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Mount Calvary Holy Church was founded in 1928 when Bishop Brumfield Johnson conducted a revival in the city of Winston-Salem, NC. Approximately 250 persons were saved during this revival and many desired to have a church home with Bishop Johnson as their pastor. Upon Bishop Johnson's return to the city, Peppers Warehouse was secured as a worship facility to accommodate the huge following. Services were later held in a



huge tent until a permanent place of worship was secured. The church formally began as Mount Pisgah Rescue Mission. The church was officially incorporated in 1929 as the Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc.

> On February 15, 1972, Bishop Brumfield Johnson, went home to be with the Lord. Just weeks before his death, Bishop Johnson appointed Bishop Harold Ivory Williams to serve as his successor.

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Bishop Williams led the church for over 37 years as Senior Bishop. Under his leadership Mount Calvary grew to include churches in over fifteen (15) states and many foreign countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Even though his duties carried him to churches in various states and countries, he remained faithful to the "First Church" in Winston-Salem.

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Elder Russell served faithfully for over 5 years as Senior Pastor, leading the congregation through a complete renovation of the sanctuary. He resigned from the position as Senior Pastor in the summer of 2005, and Rev. Tejado Hanchell was elected as Senior Pastor on October 31, 2005.

The National Convocations were held in Boston until the International Headquarters was established in Washington, DC in 1991. On August 14, 2008, the headquarter church entered into a new season of ministry as Bishop Williams chose to take emeritus status and elevate his spiritual sons, Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., to the office of Presiding Bishop and Bishop Hansel H. Henry to the office of Executive Vice-Bishop. Bishop Owens becomes the third Presiding Bishop in the eighty-year history of this great Church. And the elevation continues because on March 29, 2014, Dr. Tejado Hanchell was consecrated to the office of Bishop, overseeing the area of Administration for the Headguarter organization. The Winston Salem Church would once again be led by a Bishop, one of the youngest appointed in the MCHCA Organization.

The Winston-Salem church is the first church founded in Mount Calvary and proudly proclaims to be the first predominantly African American church in the city of Winston-Salem to host a live radio broadcast. Mount Calvary has adopted the motto, "The Church Committed to Do MORE." It is our desire to go above and beyond the call of duty to minister to the needs of the community focusing on the areas of Missions, Outreach, Relationshipbuilding, and Education.





Ways To Kill A Church By Bishop Tejado Hanchell

I have the awesome privilege of serving as the Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Holy Church of Winston-Salem, a church that has been around for 85 years. In those 85 years the church has only had four senior pastors. What started as a vision of our Founder, Bishop Brumfield Johnson, was built on by our Patriarch, Bishop Harold Ivory Williams, and renovated (literally) by Elder Daniel Russell. Now, I have the awesome task and responsibility to expand on what has been built and renovated. I am most humbled and honored to serve at a church with such a great legacy!

While our congregation has had its share of struggles over the years, we are grateful that we have survived! Considering the staggering statistics on church mortality in America, we are grateful to God for still standing strong. Some researchers suggest that between 3,500-4,500 churches close their doors (or die) each year. That means that in the time since our congregation was founded 85 years ago, over 300,000 churches have died! I suspect that most church "deaths" occur for a few simple (and oftentimes avoidable) reasons.

About a year ago, our Assistant Pastor Emeritus, Elder Catherine France handed me a church newsletter that was written in 1959. As I delicately flipped through the tattered pages of this precious document that had been produced over half a century ago, one article in the newsletter pricked my attention. The title was simply "10 Ways to Kill a Church".

The thing that interested me the most is how this list of "church-killers" written in 1959 looks so much like the usual suspects in many church deaths today. Here is my slightly paraphrased version of the 1959 list of "10 Ways to Kill a Church":

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1. Don't come.

One of the biggest church-killers is waning attendance. Many people, simply can't find the time to spend an hour or two in the Lord's house. We find excuse after excuse as to why we can't come to church. I wonder what our lives would look like if God only showed up at our house as often as we showed up at His. The Bible is clear about the importance of assembling or coming together (Hebrews 10:25). I believe in the importance of going to church, which is why I do a weekly Twitter hashtag called #Go2Church. If we don't go to church, we just might be playing a part in killing the church.

2. If you do come, make sure it's late.

So many of today's worshipers (and apparently those of 1959) have a lackadaisical attitude towards worship. We have an "I'll get there when I get there" attitude when it comes to church attendance. I wonder, however, if we showed up to our job the way we show up to our church...how many of us would still be employed? We say that God is an "on time" God, but can He say the same about us? A lack of punctuality when it comes to worship is a microcosm of our overall view of God. It says that whatever else we are doing is more important, and God can just wait until we get there. This type of attitude is a major church-killer.

3. Only show up when the weather is good.

Ever been to church in a driving rainstorm? Neither have most of the other people in your church! Some people only go to church when the sun is out and there are no clouds in the sky. We have produced a culture of "fairweather" Christians, who only attend church when everything is going right in their lives. The moment a storm hits their life, they get mad at God, the pastor, and the church. There are some people who you can tell exactly what's going on in their lives based upon their church attendance. When things are great and they have a little money in their pocket, they're on the front row singing "Amazing Grace", but as soon as they get laid off or deal with some sort of difficulty, they're ready to "curse God and die" (Job 2:9). The only thing that dies with that kind of attitude, is the church.

4. Find fault with everything (and/or everyone). Most homicide investigations begin by researching those who had something negative to say about the victim. Similarly, when a church dies, you can be sure that the fault-finders are prime suspects. These are the folks who sit "in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1). Faultfinders can always SPOT a problem, but they never SOLVE a problem. They are definitely church-killers.

5. Never accept a leadership role or responsibility.

Many people have a "renters" mentality when it comes to church; they take no ownership. When you rent an apartment, if something breaks, you call the landlord to fix it. Since you don't own it, you have no obligation to fix it. There are too many people renting pews (and some pulpits). It's far easier to criticize than to mobilize. As Seth Godin says, "No one has ever built a statue to a critic." If we want to make a difference, we have to accept the responsibility to lead – whether formally or informally. Leadership is not about position; it's about productivity. A congregation full of followers is on life support and is getting ready to die.

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6. Get mad if you're not appointed to a leadership position. the work that can be done through the local church. Additionally, since there are operation

So many people in church are focused on titles. They want to be directors, deacons and dignitaries, and when they are not appointed to a position, they begin to stir up trouble. This is a manifestation of deep-seated pride, and pride is one of the most dangerous killers of all.

7. Never give your opinion in a meeting... wait until AFTER the meeting.

A surefire sign of a church that is on its deathbed is one that has major "meetings-after-themeeting". You know, where no one voices their honest opinion or offers useful insight during the official meeting, but are quick to huddle in a corner or the church parking lot after the meeting to harp on how "it ought to be done." There are chalk lines all over church parking lots outlining exactly where the murder took place.

8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary.

Show up, go home, but don't be an active, engaged member of the church. It's hard to reach "the least of these" when we're only doing the least we can do. The sad reality, however, is that most people who only want to do the least, love to criticize those who are doing the most! They howl about how the church is being run by a clique, when they never offered or took initiative to get any work done. They just stand on the sideline and watch the church die. At the very least, they are an accessory to the murder.

9. Hold back on your giving to the Lord.

It takes money to do ministry – especially to do mercy ministry for the under-served in our communities. Tim Keller says that "Mercy ministry is expensive." When we hold back on our giving to the Lord and His work, we are limiting

the work that can be done through the local church. Additionally, since there are operational costs associated with a church or ministry, a lack of giving can lead to the church being foreclosed, laying off staff, and other adverse results. Some people say, "Well, all the church wants is money." The same can be said of Wal -Mart, yet they keep taking their money there! While I do not discount that there have been those who have abused and misused the church for financial gain, there are thousands of churches serving in their communities who are dying because of a lack of finances. When we stop giving, we are killing those churches... and the countless lives they touch each day.

10. Don't reach out to the un-churched.

The primary purpose of the Church is to introduce people to Jesus. The people in the pews must take ownership of that responsibility and become "mini-churches" that reach out to the un-churched every day of the week and bring them to the house of the Lord to be discipled. Churches need regular and consistent "transfusions". When new people are brought into the church, they bring new life and vibrancy. They ensure that the church doesn't get stuck in the old way of doing things. They bring fresh perspective, and they help to keep the church alive. Don't kill your church! Go and bring in some new people today.

I sincerely believe that when we all do our part, our church will continue to thrive and grow, and we will see our best days ahead of us. This is our "Year of Elevation" and our "Open Season". I can't wait to see what God is going to do next! Our next 85 years will be even greater than the first 85 years – and that's a tough act to follow!

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Dorothy L. Clinton Interviewed by Brittany Clinton



Psalms 23:1-3 The lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters. He resoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake.

Q1: Why did you choose to give Mt. Calvary Holy Church your right hand of fellowship?

Interviewee response: "I chose to give my right hand of fellowship because I belonged to a Baptist church when I was younger with my mother and she told me once I became of age; I could find my own church home. I found Mt. Calvary at the age of 19 under the late Bishop Broomfield Johnson and began my spiritual journey".-DLC

Q2: Describe a time that was unforgettable while serving in Mt. Calvary.

Interviewee response: "traveling during my summer vacation across the states with the late Bishop Broomfield Johnson as his personal driver. I will never forget the opportunity to record with Lady Shirley Caesar Williams in 1994. I will not forget serving in the finance department under the late Bishop Harold I. Williams along with the late Deacon Tommy Wright. It took us less than 30 minutes to calculate the finances of the church; in which we did every Sunday. Attending local and national conventions and convocations with all the leaders in Mt. Calvary will always remain as unforgettable memories while serving the lord".-DLC Q3: While serving the late Bishop Broomfield Johnson as his personal driver; what did you learn as a follower in Christ?

Interviewee response: "I learned to be obedient and have respect for my leaders. I was taught how to live right by the word and him being a servant in ministry. Most importantly; I learned to embrace his motto "It's nice to be nice" as I always found myself serving others in and outside the walls of Mt. Calvary Holy Church".-DLC

Q4: What did it take to lay the foundation for the current and future leaders of Mt. Calvary Holy Church?

Interviewee response: "laying the foundation took years of time, dedication, finances, and most importantly; love. We had church programs, fundraisers, and fellowshipped with other churches in the community. I remember each auxiliary had their own baked sales, car washes, and fish fries to assist with their auxiliary finances and a percentage going towards the annual church anniversary celebration. We all supported one another when working towards building the kingdom physically and spiritually".-DLC

Q5: What key cornerstones of wisdom would you give to the current and future generations within Mt. Calvary so that they can become the next successors in ministry?

Interviewee response: "I encourage all current and future leaders to pay attention to leadership, obey leadership, and learn to work with one another. In ministry; many helping hands make light work. Most importantly; learn, love, and lead in the paths of righteousness".-DLC

"Continue to pray my strength in the Lord"-Dorothy L. Clinton



Church Anniversary *"With Love"*

Our 85th Church Anniversary's theme is *"I Love My Church"* and as the first lady of this ministry my desire is for God's love to permeate throughout every worship service! I desire for an enhanced comraderies amongst

the saints that belong to MCHCWS. Ultimately, I desire for there to be an increased amount of pride in belonging to a ministry that has stood strong for 85 years!

I count it an honor to be connected to an established local ministry and an established organization. We hear countless stories of church splits, and instability, but I boast that we have stability in our church! We have great leadership, we are able to pay our bills, we have persons willing to labor in the ministry, and our reputation throughout the community exudes our steadfastness in conducting Kingdom Work.

"I Love My Church" means at a minimum we give of our time, our talent, and our tithe. But during this 85th Anniversary, we should expect and do MORE! Sow a special seed, attend worship every Sunday, and participate in our Leadership Conference. While our church motto is *"The Church Committed to do MORE"*, we can do more if we are trained to do MORE! So we invite all church members and non-members to participate in the Leadership Conference on **Friday, September 26-Saturday, September 27**th. This conference is called the *"UP Leadership Conference"* because our senior leader, Bishop Hanchell, told this local church that 2014 is the *"Year of Elevation"*, and there is still time left within 2014 to go higher!

Our festivities will conclude with our Leadership Installment Service, where we will install our 2014-2015 leaders that will help move our congregation along over the next year.

My hands and my heart work to move this ministry forward, and it is my prayer that the saints that belong to MCHCWS will work hand-in-hand with me, and be motivated to put our heart and passion in the ministry work done at Mount Calvary Holy Church of Winston Salem!

~ Co-Pastor Victoria Hanchell



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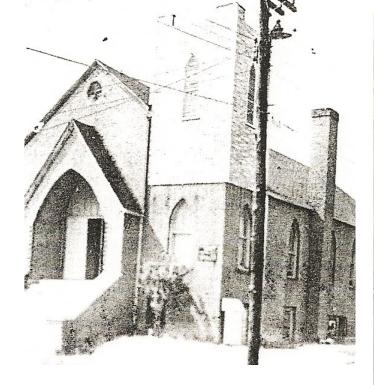
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 The Rev. Joseph Roberts of Mars Hill Holy Church at High Point will preach."







MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA, INC., HOLDS SECOND QUADRENNIAL MEETING—Group representing six States which met in Baltimore last week. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Mattie Christian, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mrs. A. B. Jackson, Summit, N.J.; Bishop B. Johnson, Columbus, Ohio; Miss G. L. Clark, East Orange, N.J., and Bishop L. R. Liggins, Knoxville, Tenn.





Mother Rosa Lee Wilson

Interviewed by Lisa Sampah



To commemorate MCHCA 85th Year Anniversary, the Kingdom Newsletter set its sights on Kingdom memories and experiences through the eyes and ears of some of our most respected seasoned members. Listen in as Mother Rosa Lee Wilson and I travel as far back as 1932 to revisit some the memorable moments experienced back then that still keep Mother Wilson coming back for more! You'll find, as I did, that to sum up her walk in Christ with the support of a church called Calvary is to march to the tune of an old rugged song -"Onward Christian Solider!!" - By Min Lisa Sampah

Q1: How long have you been a member of MCHC-WS?

Interviewee response: "Well the church was established in 1929 by the late Bishop Brumfield Johnson. I was, what the founders referred to as "Born into the ministry" at Mt. Calvary-WS. In other words my parents Mr. Rosebud & Mrs.Odella Wilson were members of the Winston Salem church when it was on 8th & Linden. When I came along membership was less formal (but no less official) than it is today, as such, in 1932, my birth into the Wilson family meant "membership by birth" into the Wilsons church (smiling.) Bishop Brumfield is responsible for building our current church here on 14th and Highland where he continued as pastor until he died in the early 1970's. At which time, His trusted associate, Bishop Harold I

Williams took over the ministry as senior pastor- RLW Q2: Being that you were born into the MCHC-WS, as you came of age and were able to make your own decisions, what kept you from moving on, exploring other local ministries, in search of a church of your

own choosing?

Interviewee response: "Well, I'll put it to you like this; When Jesus asked Peter and the Disciples, "Will you leave me?" Their reply was, "Where will we go, you have the words of eternal life?" Another significant reason I remained with MCHCWS is because I felt it was good ground and that I was in the right place. I was also encouraged by the upstanding conduct and respectable manner of the men of God, officiating at MCHCWS. I'm certain the opportunity presented itself but scandal, come as it may, didn't prosper as it has in other churches. Whether through prayer, faith, or community of believers, pastors, past and present have maintained honor, decency, and integrity as far back as I can remember! In a world where indecencies in the church happen as frequent as choir rehearsal, reputable leadership instills trust, pride and confidence, which add character to this local body." These are the reasons I've stayed so long and are the reasons I'll continue. -RLW

Q3: How does Mount Calvary differ from the past to the present?

Interviewee response: "Each pastor was different from the other. From Bishop Johnson to Bishop Williams, from Bishop Williams to Bishop Russell and finally to Bishop Hanchell.- Each were in the Word of God, but different in the way of administration and management to put it in modern vernacular. The young man we have today is very different from our previous leaders in that the stark age difference would give reason for pause; however, in listening to the Right Reverend Tejado W. Hanchell one would believe him to be much older than he is. This unique attribute sets him apart from his much older colleagues in ministry. The combination of his youth and the wisdom of pastors twice his age keep him relevant, relatable, perceptive and discerning Bishop Hanchell has the ability to reach the multitudes regardless of nationality, gender, age, culture or race. His achievements are those of professors, lectures, and chancellors with 3 times the years behind them than he has in front of him! He's a man of God and family; a leader, a preacher, an example, a professional, an educator, a counselor, a mentor, a financial advisor, and man of excellence. Only a God as creative, powerful, and all knowing as our God can pour so much into one human being and cause him to operate with the precision, focus, and purpose that Bishop Hanchell does! He's a gift from God to the Kingdom and a "Chief illustration of Gods ingenuity and crafts-

manship.-RLW

Q4: What does Mt. Calvary personally mean to you?

Interviewee response: Mt. Calvary is a place where I can come and feel recognized, appreciated and loved.

Mother Rosa Lee Wilson

Interviewed by Lisa Sampah

If there's something I really need and Mt Calvary is in a position to help, I know the church will do whatever they can to help. It's meant so much to me that over the years I could rely on the prayers of this church. Immaterial of who is pastoring at the time, I'm fully persuaded that anytime day or night that I'm in need of prayer, I can count on leadership and Mt Calvary to petition the Lord on my behalf. I feel that even more than treasures, money, and other "riches," of this world, the fact that I know that someone will pray, is praying or is going to pray, when I most need it, gives me great peace. More than I value any material item /s/ prayer is my prized possession and oh when the saints come together in prayer, all things line up

Q5: Mother Wilson, clearly you must have many memories and experiences serving this great and now historical church. Can you share an event or ministry experience at MCHC-WS that especially warms your heart ?

Yes, it seems to me that it would have to be the "Love". The love I receive at Mt Calvary has always felt authentic. I'm not implying that we didn't "have a falling out" from time to time, because it happens but the heart of the people created an atmosphere of forgiveness and fellowship. Love is what held us together; even in disagreement or misunderstanding, love prevailed. It brings to mind the scripture,

"Nothing can separate us from the "LOVE" of Christ." Love was always around, waiting in the wings for any appearance of separation; actually quite beautiful as I think back on it.

Another experience or person from past membership was Deacon Robert Spearman who was superintendent of the Sunday school & his lovely wife Ella Spearman. He used to always say that when he was in the world, all his money went to the world, so when he joined MCHC-WS he wanted all his money to go to the church. It was 3 times a year that he would specifically bless the Mothers by giving each

\$50. Additionally he gave \$500 to the church 3 times a year as well! It blessed him tremendously to bless the church

-RLW

As we wrap up our interview and contribution to the 85th Convocation, *Kingdom Newsletter*, I'd like to use my closing remarks by asking Mother Wilson to express a word or two to each pastor of this MCHC-WS

QFinal: Mother Wilson, if you could say something to each of your pastors, from the time you joined MCHC-WS in 1932 until today what would you say to them individually:

Interviewee response: " To Bishop Johnson I would say Thank you for treating us equally, not placing one above or below another; Thank you sir for being impartial and listening with an open mind and making us feel valued. Finally, I remember the letters when I was very ill, they helped me get through my illness, thanks for your encouragement."

"To Bishop Williams, I would say, "Your spirit was so in tuned with Bishop Johnsons, that when he went home to be with the Lord, the transition for the church was nearly seamless. Your ability to the "special" in others gave us confidence to do things we may not have done otherwise. I recall when you gave me an opportunity, an assignment, as chairman of the trustee board, not board. You saw in me what I had yet to see in myself and trusted me enough to place me and further, allowed me to grow into the position. I recall him saying that he wasn't interested in who didn't like me in the trustee ministry but that he put me there because he felt I could do the job.

"To Pastor Russell, I say thank you for taking the time to find a suitable replacement before moving just anyone in to the Chairman of the Trustees position that I'd held for so many years at MCHC-WS. Though your leadership style was different, I always have respected you as my pastor. Thank you."

To Bishop Hanchell, "I would say to him, You are one of the "Prayingest" young men that I have ever heard in my life! Preaching righteousness seems 2nd nature and I have the utmost respect that you're unapologetic in your faith before the people! If you were to preach over radio without being seen, you'd easily pass for an older, more experienced preacher! Your ability to access and distribute wisdom beyond your years is perplexing yet a complete joy! I am thoroughly pleased with your ministry and your delievery of the preached word! An absolutely beautiful young man, willing and well able to be used of God! Thank you for sharing your gift Bishop Hanchell, I'm honored and flattered to call you my Pastor." - RLW

Melba Peoples aka Memaw Interviewed by Jevonne McRae

Q1 How long have you been a member of MCHCWS? I joined Mt. Cavalry in 88 or 89 under Bishop Williams.

Q2 What drew you to Mount Calvary and prompted you to join? I began coming to church with my daughter, Stephanie Payne. I kept coming because I felt so comfortable here and they make me feel like a part of a big family, so I joined.

Q3 What is your best experience at Mount Calvary?

When I had my heart attack, everybody was right there for me. When I woke up, Pastor was right there by my side. I remember clearly, he had on his brown leisure suit. My first words were to ask him what he was doing there. His response was that he would have been mad if my family hadn't called him. It was great to have the church rally around her to see if I needed anything.

Q4 How does Mount Calvary differ from the past to the present? Every church has its hiccups and time heals all things. What I would like to see is the gospel expos return. Mount Calvary is still rooted and grounded in love and that is what makes all the difference.

Mt. Calvary Reflections By: Elder Patricia McDaniel

As I sat and reminisce, my mind

goes back to the thirty years of my membership with this local church. I remember joining this local

church on the fourth Sunday February, 1984. The praises were going forth with the choir singing; foot stomping, and Bishop H.I. Williams preaching the word.

Being a new member, I was led to "hang" fellowship with some of the older members. The late mother Helen Cloud could keep me spell bound for hours with the stories of the Mt. Calvary old times. Stories of the late founder "dad" Johnson, the radio broadcast that came on faithfully every Sunday at 4 o'clock p.m. and the "sweet shop" that the saints operated on eighth and linden st were intriguing to me.

Now we are about to embark upon our 85th church anniversary. I was blessed

and honored to be under the leadership of three great pastors with whom the church has made steady growth. We've had two radio broadcasts, several recordings, and a renovation. The church that went from 8th and linden to 14th and highland has made tremendous growth.

Now during this 21st century with the current dynamic pastor Bishop Tejado Hanchell; I can only say that the church is "moving on up". As the songwriter said "look how far the lord has brought us"; through many toils and snares, over hills and mountains.

I can truly attest like the Apostle Paul "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for the Mt. Calvary Holy Church.

"To God Be The Glory"

Outcry 2014: Youth Convention Recap By Sohanna Breeden

After MCHCA celebrated its 85th Convocation in Washington, DC, the youth had the opportunity to praise God and attend sessions in Concord, NC. Mount Calvary Holy Church Winston Salem were pleased to have 7 youth attend this year's convention. It was such a blessing to see so many young people of fire for the Lord.

Our very own Bishop Hanchell blessed the youth and young adults with a powerful message on being heard. He wanted all of those in attendance to know that their voices have value, volume and victory. The youth of today needed to know that it is time for their voice to be heard. The message was well received and the youth made sure they were heard for the next two days of the convention. This was a great way to open Outcry 2014 because they all needed to know why they are important and want they need to have in order to go forth on their spiritual and life walk.

Day 2 of the convention was packed with powerful God filled messages. Minister Helen Vines continued with the explanation of being heard. She used the story of Bartimaeus and he was determined to be heard even when others tried to quiet him. After Morning Glory, there were several breakout sessions for the youth and young adults to attend. They received messages on "Making Prayer Real", "Free to be Me", "Holla If You Hear Me", "You Lost Me", "World War E (Evangelism)", and "Good to Great" just to name of few. The evening worship was led by Reverend Nicole Martin. She gave the youth a message they could once again relate to. The way she used the Clark Kent/ Superman analogy was phenomenal.

To end the convention, Pastor Danny Bland led Morning Glory and can we say POWERFUL. The Holy Spirit filled that room, youth leaders and ministers prayed for all the youth and young adults, and we all felt revived. Pastor Bland reminded us that it was time to get ourselves together. We might have to leave some things or people behind in order to get to the places in which we are suppose to go. This was a wonderful way to lead into the Town Hall Meeting. During the panel, the participants were able to discuss matters that are pressing to their generation. Our closing evening worship was lead by Elder Reginald Boney. He preached "There are Better Days Ahead". They were able to understand how situations will not stay the same and a change is coming. There wasn't dry eye or silent voice in the building after that message. Everyone was CRYING OUT AND BEING HEARD.

After the end of the convention, 25 young people gave their lives to Christ. They left the convention feeling liberated, filled with GOD, and ready to do His work. This is their year to be heard and make sure their voice has value, volume, and victory. We are looking forward to what's in store for the next Youth and Young Adult Convention.



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