

The Western Assembly Disciples of Christ Churches, Inc

# Christian Youth Fellowship



## Summer Conference Report 2012

*June 17-22, 2012*

**Bishop Charles J. Williams, Sr.**  
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By Linda M. Owens

The 2012 CYF Theme was “*Action Speaks Louder than Words*” with Scripture reference James 1:22.

CYF Convention was held on May 19, 2012. The following CYF Convention Officers for 2013-2014 were installed: President, Ciera Thompson; Vice Presiden, Brandi Johnson; Recording Secretary, Chantel Lock; Correspondent Secretary, Malika Cromartie; and Financial Secretary, Katherine Coleman. Minister J’mal McByrde presided over the election. Elder Deron McLamb was the guest speaker and he used for a topic “Just Do It.”



Amil Mangum of White Oak was crowned the CYF Queen and Christian Smith of Juniper Grove was awarded CYF King.

Churches represented at the convention were Bentonville, Juniper Grove, Mingle Hill, New Bethel, Point Level, St. James, Thaddeus Chapel and White Oak. Each church youth advisor gave a report of the CYF Program in their local church. Papers on the theme were read by Orion Baylor, Malilka Cromartie, Andrew McLamb, Ritchel Cousar, Kaleb McLaurin, Amil Mangum, and Milakyn Tart. Thaddeus Chapel presented a video summary. Ciara Thompson, CYF Vice President presided at the CYF Convention.

The Western Assembly Christian Youth Fellowship Summer Conference was held on June 17-22, 2012. Officers for the Summer Conference were President, Alexis Bethea, Vice President, Kamari McMillian, Recording Secretary, Zana Chestnutt, Assistant Secretary, Courtney Elliott and the Parliamentarian, Orion Baylor. Fifty-one conferees were in attendance this year.

Elder Deron McLamb was the CYF Conference Pastor. His messages at Vesper were very inspiring as he illustrated on the first night that “it matters” how you portray yourself to others. He encouraged the youth to stay in the fellowship with one another. Workshop presenter Keith Howard message was on providing teens with the fundamental principles of personal development and the resources to help them reach their full potential shared a helpful website [www.SUCCESSFoundation.org](http://www.SUCCESSFoundation.org). He was from the Harnett County School System. Nicholas Donald and Computer Engineering Student at A&T in Greensboro demonstrated and allowed conferees to test apps he wrote for Android Cell Phones.

The conferees participated in numerous activities during the week. Brandon Brown directed the CYF Summer Conference Choir. First and second year conferees used their creative in Arts in Craft. Elgin Alford assisted with Recreation. Oscar Williams and Deacon Alfonsa Robinson filled in for Deacon Lenard Chesnutt as the dean of boys.

Wednesday night was the annual Bible Bowl challenge, moderator by Brandon Brown. The fourth year conferees won Bible Bowl. Ritchel Cousar, Treveon Hampton, and Andrew McLamb teamed up all four years at CYF winning Bible Bowl three of those years together. Kamari McMillian was the alternate team member and Tywana Raynor their advisor led the cheering section for the team. Medals were awarded to the winners.



The Conferees enjoyed a trip to Kings Dominion in Virginia on Thursday. After a day at theme park we enjoyed dinner at a Golden Corral on the way back to the Assembly Building.

The 2012 CYF Graduating class: Alexis Bethea, Ritel Cousar, Courtney Elliott, Treveon Hampton, Alexis McFadgen, Andrew Ejiofor McLamb, Ron Whitted McLamb and Kamari McMillian. Best all-around conferees were Alexis Bethea and Ritel Cousar,



Zana Chestnutt performed a “Mime” routine at the closing program. Ritel Cousar and Andrew Ejiofor McLamb read their papers on the theme. The Bishop and Vice Bishop presented certificates to the graduating class.

### **CYF Calendar for 2013**

- CYF Convention - Saturday, May 18, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.
- CYF Summer Conference - June 16-21, 2013

For more information visit <http://www.westernassemblychurches.com/cyf.htm>



