

2012 STATE AIM CONFERENCE



The First Jurisdiction of Illinois 2012 Auxiliaries In Ministry Conference convened on Monday, June 12 through Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the historic St. Paul Church of God in Christ, where Bishop Charles Mason Ford is Pastor. Our theme for this year's



conference was "Bold Strategies to Revolutionize and Transform Ministry". Every night God blessed and enriched us in a tremendous way.

The First Jurisdiction, IL Youth Choir rendered songs of praise and inspiration each night. Under the capable leadership of our State Minister of Music, Pastor Kenneth Lockhart and Sister Cathy Bogan, and State Youth Choir coordinators, Minister Cornelius Dole and Sister Tammy Reed, we were blessed with one of the most anointed and melodious youth choirs we have ever had.



The message for Monday night was delivered by our Missions Vice President, Dr. Ophira Campbell Scott. This was

Dr. Scott's first appearance in our AIM Conference as a Keynote speaker and she was simply fantastic. Her message, which was aligned with our theme: "Bold Strategies for Revolutionizing and Transforming Ministry" was "Persuasion Power". Dr. Scott encouraged us to use our power of persuasion to win souls for Christ. She drew our attention to the conversion experience of the Apostle Paul on the Damascus Road. Though Paul was bent on persecuting the Church, after encountering Christ on the Damascus Road he was persuaded to surrender his life to Him. He declared in Rom 8:38-39 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". If we are to possess the power to persuade others, then we must first be persuaded ourselves



On Tuesday, the Sunday School Department under the Leadership of Superintendent Michael Payton and Field Representative Vanessa Nash presented trophies and medallions to the winners of their recently held Sunday School Olympics. The event, which is growing each year, consisted of competitions that included spelling bee, math, and art. Participants ranging from ages 7 to 19 received first and second place trophies. As young people came forth, excited to receive their trophies, the audience exploded in celebration.

The highlight of for Tuesday evening was a powerful, informative, thought provoking and soul stirring

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message from our Sunday School Superintendent, Minister Michael Payton. Minister Payton engaged our minds and hearts in his electrifying message entitled "Either You Believe or You Don't". Being true to his calling as a Sunday School Superintendent and passionate about the word of God, Minister Payton took us on an incredible journey of news, facts, truth and scripture, exposing Satan as the archenemy of God and a deceiver of the saints and argued his case that our victory over the battles that we encounter daily in our Christian walk will only come if we choose to believe God's word and promises towards us.



On Wednesday night a number of young people from local churches in our jurisdiction were recognized for their outstanding achievements in their education and services rendered in their local churches. As the list of accomplishments was read off, we listened in amazement and thanked God for endowing our young people with tremendous talent, intelligence and humility. The highlight of the evening was a powerful and explosive message delivered by our State Minister of Music Pastor Kenneth Lockhart. Pastor Lockhart was simply phenomenal. Pastor Lockhart approached the podium ready for service. He directed our attention to Acts 1:8 and suggested a proven strategy to help us revolutionize and transform ministry. His subject and his suggestion was "All You Need is the Holy Ghost". The power of God's presence swept through the room as we repeated the subject with excitement and conviction.



Pastor Lockhart emphasized the need to be filled and empowered by the Holy Ghost to be effective in ministry. He indicated that gifts and talents are good, but are not enough in themselves to transform lives. If we are serious about changing and transforming lives, we must be filled with the Holy Ghost. Pastor Lockhart allowed God to use him in a tremendous way to deliver this timely and relevant message that is applicable to all. It was informative, insightful, inspiring and convincing. Many came to the altar in response to his appeal to be filled and refilled with the Holy Ghost.



Thursday night yours truly was the messenger. I directed the audience to the six chapter of Joshua, where we find the very familiar story of Joshua marching around the walls of Jericho. I spoke from our theme "Bold Strategies to Revolutionize and Transform ministry" I emphasized the need for the church to be strategic in ministry because our adversary, the devil is strategic. If we want to be effective in our war against our adversary we must also be strategic. After sharing many strategies that God initiated for our salvation and for our betterment, I concluded by highlighting the bold strategies that Joshua implemented during his

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The Emanuel C.O.G.I.C. Sons and Daughters of Promise

Presents Our

Annual Youth Explosion

Theme:

Determined and Aware; No Compromise

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012 @ 11:00 AM AND 4:00 PM

11:00 AM



MISSIONARY ALAYNA JOHNSON
EMANUEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
YOUTH LEADER

4:00 PM



MISSIONARY IRIS CALLOWAY-THOMPSON
GREATER HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
YOUTH EVANGELIST

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PLEASE COME OUT! BE OUR GUEST AND WORSHIP WITH US!

Msn. A. Johnson, President

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FORGIVENESS
is not something
we do for OTHER PEOPLE.
We do it for OURSELVES
-to GET WELL and
MOVE ON.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 11th – 3:00 PM
Emanuel Will Celebrate
Mother Elvie Owens (Founder's Wife)

90th Year
Birthday
Celebration

@Zion Temple
COGIC
1414 S. Pulaski
Chicago, IL



Sunday, August 19th – 4:00 PM
Emanuel's Annual Women's Day
Guest Speaker:

District
Missionary
Caberia Showers
(Bishop Shepard Little)



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first conquest to defeat Jericho, I spoke from our theme "Bold Strategies to Revolutionize and Transform ministry".

As the AIM Chairman, I wish to thank all of you who supported this great conference with your prayers, presence and finances. Because of your support we were blessed to experience one of the greatest AIM Conferences in the history of our jurisdiction. I admonish you to continue to support the AIM family of First Jurisdiction, IL as we endeavor to implement Bold Strategies to Revolutionize and Transform Ministries.

For more information about this wonderful conference, please visit the First Jurisdiction Illinois Website (www.fjicogic.org).