

Minutes
95th Annual Woman's Auxiliary, Young Adult & Youth Session
Wednesday, July 23, 2008

When Praises go up Blessings come down! The annual prayer breakfast of the Woman Auxiliary was hosted by the Morning Star Baptist Church and the Reverend Parthenia Galloway, Interim Pastor. A morning filled with praises, songs and inspiring testimonies set the tone for us to fellowship one with another, recognize the power of Christ and the difference he has made and continues to make in our daily life. A delicious breakfast was prepared and served by the Culinary Committee of Morning Star Baptist Church. The annual Prayer Breakfast honors Mrs. Nellie O'Daniels, a faithful servant of God.

The morning session of the 95th Annual Woman's Auxiliary, Young Adult & Youth Session continued to honor the presence of the Lord with a Praise and Worship service. Rev. Victoria Johnson introduced our speaker for the Devotional Theme Message, Reverend Parthenia Galloway. Her text, taken from Mathews - 28: 18-20 laid the foundation for the topic "YOU GO". Rev. Galloway's reminded us of the need to:

- Proclaim the Word
- Lift up the name of Jesus
- Win souls for Christ
- Be a witness to the goodness of the Lord
- Be a good disciple
- Teach and show people how to live
- Seek people that really need us – Oh! The places – you need to go.....
- Fulfill the will Of God

Message was followed by the song from Rev. McLaughlin – I'll Go if I have to Go By Myself.

President Shelia Sullivan officially opened and extended warm greetings to all. Proper protocol was established recognizing the members of the Executive Board of the High Point Educational and Missionary Association; Past Presidents and Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary. Declaring the session officially open, President Sullivan introduced Sister Vivian Jones, President of the Morning Star Baptist Church Missionary Circle who extended greetings and a warm welcome to all in attendance. Following an acknowledgement and thanks to the Culinary Committee of Morning Star Baptist Church, a program change was requested and accepted. President Sullivan presented Rev. Norman Davis, Interim Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Durham North Carolina and Board member for the Central Children Home. Rev. Davis expressed his appreciation to the association for their continued support and spoke to the association regarding the need for such a facility to address the needs of youth in our state, especially African-American youth. He addressed the financial status of the home, steps that had been taken to make both physical and financial improvements. He announced the resignation of Mr. Michael Alston, long time supporter and servant of the Home. He will remain until June 19, 2009, Founder's Day. A donation was presented to the home at the conclusion of his remarks.

"Be An Active Church Member" was the focus of the morning Adult Trac: Speaker, the Rev. Dean James Lewis provided several thoughts to help us be a more active church member. He began by reminding us the basis of our existence, Jesus the foundation of life and our spiritual foundation. He explained that the Bible is the soul authority for this foundation. Following a discussion of the role of the church, he challenged those in attendance to live every day as if Our Lord and Savior would be coming back tomorrow. As a body of believers, we must be about missions, we must be about being Evangelists and

about helping to build our churches. Rev. Lewis explained that we need to continually strengthen our relationship with God, affirm our faith, read and study the Bible and live as a Christian. Other thoughts shared on being an active church member included active worship, regular attendance, being a witness of God's love, helping our neighbors, sharing our time, talents and financial resources. Above all he reminded us of that we should always be in pray as we go about our Christian journey. The session concluded with the congregation sharing the many ways they were serving others in their churches.

Morning session was adjourned by the by Moderator, Dr. John A. Jackson.

The afternoon session of the 95th Annual Woman's Auxiliary, Young Adult & Youth Session convened with Sister Ardelia McLaughlin, 2nd Vice President presiding. The praise and worship team provide yet another inspiring venue to honor the presence of the Lord. The theme devotional message was delivered by Evangelist Georgianna Turner of Belview Baptist Church. Six stages to the word "mission" was shared.

- Conception
- Development (Begins in the womb– Scriptures referenced – Galatians 1:15 & Jeremiah 1:5)
- Birth– (Scripture referenced – John 1:3)
- Growth
- Maturity
- Reproductively

Her thoughtful message challenged us to "Be a Contagious Christian", infect somebody, inoculate someone with the Holy Spirit.

Following the theme message, Ms. Amy Lindsay, Director of the Holly Haven House in Winston Salem, NC was introduced. The Holly Haven House was established to provide assistance to the persons with HIV and be an advocate for them. She shared many stigmas often associated with HIV patients. They provide medication, meals, support, social skills, life skills training and housing. The most rewarding part of their mission is providing hope, spirit, meditation, tolerance, acceptance and forgiveness. It is a volunteer program, operates around the clock and they have served over 500 people since it was established. The Holly Haven House was presented with a gracious out pouring of love from the churches in our association.

Sister Cozette Smith was called on to share a program, "Helping Hands – Missions", which she prepared and presented with her church during Vacation Bible School. She explained the need for everyone to be a part of the missions for their church. Through her presentation, she emphasized the real need we have today to serve the sick and needy. We need to be champions for missions at our churches, our association, The State General Baptist Convention and Lott Carey. She emphasized the need for training so other could understand and appreciate the importance of mission work at any level. She closed with reminding us that we need to be about our Father's business.

95th Annual Woman's Auxiliary Business Agenda - President Sullivan presiding:

- Appreciation was expressed for the many donations to support the "Mission Focus Project". Shared comment from Ms. Amy Lindsay expressing their appreciation and acknowledging according to her, this was the largest donation ever received.
- Bylaws for Woman's Auxiliary will be completed by our 2009 Session along with the Handbook.
- Request made to Pastor's to host the 2009 Quarterly (5th Sunday) Missionary Fellowship Services.

- Expressed appreciation to those that participated in the 2008 “Seasons Project” and acknowledged that plaques were presented during the pre-convention banquet.
- Announced the 2009 project – “The Twelve Tribes of Israel”. More information will be for coming.
- Announced the 2008 – Thanksgiving Fellowship Service to be held at Saint Paul’s, Greensboro, NC - November 22, 2008. Time: 11:00 AM.

The Necrology Committee was called to come forward for the Memorial Service and Sermon. Following the remembrance and recognition of members that had passed away during the past year, a comforting memorial message was provided by Pastor Billy R. Holder, New Faith Baptist Church. His topic: “Just because they die – They may not be dead” Scriptures referenced for the message was taken from Hebrews 11: 13.

Afternoon session concluded with the Benediction.

The evening session of the 95th Annual Woman’s Auxiliary, Young Adult & Youth Session convened at the Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, Pastor, Reverend Chad R. Armstrong. Sister Brenda Webster, 1st Vice President presided over the session. Following the evening praise and worship with the Phillips Chapel Choir and congregation, the procession of the Executive Committee of the High Point Woman’s Auxiliary, Church Presidents and the President began. An official welcome from the City of Winston Salem was extended by Mrs. Jocelyn Johnson, City Council Member. Ms. Joyce Wilburn, grand daughter of the President Sullivan introduced her grandmother with much admiration.

Opening comments of gratitude to members of the Executive Board of the Woman’s Auxiliary, The association body, church missionary auxiliaries, and long time warriors for their support and encouragement during the past year. Mrs. Rhoda Barnes, retiring auxiliary secretary was recognized and presented a plaque for her years of service and dedication. President Sullivan shared with the congregation the various stewardship activities she had been privileged to participate in and impact while serving as the president during the past year. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunities to nurture her own personal spirit of stewardship. No recommendations were submitted to the Association Body for consideration from the Woman’s Auxiliary. Following a song, “Glory to His Name”, she returned to the podium for her 3rd Annual Address. Her thought for the evening, “Where is the Love”. Scriptures references included Ecclesiastes 3:18 and John 13:34. Her inspiring message focusing on love being the principle ingredient of all things we do provided listeners with much food for thought. She challenged us to refrain from the varied excuses we use to show our love for others. Encouragement was offered when she explained that practicing what we preach was the essence of “LOVE”. Presenting many examples of people and situations in need of our love, she also explained that we must let our actions speak for us. Her closing comment, “The greatest of all love is our “LOVE for GOD”.

Trustees accepted the offerings and announcements were made prior to the evening sermon. Pastor Alex Turner from the Belview Baptist Church along with his choir delivered the evening sermon. Scripture referenced was taken from Roman 8:8. His message focused on our ability to give up things to have a way with God. He reminded us of the Satan’s mission to have us think we are giving up things, but in this life we would endure pain, suffering, struggles and we would experience many desires. His challenge, Jesus wants our whole body so there are thing we need to give up. To decide to follow Jesus is surmountable, because Satan really gets busy. We need to consistently go to our prayer closet to keep the Spirit of Christ in our Hearts.

Following an Invitation to Christian Discipleship and the Benediction, the 95th Annual Woman's Auxiliary, Young Adult & Youth Session concluded.

Humbly Submitted
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