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Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Pastor

Editorial

Peace and Blessings, Rising Star. It has been a good summer season. In this edition of the Christian Scroll, please enjoy reading about the activities of the church, which include Vacation Bible School, the Hawaiian Luau/Roast of Pastor and First Lady Smith, the Youth Revival and many more activities.

The church is still a refuge for those who seek spiritual feeding. Our prayers and praise keep us uplifted. Let us continue to be kind and speak kindly to one another. Grace enhances the spiritual journey.

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt. **Colossians 4:6**

P. Moore

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OUR FATHER'S DAUGHTERS PRAYER LUNCHEON (Because Every Woman Is A Daughter of the King!)

Sister Jeanette Early-Blakely, Presiding. The Spiritual Stars Women's Ministry hosted a salad bar prayer luncheon on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the Rising Star gymnasium. The fellowship opened with a song, "Our Father's Daughters", followed with a scripture reading by Deaconess Dotty Pope. Prayer was led by Evangelist Denise Howard, and everyone was welcomed with greetings/occasion by Sister Lilli Fox, President of the Spiritual Stars. The food was blessed with grace by Sister Denise Vegas.

Each participant in the second half had a specific theme, beginning with Joy. I Am My Father's Daughter – I Thank Him For My Joy – I Praise Him Through Song. Sister Kreda McCullough blessed with her voice by singing "Center of My Joy." I Am My Father's Daughter – I Thank Him For My Joy – I Praise Him Through Testimony and Prayer by Sister Lora Merriweather who spoke from Jeremiah 9—Joy is knowing who you are and who you belong to.

The final theme was grace and mercy, Hebrews 4:16. I Am My Father's Daughter – I Thank Him For His Grace and Mercy – I Praise Him With My Dance by the Instruments of Praise-Mime Ministry led by Dr. Yvonne Henderson. Sister Alice Spencer wrapped up I Am My Father's Daughter – I Thank Him For His Grace and Mercy – I Praise Him Through Testimony and Prayer. Sister Spencer testified as to the goodness of God through her rearing 12 children. She also blessed us with a song, "Your Grace and Mercy", at the end of her testimony.

Invitation to discipleship was facilitated by Evangelist Cynthia Reese, followed by sister to sister gifts distributed by Sisters Lynette Johnson and Lilli Fox. The luncheon was brought to a close with our Father's daughters coming together in meditation and prayer led by Evangelist Sylvia Daniel.

Cynthia Reese



Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

The Usher Ministry

At first glance, it seems like ushering is a simple job: smile, seat, repeat. But as worshippers walk into Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Aurora, Colorado, the greeting they receive from any one of our neatly attired ushers is so much more than a prescribed welcome. Every Sunday, congregations and visitors alike are warmly received and welcomed to seats by these volunteers. For Rising Star the Usher uniform is black and white. The men are dressed in neat black suits, white shirts and black ties. The women complement them, with white shell tops underneath their black suits. All ushers wear a brass badge that identifies them as an usher. But even without the visuals, you'd know which people are part of this welcoming ministry that's integral to our church.

People attending worship are greeted with a handshake, a warm smile and a "Welcome", "It's good to see you", "God Bless You", "We are extremely blessed to have you with us today!" "Good morning, sister or brother" as they make their way into the sanctuary. Those who are more familiar may also get a two-handed hug or a kiss on the cheek. They're then welcomed to an empty seat, as the pews fill with worshippers.

Basically, a church usher is a member of a ministry who escorts people, or introduces them to others. Essentially, it's an usher's job to greet visitors and members alike and help them find a seat, answer any questions and simply navigate the service. Ushers are also there to keep conversations to a minimum during service, shush chatty children and keep overall order. These days that also means telling people to turn off their cell phones, and reminding men to remove their hats.

But for many ushers, it's not simply a task; it's also a calling. This is where it all starts, says several of our ushers, who have served at Rising Star for many years. They believe they are doing God's work. That's what's key to this ministry, the ushers say. It's not just about seating folks in their favorite seat or directing people for the offering, it's about serving God.

The role of the usher in church is hardly new. Throughout the scriptures we can find ushers called Watchmen (II Samuel 18:24-27). They were called Porters (I Chronicles 9:17-18). In I-Chronicles 15:23-24 they were called Doorkeepers. The first great usher organization was under the leadership of the Tribe of Levi as they were given direct instructions for the upkeep of the Temple. They were to have the place of worship ready for the Priest to enter. And the people that render the same type of service to our Churches today are being referred to as ushers. They keep order by watching the doors leading to the ark of God.

But despite all their good intentions, an usher's job has its challenges. When you come to church, you're coming to worship the Lord, and that should be foremost on your mind. In short, the usher's job is to maintain that environment so you can do just that.

USHER MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE MAY 3, 2015

The Usher Ministry, under the direction of Bro. Frank Boldoe, hosted a recruiting fellowship after both worship services on Sunday, May 3. Following the Greeters, the Ushers are the next group of devoted members you see on Sunday mornings and at many other services held at Rising Star. They often accompany Pastor Smith and the musicians on visits to other churches.

In an effort to attract more members to this vital ministry, a recruiting fellowship/open house was held in the Gathering Place. Many church members visited the open house and hopefully, you will see some of them in full uniform in the near future.

The Senior Usher Ministry meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary for training and scheduling; youth ushers meet on the 4th Saturday of each month in the Main Sanctuary. Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry of the church.



E. Burnley, Reporter

Youth Ministry and Women's Mission Unite for Spring Clothing Drive

Most recently the Youth Ministry teamed up with the Women's Mission to kick off its annual Spring Clothing Drive. Both ministries' themes for the year promote growing in Christ, actively working to share the gospel and to love others. For the Youth Ministry, their 2015 theme, "Rising Saints Make Big Changes", as referenced in Isaiah 40:31 is a testament to the overwhelming contribution made in support of the Clothing Drive. The youth acted on their faith, giving of themselves to help those less fortunate than themselves. The response was inspiring as gently used clothes were donated for boys and girls in all sizes. The donations exceeded my expectations," said Sister Mary Cornish, Clothing Closet Director. "Now we are able to accommodate Rising Star church members as well as our community to offer youth clothing, which was not available prior to this time."

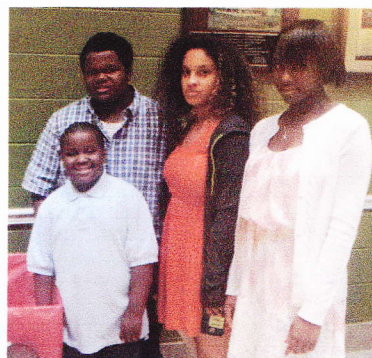
The Youth Church and Ministry is an avenue that allows youth of the church to worship and fellowship with their peers. On any given Sunday (except 1st and 4th Sunday) the Youth Church service is attended by as many as 75 youth. The main objective and purpose of youth church is to motivate young people to live Christian lives, and to prepare them for church leadership and Christian work. Members of the Youth Ministry assist in planning programs, (such as the clothing drive) workshops, revivals, church, social and community activities for the youth.

As for the Women's Mission ministry, the clothing drive held to its theme -"A Year of Compassion". To this end the Mission also commits to studying God's word and assisting the church in helping the needy, the bereaved, and downtrodden. The objectives include the support of evangelism, home mission, Christian

education, and the involvement of women in Christian service. The clothing drive is one of many projects slated this year to meet these objectives. In addition, plans are underway to support the homeless with personal care products as well as provide financial aid to purchase beans and rice for our field mission in Haiti.

As a result of unity and working together, we can do mighty things for our Lord. He has called us to go into the vineyards and the Clothing Drive is an example of how we may be many members but act as one body. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this effort, and a special thank you to all who donated much needed clothing to make the campaign a success.

Sis. Betty Gardner
E. Burnley



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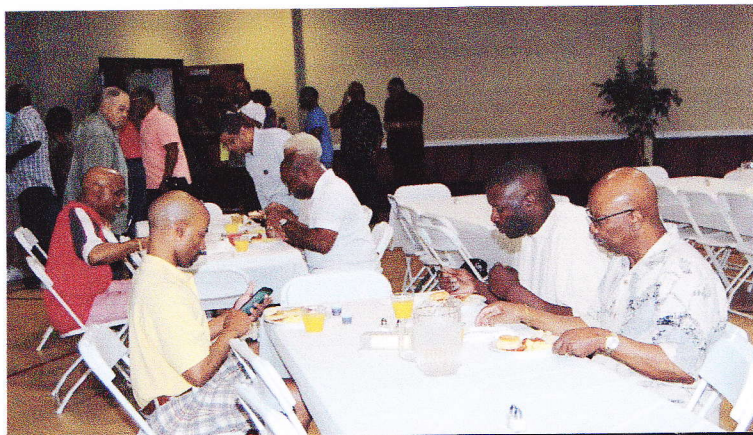
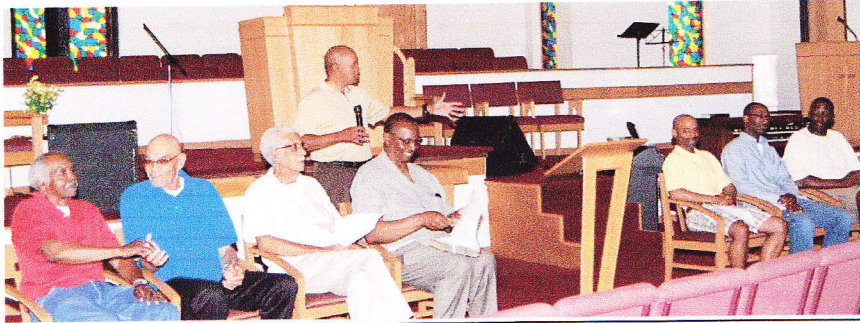
On Saturday, June 20, the Deacons' Ministry, under the leadership of Chairman Lawrence Coleman, hosted its 2nd Annual Father's Day Celebration. This celebration was open to all members and friends of Rising Star, not just the fathers or male segment of the population. The highlight of this year's event was an enlightening panel discussion featuring four "seasoned" fathers/grandfathers and four younger fathers. Deacon Willie Burton, Bro. Lonnie "Candy Man" Whittiker, Deacon Jerald Legins and Deacon Willie Hampton represented the older generation while Bro. Jason Butler, Bro. Richard Wynn, Bro. Roy Swift and Bro. Roosevelt Glover presented the views of the younger generation. These eight gentlemen discussed their lives growing up with or without a father in the home, the person who had the greatest impact in their life, the greatest challenge in raising their children and other aspects of fatherhood.

Some of the stories shared by the younger men were particularly interesting and thought-provoking. One young man shared that he had a "relationship, but no bond" with his father; another stated that he grew up in a household of seven siblings and no one had the same father. The younger group seemed to feel that the problems of young men in today's world came down from previous generations without fathers and role models. A common thread, however, was that they overcame their circumstances, graduated from college and are now actively participating in the lives of their children and trying to guide the generation following them.

C. Hampton



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New Members Reception May 17, 2015

The New Members Ministry hosted a reception for all new members recently joining our Church following the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 17, in the Gym. There was a nice turnout of representatives from many of the Church ministries at the event. Information was provided to help our new members become actively involved in a ministry utilizing their spiritual gifts. A few of the ministries represented included Deaconess, Bereavement, Mission, Multi Media, Music Ministry, Scholarship, Senior Steppers and the Women's Sunday School Class.

The New Members Reception offers an opportunity for new members to identify the ministry(s) they would like to work in and to have their questions answered concerning all the ministries of Rising Star. Conversely the reception allows the church's ministries to reach out to our new members and help them feel connected to the Church body. The mission of this ministry is to assist new members to become actively involved in the life of the church by encouraging them to join auxiliaries or other church groups, help them grow toward and enriched spiritual life, and to create a bond of close Christian friendship through these auxiliaries and groups of the church.

If you have not attended a New Members Reception, we encourage you to attend the next New Members reception event to learn more about all the unique ministries here at Rising Star and how you can contribute your talent(s) to the benefit of the church.

E. Burnley, Reporter

Faith to Be Healthy Offers Diabetes Training

Live Well with Diabetes—The Center for African American Health is offering free Diabetes Self-Management classes beginning July 13th through August 17th, 2015, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Center for African American Health, 3601 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Denver, 80205. Training is for those living with diabetes, at risk for diabetes and those caring for someone with diabetes. If you want to learn how to live well with diabetes or make small health changes to delay the onset on diabetes, this class is for you. Please call 303-355-3423 to register or for more information.



The Faith to be Healthy Ministry continues to offer free blood pressure screenings every 4th Sunday following the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services in the Guest Registration Area.

The 5th Annual Destination Health (Walk/Run/Learn) 5K walk and one mile walk/run will be held July 25th, Denver City Park Pavilion, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Register by mail or online by visiting the website: ww.caahealth.org.

C. Hampton, Reporter



Aloha 'Oe Hawaiian Luau Roasting Pastor Smith & First Lady

June 20, 2015



LET'S GO TO HAWAII

On June 20, 2015, the Pastor's Aid Ministry hosted a luau where the Pastor and First Lady were roasted. A fun time was had by all. We enjoyed watching the Hallelujah High Steppers and a liturgical dance by one of the youth. There was lots of great music such as a solo by Sis. Mariyln Shelton and wonderful music by a group called the "Spirit of Grace." The program even included Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing. The dancer, a resident of Windsor Gardens, gave Pastor and First Lady a Hawaiian dancing lesson that included them wearing grass skirts.

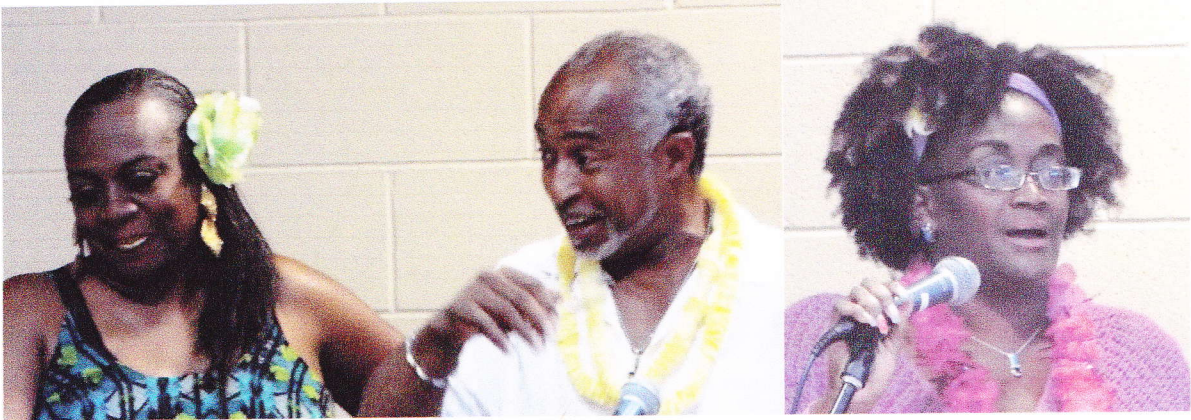


The fun included a roasting of the Pastor and First Lady. Funny stories and tidbits you didn't know about them came from Michael and LaQuita Taylor, Deacon and Deaconess Coleman, Brother Alvin Braswell, Sis. Charlene Allen, a poem and duet by Rev. and Sis. Quick and was topped off with comments from Sis. Lilli Fox. Sis. Glenda Barry served as Mistress of Ceremony for the event.



We dined on tasty food and enjoyed a great fellowship. Good job, Pastor's Aid, and if you didn't attend you missed a treat.

M. Cornish, Reporter





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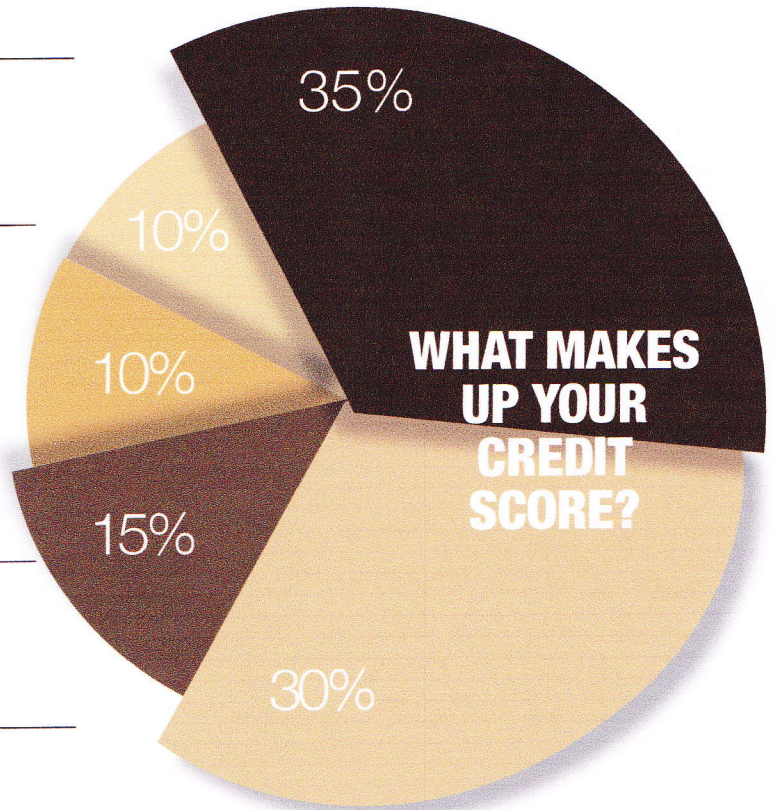
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Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its **52nd Church Anniversary** on Sunday, August 23, 2015. The celebration includes Ministry Week services on Wednesday, August 19 through Friday, August 21. Guest speakers will be Pastor John Tellis of Solomon Temple Baptist Church on Wednesday evening and Pastor Henry O. Chapman of Union Chapel Baptist Church on Thursday evening. A musical featuring various soloists and groups from around Denver will be held on Friday evening. Nightly services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Culminating anniversary services will begin at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, with Pastor Jules E. Smith and Rev. Rodney Perry at the 10:30 a.m. service followed by a fellowship dinner in the Rising Star gymnasium.

The theme for the 52nd Anniversary is "Rebuilding Broken-down Walls", Nehemiah 2:17-18.

Bto. Purvis (Link) Young is chairperson of the Anniversary Committee.

C. Hampton, Reporter

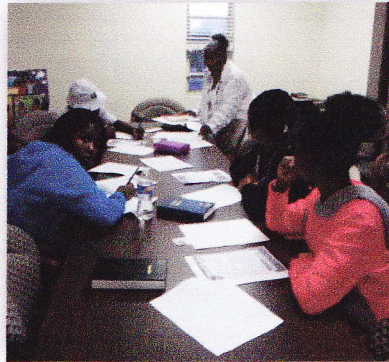
Vacation Bible School

June 1st - 6th 2015

By Stephanie Hall

Vacation Bible School was held nightly, the first week of June. Each night brought informative biblical lessons and intriguing interaction. Classes were available for nursery students through senior adults. The average nightly attendance was approximately 66 bible students.

We studied from the book Truth, Justice and Power, the Jesus Way. As we studied we were prepared to be challenged and strengthened to stand for truth, justice and power. We participated in discovering and enhancing our biblical knowledge through group and individual studies

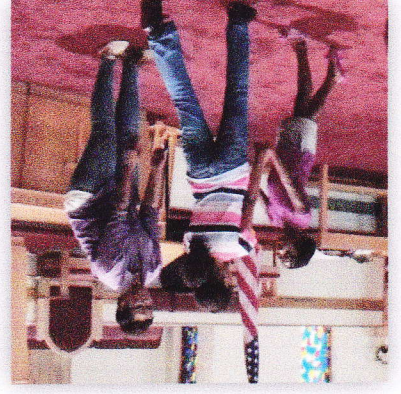
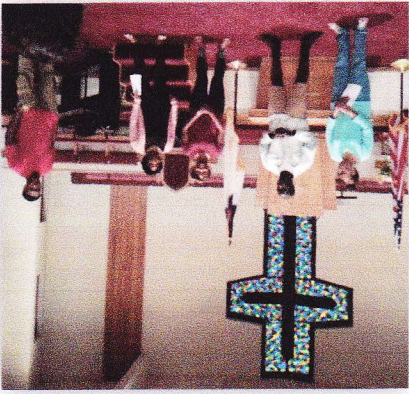
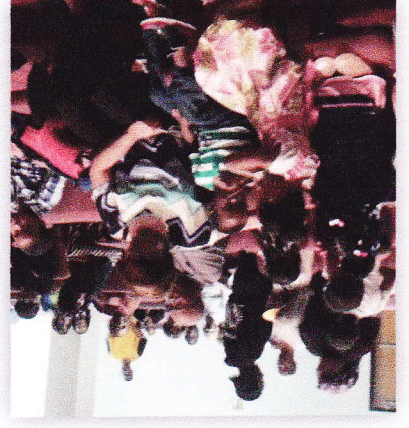
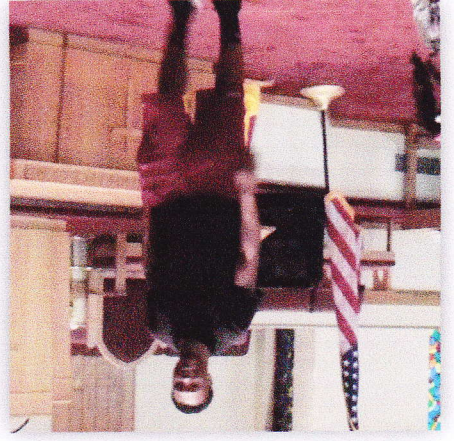


In Ephesians 6:10-18, the Apostle Paul admonishes Christians to put on the "whole armor of God." Why would Paul tell believer to suit up with the protective covering of a soldier? Our answer lies in Paul's analysis of each piece of Christian "armor" we must wear as protective gear for battle against spiritual forces!

He begins with the belt of truth. Truth is the foundation upon which pieces of the armor are connected. Next is the breast plate of righteousness. Christ gives us the righteousness that strengthens our heart to stand against Satan's attacks. Then, the covering needed for our feet, so that the Gospel message can be shared with others. He goes on to the shield of faith, used to defeat the flaming darts of the evil and wicked ways of Satan. Additionally, the helmet of salvation and the sword of Spirit represent the Word of God. Both the helmet and the sword afford the knowledge and understanding of God's Word believers need as they study. Paul concludes that the armor should be coated with the protection of Prayer.

Christians, like soldiers must fight and stand against troubles and failures that plague our society like: poverty, racism, domestic violence, gossip, political circuses, computer hacking, bullying, dropping out of school and drug abuse, that have at their root spiritual forces and principalities.

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Kings' Report

Things have been great with the Youth Ministry so far with the past events that have happened lately.

“Buckets with Christ” – (Teen Boys) have been a success so far this year with boys showing off their skills & talents in basketball games, eating and not forgetting to give time to dive into God’s Word.

“Teen Boys, Buckets with Christ Sleepover”, well first of all, I don’t want to call it a “Sleepover” because that seems a little too “Girly”. I would personally call this something like a “Boys’ Night Out with the Lord”. The boys enjoyed themselves battling each other on NBA 2K14 with aggression but excitement and then, to bring their virtual

video games skills on the real Baller’s Court and showcasing skills among each other while also giving time to God with a full lesson on “How God Views Relationships”. I went around asking boys if they enjoyed themselves and 9/10 times they have all told me “Let’s do it again!!!”

This year’s 2015 Youth Revival, June 25th-26th, and 28th was a great, thrilling experience for the Youth--with the return of Minister Justin Lester from Nashville, Tennessee and his amazing lessons. Our successful Youth Revival T-shirts “Rising Stars Make Big Changes” were worn on Sunday, June 28th and supported by the Youth, Staff, Rising Star Members and Preachers including Minister Lester. Minister Lester gave lessons surrounding the theme that really shocked and revved up the Youth and Staff giving a true meaning of the word “Revival!!”

“Skate City” on June 27th, now this was something enjoyed by everyone – (if you can skate well) ... I’m kidding. However, I was one of those people who had to learn how to skate again because I haven’t been on skates in a long time. It was really fun besides the falling, everyone enjoyed themselves. Minister Justin Lester was also there to enjoy the fun.

Thank you for reading our latest update of the Kings’ Report! May God keep you in His presence. C Ya here for the next report!

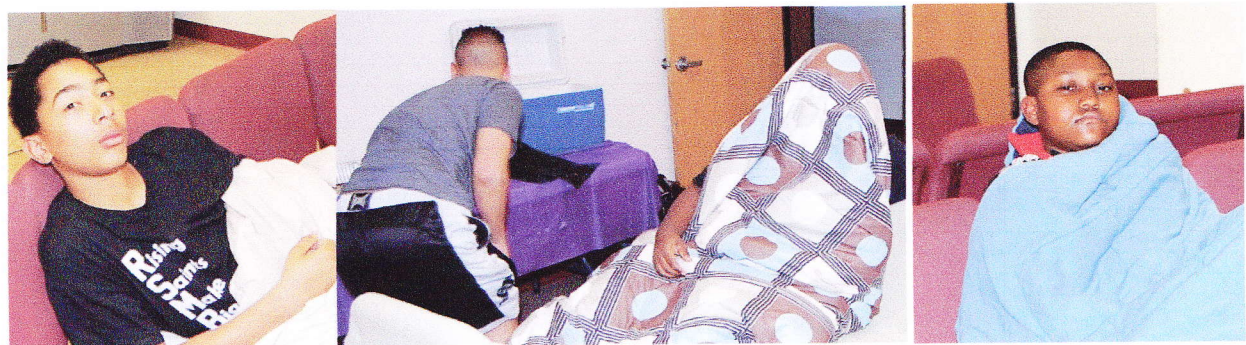
YOUTH ON THE MOVE



Teen Night, July 3, 2015



Buckets for Christ Lock-In, May 2, 2015



Youth Revival June 25-28, 2015



Youth Ushers – June 28, 2015



Minister Justin Lester



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Morning Worship..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM
Communion (1st Sunday)..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM – 10:20 AM
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms. 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

Thursday

Bible Study..... 12:00 Noon

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