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MEDCCE

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education

National Theme: “Making Disciples for Christ”

Matthew 16:24-26, I Timothy 2:11-13, Psalm 49:6-9, Matthew 10:38

District Theme: “Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom Through Partnership” Hebrews 10:24-25

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Tabernacle Baptist Church

2080 West Grand Blvd.; Detroit, MI 48208

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

8:45am Worship Experience
President’s Greetings

9:00am..... Lecture Period
Topic Focus: What Is a Mentor? The Adult Mentor is to lead, guide, instruct, and assist the Youth to accomplish their goals, meet challenges, and be successful in life.

Let us walk this path of Life with the Youth:
The Future Leaders of this Great Nation.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr.

9:10am Dean’s Directives

9:20am Classes, Workshops, Seminars

11:00am Reassembly in Sanctuary
Children’s / Youth Presentations

Greetings from Moderator / Host Pastor:

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

Announcements

11:25am Offering and Recognition of Churches

11:30am Selection by
MEDCCE’s Youth and Young Adult Choir

Meditation for Ministry

Pastor Carey Heard

Warren Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, MI

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song / Prayer

Benediction

MEDCCE President's Pen

Good Morning, I want to share with you this provocative writing by an unknown author, "HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY"

Dear Family,

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you've forgotten that I wasn't actually born during this time of the year and that it was some of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My birthday on what was actually a time of pagan festival. Although I do appreciate being remembered anytime.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth just, GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Now, having said that, let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santa's and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town. Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can & may remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching explaining who I am in relation to you & what each of our tasks were. If you have forgot that one, look up John 15: 1 - 8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it.

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year.
2. Visit someone in a nursing home. They just need to know that someone cares about them.
3. Instead of writing Barack Obama complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year.

The Worship Experience

Worship Leader: Sister Letitia Magee
Assistant Worship Leader: Dr. Marsha Mebane

THE BIBLE SPEAKS: **Luke 2:15, 20**

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

OPENING SONG: *"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"*

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant, Oh come ye O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

INVOCATION:

Deacon Emerson Reed Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Metropolitan Baptist District Laymen's
Immediate Past President

CLOSING SONG: *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

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Classes for September 2015 – March 2016

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI

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Dean, Sister Toniya L. King / President, Reverend Ronald C. Burks

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#	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM
1004	Effective Bible Reading #1 (Phase 1)	Reverend Patricia Mobley	CHOIR STAND
1004	Effective Bible Reading #2 (Phase 1)	Sister Joyce Martin-Hutcherson	2172-2174
1007	Introduction to the Old Testament (Phase 1)	Reverend Beverly McCutcheon	2167-2169
1086	Church History In Acts (Elective)	Sister Drena Hicks-Jones	2165
1089	Survey of Romans (Phase 3)	Sister Priscilla A. Turner	2157
1112	Survey of Revelation (Phase 4)	Reverend Dr. Floyd Davis	2160-2162
2007	Christian Stewardship (Phase 1)	Reverend Dr. Richard White, III	2151-2153
2011	Baptist Doctrine (Phase 2)	Reverend Dr. Edward R. Knox	2164
2015	Foundation of Christian Ethics (Ph 4)	Reverend Dr. Bill Thompson	2168
4014	Doctrine of Prayer (Elective)	Reverend Ronald C. Burks	2156-2158
7024	Discovering Spiritual Gifts (Phase 2)	Reverend Eddie Sain, II	2171-2173
SP 0019	SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM Leadership Certificate Overcoming Leadership Distress	Reverend Dr. Anthony King, Sr.	2166
WS	Equipping Ministers for Ministry	Reverend Richard Richardson, Facilitator	2163
WS	Minister's Wives and Widows	Reverend Rosetta O'Neal, Facilitator	2159
WS	Becoming An Effective Deacon	Reverend Bernard Byles, Facilitator	2162
2029	Children's Ministry Children/Youth Workers Rev. Pecola Bell/Mrs. Nellie Thigpen	Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress Sister Doniele Jackson, Breakout Session	Morris Room
	Youth Ministry Session	Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress Dr. Byron Douglass Breakout Session I Deacon Eddie Davis Breakout Session II	2176-2179
Y WS	I Luh God. You Don't Luh God? What's Wrong With You? (**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)	Reverend Kenneth C. Pierce, II, Facilitator	Choir Room (Left Aisle of Church)
YA WS	Chosen to Lead. Now What? YOUNG ADULTS (**AGES 18-35 ONLY**)	Reverend Dr. Patricia Butler, Facilitator	2170
WS	Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult Choir Workshop	Sister Letitia MaGee, Facilitator	CHOIR RM (right)

Dean's Office/ Bookstore/ President's Office: Christian Ed Office 2nd Floor
Finance Office: First Floor Coat Room

Announcements / Calendar of Events

MEDCCE Skating Fellowship
Northland Skating Rink
Monday, 01/18/2016 6pm-9pm
*Tickets available in the Finance Room

MEDCCE
African-American Heritage Celebration and Luncheon
Ticket Donation: \$25.00 per person
Saturday, 02/13/2016
Church of Our Father Baptist Church
Rev. Burnard Byles, Host Pastor
*Tickets available in the Finance Room

Metropolitan Baptist Annual Session
Week of April 11, 2016
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe, II, Host Pastor

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education
Week of June 19, 2016
Tampa, Florida

Church Etiquette

Upon entering the sanctuary, please dispose of all gum, candy, and food.

Please turn off all cell phones.

Please limit walking. Walking is not allowed during the following intervals of service: Prayer; Scripture Reading; and Invitation to Discipleship.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here.
5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.
6. Did you know that some people in your town will attempt to take their own lives this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who those people are, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile.
7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. If they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.
8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary!
9. Here's a good one. There are individuals & whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them (and I suspect you don't) buy some food & a few gifts & give them to the Marines, the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me & they will make the delivery for you.
10. Finally if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence.

P.S.: Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me & do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above & get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember

I LOVE YOU

Merry Christmas, Pastor Ron

Minutes: Saturday November 14, 2015

Recorder: Tara Hamilton

This session began with the Children and Youth Rally. All Children and Youth marched into the sanctuary carrying banners representing their respective churches and wearing their Church t-shirts and colors.

Worship Leader, Sis. Letitia Magee: The Bible Speaks: Ecclesiastes 11:9 – 12:1. Opening Song: "This Little Light of Mine"; Invocation by Deacon Louis Chambers, Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, Metropolitan Baptist District Association Laymen. Closing Song: "Yes, Jesus Loves Me".

Greetings from President, Rev. Ronald Burks: Welcome to the MEDCCE Children and Youth Rally. Protocol was established.

Lecture Period: 1st Vice President, Rev. Floyd Davis presented Dean Patricia Sanders to introduce her son, Justin Sanders as the speaker for the Lecture Period. Justin Sanders presented "Steps for College Success".

Announcements: 2nd Vice President, Patricia Suber indicated that tickets are available in the Finance Room for the MEDCCE Skating Fellowship on Monday, 01/18/2016 and the African American Heritage Celebration and Luncheon on Saturday, 02/13/2016.

Rev. Dr. Kimberly Elyse highlighted the Metropolitan Baptist District Association's Facebook Page.

Dean's Directives for Classes, Workshop and Seminars: Dean Toniya King: Dean King presented highlights for the Children and Youth Rally. She also indicated instructors which are absent for the day. Dean King indicated that there will be room changes for the month of December 2015 due to a scheduled Tabernacle Baptist Church Event.

Reassembly: Greetings by Host Pastor, Moderator Nathan Johnson, DD.: All were encouraged to like the Metropolitan Baptist District Association's Facebook Page.

Children Presentation: No, So, and Go was led by Stephanie Williams, Director of Children's Division.

Youth Presentation: I Luh God which was led by Madlyne Dansy, Director of Youth Division and Rev. Kenneth Pierce, III. In addition, there was a liturgical dance presentation by Jasolyn King of Higher Power Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr., Pastor.

Chuch Attendance: Tabulated by President's Office Secretary Tara Hamilton. Church Attendance is as follows: 1st Place – Moderator's Trophy: Tabernacle Baptist Church with 82 delegates present; 2nd Place – President's Trophy: Palestine Baptist Church with 65 delegates present; 3rd Place – Dean's Trophy: Unity Baptist Church with 37 delegates present. Distance Attendance: 1st Place – Claudia Knight Richardson Trophy: People's Community Baptist Church (Westland) with 53 delegates present; and 2nd Place – Officers Trophy: Beulah Baptist Church (Westland) with 24 delegates present. **Churches: 33; Pastors and Ministers: 31; Officers: 12; Instructors: 23; Dean's Staff: 7; Total Delegate Attendance: 555.**

Recognition of Youth Attendance: 134 Youth Present. 1st Place: People's Community Baptist Church (Westland) with 40 youth present. 2nd Place: Tabernacle Baptist Church with 14 youth present. 3rd Place: Beulah Baptist Church (Westland) with 13 youth present.

Selection: MEDCCE's Youth & Youth Adult Choir – "How Excellent is Thy Name/Total Praise"

Meditation for Ministry: Rev. John Davis, Pastor of Iconium Baptist Church. Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25 and II Timothy 2:19-21. Meditation Topic: "Come Home to Family"

Invitation to Discipleship: Rev. Ronald C. Burks, MEDCCE President / Pastor of Palestine Baptist Church.

Closing Song: "I want to be a Follower of Christ"

Benediction: Rev. John Davis, Pastor of Iconium Baptist Church.

MEDCCE Church Attendance (2015-2016)	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
<i>Beulah Baptist Church (Westland)</i>	22	15	24					61
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	1	0	1					2
Christian Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	2	5	3					10
Church of Our Father Baptist Church	12	8	9					29
Corinthian Baptist Church	13	22	10					45
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church	11	8	27					46
Freedom Fellowship Church	5	0	22					27
Garden of Faith Baptist Church	10	4	6					20
<i>Greater Morning Star Baptist Church (Mt. Clemens)</i>	0	0	0					0
Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
Greater Shiloh Baptist Church	11	12	15					38
Greater St. John Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
Higher Power Baptist Church	7	4	8					19
Historic St. James Baptist Church	1	3	3					7
Hopewell Baptist Church	9	7	17					33
Inkster Springhill Baptist Church	2	0	0					2
Jude Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
Macedonia Baptist Church	8	6	11					25
<i>New Hope Baptist Church (Southfield)</i>	5	8	12					25
<i>New Hope Baptist Church (Wayne)</i>	0	0	0					0
New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	0	2	3					5
New Salem Baptist Church	9	10	20					39
New Westside Central Baptist Church	15	13	13					41
Northwest Unity Baptist Church	0	3	9					12
Palestine Baptist Church	47	47	65					159
Peace Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
People's Baptist Church	1	1	1					3
<i>People's Community Baptist Church (Westland)</i>	28	30	53					111
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Binder)	1	0	0					1
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Lumley)	0	2	1					3
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	5	6	9					20
Prince of Peace Baptist Church	11	16	13					40
Russell Street Baptist Church	0	5	2					7
St. Francis Baptist Church	1	4	9					14
St. Luke Tabernacle Community Baptist Church	0	4	3					7
Steadfast Baptist Church	11	9	7					27
Tabernacle Baptist Church	62	65	82					209
Third Baptist Church	4	3	3					10
Truth Baptist Church	5	5	3					13
Twelfth Street Baptist Church	8	8	21					37
Union Grace Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
United Prayer Temple Baptist Church	0	0	0					0
Unity Baptist Church	29	26	37					92
Warren Avenue Baptist Church	3	4	0					7
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHURCHES	31	32	33					96
TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES	390	397	555	0	0	0	0	1342