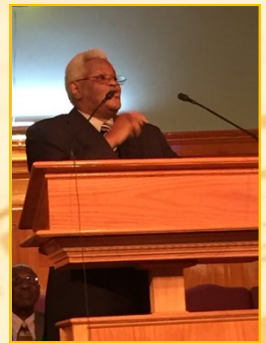
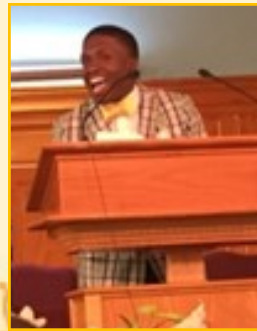




2016

PASSION WEEK REVIVAL

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH –
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH



CAMP DEERPARK RETREAT

March 30th – April 3rd

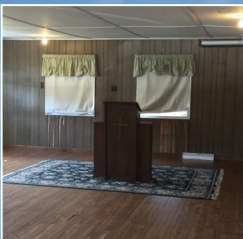
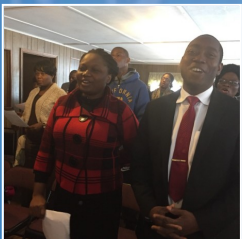
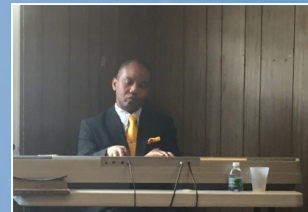


Many of the saints came from near and far to attend the 22nd Camp Deerpark (Nehemiah) Retreat. Our theme for the weekend was, “God, Chose You”. We opened with a season of prayer, praise and worship. Pastor Oludare Owolabi (AFC: Reston, VA) gave a beautiful spirit-filled exhortation about how God has chosen us to do something great, but that we must make ourselves available for the Master’s use.

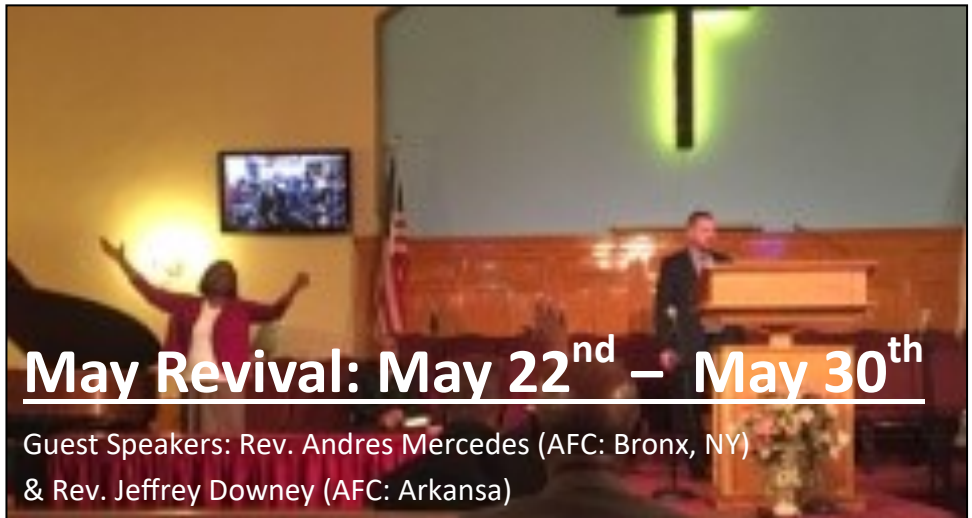
We were led in some dynamic teaching sessions from Min. Demetrius Mc Elveen (AFC: Washington, DC) – “Operating Under Your Anointing” and Min. Elvido Otriz (AFC: Bronx, NY) – “God, Chose You”. Both teachings centered around how God has not forgotten us. Even though there are times that we may not see the “big picture”, we have to trust in God. God has a plan and a purpose for our lives – sometimes we have to “awaken the giant within us”.

We had a period of time of “retreat reflections” which was led by Rev. Luella Stuart and Rev. Heraclio Wyatt, Sr. (the ministers who led the early infancy years of the retreat). They shared reflections of how the retreat began and testimonies of those who received salvation, healing, deliverance and answered prayer requests from past retreats. Bro. John Morrison also showed a beautiful video montage reflecting pictures and memories of all the past retreats down through the years. What an awesome time we had and the memories are forever stamped in the hearts of all who ever experienced the “mountain top” at Camp Deerpark.





Our annual May revival took place from Sunday, May 22nd to Sunday, May 29th. This year's theme was "Promise2Possession". From beginning to the end we were blessed with spirit-filled services and dynamic sermons. On Tuesday night we were blessed by a visit from Rev. Andres Mercedes, the pastor of our branch church in the Bronx, NY, and his saints. He blessed us as he encouraged us to believe that The Lord is a God who keeps his promises. Then on Wednesday, we were truly blessed to hear the dynamic preaching of our special guest speaker, Rev. Jeff Downey, of our branch church in Van Buren, Arkansas. He truly blessed us as he delivered the Word of God to us throughout the week with passion, transparency, and power. On Wednesday night he focused on 2 Peter 1:3-4, and encouraged us to believe God for the promises found in The Bible; especially the promises of salvation, entire sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. On Thursday, he spoke from Proverbs 3:5,6, and encouraged us to believe and trust in God in every aspect of life and watch the promises of God be fulfilled. He used the biblical account of Jonathan and his Armor-bearer to illustrate how God blesses when we Trust and Obey. Friday night was an awesome night with a wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit in our worship. The presence of God was so strong that the preacher had to initially make room for the spirit to move. When he was able to speak he came from Acts chapter two; the



account of the day of Pentecost. He emphasized that God blesses when we are in a spirit of unity. On That Day the disciples were all of one mind, working together as one body. The altar service on this night was such a blessing as souls poured their heart out to God. Sunday morning, Pastor Jeff spoke about the love of God and not of the world. Although his text was 1 John 2:15-17, his real



text was his own poignant and touching story of how he came to meet and marry his wife. This illustration of love was both encouraging and challenging. Challenging us to look at our faith and our relationship to God with the same intentionality and purpose that we do with our other most intimate relationships.

On Saturday, May 28th we enjoyed our annual Spring concert. It was

truly spirit-filled. We enjoyed Choir selections, individual vocalist, different instrumentals. It was truly a night to celebrate the rich diversity of our congregation - each person who participated glorified God in their own way. Included in that were several selections rendered from our local branch AFC churches such as: Hempstead, NY; Teaneck, NJ; the Bronx, NY. We were richly blessed.

Again, Pastor Jeff Downey and his wife, Sister Melissa, were truly a blessing to us. It is my prayer that the spirit of revival that begun through our May Special Meetings would be like a pebble tossed in a lake; may it create ripples that are felt way beyond these initial services.

Blessings

Rev. Heraclio J. Wyatt, Jr., Pastor

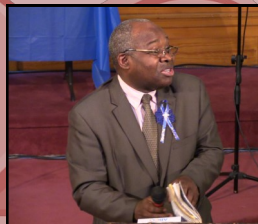




Ministry Appreciation Day: Sunday, May 22nd

"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:"

-Ephesians 6:6-7



LCD Graduation Night

The History Behind the LCD Scholarship

The LCD Scholarship was instituted in 1991 under the leadership of Deacon Charles Huggins (who was the youth leader at that time). Given that the founder of this church, Rev. Leon C. Dicks, promoted education and always encouraged the youth to pursue higher learning, we thank God for the vision and the support received for our youth down through the years.

A LCD Scholarship committee was formed. The committee members were: Sis. Mary Dicks, Bro. Anthony Brooks, Sis. Danette Miller and Sis. Carol Alston. Sis. Brenda Mc Clary was the first high-school graduate to be a recipient of the LCD Scholarship funds. Once she submitted a required document reflecting her acceptance into college, she received a check made out to the college to assist with her registration expenses.

Since the origin of the LCD Scholarship, we give God thanks and praises for the donations received to support the cause. At one point, t-shirts were sold reflecting a scripture cited in one of our founder's last sermons, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." We encourage our youth from pre-k through college to pursue higher education. Since that time, we have witnessed many college graduates – some have even achieved as far as receiving their Ph.D. We wholly agree with John 3 when it stated, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Father's Day:



Sunday,
June 19th

"My First Portland, OR Camp Meeting Experience" June 26th — July 10th

By Sis. Azaria Charles



Pizza Spot
Downtown Portland

My first trip to Portland Oregon was amazing to say the least. After getting to know a few people that came to the International Youth Conference in 2015 from Portland, Oregon and Richmond, California I made the decision to find a way to make it to the west coast in 2016.

When the church van pulled up to the campsite around 1:00 AM in the morning I was so excited. Looking out the window and seeing the "Jesus the Light of the World" lite over the tabernacle was so

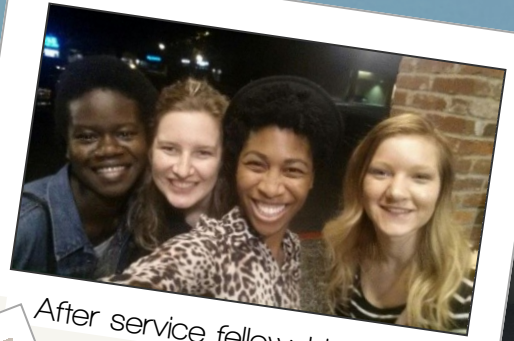
surreal to me. It didn't take too long for me to make friends and explore Portland for myself. The New Yorker in me had to experience the public transportation. So between services

when free time was allotted I explored the town.

The first Sunday of camp meeting was magical to me. I was so awestruck to be in a place I have often times watched online. The room was larger than I expected. The music was so beautiful it gave me goose bumps.

The testimonies blessed my heart. And the Word was simple yet inspiring.

As camp meeting progressed and more people arrived, the campground became a beautiful blend of people from every nation. People came from far and wide to seek God and fellowship in His presence. The altars were full of people of all ages praying and seeking God for different things in their lives. There was an atmosphere of faith that would diminish any doubt that God is real. Over all, I had the best time.



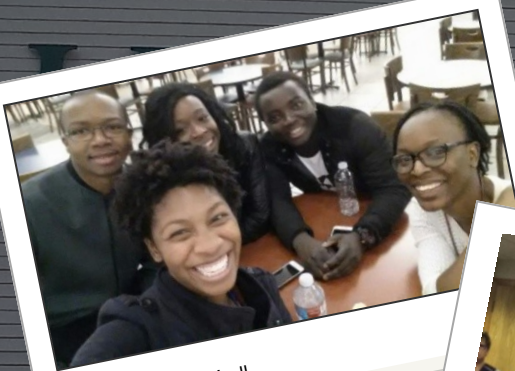
After service fellowship



Public Transportation



Girl's Night Out



Portland Mall



Concert Night



Morning Service



COMMUNITY OUTREACH / BLOCK PARTY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH



Our community outreach block party was a great success! This year the fire department came by with a fire truck assessable for the kids of all ages to sit in and speak to one of "New York's bravest". Music was played all throughout the day and finger foods like burgers, hotdogs and funnel cakes were being served to all who wanted. There was a clown and a bouncy house available for all to enjoy. In the middle of the event there was a mini concert consisting of the children's and youth choir as well as personal testimonies of God's changing grace.



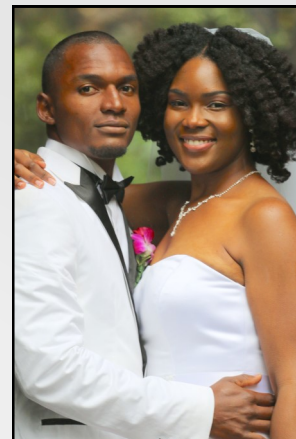
2016 Newlyweds



Mr. & Mrs. Toure
June 11, 2016



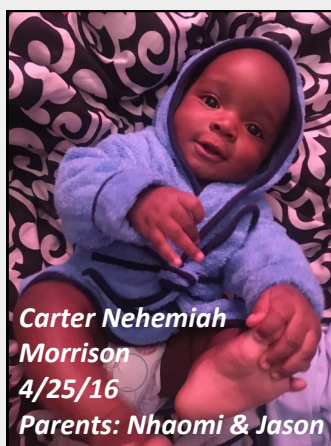
Mr. & Mrs. Omar
July 17, 2016



Mr. & Mrs. Watson
October 9, 2016



A'mor Zionanna Welsh
6/16/2016
Parents: Shavanka and Derius



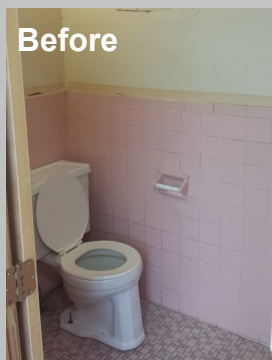
Carter Nehemiah Morrison
4/25/16
Parents: Nhaomi & Jason



Jacob Alvin Perry
12/15/2016
Parents: Sylvisha and Raheem

2016 Newborns

2016 Church Renovations: Our Ladies Restroom



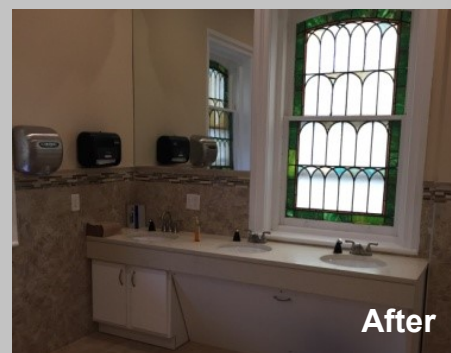
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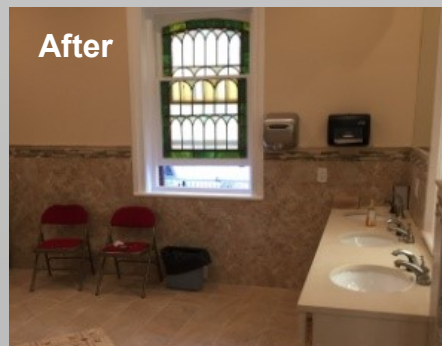
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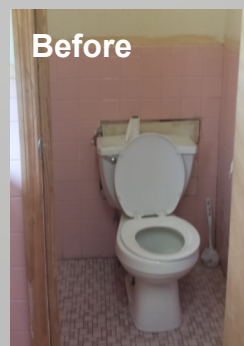
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International Youth Conference:

August 31st – September 4th



Dear Brethren,

On behalf of the International Youth Conference Executive and Host Committees, I bring you peace and blessings! We are so grateful to God for the many blessings he showered upon us at the 44th International Youth Conference. This year's conference returned back to Brooklyn, NY where it received a warm welcome from Pastor - Rev. Heraclio Wyatt Jr. and the saints of 265.

Our theme for this year was, "Are you under the right influence?" Each general and breakout session focused on a particular aspect of the fight we all face with worldly influences as we look to God to be the right influence in all of our lives. The sessions were followed by nightly spirit filled services. On Saturday a general evaluation session of the conference was held, followed by a night of singing entitled, "Worshipping Under The Influence". During the Saturday evening service, our then IYC Chairperson announced his successor, Min. Xavius "Robbie" Robinson of Atlanta, GA. Sunday morning was the last service of this year's conference. Service was followed by a wonderful time of fellowship and final goodbyes as this year's delegates prepared for their voyage home.



We enjoyed having delegates from across the United States from their respective churches. This year we also had the opportunity to enjoy saints from the Dominican Republic and from the British Virgin Islands. It was beautiful to see the young people from their respective places come together to worship our Lord and Savior as one body.



We are thankful for the many prayers that were offered up for this year's conference and we look forward to next year when there will be more delegates and a greater outpouring of the Spirit of God at the 2017 International Youth Conference slated to take place in Brooklyn, NY, should Jesus tarry.

I solicit your prayers for the young people, for the youth leaders, and for the International Youth Conference as we strive to "Meet the needs of young people, as they meet God!"

Yours In The Master's Service,

Min. Xavius Robinson

IYC Executive Chairman



THIS IS THE DAY OF GRACE!

PASTOR'S

CORNER



Happy New Year! -- On behalf of the minister, elders, and saints of the Apostolic Faith Mission.

Sometimes we look to the New Year optimistic about the potential for good things taking place in our lives. Other times we look to the New Year because the previous year has been so challenging that we just want a fresh start. I can understand both sentiments. As I shared with the saints recently 2016 was a blessed year, but it was also a year full of disappointments, setbacks, and frustrations. At the same time, I am so excited about 2017 because I believe that God has special blessings that he has prepared specifically for this moment. What helps me not to be pessimistic about the future based on the past is my awareness of the Grace of God! I understand that The Lord favors me; loves me, forgives me, is patient with me. Knowing the Lord is active in my life helps me to continue and to be optimistic. The Lord is not only Gracious to me but to all that believe in him.

In many ways, the past always has in it moments of joy, but also moments for tears. Thankfully the Bible tells us that as we cry over the bad things that have taken place in our lives, it is like seeds that fall into the ground:

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." – Psalms 126:5-6

I feel confident in declaring that the tears you cried in 2016, will lead to the blessings you witness in the year 2017. It is not a promise that you will not cry in 2017, in fact already many of you reading may have already seen challenges ahead. But it is a declaration that today's joys are a result of yesterday's tears. So, sow your present tears, but also be joyful as you reap unexpected blessing in this new year!

Blessings,

Pastor Heraclio J. Wyatt, Jr.