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The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International National Youth for Christ, Incorporated

Welcome to the Annual Winter Jubilee Florence, South Carolina

Praise the Lord Saints! The National Youth for Christ (NYFC) welcomes you to Florence, SC, to the annual winter jubilee. Bishop Roosevelt Fulton is the host pastor.

One of the reasons we have chose to come to Florence, SC, is to be a blessing to a young man who has stepped out on faith and begun a ministry in the area. Pastor Dukes was formerly a member Evangelistic Temple WOTCC under the leadership of Bishop Fulton. During our services here, you will have the opportunity to sow into his ministry. As a young pastor, there are

many things he is in need of at the new building. Therefore, if you are not able to sow your seed at this jubilee into his ministry, please send any donations to our NYFC Treasurer Elder Celistler Richardson. He will be sure to forward your gifts and donations to Pastor Dukes.

I have prayed that you are geared up for these services and we are looking forward to the fellowship. I hope you wore your shouting shoes.

We would also like to thank all the NYFC committees who assisted in organizing



this jubilee as well as Bethel Apostolic Church for allowing us to utilize their facilities.

May God bless you and keep you all is my prayer.

Your humble servant,

Elder Melvin Easley, Jr.

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NYFC President

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New Dimension WOTCC moving to a new location

Pastor: Elijah D. Page First Lady: Myessah T. Page

You are cordially invited to worship with us at our new location:

**38 Union Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111**

Services are as follows:
Sunday Morning Worship

begins at 8:30 am.; Sunday Evening Worship begins at 6:30 pm.; and Tuesday Night Bible Study begins at 7:30 pm. Services will begin at our new location on Sunday, March 4, 2007. "Come and experience a

New Dimension with us!"

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How to listen so kids get heard - How to be a good listener

Create an atmosphere where kids feel they can talk freely.

- Take the time to listen to them.
- Accept their thoughts and feelings.

Listen

- Look at your child while you talk.
- Pay attention to them.
- Show your interest and respond.

Get the facts

- Ask questions if you don't understand.

Repeat in your own words what your child says to be sure you

really understand.

Respect their feelings

- Pay attention to their feelings.
- Give feelings a name.

Remember not to:

- Interrupt
- Bombard them with questions which puts them on the defensive.
- Make up your mind before they even finish speaking.

Being a good listener

- Pay attention to the speaker.
- Show that you are paying attention. (Look at the person who is speaking; nod your head to show that you are listening;

repeat back to them what was said to show you understand; ask questions if you don't understand).

- Think about how the person feels (remember to respect their feelings).
- Do not change the subject.
- Do not interrupt.
- Do not make up your mind before they finish speaking.

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MASON - TRAVIS WEDDING HIGHLIGHTS



Elder Travell Travis was united in marriage to Sis. Sherina Mason on Saturday, December 30, 2006, at the Shiloh Way of the Cross Church in Martinsville, Virginia. Bishop John E. Williams, Sr., and Bishop Earley Dillard, D.D., officiated.

Also participating in the ceremony were Bishop A.D. Brooks, Elder Carl Miller, and Elder Jason Williams. Music was provided by Bro. Matthew Caldwell, Sis. Andrea Penn, Sis. Charelle Wilson, and by a special reunion of the Dodson Five.

Sis. Sherina is the daughter of Deacon Dennis Mason and Missionary Cynthia Mason. She is the

granddaughter of Bishop John E. Williams, Sr., and Mother Cecilia Williams. She is also the granddaughter of Missionary Dorothy Mason and the late Floyd Mason. Elder Travis is the son of Sis. Cassandra J. Travis and the late Mr. Perry A. Travis. He is the grandson of Sis. Nadine D. Johnson and the late Curtis W. Johnson. He is also the grandson of the late Percy L. and Ernestine A. Travis.

Following a wedding trip to the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL, the couple currently resides in Hampton, Virginia.

Elder Travell Travis is currently the NYFC 2nd Vice President.

A Different Approach to Fasting

Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food and television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

Here are some suggestions you may want to consider:

Fast from anger and hatred.

- Give your family and extra dose of love.

Fast from judging others.

- Before making any judgments recall how Jesus overlooks our

faults.

Fast from discouragement.

- Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.

Fast from complaining.

- When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes, and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.

Fast from resentment and bitterness.

- Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.

Fast from spending too much money.

- Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give those savings to the poor.

Fasting from whatever hinders your spiritual growth is a great step toward overcoming the flesh!

The bible says, this kind cometh only by prayer and fasting!



Youth Accomplishments - Mt. Calvary WOTCC

Christine Singh - Who's Who Among High School Students; National Honor Roll; International Honor Society of a two-year college; Phi Theta Kappa; Head Master Honor Roll.

Vedina Singh - National Honor Roll; Head Master Honor Roll

Jessica Singh - National Honor Roll; Honor Roll

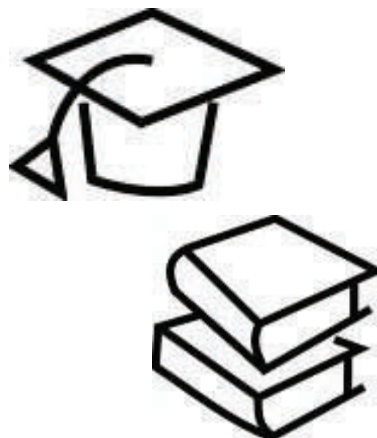
Melissa Samuel - Theodore Roosevelt Honors Program; Success for passing the District of Columbia Assessment System

Ebony Johnson - Principal's Honor Roll; Student of the Month for December; Perfect Attendance; Citizenship Award; Creative Communication Awards Young

Poet's Contest Fall of 2006 (High Merit)

Jasmen Whitaker - Honor Roll; Peer Mediator; School King Singer; Poem published in School Literary Magazine; Top Speller in Class (1st and 2nd quarter)

Pastor: Bishop Willie Davis
Church Reporter: Jasmen Whitaker



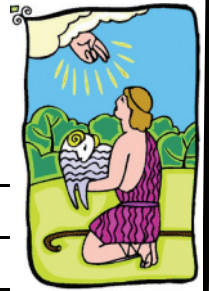
Draw Closer to God

When the sun is shining brightly,
And our life is running smoothly.
We find it easy to smile and be pleased,
To praise and give thanks to God.
But when dark clouds begin to gather,
And our life looks grim and bleak.
We begin to grumble and complain,
And blame God when things go wrong.
It is when the clouds are the darkest,
That we should draw closer to God.
For He is the silver lining in every cloud,
The light in the center of our world.

~Doreen Robinson~



WHAT YOU SAY vs. WHAT GOD SAYS



YOU SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
"It's impossible"	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
"I'm too tired"	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
"Nobody really loves me"	I love you.	John 3:16
"I can't go on"	My grace is sufficient.	2 Corinthians 12:9
"I can't figure things out"	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
"I can't do it"	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
"I'm not able"	I am able.	2 Corinthians 9:8
"It's not worth it"	It will be worth it.	Roman 8:28
"I can't forgive myself"	I forgive you.	I John 1:9
"I can't manage"	I will supply all your needs.	Philippians 4:19
"I'm afraid"	I have not given you a spirit of fear.	2 Timothy 1:7
"I'm always worried and frustrated"	Cast all your cares on ME.	I Peter 5:7
"I'm not smart enough"	I give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
"I feel all alone"	I will never leave you or forsake you.	Hebrews 13:5

Are you making too many rash moves in your life? ... and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth. Proverbs 19:2



We are living in a time where everywhere you go everyone is in a hurry. We are trying to get to work on time. Trying to get the kids to school on time. Trying to get to church on time. And the cycle goes on and on and on. Do you feel like you cannot meet all of your spiritual and natural obligations because you don't take the time to make the right decisions? Do you feel like you are spiraling into a bottomless pit?

Many of us feel these pains and pressures of life and it is eating away at us. God is not pleased! If

we cannot follow the simple instructions on how to live that God gave us, how can we expect him to just shower us with blessings and favor all the time. We can't even give him the time we owe him that belongs to him anyway; because he owns everything, even time. We need to take the time to organize and prioritize our lives according to God's word not man.

We need to make preparations for each step in our lives, for each step in our day.

We need to spend more time embracing the things that are impor-

tant, like our families, our church, and our communities.

We spend too much time trying to please man and we are not pleasing God - our maker, our creator.

We need to give God his time. We will probably be amazed at how much more God will allow us to accomplish in our natural lives and even how much slower time will seem for us.

We need to pray, fast, study, and attend the house of worship. Then, and only then, will God bless our TIME here on earth!

Youth News - Shiloh WOTCC, Martinsville, VA

On November 12, 2006, Shiloh WOTCC hosted a Bountiful Harvest Family and Friends Day. What a glorious service and day this was! Numerous people attended, and seating overflowed into the balcony. We enjoyed a bountiful feast in thanks to God for his harvest of blessings and his countless mercies throughout the year. We enjoyed this feast after the morning service in a setting of an array of over forty decorated pumpkins and fall foliage.

On November 27, 2006, **Sis. Ella Mae Eggleston** passed away from our congregation. Her funeral services were held on Friday, December 1, 2006.

Bishop and Sis. Dillard honored the teens with an all expense paid formal night out on Saturday, December 9, 2006. The night included a limousine ride to dinner at the W.S. Prime Steak House in Winston Salem, NC, and to the Stevens Centre Theatre to see the Nutcracker. Honored with this privilege were high school students in the eleventh and twelfth grade through the age of 21. They were accompanied by Bishop and Sis. Dillard as well as the YFC President. Deac. Earl and his wife, Sis. Cynthia Dodson.

The Youth Sunday School Department presented the annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 17, 2006. The Youth Ensemble presented musical selections, recitations, and presented their

parents with a Christmas gift. The teens reminisced of Christmas' past by sharing their favorite Christmas. The teens also presented their parents with a gift. Each choir and group rendered a Christmas selection.

On Christmas Eve, following the morning service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall. Bishop and Sis. Dillard presented each family that was present with a ham and a turkey for Christmas. Over 125 families were in attendance. The visitors also received either a ham or a turkey. The remaining hams and turkeys were taken to the elderly and some of the members that were sick and shut-in.

Sincere Congratulations to Bishop Earley Dillard! On Wednesday, December 26, 2006, our pastor, Bishop Dillard, was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the School of Bible Theology Seminary and University, San Jacinto, California. The Doctorate was presented by Dr. Stephen Anderson, President of the Transworld Accrediting Commission, International, Riverside, CA, and Vice President of the School of Bible Theology Seminary and University. The ceremony took place at the church. As stated by Dr. Anderson, "*the School of Bible Theology Seminary and University honored Bishop Dillard with the degree of Doctorate of*

Divinity in honor of his achievements, his many contributions to the local community, and for dedicating 36 years of faithful service and ministry to the body of Christ. The degree reflects the highest esteem for Bishop Dillard's consistent Christian lifestyle, his love for God and humanity, and for his uncompromising ministry of the eternal verities of the Holy Bible." Bishop Dillard will graduate in March 2007 in San Diego, CA. A United States Flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capital was also presented to Bishop Dillard by U.S. Representative Virgil H. Goode, Jr. Elder and First Lady Eric Cannady and their children from Atlanta Metro WOTCC, Stone Mountain, GA, were also in attendance to witness in the joy of this occasion. WELL DONE, Dr. Earley Dillard!



Shiloh Youth News cont'd

Elder Travell Travis and Sis. Sherina Mason were married on Saturday, December 30, 2006.

On December 31, 2006, we had the greatest watch night service with numerous inspiring testimonies!

On Saturday, February 10, 2007, Bro. Kasey Lucas and Sis. Jessica Nelson were united in marriage.

A black history program was held on Sunday, February 18, entitled "The Voices Behind the Music." Missionary Andrea Penn coordinated the program and the participants researched the history behind the old hymns, and the artists who wrote them, that have built a spiritual foundation in our culture.



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Can you read through the first three books of *Genesis* to help you find the words listed below in the Tree of Life to the left? Cross each word off the list as you find them.

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| Adam | Fish | Names |
| Angel | Forbidden | Pain |
| Animals | Fruit | Plants |
| Beginning | Garden | Rebellion |
| Birds | God | Rest |
| Creation | Good | Seed |
| Creatures | Heavens | Serpent |
| Curse | Hide | Sin |
| Death | Kind | Skins |
| Dinosaurs | Land | Stars |
| Earth | Life | Sun |
| Eat | Light | Sweat |
| Eve | Man | Trees |
| Evening | Mist | Water |
| Evil | Moon | Whales |
| Fellowship | Morning | Woman |

In the beginning, God had created a wonderful garden overflowing with fruit, plants, animals, and all things great and beautiful for mankind to dwell and commune with him. But Adam and Eve did not obey God, bringing sin into existence. Sin destroyed the beauty of God's creation.

(This puzzle and many more Christian activities can be found at www.christiananswers.net/kids/)

