

The Western Assembly Disciples of Christ Churches, Inc

Christian Youth Fellowship



Summer Conference Report 2013

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Christian Youth Fellowship 2013 News

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Freedom in Christ was the 2013 CYF Theme with Scripture reference *Galatians 5:1*.

CYF Convention was held on May 18, 2013 with President, Ciera Thompson presiding Minister J'mal McByrde was the guest speaker. The CYF Summer Conference Choir rendered the music with Bentonville First Lady Tonya McLamb directing the choir.

The Western Assembly Christian Youth Fellowship Summer Conference was held on June 16-21, 2013. Officers for the Summer Conference were President, Ice'yana Spruill, Vice President, Caleb McLaurin, Recording Secretary, Malika Cromartie, and the Parliamentarian, Orion Baylor. Forty-three (43) conferees were in attendance this year.

Elder Deron McLamb was the CYF Conference Pastor. Workshop presenters were Evangelist Jacqueline Gathers on *Hip Hop Culture*, Bridgett Elliott on *Bullying* and Ms. Irish Williams on *Budgeting*.

Wednesday night was the annual Bible Bowl challenge, moderator by Terrie Bethea. The third year conferees won Bible Bowl. The winning team members were Malika Cromartie, Christopher Melvin, Jania Johnson and Derron Sutton, Jr. as the alternate team member and Minister Cheryl Davis were their advisor. Certificates and Medals were awarded to the winners during the closing program.



Bible Winners – Third Year

The Conferees enjoyed a trip to Carowinds in Charlotte on Thursday. After a long day at theme park we stopped for a quick dinner at McDonalds on the way back to the Assembly Building. We were delayed due to the bus company deliberately sending the wrong bus knowing that we had no choice but to accept it. Therefore, we had to re-group while waiting for the White Oak bus. We were very grateful that the White Oak bus and driver Brother Perlie Wilson were available. The bus company was LaGrange and they are now out of business, which is a good thing because we would not be using them again.

The 2013 CYF Graduating class: Ashley Baker, James DaeQuan Baker, Joseph Collins, III, Amil Mangum, Kaleb McLaurin, Tamara McLean, Ice'yana Spruill, and Mikalyn Tart. The Best all-around conferees were Mikalyn Tart and Kaleb McLaurin. They enjoyed their last fellowship as a class over lunch at Zaxby's and treated to ice cream at Cold Stone in Smithfield on Friday.

New teacher Minister Cheryl Davis wrote a play for CYF which was performed at the closing program. The play was named "Jesus, the True Emancipator." Malika Cromartie, Mikalyn Tart and Sharnice Ellis read their papers on the theme. The Bishop and Vice Bishop presented certificates to the graduating class.



CYF Calendar for 2014

- CYF Convention - Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.
(Election of Convention Officers for 2015-2016; CYF Graduate over age 14)
- CYF Summer Conference - June 15-20, 2014

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