

The Vineyard

Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church

A Spectacular Weekend



Kirk Blackman & Craig Boatman

The 2010 Men's Weekend was a tremendous success. Twenty-one participants met on Saturday, September 25 to fellowship and learn God's plan and expectations of us as men. The scripture for the weekend was Colossians 2:6-7: *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

The objective of the four-hour retreat was to define in biblical and operational terms the meaning of the theme "Men Moving in the Spirit." Pastor Terence Johnson from the First Baptist Church of Glenarden elaborated on Colossians 2:6-7 urging men to eagerly seek and embrace the Spirit of Jesus Christ. In addition he stressed that men should develop relationships with trusted friends who allow them to overcome the power of their egos by providing an avenue to openly share their shortfalls and sins so that they can be accountable in order to move toward perfecting their Christian walk.

Craig Boatman lead several exercises and vignettes to help the participants develop a greater awareness of the frame of reference they use to tackle the difficult dilemmas of their life and whether that perspective is Bible-based and thus grounded in Christian teachings.

A Spectacular Weekend—continued

On Sunday, September 26 the men led all aspects of the order of service, including an outstanding musical performance of “Marvelous” (Walter Hawkins) by Brother Carter Anderson backed by the Men’s choir, and a duet of the song, “Tomorrow” (The Winans), sung by Brothers Steve Minor and Paul Jones. Brother James Smith performed a great spiritually filled mime—about the need for the Bible in our daily walk—to the song “Encourage Yourself.” The Reverend Brian Edmonds from Zion Church delivered the word based on Genesis 8:1–12, “But God Remembered Noah.” The worship experience was capped off with a delicious brunch.

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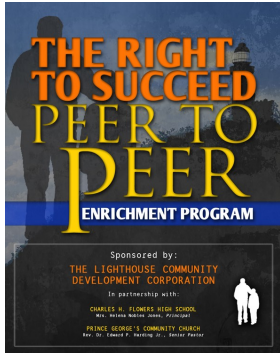
Men’s Day Choir



Reverend Brian Edmonds

THE RIGHT TO SUCCEED

Peer to Peer Enrichment Program



The Lighthouse Community Development Corporation has launched a new youth development initiative called, The Right to Succeed. This is a peer to peer enrichment program for young men that is carried out in partnership with the Charles H. Flowers High School and Prince George's Community Church.

The goal of this partnership is to expose young men to a broader view of the world and their ability to have a positive role in it. It sets the stage for youths to understand that the world is bigger than themselves and their immediate surroundings. The Program emphasizes the importance of participants having a vision, staying focused, and making wise choices in an effort to build strong futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

The Right to Succeed operates to bolster self-esteem, improve skills in reading and communication, and awaken self-respect. This is done to positively impact participants' social interactions, school attendance, and academic performance.

How The Right to Succeed Works

Activities of The Right to Succeed include the following:

- Book discussions
- Social responsibility workshops
- Guided conversations and writing assignments
- Field trips
- Motivational speakers
- College and career preparation

These enrichment activities are led by an experienced and well-trained team of individuals. Participating students are required to attain or maintain specific behavioral standards relating to school performance, extra-curricular pursuits, and avoidance of delinquent activities. The Program also provides a positive group identification among peers in which they offer positive encouragement and support for one another.

The Program begins with 9th graders, both successful and at-risk, and continues its relationship with participants throughout their high school careers. Participants, all students at Charles H. Flowers High School, meet twice a month at Flowers. The Program model is based on a Right to Succeed program developed by the State's Attorney's Office of Prince George's County, Maryland. 3

THE RIGHT TO SUCCEED

Peer Enrichment Program—continued

Why The Right To Succeed Is Needed

In their desperate quest for a way of life, purpose, and worth, many of our young men are being won-over by the violent images of the hip-hop subculture that celebrates gang activity, womanizing, and a get-rich-quick philosophy. The Right to Succeed is designed to counter the negative influences of this subculture that lead to high suspension rates, low graduation rates, and low wholesome community identification and involvement.

How You Can Help

Volunteers and ideas about field trips, motivational speakers and other enrichment activities are welcome. Financial or other contributions to help defray the costs of books, supplies, and snacks are needed. "It takes a village to raise a child." You can be a part of this effort to help young males envision and achieve success.



Minister James Kinnard
Howard University Intern

About the Lighthouse

The Lighthouse Community Development Corporation, Inc., is the nonprofit community service arm of Prince George's Community Church. Its mission is to strengthen individuals, preserve families, and build strong communities through educational and charitable activities, with a particular focus on youth development and achievement. In addition to The Right to Succeed, the Lighthouse provides an annual scholarship to a needy student, and sponsors an annual Food Drive, Back-to-School Supplies Drive, and Christmas Angel Tree.

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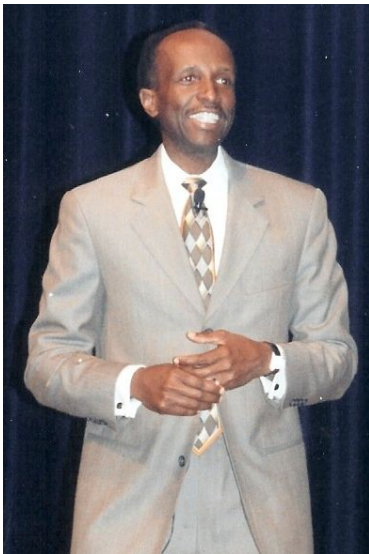
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THE PASTOR'S DESK



Victory in Finances

Webster defines a habit as a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition or physiologic exposure that shows itself in regularity or increased facility of performance. A habit is an acquired mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary. Habits are something that are often done; a characteristic of being and doing . . . an acquired pattern of action that is automatic and therefore difficult to break . . . an addiction. Maurice Watson suggested bad habits are like a comfortable bed--they are easy to get into but difficult to get out of. Orison Swett Marden said that man becomes a slave of his constantly repeated acts. What at first he chooses at last compels. Stephen Covey says that our character is a composite of our habits. Ralph

Waldo Emerson famously said: "Sow a thought, and you reap an act; Sow an act, and you reap a habit; Sow a habit, and you reap a character; Sow a character, and you reap a destiny." Charles Johnson . . . "The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken."

Old habits are hard to break. Some of us have acquired some habits that unfortunately have landed us in poor financial conditions. However, HELP IS ON THE WAY! Over the next several Sundays during worship and on Wednesdays at Bible Study we will preach and teach from the theme of Victory in our Finances. What a great opportunity to share the word of God with friends and family who are looking for financial freedom. We look forward to what the Lord will do.

Blessings,
Edward P. Harding, Jr.
Senior Pastor

Using Our Gifts: PGCC Youth Mission 2010

Interview of Pastor Willie Thompson by Deacon Gwen Dunn

In July, four PGCC youths, between the ages of 13 to 18, traveled with Pastor Willie Thompson to Nashville, Tennessee; Biloxi, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana, to use their talents and gifts to assist flood victims. The mission spanned one full week and a day as the youth traveled in the PGCC van from state to state, spending two full days at each location. Astin Davis, Nia Gresham, Robbi Nuñez, and Marlon Zanders, along with two interns from Howard University's School of Divinity joined Pastor Thompson on this mission.

The mission was organized through In His Presence Ministries, an organization that arranges missionary assignments for churches that do not have their own missionary programs.



A Typical Day

Each day the youth worked from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. They attended worship services and participated in improving team building skills. And some evenings, if they were not too tired, they would have time for fun activities. The experience teaches youth the gift of giving, exposes them to different cultures, and teaches them new skills. It was an exercise of enrichment, development, and social growth.

The Work

The youth worked on various types of projects. In Nashville, they distributed the many items that PGCC members so graciously donated, and they also helped with mentoring, tutoring, and house gutting. In New Orleans, the youth worked at summer camps, and in other areas they fed the homeless and helped with landscaping.

Lessons

The lesson learned is that each person in the body of Christ should be actively participating in mission work. It's not something that God asks us to do, but something that He has commanded us to do. It is our assignment to complete the mission that God has set before us.

Mission for 2011

Next year, the youth mission plans to travel to Toronto, Canada, with a day trip in Montreal. The mission will last from July 16 through July 23, 2011. We are working toward providing French language books or dictionaries to our participants so that they will be prepared to participate—at least partially—in dialogue with the Canadians. This mission is not only for our youth, but for all PGCC members. So join us July 16 through July 23, 2011, for a most rewarding experience—the gift of giving.



Prince George's Community Presbyterian Church
**Annual Women's Ministry
Spiritual Week**

"Persevering: Running the Race That Is Set Before Us"



"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Hebrews 12:1

**Sunday, October 17, 2010
Women's Fitness Challenge**

ZUMBA and Healthy Foods

Location: Charles Herbert Flowers High School
10001 Ardwick Ardmore Road
Springdale, MD 20774

Time: Immediately following 9:00 am Sunday Service

**Saturday, October 23, 2010
Annual Prayer Breakfast**

Guest Preacher: Minister Juanita Garvin
Trinidad Baptist Church, Washington, DC

Location: Martin's Camelot
13905 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Time: 8:30 am-12 noon **Cost:** \$25.00 per person

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Mid-Week Revival**

Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Florine S. Murphy
New Jerusalem Temple of Worship, Fairfax, VA

Location: Charles Herbert Flowers High School

Time: 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 24, 2010
Annual Women's Day Service**

Guest Preacher: Reverend Andrea Foster
United by Faith Christian Church, Laurel, MD

Location: Charles Herbert Flowers High School

Time: 9:00 am

Reception immediately following services

For more information and to purchase Prayer Breakfast tickets,
please contact Janet Jackson (202) 538-2122 or Patricia Hackley (240) 788-7728

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events and activities of the
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Craig Boatman
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Joyce Satterwhite
Willie Thompson
Charletta Washington
Shirley Wilson-Ulmer
Deneen Worrell

NEW MEMBERS

Sister Vanessa Martin Miss Keiko Queen
Miss Akira Queen Miss Kimiko Queen
Sister Robin Queen

SAVE THESE DATES

October 2010

College Sunday: Sunday, October 10
Women's Health Challenge: Sunday, October 17
Women's Revival: Wednesday, October 20
Women's Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, October 23
Women's Day: Sunday, October 24
Harvest Fest: Sunday, October 31

November 2010

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 7
International Sunday: Sunday, November 14
Project Give Back: Saturday, November 20

December 2010

Christmas Production: Sunday, December 12
New Year's Eve Celebration: Friday, December 31

