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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, February 13, 2016

Church of Our Father Baptist Church
5333 East 7 Mile Road; Detroit, MI 48234
Rev. Burnard Byles, Host Pastor

8:45am Worship Experience
President’s Greetings

8:55am..... Dean’s Directives

9:15am Classes, Workshops, Seminars

10:30am Reassembly in Sanctuary

Greetings from Moderator: Nathan Johnson, D.D.

Greetings from Host Pastor: Rev. Burnard Byles

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

10:35am Children’s Presentation

10:45am Youth Presentation

10:55amOffering and Recognition of Churches

Selection by MEDCCE’s Youth & Young Adult Choir

African-American Heritage Sermon

Rev. Dr. Michael Andrew Owens

Moderator, Calvary District Association

Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, East, Detroit, MI

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song

Luncheon Directives

Prayer and Grace

MEDCCE President's Pen

Lord ... Why did you make me black?

Why did you make someone the world would hold back?
 Black is the color of dirty clothes, of grimy hands and feet...
 Black is the color of darkness, of tired beaten streets...
 Why did you give me thick lips, a broad nose and kinky hair?
 Why did you create someone who receives the hated stare?
 Black is the color of the bruised eye when someone gets hurt...
 Black is the color of darkness, black is the color of dirt.
 Why is my bone structure so thick, my hips and cheeks so high?
 Why are my eyes brown, and not the color of the sky?
 Why do people think I'm useless?
 How come I feel so used?
 Why do people see my skin and think I should be abused?
 Lord, I just don't understand...
 What is it about my skin?
 Why is it some people want to hate me and not know the person within?
 Black is what people are "Labeled" when others want to keep them away.
 Black is the color of shadows cast...
 Black is the end of the day.
 Lord you know my own people mistreat me,
 and you know this just ain't right...
 They don't like my hair, they don't like my skin,
 they say I'm too dark, too light!
 Lord, don't you think it's time to make a change?
 Why don't you redo creation and make everyone the same?

MEDCEE CLASSROOM CHART FOR FEB 13, 2016

LOCATION	CLASS
UPPER LEVEL	
NEAR SOUND ROOM	YOUTH MINISTRY
MAIN LEVEL/NEW SANCTUARY	
CHOIR STAND	ROMANS
REAR OF NEW SANCTUARY	INTRO OLD TESTAMENT
NURSERY	CHOIR WORKSHOP
OLD SANCTUARY	EFFECTIVE BIBLE READING #1
MOTHERS ROOM	MINISTERS WIVES
DEACONS ROOM	PRESIDENT/DEANS/MODERATOR
LOWER LEVEL CLASSES	
OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
TRAINING ROOM	DEACONS MINISTRY
SENIOR ROOM (Sis. Coles room) GOD	I LUH GOD/DON'T YOU LUH GOD
THOMAS EVANS HALL	
JR.HIGH ROOM #1 (Dickerson's classroom)	MINISTERS
ROOM #2 (Tommy Clarks classroom)	HISTORY OF FACTS
CHOIR ROOM	BAPTIST DOCTRINE
TRUSTEES OFFICE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
PRAISE DANCER'S RM	SPECIALIZATION COURSE
MAIN FELLOWSHIP AREA	DOCTRINE OF PRAYER
MAIN FELOSWHIP AREA	CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
MAIN FELLOWSHIP AREA	EFFECTIVE BIBLE READING #2
BAPTISMAL ROOM LEFT OF STAGE	CHRISTIAN ETHICS

God's Reply

Why did I make you black?
I made you in the color of coal from which beautiful
diamonds are formed...
I made you in the color of oil,
the black gold,
which keeps people warm.
Your color is the same as the rich dark soil that grows the
food you need...
Your color is the same as the black stallion and panther,
Oh what majestic creatures indeed!
All colors of the heavenly rainbow can be found throughout
every nation...
When all these colors are blended,
you become my greatest creation!
Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool;
such a beautiful creature is he...
I am the shepherd who watches them,
I will ALWAYS watch over thee!
You are the color of the midnight sky;
I put star glitter in your eyes...
There's a beautiful smile hidden behind your pain...
That's why your cheeks are so high!
You are the color of dark clouds from the hurricanes I create
in September...
I made your lips so full and thick,
so when you kiss...they will remember!
Your stature is strong,
your bone structure thick to withstand the burden of time...
The reflection you see in the mirror,
that image that looks back, that is MINE!
So get off your knees,
look in the mirror and tell me what you see?
I didn't make you in the image of darkness...
I made you in the image of ME

The Worship Experience

Worship Leader: Sister Letitia Magee

Assistant Worship Leader: Dr. Marsha Mebane

OPENING SONG: Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!

THE BIBLE SPEAKS: Isaiah 63:7-9

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

INVOCATION: Metropolitan Baptist District Association Laymen

CLOSING SONG: I Love You Lord Today

I love You, I love You,
I love You, Lord, today;
because You cared for me
in such a special way.

That's why I praise You,
I lift You up,
and I magnify Your name;
that's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind,
my soul belongs to You.
You paid the price for me
way back on Calvary.

That's why I praise You,
I lift You up,
and I magnify Your name;
that's why my heart is filled with praise

Deans Office Announcement

Certificate of Progress Program:

Changes are on the way, effective June 1, 2016!

If you have been procrastinating, it is strongly recommended that you complete the following before **June 1, 2016**:

- a. Complete Phase 2, 3 and 4. After June 1st, the current Electives will be removed, and a required course will replace the Electives.

- b. If you have any College or Seminary Transcripts that you would like to have evaluated, please work with a Certified Dean and complete this now for **FREE**. After June 1st the Transcript Review fee will be \$5.00.

Session Course Cards

If you have missed two or more classes, you will not receive a course card, unless you complete a make up assignment with your Instructor. Please remember to sign in as the Deans Office can only use the sign in sheets as verification of attendance.

Individual Registrations

To our Students who are not members of a Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association Church, we invite you to participate in our class sessions, however, please make a donation of \$25.00 to support the District. Please take your individual donations to the Finance Office. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Announcements / Calendar of Events

MEDCCE 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.

Minutes: Saturday, January 9, 2016

Recorder: Tara Hamilton

This session began with Greetings from First Vice President, Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis. Welcome to the January 2016 session of MEDCCE.

Worship Leader, Sis. Letitia Magee: Opening Song: "O Give Thanks". The Bible Speaks: Psalms 103:1-5. Invocation by Deacon Louis Chambers, Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, Metropolitan Baptist District Association Laymen. Closing Song: "Glory to His Name".

Lecture Period: Introduction of Speaker by Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis. Lecture Speaker: Mark Mayberry, Exam Experts. Topic: "How to Secure Loans, Grants, and Scholarships for College". Mark Mayberry can be reached at 313-289-4232 (call or text). Email Exam Experts at examexperts1@gmail.com. Mark Mayberry recommends the following: 1. Take the ACT/SAT 5 times. 2. Strive for a 4.0 grade point average. 3. Obtain help and support when needed. 4. Get organized. 5. Plan to apply for 50 scholarships. Mark Mayberry provided the following tips: 1. Allow room for improvement. 2. Do not compare oneself to another. 3. Don't allow anyone to outwork you.

Announcements, 2nd Vice President, Patricia Suber: Announcement 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.

Dean's Directives for Classes, Workshop and Seminars, Dean Toniya King: Dean King announced that the Chosen to Led class has been ended due to lack of participation. In order to receive a course card, if a student has missed a class, a make up assignment is required. For the February session, a smaller group of classes will be offered. For the MEDCCE Annual Session in April 2016, request for certification of the annual session has been sent to the Division of Christian Education in Nashville.

Reassembly: Greetings by Moderator Nathan Johnson, D.D.

Pastor's and Associate Ministers: Recognized by 1st Vice President, Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis.

Offering and Recognition of Churches: Recognized by 1st Vice President, Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis.

Church Attendance: Tabulated by President's Office Secretary Tara Hamilton. Church Attendance is as follows: 1st Place – Moderator's Trophy: Tabernacle Baptist Church with 61 delegates present; 2nd Place – President's Trophy: Palestine Baptist Church with 48 delegates present; 3rd Place – Dean's Trophy: Unity Baptist Church with 25 delegates present. Distance Attendance: 1st Place – Claudia Knight Richardson Trophy: People's Community Baptist Church (Westland) with 38 delegates present; and 2nd Place – Officers Trophy: Beulah Baptist Church (Westland) with 7 delegates present. **Churches: 32; Pastors and Ministers: 26; Officers: 14; Instructors: 22; Dean's Staff: 6; Total Delegate Attendance: 392.**

Selection: MEDCCE's Youth & Young Adult Choir: "Grateful"

Announcements, President, Rev. Ronald Burks: Rev. Burks encouraged participation in the African American Heritage Celebration and Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, 02/13/2016 at Church of Our Father Baptist.

Meditation for Ministry: Rev. Maurice Jackson, Pastor of Steadfast Baptist Church. Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17. Meditation Topic: "I've Got a New Attitude"

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

Closing Song: Selection by Worship Leader Letitia Magee "Plant My Feet on Higher Ground".

Benediction: Rev. Maurice Jackson, Pastor of Steadfast Baptist Church.