

Monday, September 3, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Annual Prayer Breakfast – Omni Hotel and Resort

Theme: “Prayer Power”

Prayer: “He that dwelleth in the secret place...” Psalm 91

Sis. Carolyn Heard, GMBC State YP Director presided. A music prelude was provided by Sis. Alice Boyd followed by the congregation singing “Sweet Hour of Prayer”. Scripture was read by Pastor Eric D. Scott followed by prayer given by Sis. Peggy Berryman. The welcome was given by Sis. Tarnishia Scott followed by a delicious breakfast. Prayer was offered for those as follows: “President Scruggs and his family” – Midwest Region; “Woman’s Auxiliary President, Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood” – Western Region; “National Young People’s Director, Dr. Marian J. Hockenhull” – Northeast Region; “Our youth to have self-control” – Southeast Region; “Our youth to know the love of God” – Southwest Region; Prayer was offered for President Obama and his family by Sis. Dorothy Burns.

Bro. Chuck Carter introduced our speaker, Rev. Dr. Anthony Booker, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Harlem, Georgia. His message, coming from John 9:1-4 was “Swag Up”. He stated the whole Bible is about God’s ability to liberate, and the cross is the ultimate liberation. People need to hear that God loves them and came to set them free. He spoke about our vertical theology...our connection with God which determines our worship and our horizontal theology...our connection with people which determines our service. We must reach out whenever and wherever the need presents itself; if you have swag you are gifted for the work, positioned for the work and have been called by God. Closing prayer for National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. and all of its Departments / leaders and Benediction was given by our speaker.

Young People’s Department – General Assembly – Georgia World Conference Center – B312
9:30 A.M.

The session opened with remarks at 9:30 a.m. by YPD National Director Marian J. Hockenhull; Sis. Wanda Hines, Midwest Regional Youth Director, presided.

Rev. Lee Nelson Jones, Southwest Region provided music for our session in the absence of Alice Clinton-Boyd who was selected as Delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Worship Committee – Sis. Stacey Benn, National Director of the Youth Rally.

The Worship experience: “You’ve Got A Friend in Me”, Scripture, Song, Poems, and Testimony...”What a Friend We Have In Jesus”. James 2:19-24; everyday in every way...show that you have a friend in God. (Scriptures: Proverbs 18:24, James 2:23, Psalms 15:3, Proverbs 17:17a, and Matthew 22:12)

Present Program of the Week / Minutes of Last Annual Meeting.

Sis. Brenda G. Lott, General Secretary, presented the program for the week and gave highlights of the minutes from the last annual meeting in Orlando, Florida – September 5 – 9, 2011. Motion by Sis. E. Mickle, seconded by Sis. Gloria Simmons to accept the program as presented with the correction that Stacy Benn is now the National Director of the Youth Rally (listed as Assistant Director); Motion carried. Motion by Sis. E. Mickle, seconded by Sis. M. Dansby to accept the minutes as read; Motion carried.

Presentation – “Developing A Youth Ministry for the Twenty-first Century”, Rev. W. J. Lawson, Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA.

Pastor Lawson began his presentation by asking for input on the decline of youth in our churches today. He then gave statistics and emphasized the method must change but not the message. A beautiful informative hand out was shared with all who had registered. He also emphasized, “If it’s not working, why continue to do it?” Young people do not have a visual, spiritual eye for the church today; youth are now born into a technology age. We need to take some time to get to know our children...individuals win trophies, but it takes a team to win the championship”. “If you don’t love them, you can’t lead them.” We should use modern day translations of the Bible youth can understand; Children’s Bible, Teen Bible, NIV. If we use dialogue they don’t understand, we will lose them. Examples of methods for drawing and retaining our youth were shared. Rev. Lawson said, “Success without a successor equals failure.” We should always be training someone to take our place. Three important areas for a strong youth program are providing youth with belonging (John 10:28-30), behaving (attention span, diversity in lesson delivery) and believing (Matthew 28:19-20).” In place of evangelism, community outreach through block parties was an effective method in his Church community to reach the youth and their families.

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
General Assembly

Sis. Rhonda Mitchell, Western Regional Youth Director, Presided.

Worship Committee – Sis. Stacey Benn, National Director of the Youth Rally.

Welcome Program from GMBC Young People’s Department Host Committee

In song and dance, the young people of the Antioch Baptist Church North and the Greater Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church of Atlanta and the Greater New Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Cartersville inspired the delegates and guests. Rev. Paul Little, Youth Minister of the First African Baptist Church delivered the theme summation, expounding on “Solidarity with the Savior through His Worship” and using Acts 20:9, he spoke on “Transforming a Generation”. While there is nothing new under the sun, satan has targeted this generation, and we must be like Paul who stopped preaching to go to the rescue of “Eutychus” to restore the life of our youth. National Director Hockenull, all the Regional Youth Directors and youth workers were presented with gifts of love.

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – General Assembly 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

The Session opened at 2:30 p.m. by Director Hockenull; Sis. Karen McKinney-Holley, Southeast Regional Youth Director, presided.

Worship Committee – Sis. Stacey Benn, National Director of the Youth Rally.

Presentation: “Ministry to Children in Crisis” by Mrs. Frieda L. Gilyard, Shiloh Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Gilyard is also Faith Community Task Force Director for the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence. Too many young people have to “pay the price for adult decisions and for the mistakes adults in their world make.” She shared abuse in our homes today, the effect of texting on relating to our youth, youth alcohol abuse and results of cocaine addicted parents on the safety and well being of our youth. “A teenage girl may be taking care of all the household duties and seeing after younger siblings and is too tired to do her homework each night. One of the most effective ways of ministering to our youth is to not be afraid to share our own downfalls and shortcomings...let them know that the you they see now is not who you have always been. “Letting a child know what you have come through makes a huge difference in a hurting child’s life because it gives the child hope that he or she will be able to make it through, too.”

“Annual Report” National Director Dr. Marian J. Hockenhull

Director Hockenhull recognized leadership and gave special thanks to Sis. Carolyn Heard and the Georgia Host Committee. She thanked everyone for their service and faithfulness.

Highlights of her report: Director Hockenhull is thankful for the Convention last year in Orlando, FL and being able to attend the Regionals this year. She thanked all for their prayers, calls, cards, flowers, resolutions (over 1,000 received) and other expressions of love and kindness during the home going of her husband, Pastor F. O. Hockenhull. Director Hockenhull reported further on her stewardship and re-emphasized the theme: “Solidarity with the Savior through Worship”. She asked that we learn to follow protocol; remember we are to train our youth to take our place. Worship is not entertainment. Worship is all about God and who He is; Praise is about thanking God for what He has done for us. Worship is not about us (Psalms 24, Psalms 95, 96, Psalms 100). We were encouraged to attend the Regionals or host one next year; Director Hockenhull related the difficulties in the Northeast Region this year.

Director Hockenhull was presented a Love Offering and also special expressions of love from the Regional Directors. Rev. James Brown brought the closing meditation from Psalms 150. Worship – are we where God placed, positioned us?

Our session was ended with prayer at 4:10 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012– 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Annual Director’s Luncheon – Marriott Marquis Hotel –A706

Theme: “Solidarity With The Savior” - Emphasis: “Love in Action” – Scripture: I John 5:3

Sis. Mary Hopkins, Southwest Regional Youth Director, presided as Director Hockenhull opened with greetings. Sis. Roseland Jackson gave the Welcome and Occasion. The Male Chorus of the Shady Grove Baptist Church of Watkinsville, Georgia, sang songs of Zion that set the tone of praise (“Tell the Angels”) for our luncheon. Our speaker, Rev. Willie Bodrick, Pastor of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, was introduced by his son Rev. Willie Bodrick, II. We were challenged to put “Love In Action” with scriptures John 5:3 and John 14:15. He said you can’t love God without loving one another. God’s command frees us to be who we were created to be –help of His Word, help of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17; John 14:21; John 15:10) Christ loves us unconditionally – John 15:12. Believers’ love must be an active love – I John 3:18. We must worship in Spirit and in truth. Encounters with Jesus changed the lives of the woman at the well, healed of the nobleman’s son, healed the lame man at the pool of Bethesda and fed the 5,000. This love in action is an example of the power of the Holy Ghost to help us also help people and empower change. The recipient of this year’s gift

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through our mission of this luncheon was the Carrie Steel Pitts Home. This home is a 124 year old facility and is a private, nonprofit agency that provides 24-hour residency for children who are neglected, abandoned, abused, or orphaned. The Luncheon offering totaled \$1,102.00

Thursday, September 6, 2012
8:30 – Noon - President Julius R. Scruggs’s Annual Address
2:30 – Met with Woman’s Auxiliary

Respectfully submitted,

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