

Monday, June 19, 2017

**Bethel AME Church
Collegiate & Young Adult Ministry**

To Whom It May Concern:

We are excited about what God is doing through the Bethel AME Church College & Young Adult Ministry. Our ministry is composed of five major components: the Augusta Nimms Church School, the College Choir, the Young Adult Bible Study, the Collegiate Ushers and Other Evangelistic Efforts. This condensed report entails our ministerial activity most recent ministerial activities and future endeavors.

The Augusta Nimms Church School class meets each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Efferson-Morgan Fellowship Hall where a complimentary breakfast is served to all members. Sisters Kara Irby and Taryn Sails serve as lead teachers for this class. Attendance is typically around eight individuals. Sisters Irby and Sails do a fine job of teaching and challenging to strive for a closer walk with Christ through an increased study of his word via Church School. Sisters Irby and Sails are planning to execute church school at off-campus sites such as Starbucks, the Crepe Vine, and Dunkin Donuts in fall 2017 in hopes to channel more students and bring about a more relaxed atmosphere to study of God's word. Members of the Augusta Nimms played a major role in executing the Quarterly Honorable Robert R. Meacham Lecture Series and Fine Arts Showcase as well as the Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and Distribution Efforts.

The College Choir continues to increase in number and spirituality under the new direction of Brother Christopher Harris, Florida State University doctoral music major. The College Choir membership averages 35 individuals making it one of Bethel's largest choirs. In an effort to obtain an even greater amount of participation, Brother Harris has revised the College Choir rehearsal schedule to Wednesdays at 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Brother Harris also shares his cutting edge pedagogical techniques with the choir which challenges the members in the area of voice, diction and tone quality which is enthusiastically embraced by the choir. Sisters Ashlee Colbert, Rose Legros and Glyn Turner also serve as his corresponding assistants for this component. Plans are being made for a College Choir Concert tentatively scheduled for Spring 2018 or Fall 2018 semesters. The Choir is very excited about what God has in store in the subsequent semesters.

The Young Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesdays in accordance with the FAMU/FSU University calendar, from 7:15PM – 8:00PM in the east wing conference room. Attendance continues grow sometimes exceeding 25 young adults in attendance. Reverend Marcus Payne and Brother Kyle Harris serve as lead lecturers. Sister Marcea Stokes serves as the ministerial component chairperson. Every second Tuesday, Sister Stokes, local caterer, organizes a delicious potluck for the bible study. Themes have included h'orderves, international foods, and "Soup, Salad and Sandwiches." The ministry hopes to meet at off-campus for dinner at New Times, the soon-to-be opened Farmer's Market, El Jalisco's, Panera Bread, Chili's and Buffalo Wild Wings to study God's word and fellowship. The Young Adult Bible Study lecture and discussion are approved by Dr. McAllister and are aligned with the Senior Bible Studies. Dr. McAllister also serves as guest lecturer at least twice per semester for the Young Adult Bible Study.

The College Ushers minister four times per year on fifth Sundays. They are gearing up to serve on the fifth Sunday of this month. This ministry eagerly welcomes visitors and serves as enthusiastic doorkeepers of the house called BethEL. This component is chaired by Sister

The Ministry has participated in a number of other external and collaborative ministerial events chaired by Brothers Kyle Harris (Youth Church), Jabari Grayson (Game Night), and Sisters Kevina Parker (Sick & Shut-in) and Ashleigh Walkers (Movie Night).

Each first Sunday during the 11AM Divine Worship Experience, The Bethel AME Church Collegiate & Young Adult Ministry takes charge of Youth Church which is designed for church parishioners ages two through seventeen years of age. The college students serve as mentors to the younger YPDers. Each Sunday, AME History, Liturgy and Polity are shared with all age groups via games, interactive worksheets and coloring pages. Also, Dr. McAllister's sermon title and text are emphasized and discussed with each Mother Sunbeam, Allen Star and Teen YPDer during the 90-minute youth church session. Approximately 30 children and youth attend each first Sunday which is staffed and supplied by as many as 15 college students serving as mentors. The Collegiate and Young Adult Ministry thanks local YPD Directors Carolyn Butler and Yvette Stucks for allowing them to mentor the youth on first Sundays.

On September 7, 2014 and November 2, 2014 approximately eight college students joined the Reverends Marcus and Melvin Payne, Stewards, and Stewardess in visiting the sick and shut-in at local hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes and local residences in

Tallahassee. The college students provided prayer, scripture, and uplifting songs to Bethel's sick and shut-in members. Sick and shut-in members call college students periodically to ask when they will return. The ministry looks forward to visiting the sick and shut-in with Bethel's ministers and church officials again in 2015.

The Ministry executed a Game Night Fellowship activity in the Efferson-Morgan Fellowship Hall. Approximately 30 young adults attended this event. They participated in the food and game preparation and fellowship components of the event. Sister Ashlee Colbert kicked-off the games component with an excellent team building exercise wherein groups used straws and tape to build the highest tower. Card games such as Uno, Spades, Goldfish were played. Tracks echoed through fellowship hall speakers of the latest in positive hip-hop, gospel, jazz and alternative music genres throughout the night. Continuously cooked and baked dishes were served through the night included which included international h'orderves, fried seafood and numerous warm and chilled delectable desserts.

The Collegiate and Young Adult Ministry also executed a movie night in the Bethel AME Fellowship hall. The ministry watched and discussed the movie entitled "God's Not Dead." In this movie, college freshman and devout Christian, Josh Wheaton (Shane Harper), finds his faith challenged on his first day of Philosophy class by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson (Kevin Sorbo). The film educated, entertained, and inspired attendees to explore what they really believe about God, igniting important conversations and life-changing decisions. Approximate 25 young adults attended this fellowship activity.

The College and Young Adult Ministry collaborated with the Bethel AME Street Ministry to evangelize to approximately 40 individuals at the Teen Challenge International Men's Center of Tallahassee Florida. College students shared scripture, personal prayers, and testimonies with the persons residing there. The center looks forward to the College Students as well Dr. Brenda Jarmon's Street Ministry team coming back to share a word with them later in 2017.

The College Ministry hopes to go even higher in ministerial work in the weeks and months to come. We ask that you continue to keep us in prayer as God continues to use Bethel's College students and young professionals to carry his Word forth to the masses.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairperson