTE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS - MAKE THEM FINANCIALLY SOUND



dream vacation. I want people to make their resolutions now and I want it to be about being better financially."

Taxdrz.com says if you get a jump on making resolutions now, you will begin to think about planning your taxes and finances, instead of letting them plan what you can and cannot do. So here are some suggested pre-holiday and pre-New Year tax and financial resolutions:

- Get your credit report and study it
- Get organized, know who you owe and what you owe - consolidate debt
- If you have any deductible expenses get them taken care of as soon as possible
- Consider adjusting your tax withholding
- Make sure your insurance coverage is sufficient, that includes health, life, home, auto, disability
- Meet with a financial planner and get

Taxdrz.com has some sound advice for you as the holiday season approaches. The advice is to think ahead, plan ahead and work to get ahead. John Gay, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Taxdrz.com says every year "people make resolutions. They are going to lose 10 or 50 pounds. They are going to start working out. They are going to finally take that

- your financial plan in order
- Take a look at retirement savings and plans
- If you have children, talk to an attorney about a will and/or trust

Making financial resolutions will force you to take a serious look at your current money flow and your future financial options - both things mean you will have to build a road map to recovery. Taxdrz.com says "it doesn't have to be a traumatic experience. They are there to help you walk through it. When it is time to file, they'll sit down with you, look at everything you have and they'll talk about some options to help you get to where you want to go."

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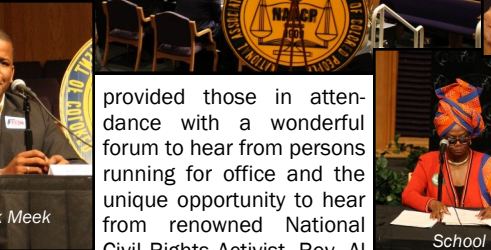
GROUND BREAKING NAACP FORUM

On Monday October 18th, 2010 the campus here at New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International appeared to have been transformed into a major political hub, as hundreds of politicians and their supporters, joined hundreds of our members to participate in an NAACP sponsored Political Forum.

While Bishop Curry in his capacity as President of the South Florida Branch of the NAACP was instrumental in orchestrating the event, as a Senior Pastor who is concerned about every aspect of his members' lives, he encouraged the members of New Birth to attend the forum, so that they could make informed, educated, political decisions as citizens. As he's stated many times before, "Voting is one of our duties as Christians." His appeal was well received and those that attended were blessed by a professionally executed, first class night of political dialogue.

The Event which started at 6:00pm was hosted by Monica Russo of the Services Em-

ployees International Union who did an outstanding job of ensuring a cohesive flow between the various debates and segments. The night

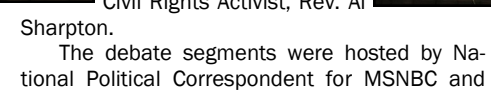
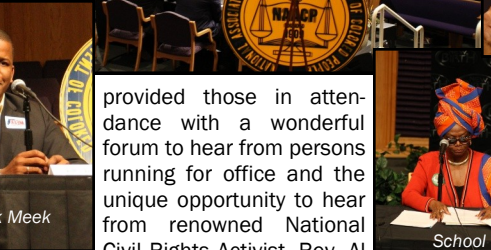


provided those in attendance with a wonderful forum to hear from persons running for office and the unique opportunity to hear from renowned National Civil Rights Activist, Rev. Al

member of New Birth, Ms. Joy Reid and CBS 4's Political Correspondent Elliot Rodriguez.

On hand to present their platforms were, U.S. Senate candidate Kendrick Meek, Jennifer Carroll, Republican Lt. Governor candidate who came to represent her running mate for Governor, Rick Scott, Roderick Verene, candidate for District 17 State Representative for Congress, Miami Dade County Commission District 2 candidates Dorin Rolle and Jean Monestime, Miami Dade County Commission District 8 candidates Linda Bell and Eugene Flinn, and School Board candidates Rhonda Vangate and Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.

Bishop Curry and the NAACP team are to be applauded for an outstanding job of bringing to the membership of our Church in particular and our community in general, an up close and personal opportunity to interact with some of the political movers and shakers of Florida. The experience certainly equipped those that participated with the insight necessary to make wise choices.



HUNDREDS ENJOYED ANNUAL HALLOWED-BE-THY-NAME FESTIVITIES

There were no ghosts and goblins, but there was no shortage of cute princesses and cartoon characters roaming the halls of New Birth East, as the Joshua Generation Youth Ministry of our Church hosted their annual Hallowed-Be-Thy-Name party on Friday October 29th, 2010, 6:30-9:30pm.

The event which was started many, many years ago by our Founding Senior Pastor as a means of providing a godly, wholesome alternative to Halloween, continues to bless the youth of our church every year, and this year the Youth Ministry took it to the next level by incorporating some new elements.

Nearly 800 children, teens and parents gathered on the campus of New Birth east to enjoy the annual event.

Kids were free to roam the grounds and participate in the many activities that were loving prepared for their enjoyment. Shrills of fake fear, squeals of laughter and joy filled the air as kids navigated their way through the hell, heaven and

candy land "experiences." Many of the smaller kids wore themselves out in the bounce houses, or on the cho-cho trains, while others patiently waited to get their faces painted by the resident clown.



An exciting new element added to this years event that was well received by all, were the competitions for best costume, best Karaoke singer and best dance crew.

The dance and karaoke competitions were both fun and funny because it allowed both the gifted and the not so gifted to "show what the momma gave them" and in some cases, it was not good! LOL! The costume competition on the other hand was one of the cutest things ever. There were so many

contest entrants that there had to be three separate segments. Kids 5 and under, 6-11 and 12 and over, all competing for cash and other prizes. Each contestant was allowed to model their costume on stage before a cheering audience and a panel of judges. In most categories choosing a winner was hard to do, but in the end cuteness was an overriding factor. Of course there was more than enough food, snacks and

candy for everyone present and the prevailing sentiment was that this year's Hallowed-Be-Thy-Name party was one of the best ever!

LOOK WHAT GOD DID! (A Member's Story of Victory)



Doctors said Danielle would probably never speak, but here she is in church reading the Bible

Jane Pelham and husband Gregory have a beautiful daughter, Danielle, now 17 years old. She's a senior in High School, and in many ways she's a typical teenager. Danielle is active in ministry and like most teen girls she likes to dance. She was part of the African Dance Ministry, and she presently serves as a Junior Peace Keeper. Danielle is smart, strong, and she has an incredible

zeal for life. She has, and is, continuing to live life to the fullest. But it didn't start out that way.

When Danielle was born, the Pelham's would experience some of the most difficult times of their lives. When Jane Pelham and her husband Gregory were expecting Danielle (their first child), Jane began experiencing complications, and their baby was born prematurely weighing only 1 pound 10 ounces. As result little Danielle experi-

enced breathing difficulties and was unable to breath on her own. An emergency Tracheotomy had to be performed on her fragile little body to open up the airway of her lungs to get air flowing. After the operation their baby was hospitalized for four months in Intensive Care Unit hooked up on a ventilator. The potential risk of complications during and after such procedures caused great concerns for the Pelham family, but they committed Danielle and everything concerning her to The Lord in prayer. The doctor's didn't think their baby would make it. But God.....

Because she was born earlier than expected; when she arrived they didn't have a name chosen for their precious baby girl. They wanted a name with biblical implications, so they name her Danielle.

The new parents wanted to be close to their baby at all times, so they spent many days and nights taking shifts at the hospital. The Pelham's were young, working parents with very demanding jobs and work shifts, but they held it together by being very supportive of each other and praying their way through, during what was one of the most stressful and difficult times of their lives. Mrs. Pelham made many visits to the Hospital Chapel Room praying for a miracle. She found strength, comfort and encouragement through prayer.

Eventually Danielle was taken off the ventilator, and released from hospital weighing 4.4 ounces. That however was not the end of the family's challenges. At 14 months, baby Danielle, had to have another major surgery, this one to close the trachea and to reconstruct her windpipes. The doctors told the Pelham's that their baby probably would never be able to talk due her medical issues, but the couple continued to pray. Can you imagine what it was like not to hear your baby cry, and to wonder if your baby would ever utter the words "Dad" or "Mom", but the couple continued to pray. Over the course of seven years Danielle had to be hospitalized at least five times. She experienced many medical challenges including, pneumonia, bronchitis, fevers and infections.

At the age of seven the trachea tube was removed, and Praise God though it was difficult Danielle began to talk! In spite of the odds against her, she began to learn how to speak, and today like most teenage girls, you can hardly keep her quiet. Truly God is awesome!

Through much prayer, faith and believing the Word of God for their daughters healing for over seven years, the Pelham's reaped an incredible reward, because in the face of what the doctors said, they refused to faint!

May God continue to bless this incredible family of faith!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - AN EARLY MORNING BLESSING!



Preach Bishop!

With a message entitled; "Being Thankful Even When Things Stink", taken from Jn. 11: 38-44 you gotta know that our Early Morning Thanksgiving Service held at 7:00am on Thanksgiving morning

was so worth getting out of bed for.

After a wonderful time of singing, praising and thanking God for His many blessings upon us individually and collectively, Bishop Curry stood once again behind the sacred desk and fed us 'til we could handle no more!

In this powerful, profound message based on the death and resurrection of Lazarus, Bishop showed us our Savior's example of thanking God even while Lazarus stank, because He knew that things were about to change. In his usual masterful, yet anointed way Bishop showed us; The Troubles that Diminish our Thankfulness, The Truth that Demands our Thankfulness, and The Trust that Develops our Thankfulness. In light of the truths

shared, he further brought the message home by encouraging those present to utilize a new texting acronym. His directive; add to the line-up along with LOL and other popular acronyms, TIA (Thanking In Advance).

Again, we are mindful that people travel for the holidays, but this writers admonition for anyone that did not for some reason make it to the Thanksgiving Service is to do yourself a favor and get a copy of this message from VTC Ministries. I assure you that it will bless you now and in the weeks, months and years to come. It was truly an anointed, timeless, incredible Word from The Lord through his servant, our Founding Senior Pastor, Bishop Victor T. Curry, to whom and for whom we give God thanks!

AGAPE LOVE FEAST

ance were provided with referral information to Destination Home.

Additionally, in an effort to provide spiritual blessings to those in attendance the Silent Praise team ministered and our Pastor of Evangelism, Elder Lorenzo Johnson preached an anointed message that resulted in a number people accepting Christ as Savior.

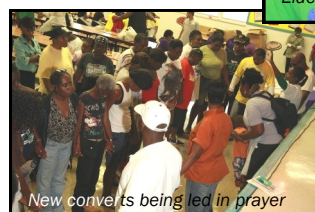
As if that were not enough, in another practical demonstration of the love and blessings of God, Ms. Sharon Byrd was on hand to bless 15 families with turkeys on behalf of her son,



Elder Lorenzo Johnson



Family of NFL Player and member Demetrius Byrd on hand to give away 15 Turkeys to needy families.



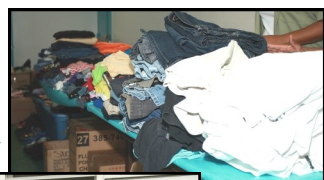
New converts being led in prayer

NFL player and member of New Birth, Demetrius Byrd. Byrd who was recently drafted by the San Diego Chargers understands and appreciates the importance of giving back, and his family was excited about being able to join with us to bless those in need.

We certainly want to thank and applaud the Byrd

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family, the scores of volunteers of the Lord's Kitchen III, the Evangelism Ministry and the entire New Birth family that came out



Church not only and served, but contributed time, talent and treasure as well, to ensure that we were able to bless so many families in these difficult times. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

YOUTH BID FAREWELL TO SIS. REJOHAN



Ms. Rejohan Perkin-Smith

On the night of November 13th, 2010 for a second you would've thought you were at an off Broadway play for the Color Purple, instead of Friday night live for the Youth Ministry. However; before I tell you about the twenty five minute version of the wedding from the Color Purple, I must go back to the beginning. The

night was dedicated to the former Ms. ReJohan Perkins now Mrs. ReJohan Smith, as she prepared to celebrate her upcoming nuptials and departure from South Florida after her five years of service as the Youth Director at New Birth. With much pomp and pageantry Miss Rejohan (as she was affectionately called by the kids) was escorted into her celebration by one of our youth, Josh Bateman. After getting crowned as the queen of the night and receiving a bouquet of flowers, the celebration got underway.

Youth and youth workers presented dramatic, poetic, verbal and tangible presentation but the high-

light of the night was probably the Joshua Generation's Youth Ministry version of the Color Purple. Several youth leaders dressed in clothing from the 1950's era transported the audiences mind into the tiny chapel in which the wedding between Harpo and Sophia took place. These youth leaders may want to consider adding acting to their resumes because by the end of the production everyone was in stitches.

After the play, the honors continued with singing, dancing and spoken word tributes from youth other youth leaders. As the night drew to a close, Mrs. Smith was presented with a beautiful picture and poem written by youth leader Ms. Shanteria Griglen, and another from the entire Youth Ministry. She was presented with a beautiful

plaque detailing the Youth Ministry's Color Purple Cast



Youth Ministry's Color Purple Cast

love and appreciation of the Youth Ministry for her labor among them. At the end of the night's get together, it was hard to hold back the tears as Mrs. Smith got up to give her farewell speech. She thanked everyone for coming out, she expressed her gratitude for the love shown to her over the years.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel J. Smith Jr. as they embark on their new life together in California. We will miss you Rejohan Perkins-Smith.



Youth gather around Miss Rejohan for final photo.

MEET YOUR NEW BIRTH STAFF



Elder Marietta Freeman
Director
New Birth Employment Ministry

She was sitting in church in a wheel chair recovering from a car accident when it happened. Bishop Curry was preaching a message during the Watch Night Service five years ago, and was led of the Lord right then to start an Employment Ministry and as she recalls he said, "And we have just the person to do it." That's how New Birth's Employment Ministry came into existence and that's how Elder Marietta Freeman was hired as its Director. She got to work immediately, taking applications that very night and she hasn't stopped since.

When the Lord led Elder Freeman to New Birth after 32 years at her previous church, shortly after having been laid off from a job that she held for 27 years, she had no idea why, but she was convinced that it was His will. Some 7 years

later and she couldn't imagine herself doing anything else. Over the past five years, she directly assisted hundreds of people prepare for and find jobs. One of her most memorable being a convincing a major trucking company to take a chance on a young man that had a criminal past and was on 10 years probation. Because of her tenacity, the company hired the young man, started him at \$24.00 per hour; a position that he is still growing and thriving in today.

Marietta admits that it is her love for helping people, her ability to empathize with the jobless, having experienced what it is like when she lost her job at the State's Unemployment Office after 27 years, and an unwavering conviction that her job is a divine assignment from God, that compels her to work as tirelessly as she does. She also gives God praise for the opportunities that her position provides her to minister to both the physical and spiritual needs of those that she comes into contact with. At times, she has had to direct some women to shelters for battered women, she has had to stop interviews and get some job seekers a meal and others she's had the opportunity to pray with. Over the years she gives God praise for having led 7 job seekers to Christ.

Elder Freeman is in the trenches of Kingdom work, and she feel blessed to offers hope to the jobless by declaring to them that God truly has a job with their name on it.

2010 EVANGELISM EVENTS & TIPS

Every 4th Sunday is Evangelism Sunday so invite a friend.

PRAY FOR BOLDNESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS

We should pray for opportunity through divine appointments. Colossians 4:3-5 makes three main points.

- 1) "Pray... that God may open a door for our message..."
- 2) That we may proclaim it clearly... and
- 3) Make the most of every opportunity.

Attend Evangelism Training:
Sun. 9:30-10:45am
Tues: 6: 00-6:45pm

Monthly Bible Trivia Question

How old was Jesus when he officially started his ministry?

(See next month's newsletter for answer)

LAST MONTH'S ANSWER:
Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher

Operation Andrew: Souls to Win in 2010

Church Wide Evangelistic Campaign

Reaching Others for Christ

John 1:40-42

Bishop Victor T. Curry, D. Min., D. Div., Founding Senior Pastor/Teacher

NEW BIRTH BAPTIST CHURCH

FINAL JOB FAIR FOR THE YEAR



With the unemployment rate still hovering close to 10%, there are millions of Americans pounding the pavements daily looking for jobs.

With a mandate from our Bishop to be a practical blessing to not only the unemployed members of New Birth, but the community as a whole, Elder Marietta Freeman, Sister Karla Brown and the volunteers of our Church's Employment Ministry hosted their

final Job Fair and Expo for the year.

The Job Fair Expo which was co-sponsored by Alpha 1 Staffing Agency and Church's Chicken was held on Thursday November 4th, 9:00am - 3:00pm at New Birth Enterprise.

The Job Fair Expo attracted over 50 employers and in response brought hundreds of job seekers through the doors. Elder Freeman was also particularly pleased by the fact that many of the job seekers came properly prepared for the opportunities presented as they had participated in a Pre-Fair Job Skill Preparation workshop a week prior, also hosted by New Birth Employment Ministry. At that session participants were given hands-on training on everything from resume writing to how to dress for success.

Many of the employers on hand like Sta-

ples, and Miami Dade County Corrections indicated that they were very pleased with the caliber of participants and felt that a number of applicants that they spoke with were definitely potential employees.

Elder Freeman and her team are to be applauded not only for their stellar performance at their most recent Job Fair, but for the exemplary work that they have done throughout the year. Their efforts have resulted in

so many people hearing that awesome word phrase "You're hired!"



BREAST CANCER WALK



In 2009 an estimated 200,000 women in the United States were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and about 41,00 were expected to die from the disease. In 2005, in an effort to raise awareness and funds for the cure of this devastating disease, and to inspire survivors, The American Cancer Society started hosting annual "Cancer Walks" throughout the nation and this year we participated for the first time as a church.

Leading the way in this important initiative were members of The Kountist Moss Conquerors of Cancer Ministry of our Church. Joined by our Senior Pastor and about 120 others from both New Birth and St. Ruth, the walk got underway at about 7:30am on Saturday October 2nd, 2010 here on the grounds of the Cathedral.

It was great to see people of various fitness levels give it their best. Some completed as much

as 4 laps, while others enjoyed a leisurely 1 lap, using the time to talk with friends as they "mozied" along.

Upon the completion of the walk a brief program was held in the sanctuary. During which the group was blessed by presentations by Ms. Debra Annane, Project Manager at The University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Rhonda Smith of the YWCA and Cathee Connor a liturgical dancer, the latter two of whom are cancer survivors themselves. The session closed out with a very engaging question and answer period.

Deaconess Carolyn Jones, Director of The Kountist Moss Conquerors of Cancer Ministry stated that while this is the Ministry's first year participating, plans are to make it an annual event.

DEACON'S FREE CAR WASH

The women of New Birth are such a supportive, faithful and vital part of our Ministry. Thus, when our Deacon's Ministry was looking for practical ways to give back to the membership, they quickly concluded that they should do something to let the women of our Church know that they are appreciated.

To that end, on Saturday October 23rd, 2010, the Deacon's Ministry hosted a "Free Car Wash" for the women of the Church. Three fully equipped stations, the first for vacuuming, the second for washing, and the third for drying and detailing, were all set up and manned by our Deacons, at various locations throughout the parking lot of the Cathedral.

The twenty plus deacons that participated were also furnished with refreshments as they

worked continually from 8:00am-12:00 noon. During that time they blessed scores of our female members with the much needed practical blessing of a car wash. That was one chore that they could check off their "To-Do" list.

Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry, Deacon Reginald Woods said that the car wash was just the beginning of a number of other blessings that they are planning for the months ahead. He shared that they are presently positioning themselves to be able to provide lawn care, painting and other such services to those in need within our congregation.

Deacon Woods shared that for the Deacon's Ministry, the bottom line is providing both spiritual and practical assistance for the our members whenever and however it is needed.



GRADUATION CLASS OF 2010

On the heels of a powerful series of messages by our Founding Senior Pastor entitled; "Discovering your Spiritual Gifts", in which we were admonished to discover, develop and deploy our gifts within the Body of Christ, we were blessed to welcome a group excited to do just that.

During the 11:00am Worship Service on Sunday December 5th, 2010 an exuberant, inspired group of 258 new members were officially received into the fellowship here at New Birth. Children, adults, single folks, married couples and in some cases, entire families acknowledged before friends, family and their New Birth family, their belief that God had ordered their step to this Ministry, and after weeks, and in some cases months of orientation and preparation, they were now ready to make it official.

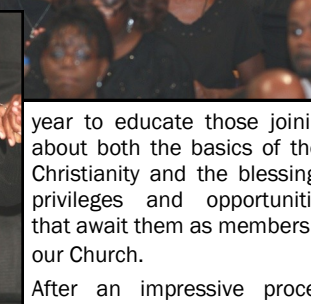
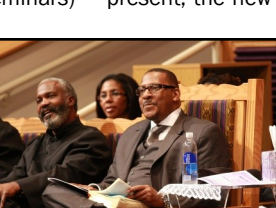
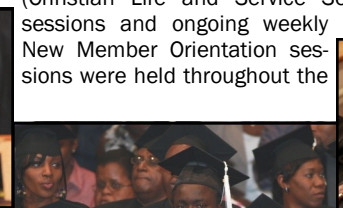
Director and Graduation Coordinator of the Rev. Dr. Frances Floyd-McCray's New Disciples' Ministry, Trustee Marvin Armstrong and Sis. Sabrina Adams, Director of Congregational Care and New Disciples' Ministry Staff Liaison, along with an awesome staff of

volunteers were charged with the incredible assignment of preparing the new members for graduation. Intensive one day C.L.A.S.S. (Christian Life and Service Seminars) sessions and ongoing weekly New Member Orientation sessions were held throughout the

service that followed was truly a "Celebration of Elevation." While common elements of our services like Praise and Worship were present, the new members under the leadership of the Servant Leaders of the New Disciples' Ministry incorporated new elements into the service and brought their own flavor to it by having new members participate in various aspects of the service. Another highlight of the Graduation Ceremony was the message which was presented by Dr. Mack King Carter in his signature intellectual, insightful, inspirational and humorous style.

The New Birth Graduating Class of 2010 is to be applauded for their obedience to God and their commitment to the process of preparation. As they have already been instructed by our Founding Senior Pastor, Bishop Victor T. Curry, our prayer is that they will immediately "Get in, where they fit in" and allow God to bless them as

He uses them to be a blessing



year to educate those joining about both the basics of their Christianity and the blessings, privileges and opportunities that await them as members of our Church.

After an impressive processional by the graduates, the worship

to others.

BISHOP HONORED BY HIS ALMA MATER

Saturday December 18th is a day that many former students of Florida Memorial University will not soon forget, because it was the day that they graduated from college. For our Founding Senior Pastor however, this day will long be remembered for another reason; it's the day that he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from his Alma Mater.

At 8:30am, just hours before he was to eulogize his brother Deacon Edward Curry, Bishop Curry demonstrated the level of love and appreciation that he has for his Alma Mater, Florida Memorial University by honoring his commitment to serve as the Commencement Speaker for the Graduation. In his usual down-to-earth, yet practical and profound way, Bishop encouraged the graduating students to become great through service. In a thought provoking charge, based upon the Biblical principle presented by Christ in Matt. 20:26; "... But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant," he shared that true greatness is actually realized through great service. Bishop Curry also warned the



Bishop Curry receives Honorary Doctorate

graduates about some of the difficulties that they will face on their way to the accomplishment of their dreams, but encouraged them not to allow anything to keep them from being the very best that they can at whatever it is that they are aspiring to become. Needless to say, the Commencement Speech was well received by both the graduates and their well wishers.

After the speech, Dr. Denise J. Callwood-Brathwaite, Interim Provost of the University

presented Bishop Curry as the Candidate for the Honorary Degree. The Degree was then conferred upon him by Interim President of Florida Memorial University, Dr. Sandra T. Thompson. In celebration of his accomplishment, Bishop was applauded by the hundreds of people that packed the Chester Robinson Athletic Center for the Graduation Ceremony, including a delegation of nearly one hundred members from New Birth and St. Ruth that came especially to celebrate with him.

While Bishop has received honorary degrees before, he said that this one was particularly special because, it was awarded by the educational institution that he attended as a youth. Bishop Curry still serves his alma mater as a member of the University's Board of Trustees and through his participation in the activities of the Alumni Association.

We are incredibly proud of our Bishop, as he continues to distinguish himself as a man of great faith, great fortitude, and great favor.

NEW BIRTH ENTITIES DEMONSTRATE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF GIVING

Is Christmas about Santa? Is it about family gatherings? Is it about fruitcakes and eggnog, or is it about how many gifts we receive?

Due, in great measure to the commercialization of Christmas, many people, including many Christians have lost sight of the "Real meaning of Christmas." Swat away the commercial clutter and its really simple; over two thousand years ago in a divine move to redeem mankind from their sin, God gave the world the gift of his son as a sinless sacrifice for all humanity. Thus, at the bare-bones basics, the essence and the spirit of Christmas, is the spirit of giving.

In light of this fact, many of the New Birth entities took advantage of the spirit of giving that prevails during the holiday season to give back to many in our community and many in our church that could use the help.

In addition to the over 1500 hot meals that were served at The Agape Love Feast; at Thanksgiving, The Lord's Food Pantry (our grocery distribution ministry), gave away 98 turkeys to needy families in our community, along with bags of grocery. The Food Pantry, which operates out of New Birth Enterprise in Miami Shores, saw an unprecedented number of families in need of help to provide the bare

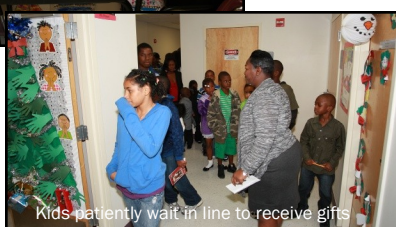
necessities for their households. We were therefore grateful to God that we could meet their needs in a very real and relevant way. Also getting in on the action just before Christmas was our radio station, AM1490



W M B M . Embracing the spirit of giving, management and staff of the Station identified and awarded 3 deserving families with much needed toys and gifts to ensure that these families would have a merry and blessed Christmas.

By far the manifestation of the spirit of giving

ing that our kids appreciate most is our Christmas toy giveaway. It has now become a Christmas Day tradition here at New Birth. Every year after our Christmas Day Service, hundreds of free toys are distributed to kids of our church and community; many that need, and others that simply just want a Christmas Day blessing. Laughter and excitement filled the air as our kids enthusiastically streamed into our educational wing after the Service to select the gift of their choice. This initiative which is spearheaded by the Joshua Generation Youth Ministry of our church, is the culmination of a two month long toy drive here at the church.

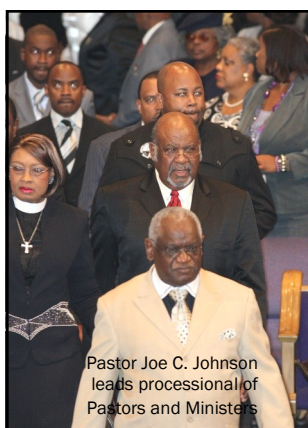


Kids patiently wait in line to receive gifts

It was heartwarming to see children so happy and blessed because of the contributions of so many within our membership who themselves have embraced the Christmas spirit - the spirit of giving.

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR OUR CHIEF OF SECURITY - Dec. Edward Curry

At 1:00pm on Saturday December 18th, surrounded by a cadre of church and community leaders, family, friends, New Birth and St. Ruth members, Bishop Curry laid his "brother, protector and best friend" Deacon Edward Curry to rest.



Pastor Joe C. Johnson leads procession of Pastors and Ministers

Deacon Curry or "Ed" as he was affectionately called, played a quiet yet integral role not only in the work of the Ministry here at New Birth as our Chief of Security, but also in the life of his baby brother, our Founding Senior Pastor, Bishop Curry.

Hundreds of people touched by Ed's life packed our sanctuary to say a final farewell to this pillar of our Church. Through reflections by

family, friends and loved ones, and tributes and resolutions from various community and ecclesiastical organizations, all in attendance got a clear and comprehensive picture of the straight talking, faithful, caring individual that Deacon Curry truly was.

Just over a week prior to the funeral, Bishop Curry had admonished the Church to "Finish Strong." At that time he had no idea how significant that statement would become for him and for so many others in our Church. After having wept through various portions of the Service, in a heart wrenching, yet incredibly inspiring way Bishop stood strong in the power of God's might and delivered a powerful eulogy for his brother;



Sis. Audrey Curry

which was the crowning touch on a Homegoing Celebration fit for this stalwart of the Kingdom. We continue to keep Deacon Curry's wife Audrey,



Bishop and his sister, Julie comfort each other

reavement. Heaven knows we will miss Deacon Edward Curry.



their children and the entire Curry family in our prayers as they go through this time of bereavement.

WMBM HOSTS FAMILY SKATING PARTY

On Veteran's day, while some people were lighting up the barbecues and "pigging out", the staff of AM1490 WMBM took advantage of the "day off" that many people had, to bring together the friends and supporters of the radio station at Gold Coast Roller Skating Rink in Fort Lauderdale FL, 4:00-7:00pm.

With an objective of providing a healthy, fun event that the whole family could enjoy, the Promotions Department pulled off a spectacular fundraiser and toy drive that was such a success that plans are to make it an annual event.

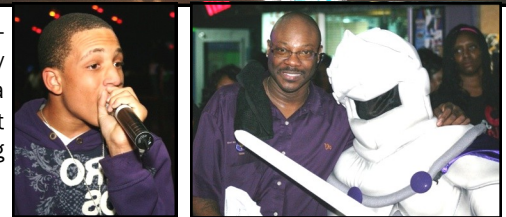
Hundreds of skaters, "wanna-be" skaters and others that just wanted to hang out and fellowship, packed the rink to get their "party on" with their favorite radio personalities. Those in attendance were not only blessed with the opportunity to work up a sweat roller skating, but throughout the event scores of door prizes were given away including

the grand prize, a 19' flat screen TV which was won by New Birth's own Cheryl Lacey.

Participants were also blessed by the music ministry's of some of the most popular South Florida artists heard on WMBM including Malcolm Hawkins, Valencia Brown, gospel rap artist "Baby Girl", Sir Princeton, Prophetess Danielle Jean and Ebenezer Missionary Baptists Church's Dance Ministry.

The party was co-hosted by WMBM's MJ, The Social Diva, Aloma, and Dr. K. On hand to meet and greet those attending were members of WMBM's Morning Glory Crew; and members of the Youth Expressions Reloaded Crew.

This wonderful family event was great way for WMBM to connect with it's listeners in a special way, and served as yet another powerful practical demonstration of their continued commitment as a station that touches the community and "The station that put Jesus Christ first."

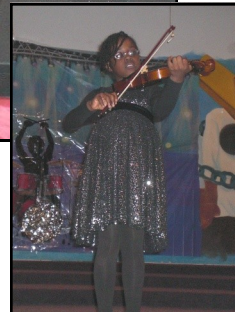
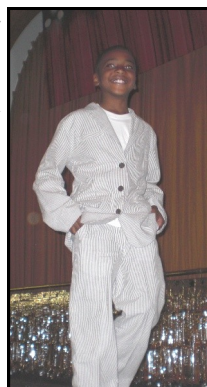


JAMCA'S STAR STUDDED TALENT SHOW!

The Dr. John A. McKinney Christian Academy's 2nd Annual Talent show was a fun, fantastic time of family fellowship, that won't soon be forgotten. The show which took place on Saturday November 13, 2010 at New Birth East, was rightly called "A Night with The Stars" as JAMCA teachers, students and parents proved that all the stars are not in Hollywood.

The talent show featured impersonations of Alicia Keys by one of our students and Betty White by two teachers. Those in attendance were also treated to the talents of a violinist, a gospel singer, the first karate kid, and a parent/son and parent/daughter duet. The students danced to songs by popular pop artists, gospel and country singers.

The show was divided into two segments; Talent and Fashion. The During the Fashion Segment our students showed off their fashion flair in 3 categories.



Students strutted their stuff down the runway wearing some of today's latest Fashion of casual, sports, and evening wear. What made this segment even more exciting was that the kids added their own personal little twist to their runway walks. Their creativity really captivated the audience and made the experience more enjoyable and interactive.

It was a fun-filled amazing night out for the staff, students and guests of the Dr. John A. McKinney Christian Academy.

JAMCA teachers Ms. Victoria Curry and Ms. Kathy Staten led the way in putting together the show as a fund raiser and as a time of fellowship for parents and students.

The Staff and students extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all those parents and friends of JAMCA that supported the talent show. The entire JAMCA family is also looking forward with great anticipation to their continued support in 2011, as they endeavor to take the school to the next level.