

# OUR VOICES

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## Greetings from the Turner Memorial AME Church

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Sister Exhalia A. Grady**

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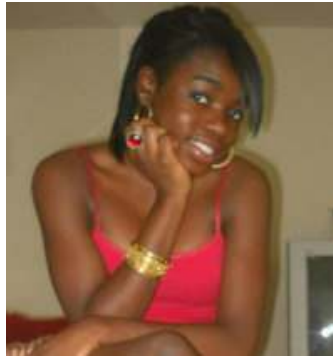
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*I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me.*

*Phillipians 4:13*

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Greetings to all! I am Exhalia Grady, Second Vice President of the Young People's Division (YPD). This year the YPD is looking forward to an abundant of great upcoming events. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July we will be heading to Hampton, Virginia. We will

be going for the Second Episcopal District Planning Meeting and 2010 Youth & Leadership Christian Education Congress. While we are there we will be attending workshops, fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters across the district, and participating in many more exciting things. The YPD has other upcoming activities this year, such as our missionary project on September 12 where will be harvesting vegetables to be donated to homeless shelters in our area. Our main focus this year is the Quadrennial. The YPD will be traveling to Orlando, Florida during the summer of 2011. To make this trip possible we will need many sponsors and all the help we get. To raise money we will be doing fundraisers. We kicked off our first fundraiser on Sunday, July 4, 2010, selling Krispy Kremes. Please see any YPDer to place your order for these world-famous doughnuts.

The YPD is looking forward to your support and will update you with further information.

Be Blessed,

*Exhalia A. Grady*

Turner Memorial AME YPD 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Greetings from the YPD Director,  
Sister Chandelle R. Ivy**

We know you were anxiously waiting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> release of our newsletter. Well, the wait is over. We hope you find our article selection enlightening and enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of the YPDers who continue to help us keep their YPDers engaged in the happenings of our church. Parent involvement is extremely important, and we, the advisors of the YPD, do not take your assistance for granted. You have given us wonderful and driven YPDers and you are to be commended. THANK YOU!!!

Please take time out to read our newsletter. Feel free to offer any feedback, or what you would like to see included in the next edition. Our YPDers would love to hear from you.

Be Blessed!!

*Chandelle R. Ivy*

**OUR SCHOLARS**

The YPD would like to recognize our graduates and high achievers for their hard work in school over the past year. Congratulations and keep up the good work!!!

- Alex Ferguson – Masters in Accounting  
Wake Forest University
- Juan Curtis II – Bachelor of Science in  
Manufacturing Systems  
North Carolina A&T State  
University  
G.P.A - 3.00
- Troy Brown – High School Graduate  
Charles Herbert Flowers High  
School  
G.P.A. – 3.29
- Matthew Curtis – Senior at Bethune Cookman  
University  
G.P.A. – 3.89; Dean’s List
- Chelsey Jackson – Sophomore @ Towson  
University  
G.P.A - 3.796; Dean’s List

<u>Name</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Rising Grade</u>
Kayla Reynolds	4.00	11th Grade
Airen Washington	3.70	11th Grade
Exhalia Grady	3.86	10th Grade
Zawadi Carroll	4.00	8th Grade
Kenneth Carroll	3.00	6th Grade

**2010 Capitol District Church School  
Convention  
Friday, July 30 – Saturday, July 31, 2010  
Frederick, MD**



**TRANSFORMERS**  
*for Christ*  
Romans 12:1-2

*See Church School Superintendent  
Sister Maria Green for more details or if you  
are interested in attending.*

**The Road to My Black Belt  
by: Jordan Upshur**



The road to my Kung Fu black belt was difficult journey. This is because there was a lot of work and training I had to do to get my black belt. I have received many belts during my studies of Kung Fu. The first belt I received was a white belt. This belt was followed by other belts showing completed levels of training – gold, gold and white, green, green and white, blue, and blue and white. After I got those belts I was in the more advanced belts. Those belts were red belt, red and white, brown, brown and white. The next belt in the sequence was a black belt. I had to write a 15-page thesis on a book called “The Art of War.” For my black belt training, I had to do 200 push-ups, 500 sit-ups, and 500 kicks. I also had to break wood. Finally after I passed my sparring test, I got my black belt and graduated my Kung Fu training program.



## **My First Year College Experience by: Sister Chelsey C. Jackson**

My first year in college was a pleasant experience but a not so easy task. For one, college is no way near high school. When you enter college, you are on your own. Late assignments are either unacceptable or a letter grade dropped unless you have a valid excuse. When you miss a class you are responsible to learn the material that was previously covered and take notes at your own risk. You are no longer treated as a child. No one is there to wake you up in the morning and tell you to get ready for school; no one is there to ask you “Did you finish all of your homework?” It is up to you to do these things on your own and do them well.

One thing that helped me make it through my first year in college was that I always put God first and prayed. When things seem to not go in my favor, when I might have felt a little stressed, and when I felt as if I wanted to give up, I always remembered that God will make a way through those difficult times and troubles. There were times when I felt that I wouldn’t do well on my exams despite the fact that I studied, but with my faith in God I always seemed to do better than what I expected.

The second thing I tried to do while in college was to enjoy what my school had to offer. There were times when I did not want to attend some of my school events because personally it didn’t fit my personality. But at other times, I did attend some events and met new people. There were also times when my friends and I would just walk around campus and introduce ourselves to some people that

we would see all the time. For a while I didn’t know what organizations I wanted to join at my school, I just knew I wanted to dance since that is what I love to do. But one day a friend of mine from high school saw me walk pass where she was holding modeling tryouts. Since she saw me, she told me to go get my heels and walk! Personally, I never thought to try out for the modeling team at my school, I was more interested in looking for a good dance team. But something just told me to do it, so I did, and I made it! So throughout the rest of my first year I was on the modeling team and I really enjoyed it. Everyone on the team is like family.

I feel as though my time in college for my first year was well spent. I was meeting new people, “ripping” the runway, and making good grades. Despite everything that might have been going on at my school, I always remembered what I was there for. My main reason for attending college is to get my education and to obtain a degree in psychology. I knew where to draw the line. The different activities and parties were always there even though I had to look for them! I knew which classes seemed to be easy for me and which ones seemed to be hard. Because of that, I made time and planned to study. I knew I had a morning class everyday and so I would ask myself “Should I stay out late tonight or should I study and get my rest?” Only I knew what I was capable of. So yes there were times when I went out and stayed out all night to about three or four o’clock in the morning knowing I had an 8am class but there were also times when I could’ve went out but decided to stay in. I knew my work habits and so I was be able to determine whether or not I should go to the party that I knew I would not be getting back from until 3 or 4 o’clock in the morning.

Overall, my first year in college was a satisfying experience that I will never forget. And when I return in the fall, I will take more advantage of the college life and get more involved! I will still keep God first, have fun, and always remember what I am there for!



## GOING GREEN!!!

Going Green means making an effort to be environmentally conscious, sustainable, and knowledgeable.

### TIPS TO GO GREEN

- Go to a car wash
- Get a reusable bag
- Wrap Presents Creatively
- Buy Local Produce
- Turn off computers at night
- Use Both Sides of Paper
- Don't Pre-Heat the Oven
- Turn Down your Thermostat
- Get rid of junk mail
- Don't get a paper phone book
- Stop paper bank statements
- Pay your Bills Online
- Use Warm or Cold Water Setting on Washer
- Change to Fluorescent Bulbs
- Buy Rechargeable Batteries
- Turn the water off when you brush your teeth

## EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!!

Like Sudoku, even though difficulty may vary from puzzle to puzzle, the rules for playing KenKen are fairly simple:

For a 3x3 puzzle, fill in with numbers 1-3.

For a 4x4 puzzle, fill in with numbers 1-4.

For a 5x5 puzzle, fill in with numbers 1-5.

For a 6x6 puzzle, fill in with the numbers 1-6.

For a 7x7 puzzle, fill in with the numbers 1-7.

For a 8x8 puzzle, fill in with the numbers 1-8.

For a 9x9 puzzle, fill in with the numbers 1-9.

Do not repeat a number in any row or column.

The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares, called cages, must combine (in any order) to produce the target number in the top corner of the cage using the mathematical operation indicated.

Cages with just one box should be filled in with the target number in the top corner.

A number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row or column.

1-	2*		7+
	48*		
1			2/
2/		3	

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Be sure to mark your calendar. The YPD has some exciting activities planned for the 2010- 2011 season.

### CONNECTIONAL MEETINGS

Second Episcopal District Planning Meeting and 2010 Youth & Leadership Christian Education Congress –

Sunday, July 11 — Wednesday, July 15, 2010  
Hampton, VA

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Youth Retreat –

Saturday, August 28, 2010  
Turner Memorial AME Church  
Hyattsville, MD

YPD Annual Day –

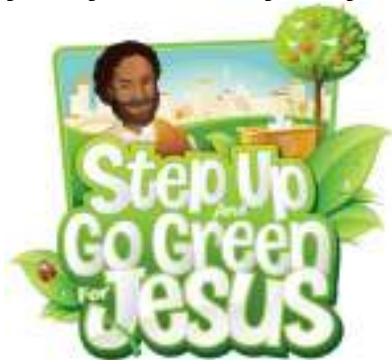
Sunday, August 29, 2010  
Turner Memorial AME Church  
Hyattsville, MD

Harvesting, “Food For Others” –

September 12, 2010  
College Park, MD

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**Vacation Bible School 2010**  
**Step Up and Go Green for Jesus**  
**Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23, 2010**



*Join us for VBS 2010 at the church, Small Fellowship Hall. from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Dinner will be served. For more information or to volunteer you services, please see VBS Director Sister Teria M. A. Upshur.*



The YPD is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to assist with funding our trip to the 2011 Quadrennial in Orlando, FL. Orders are being accepted now through July 18, 2010. Orders will be delivered Thursday, July 22, 2010. Please see any YPDer to place your order. We are grateful for your continued support of our endeavors.

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### BRAINTEASERS

1. Everything Mr. Red own is red, he lives in a red trailer and his chairs are red, his tables are red. His ceiling, walls, and floor are red. All of his clothes are red, his shoes are red, even his carpet, television and phone are red. What color is his basement?
2. I went on a trip last week. The traffic was moderate and journey took two and a half hours. On the return journey, the traffic was similar, but I made it back 150 minutes. How come?
3. Can you name four days, which start with the letter “T”?

#### Answers

1. He doesn't have a basement because he lives in a trailer.
2. 2 and a half hours is equal to 150 minutes
3. Tuesday, Thursday, today and tomorrow



