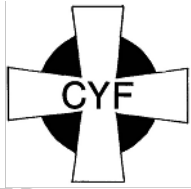


# The 2011 Youth Education Department Annual Report

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*Continuing to walk with Jesus:  
We are Disciples of Christ*

The CYF Department ended the year by presenting Sister Classie McConago of Thaddeus Chapel the CYF Advisor of the Year Award at the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Western Assembly on November 6, 2010. Sister McConago was recognized for her service not only at Thaddeus Chapel but also with the Youth Education Department at the Western Assembly.

The CYF Convention was held on May 21, 2011. President Destiny Williams presided over the business meeting. Not only did several youth read papers on the theme, but two churches completed the assignment to create a skit and make a video for viewing. Videos were shown by Point Level about the Disciple Thomas and Bentonville on the Disciple Simon Peter. Mikalyn Tart of White Oak was crowned CYF Queen for 2011 and the CYF King for 2011 was Zion McPhatter from Bentonville.



The CYF Summer Conference was held on June 19-24, 2011. Our conferees enjoyed a week of Christian Youth Fellowship that included learning, singing and fun. CYF Summer Conference **Officers** were: President, Malcolm Fennell, Thaddeus, Vice President, Diamond Wynn, St. Stephens, Secretary, Alexis Bethea, Visiting Church, Assistant Secretary Andrew McLamb of Point Level and the Parliamentarian was Xavier Jones of Juniper Grove.



Alexis Bethea, Malcolm Fennell, Diamond Wynn, Andrew McLamb

Harnett County **Sheriff Deputy Charlie Peele** returned to share additional information to help our youth stay on the right track. Eric Hampton, Jr. presented a workshop on “Social Media.” The CYF Summer Conference Pastor was *Elder Eric Hampton, Sr.* of White Oak. The CYF Department welcomed Ms. Tywana Raynor back as a teacher in the summer conference. Returning teaching staff included Dr. Janie Robinson, Ms. De’borah Tart, Ms. Sherry Cousar and Ms. Terrie Bethea, Activity Coordinator. Deacon Lenard Chesnutt served as the Dean of Boys and Ms. Regina Tew was the Dean of Girls. Ms. Julia Davis served as the Cafeteria Manager and was assisted by James “Bud” Williams and Ms. Lou Ellen Owens. Filling in for Ms. Phyllis James this year was Ms. Sheneka Raynor as the CYF Nurse. CYF Graduate Kesha Bell worked as a Staff Assistant. Ms. Linda M. Owens served as the CYF Director and the Assistant Director was Ms Mary Jo Wilson.

The CYF Summer Conference Choir was led by *Brandon Brown* a CYF Graduate. Deacon Glenn Lofton returned as our chief musician and was assisted by first year conferees his two grandsons Jhaelyn and Martavis McLamb of Bentonville and also Caeleb Robinson of St. John Disciple Church. Brandon Brown did a magnificent job and we applaud our Choir and the Conferees that helped with the music as they were full of energy and sang from the bottom of their hearts.

The conferees enjoyed the recreational activities that included a 3-on-3 basketball tournament coordinated by Mr. Eric Bethea. Assisting with recreation was Eric Hampton, Jr., Elgin Alford, Ms. Tywana Raynor and Brandon Brown. CYF Convention President Destiny Williams conducted a cheerleader workshop.



*CYF Conferees at the entrance to Carowinds on Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

**Bible Bowl** winners were Third Year conferees: Treveon Hampton, Ritchel Cousar both of White Oak and Andrew McLamb from Point Level and the much needed alternate Karmari McMillian from Juniper Grove. We enjoyed “real” field day activities on Friday.

The CYF Summer Conference ended with the graduation of five conferees for completing the four year curriculum. **Malcolm Fennell** of Thaddeus Chapel and **Naima Durrett** from a Visiting Church (White Oak) received the Best All-Around Male and Female Conferee Award.



The Local Churches, CYF Friends and Assembly Auxiliaries were very generous this year. We received donations in way of money, supplies and food for the week. On behalf of the CYF Department we thank you, not just for what you gave, but for your continued support of the Youth Education Department in the Assembly.

## *CYF Bowling Field Trip*

The CYF First Outing Outside of the CYF Summer Conference was an evening of Bowling. This activity was very successful thanks to our youth desire to continue fellowshiping throughout the year. Thanks to **facebook** we were able to plan and coordinate this event. A **facebook** group has been created by membership only as a place to share and stay in contact with each other. If you want to follow the youth on **facebook**, please see Ms. Linda M. Owens the CYF Director for more information.

We met at Buffalo Lanes in Erwin on August 20, 2011. This was not only a successful outing with a large turnout of over 50 people; it was a great way to keep our youth engaged in positive activities. Churches that participated were Bentonville, New Bethel, Point Level, St. James, St. Stephens, Thaddeus and White Oak. Our youth were allowed to invite friends and family, in which they did. CYF Staff participating were Tywana Raynor, Regina Tew, Phyllis James, Terrie Bethea, Elgin Alford, Linda M. Owens and Brandon Brown. Ms. Sherry Cousar did not attend, but she helped with finding a location. Elder Deron McLamb came with the youth from Bentonville. He along with other parents enjoyed bowling and the fellowship with our youth.

The CYF Department owes the success of this first outing to Brandon Brown for his time and efforts in communicating with our youth. I would like to thank parents and other relatives that brought youth to the event and especially to those that helped chaperone.



### **Mark your Calendar**

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May 19, 2012 – CYF Convention

June 17-22, 2012 – CYF Summer Conference