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## Women's Ministry Weekend 2010

*Honors First Lady Kathy Williams!*

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*“Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”*

—PROVERBS 31:31 NIV

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By Dr. Theron D. Williams, I

**M**ajor news outlets around the country are reporting that volunteerism is on the decline in America. At one point in history our country led the world in volunteer efforts. Many of the greatest organizations in the world were built here in America through strong volunteerism. Organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, Indiana Black Expo, the United Way, Goodwill Industries, The 100 Black Men, NAACP, YMCA, YWCA, and many more, are all great institutions that were built basically by volunteers. But today all of these wonderful institutions are either struggling or not nearly as strong as they used to be because of waning volunteerism.

Unfortunately, the church has not escaped from being affected by this troubling phenomenon. The church is greatly affected because participation in the life of the church is viewed by too many as simply volunteering and not a spiritual vocation.

Until we consider ourselves what the **Word** considers us and not what the world considers us, the church will struggle to be what God wants it to be. We were never considered volunteers by the **Word**; that's a title the world gives to its unpaid workers. Moreover, we are considered Servants of Christ by the **Word**. There is a major difference between a volunteer and a Servant of Christ. A volunteer is someone working in an organization or for a cause without legal obligation or expectation of being paid.

What drives a volunteer to offer service? I have volunteered for many things in my life and different issues drove me to volunteer. While I was in graduate school I volunteered my counseling and ministerial services to a program that cared for victims of domestic abuse. The fact that I grew up witnessing domestic abuse first hand and saw how damaging it can be to families, I was driven to volunteer for that ministry. There are people who wanted to be professional athletes, but didn't quite have what it took. They often ended up volunteering to vicariously live out their fantasy

through others. I had a college professor who loved children but could never have any herself. She volunteered her services for many years at an orphanage.

Many different things drive volunteers to offer service. Volunteerism is a great thing no matter what the driving forces are. However, many of the driving forces for volunteerism are selfish. I volunteered to counsel victims of domestic abuse because of a selfish need. I had to work through some personal issues. Once those issues had been resolved there was no longer anything driving me to volunteer in that capacity, so I stopped working in the program. Perhaps victims of rape use their volunteerism as interventionists, as personal therapy to help them to heal from their horrendous ordeal. But many times once they experience healing and wholeness, their pain will no longer be a driving force. The volunteer coach is perhaps driven to accomplish something through his team or an individual athlete that he was never able to accomplish. Once that is accomplished, what then will be his motivation?

As Servants of Jesus Christ our drive is not selfish but selfless. We should not be driven by pain or by unresolved issues. We should be driven by our love and appreciation for Christ. When we are driven by love that never runs out and motivated by our appreciation for Christ, that motivation should never end. This is what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he said, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* (Romans 12:1) Paul informs us that it is the mercies of God that should be our ultimate motivation for rendering our service.

Let's make sure that the church is not victimized by inactivity the way the world's institutions have been. Let your motivation to offer service to your church be out of love for Christ, and the mercies of God! ■

# COLLEGE TOUR 2010



By Rev. Jeff Brown

**F**rom Indianapolis to Atlanta and everywhere in between....We started out early on a Thursday morning, Cheryl, Dewayne, Takelion, Alexis, Bri, Naba, Tierra, Thomas, Kori, Cash, Danielle, and me. We rolled through Louisville, KY and all were up for a mid morning snack of juice, cookies, potato chips, and/ or donuts. As we neared the border of Kentucky and Tennessee, all was quiet on our road trip to Atlanta. As we made our way to Nashville, TN, we ran into a traffic jam. But have no fear, Cash crooned to the best of Michael Jackson and made the wait painless. After we discovered that the crowd was headed to Bonneville (a huge outdoor concert in TN) and had approximately three more hours wait time, we realized that 35 minutes of stop and go was not all that bad. So we listened and laughed as Cash carried us through Nashville and the mountains of TN with his best rendition of "The Girl is Mine" and desperately wanting to hear "Shake Your Body down to the Ground". After eight hours of snacks, laughter, and song we arrived in Atlanta, Ga.

The first stop on our college tour was Clark Atlanta University. Led by a sophomore and senior around the campus, we learned the history of Clark Atlanta, the various majors of study available, and the number of films and special events featured on the campus. From here the girls and boys split to visit Spellman and Morehouse respectively. After touring both campuses, learning of their rich history and tradition, and hearing stories of notable HBCU graduates, we stopped for a bite of lunch and a debriefing session. Our last campus tour was Georgia Tech. We opted to take a bus tour due to the campus size. Georgia Tech's campus was buzzing with incoming freshmen attending orientation as well as summer school students.

Not only were the tours of various campuses made possible with a grant provided by Mr. Wayne Pack, but we were also able to tour the Georgia Aquarium, Coco-Cola Museum, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center. A special thank you goes to the Mt. Carmel Youth Ministry, Mr. Wayne Pack, and all of the parents who were able to send their children. We pray that their educational goals were enriched and their horizons broadened. ■

# Praise PARTY 2010

By Natalie Shepard

Vacation Bible School was held on July 5-7 2010 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. The theme was "Praise Party-Worshipping God with Head, Heart, Feet, and Soul". The main verse was taken from Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts." Rev. Natalie McClendon Obie is the director of vacation bible school and Christian education. Over 50 volunteers and several ministries including the Women's and Hospitality ministries, helped make vacation bible school a huge success. A fellowship meal began each day at vacation bible school followed by fellowship in the sanctuary. Both the Mt. Carmel's Children Choir and the Drama ministries performed. The audience had a fun time worshipping God with their "Head, Heart, Feet, and Soul". Afterwards everyone

had class time, which included lessons, discussions, and arts and crafts for the youth. There were classes for everyone from ages 4 to adult. There was an average of 200 people per night. Each night VBS ended with fellowship, and popsicles!

Monday night's theme "Stomp" taught that it is good to praise God with all we have just like David did in I Chronicles 13:1-8. All of the youth classes made musical instruments and used them to make a joyful noise unto the Lord in the sanctuary. Tuesday's theme "Stand up Straight in Praise" was taken from Luke 13:10-17. This message demonstrated how Jesus can bless us and straighten us up and our response is to praise Him. The children made necklaces and key chains to remind them that Jesus is always there and to praise Him every day. The theme on the last night was "Breakthrough" taken from Acts 16:25-34. This verse shows that prayer and praise always brings us a breakthrough. All of the participants received valuable take home material for at home study.

The big finale of vacation bible school was a cook-out held at the end of the last day. Participants and the volunteers were treated to burgers, hot



dogs, chips, and of course, popsicles! Rev. Obie said "I am excited about the success of vacation bible school. We had an abundance of children participating and great attendance from our adults. My expectations for this year's VBS were to reacquaint Mt. Carmel with this tremendous Educational and Evangelistic event in hopes of seizing this continuous opportunity to learn and study God's Word in a warm, exciting, and nurturing environment. I am looking forward to a bigger and better VBS next year!"

Mt. Carmel has taken another step in educating its members on the word of God. We have taken on the idea of going "Back to Basics" for the Sunday school classes. The idea is to give participants a strong spiritual foundation upon which to build on. The lessons are taken from the book "Fundamentals of Faith" written by John MacArthur. Each lesson is designed to give the students the basic principles needed to know God's word and how we can apply it to our lives to live a more Godly life. The ultimate goal is to strengthen our relationship with God so that we can truly be "Disciples for Christ". ■



# Women's Ministry

## WOMEN'S FITNESS FORUM

The 2010 Annual Women's Ministry weekend activities kicked off on Friday evening, 8/20/10, with a Women's Fitness Forum. The ladies of Mt. Carmel arrived prepared to sweat it out. They participated in a rigorous 60 minutes of physical exercises. The first 30 minutes of the workout consisted of instruction in basic aerobic routines with a focus on strengthening and toning of specific muscle groups, led by Mrs. Danielle Brown. After a brief water break, Ms. Adrienne McDade introduced the ladies to Zumba. This is a fast paced, intense workout with a salsa beat. Everyone received a gift bag and free raffle ticket on arrival. Throughout the evening various items were given away, including exercise mats, and 7 day passes to a fitness center.



## HAT TEA HONORING MT. CARMEL'S FIRST LADY

The weekend festivities continued on Saturday, 8/21/10, with a Hat Tea in honor of Mt. Carmel's First Lady, Sister Kathy Williams. As models, the ladies of Mt. Carmel took over the runway and the floor. The most extraordinary fashions and hats were provided by Esther's Place Boutique of Kokomo, Indiana. The attendees were educated on the history of tea and viewed a video clip of interviews with Mt. Carmel seniors sharing their love of hats. An excellent lunch was catered by Mt. Carmel's own Mia Dix.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The weekend concluded with the Sunday Services featuring the "132 voice" Women's Day Choir and the Signs of Praise. The preached word was delivered by Rev. Natalie McClendon Obie of Breeding Tabernacle CME. The topic for the 9:00 am service was, "There is Power in the Word" with scripture reference from Ezekiel 37:1-10. Rev. Obie stated this passage tells of the lessons from the valley of dry bones. The Word brings four (4) transforming elements to your life. 1 - Revelation: when something that was not realized before is revealed or made known, or exposed for your viewing. In his Word, God reveals himself. The Word allows us to see who God really is. 2 - Reconciliation: when that which was separated comes back together. 3 - Recovery: to regain what you have lost or what has been taken from you, and lastly the Word brings 4- Revival: Life.



At the 12:00 noon service, using references from Psalms 91: 1-4 and Hebrews 10:23, Rev. Obie spoke about trusting God and holding on to the Word of God. She identified three reasons we can trust God. We can trust God because of his character. God's character does not change and His word does not change. We can trust God because of His conduct and His actions. What God did in the past, He can do again. Finally we can trust God because of His commitment to restore relationships. God so wanted to restore man's relationship with himself that He sent His only son. Rev. Obie concluded by giving us the right equipment to hold on to the Word of God. With Hope we can stand on the Word of God based on the facts about who God is. Our expectations for good are based on the promises of God. We need the right Outfit, the armor of God to stand and protect the ground that has already been taken. We belong to God. We must Learn and know his Word in order to stand on his word. Finally Rev. Obie stated we must have Determination. Our mind must be made up no matter what.



Kudos to the Women's Ministry for a fun and spirit-filled weekend. ■

# Weekend 2010



# Church Expo &

By Kimberly Bostic

**M**t. Carmel Baptist Church and the Far Eastside community were the hosts of the 2010 Far Eastside Community Fair. The Community Fair took place Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 8th, 9th and 10th. With an estimated 3500 guests in attendance, it was definitely an event to remember. There were over 65 vendors providing information on emergency assistance, job placement and trainings, health and wellness, neighborhood restoration and educational opportunities for all ages.

Carnival rides provided by Mid America Shows lit up 42nd Street. Mt. Carmel Minister of Music, Rickey McCray put on free concerts on Friday and Saturday nights. The live music and entertainment included special musical guests Michael

Houston, Cynthia Lane, Brian Reeves, and Brenda Williams, just to name a few.

The Back to School Corner consisted of bounce houses, mechanical robots, and a Vincennes University Aviation Technology model airplane. Kohl's A-Team volunteers worked double time as they gave away hundreds of school supplies and backpacks. They also helped register 100 youth to receive school uniforms paid for by Lawrence Township Trustee's Office and Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFÉ).

In keeping with the theme of being a beacon of light for the far-eastside community, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church also held its annual church expo. Representatives from various ministries were on hand to give out information about their



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# Community Fair 2010

respective ministries. The goal is to encourage participation in a ministry that allows each person's spiritual gifts to be displayed in an effort to do the work that God has called everyone to do. Each ministry is charged with attracting members and nurturing them in an effort to equip them to "Make Disciples for Christ". The expo was open for members as well as visitors alike. Many people spoke of the creativity in presenting the information in each respective booth.

It was amazing as we watched the entire community pitch in to truly make this a community affair. More than 100 volunteers from Mt. Carmel worked endlessly from open until close each night. Fervent Prayer church family provided free shuttle services to and from Imagine Schools for parking. Walgreens brought

in cases of drinks and light snacks for all of the vendors and volunteers, and community residents volunteered and pitched in wherever they were needed. They set up tables, registered guests or helped to keep the grounds clean and orderly.

It was a wondrous occasion that brought everyone of the Far Eastside community together.

A special thanks goes out to our Pastor, Dr. Theron D. Williams and entire Mt. Carmel church family for carrying out the vision to truly service the community.

We are already planning and look forward to even more to come next year July 2011. I hope you all will join us again! ■

*God Bless—Kimberly Bostic, Executive/  
Community Outreach Director*



# A TRIBUTE TO *Stephen Ball*

By Myrtis Howard



© By: Myrtis Howard

Smiles light up on every face,  
when memories take us to the place  
where we first met Brother Steve.

It was at the little church, where he  
directed the music he loved so much, as  
he played the songs we loved to hear.

We will always cherish the melodies so  
dear, and remember his voice so clear.

The sound was so rich and strong, as  
he led the choir in song.

It always made my day, whenever  
Steve would sing and play, the old songs  
of days gone by, everyone would sing and  
hum, to the beat of the drum, seldom  
was there seen a dry eye.

Now that God has called him home,  
we will all weep and mourn, with the  
angels he'll now sing, peace and comfort  
it will bring whenever we hear, the  
heavenly choruses sing.

He's now in a better place, where he  
can talk with Jesus, face to face.  
No more pain or sorrow nor burdens  
to bear, he is now free from trials  
and care, he's singing with  
the angels up there.

So keep the faith and be strong,  
Steve has not sung his last song, this is  
not good-bye; it's just so-long.  
He'll be terribly missed by one and all,  
thanks for the memories,  
Stephen Ball.

On August 1, 2010, Mount Carmel's Male Chorus paid a memorial tribute to Stephen Ball. Although his title was ~Music Director, he was much more than that to Mount Carmel. Steve, as he was affectionately called, was one of the staples of the church. His parents were devoted members of Mount Carmel, therefore he, his brother and his sister grew up in the church. Stephen, his mother Leila, his sister Sheila and his brother Richard Jr., all of which preceded him in death, were active members of the music department. Richard Jr. played the keyboard and his son Richard III, played the drums. Stephen played the organ and the piano and sometimes directed the choir while he played. They all sang and played instruments and were committed to the music department. The program started with prayer by Rev. Jeffery Brown, who also served as emcee for the program. After which we were blessed with two selections from the Mount Carmel Male Chorus. Some of the original members returned to pay homage to their music mentor and friend. Several male chorus' and singers from all over the city came to pay their respects to a wonderful and talented musician and a very special man. Rev. Charles Walters delivered a very special tribute to a long time friend and music collaborator. Steve assisted Rev. Walters in developing music videos that aided his students in learning math. Groups in attendance included Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Praise Team, Bethesda Baptist Church Male Chorus, Eastside Baptist Church Male Chorus, Men in the Fire, and Indiana Wonders. There was a beautiful plaque presented to Sister Edwina Ball, in appreciation for sharing her husband with Mount Carmel and the musical world. ■



Mrs Edwina Ball accepting plaque in Stephen's honor



Mrs Edwina Ball and family



Rev Charles Walters remembers Stephen Ball



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### **Mt. Carmel Church Event Calendar:**

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**Mt. Carmel Christmas Banquet        December 18**

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