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## Welcome to Winston!!!

### 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the WBH&FMC, Inc.

Since our last publication in April, at our Statewide Leadership Workshop, we've had many opportunities to reflect on this year's theme and to put into practice. Pastor Darryl Todd from the Spring Branch MB Church of Wagram gave us several nuggets of wisdom and points to ponder which included...

#### Qualities that a leader must possess:

- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Commitment
- ❖ Loyalty

**Integrity**-living a life that is consistent in belief and behavior in words and in

deeds. Your integrity is reflected in your relationship with God and with other people. (Proverbs 11:3-5) (Luke 16:10)(2 Corinthians 4:2)

**Commitment**- the struggle of leadership is being content and satisfied with where God has placed you. (Psalms 119:35) (Psalms 90:14)

**Loyalty**-leadership understands that their loyalty to God and others is essential for the integrity of their relationships and effectiveness. Without loyalty others become a means to an end and are not valued for who they are as persons. Their top priority is loyalty to God.

(Proverbs 3:3-4)

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY!



"A Call to Spiritual Integrity!"

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## Personal Spotlight—One of "Our Own" Doing Great Things!

Jasmine Davenport Crenshaw, former Youth Department President of the WBH&FMC, competed in the 36th Annual National Convention of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Tech Talk session March 31 - April 4, 2010 in Toronto, ON Canada. The Tech Talk session is a competition where graduate students and alumni

engineers performing technical research to present their findings to faculty from top universities and Fortune 500 corporations. Questions and feedback are provided to add to the progression of each participant's research. She was selected as the First place oral presenter winner. Her research presentation is

entitled "Lattice Simulations of Microtubule 'Nanowire' and 'Nanospool' Formation Dynamics".

**Congratulations Jasmine on a job well done. Jasmine is due to graduate with her Ph.D in December of 2010!**



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## From the Desk of Dr. Mary Byers-Hall, YA Director

*"This article was supposed to run in a previous publication. It was omitted in error and is now being featured." (Raines)*

As the weather begins to change to a brisk and cool breeze, so do our personalities. One will find that as we snuggle for winter, there seems to be a degree of calmness. We tend to notice the change in the color of the leaves, the gusty wind, the bright moonlight, the early darkness, the late sunrise, and the list goes on and on.

We also take the time to pay more attention to our fellowman. We say thank you more often, and even make comments such as, "I just noticed..." your new car, your beautiful boots or just a glowing smile.

You are probably asking now, "Why is the director pointing this out?" Great question! I believe that when we are quiet, we can hear God speaking to us through the rustling leaves, the gusty wind or through the bright

moonlight at which you stop and stare, then, begin stating, "Wow, the moon is very bright. It must be a full moon tonight!" As we are really listening to God through His creation, this is the time of year to stop, take a deep breath of the cool, clean air, and just give Him a gigantic PRAISE!!!

Yes, it is as simple as just taking some quiet time to say, "Lord, I thank you. I just want to stop for a moment and give you a PRAISE like never before because as I look around, I realize that you are God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit, all by yourself. Everything around you gives PRAISE, and I, too, must continually have Praise in my mouth."

Then, you can begin to pray this prayer with commitment in your heart: "Lord, this is the season for giving, just as you gave your life, I, too

must give. I, now, realize that drawing closer to you, means that I must give in order to truly live. And I have not truly lived until I have passed on the knowledge of the gift that you promised me over 2000 years ago, and that is the gift of eternal life.

Starting TODAY, I will give a portion of Jesus, found within me, to everyone I meet, through a smile, a kind word or deed or maybe just by saying, 'God bless you, my brother/sister!'

"Then, thank Him for allowing you to sow this tiny seed." KEEP IT MOVING! KEEP ON GIVING! PASS IT ON – THIS DAY!!!

[Note] This article is being featured out of sequence due to an error and does not reflect on Dr. Hall. In His Service, Rev. Raines ☺

## Mecklenburg County Union Young Adult Missionary Ministries

THE NATIONAL KIDNEY  
FOUNDATION OF CHARLOTTE  
KIDNEY WALK  
JUNE 6, 2010  
KNIGHTS STADIUM  
FORT MILL, SC

The Kidney Walk was a great success. There was over 500 walkers present that morning and Team Tasha's Hope was represented with 10 walkers. The morning was very hot but we were able to walk three miles around the

inside and outside of Knights Stadium. In all, the team raised \$525 for the National Kidney Foundation. Natasha sincerely thanks everyone's for their efforts, support, donations and love.

The National Kidney Foundation, Inc., a major voluntary health organization, seeks to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and

well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation

## “An Open Gift”

Young adults are a vastly diverse group impacting the church and the world with fresh perspectives on traditional truths. Faced with a myriad of challenges and opportunities the young adult missionary must strive to carve a niche that makes room (Proverbs 18:16) for the gifts and callings of God that richly adorn believers. In order to reach his or her fullest potential in Christ the young adult should first develop a well defined identity. This article will outline three snap shots of young adults who have yet to open the gift that is within.

Scenario I-- A group of photos surfaces showing 1. A pastor's daughter drinking a round of liquor shots 2. A deacon's daughter passed out from drinking too much alcohol

Scenario II-- Recently young adults insist on taking Holy Communion in acknowledgement of the sacred church ordinance and when they take the cup

each of the young men throw them back like shots while looking at each other laughing  
Scenario III-- In recent news headlines read, “All Suspects Arrested in Night Club Shooting.” Mother's of survivors voiced thanks to God for their young adult children's lives being spared. Upon first glance these three stories have nothing in common. The reality is however, that all three scenarios include the same group of young adults; young adult missionaries --second generation and third generation church people. How is it that the night club crowd consists of young adult missionaries? How is it that the young adult missionary circles consist of the club crowd? How is it that there is a level of pride in circulating photos of one's own demise? These are rather inflammatory observations however; this is the reality that must be addressed. I Thessalonians 5:22 teaches the believer to abstain from all appearance of evil. There is no age limit to

holiness. The idea of perpetual youth is the mindset of the world and has no place in the church for, “The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever” 1 John 2:17 (NIV).

The gift of God in the lives of young adults can no longer be lulled into mediocrity during our daily lives. As the light of the world believers must allow Christ to shine through us and radiate the glory of God in all that we do. Fan into flame the gift of God that is powerfully protected in you dear one. Always know that you can stand, “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:6.

### Rev. Toni Woods MS, BA

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.  
2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)

### Just a few snap shots!



Happy Times!!! Thanks to those of you who worshipped with us in April at the Leadership Workshop, in June at the YA Retreat and those here now!

## What Does God Want With Me? What is He Calling Me to Do!?

Who are you? Who made you? Why were you made? A large part of development is first coming to know who you are and what you can do! Remember what Psalm 139:14 says! Matthew 4:18-20 refers to Jesus making Peter and his brother Andrew, who were fishermen by trade, fishers of men. There Jesus says “follow me...” what does this mean, does it mean just traipse around

behind me like a puppy or does it mean...watch, learn and imitate me! Does it not mean emulate my actions and see my Word first hand! When you live as I live then you can do as I do! Why? There is a world of men just like you that YOU will be able to reach and to draw. God has not only compelled

us in Matt. 28:19-20 to preach and teach but Romans 5:19 teaches that our obedience to the mandate to live righteously will draw a multitude to righteousness. Young Adults...go fishing! Daily live the life before your friends, family, neighbors, children and strangers...this is what He's calling you to do!

## “Do I have ‘God’s Call’ to missions?”

This year’s convention theme is CSI: A Call to Spiritual Integrity. As I begin thinking on what I could say the Young Adults across the state of NC, I began to think about all the mission work that is out there for us to do in our various communities. This year and past year has put a toll on our families either through homelessness, unemployment, or natural disasters all over this nation. A call for missions is staring us in our face like no other. So I begin to look at the word integrity. **Integrity** is defined as a concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations and outcomes. Now the question I want you to think about is “Do I have ‘God’s Call’ to missions?”

“Do I have ‘God’s Call’ to missions?” is one of the most frequently asked questions relating to missions. How does a person identify this call to missionary service? This is one of the most important questions to answer about any ministry. In order to understand what the *missionary call* involves, we must consider what the Bible says about this term.

“The term *call* is used repeatedly in the Bible in several ways. For example, our personal and eternal relationship with God is based upon the call He extends to us for salvation (2 Thess. 2:13,14). Those whom He calls to salvation are also called to discipleship. These are not separate calls, but a single calling which results in a life-style characterized by personal holiness and yieldedness to Christ as the Lord of one’s life (1 Thess. 2:12; 4:7). Those who respond to God’s call to salvation are to live in conformity to Christ. There are no exceptions; this applies to every believer and is our primary call. The secondary call relates to the service we do for God. As such, it may include any of an infinite variety of activities performed in an infinite variety of places, yet all done in His name and for His glory. . . . While it is true that there is a sense in which everything we do as believers is holy (Col. 3:23-24), it is also true that within the wide scope of secondary calling, God calls some individuals to a *ministry of the Word*. The ministry of the Word is one aspect of secondary calling and includes pastors and missionaries.

Receiving this call to the ministry of the Word does not automatically elevate an individual to a higher level of spirituality nor does it give him a reason for pride or boasting.”

Having identified these two specific calls in the Bible, it is possible upon this basis to consider what is involved in the three entities involved in the missionary call:

- God
- Individual sensing the call
- Local Church

It is God Who calls; the Individual who yields; and the Church who sends. The Church creates the context within which the call is generally experienced, provides objective affirmation of its authenticity, and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit sends the missionary.

**God – the One Who Calls:** From among those He has called to salvation, God then calls those whom He wants to serve as missionaries. Paul understood the importance of God’s call and expressed it in 1 Timothy 1:12, stating that God “enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”

**The Individual – the One Who Yields:** The part of the individual is neither to generate a call nor volunteer for missionary service, but to recognize and accept God’s call if or when it comes. Being willing to serve is never enough, but it is part of God’s process (Acts 9:6; 1 Tim. 3:1). A desire to serve often precedes God’s call to missions.

**The Church: the Ones Who Affirm the Call:** The individual may believe strongly that God has called him to be a missionary, but this subjective sense of calling is never enough by itself. The church has a crucial part in this process, being able to evaluate the individual on the basis of prolonged observation of service, commitment, and yieldedness. If an individual declares that he has been called, but his church refuses to affirm his declaration, the calling must be questioned. When God calls a person not only will he have assurance of the call but also a Spirit-led church will have assurance as well.

It is very important to consider what the Bible teaches regarding God’s call to salvation and ministry. We also should focus on the fact that the church plays a central role in identifying potential missionaries—those whom God may be calling. The church serves along with the Holy Spirit as co-senders of those whom God places in missionary ministry. Since every individual is unique so is their process that God takes them through in affirming His call. However, there are some definite things that are part of this general process. Here are six keys to affirming God’s call to Missions.

1. **Bible Study**  
Without Bible study we are making our own way through life. Interaction with God’s Revelation brings light and reveals not only God but His will for our lives as well. (Heb. 4:12; Ps. 119:105)
2. **Prayer**

Listening is a vital part of prayer. God does speak to man and in doing so provides guidance and direction. (Acts 9:11; Ps. 25:4)

3. **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**  
When we are “walking in the Spirit” (Gal. 5:25) and being “led by the Spirit” (Rom. 8:14), God brings us to the place of service He has for us.
4. **Human Instrumentality**  
Paul gives us an example of how God uses others to give us direction. After his dramatic Damascus Road experience Paul was sent into the city of Damascus where Ananias was used to reveal God’s call to him. (Acts 9:6,10f; 22:10). Sometimes God will use a missionary to communicate a sense of his own call and burden to another believer as part of the process of his call to missions.
5. **Circumstances**  
Very often circumstances involve receiving and processing information about what God is doing through His Church in various parts of the world and how it is possible for us to become involved in His work. This kind of information may be communicated through missions conferences and reports as well as through personal involvement in field visits or short-term mission trips.
6. **The Church**  
Within the context of the Church, individuals are saved, instructed, and called by God. It is the place where much of our personal spiritual growth occurs and where much of our service takes place. The church is central to all of God’s dealings with men and is the living organism which He uses to provide personal guidance and direction for our lives. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of the church in the process of God’s call. (Acts 13:1-3; Prov. 11:14)

Adapted from “The Call” by Dr. David Haag. Young Adults thank you for all the mission work that you have done and will do.

Continue to do what God has called you to do, which is help somebody along the way, so that your living shall not be in vain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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