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Youth Ministry Delphine McMillian, Ministry Leader

The RHBC Youth Ministry purpose is to teach youth the Word of God. The goal is to equip them with different methods on how to apply God's Word daily. We feel strongly and are grounded in the belief of teaching lessons through crafts, games, songs, etc. to ensure students understand God's Word with clarity. It's important that teachers are trained yearly. This helps us to learn different techniques to help aid in teaching the youth.

This year we are focusing on rebuilding the Youth Ministry post COVID -19. Our hope is that parents in the community will see the importance of having their children trained in the knowledge of God. The sec-

ond focus of RHBC Youth Ministry entails all youth being involved in at least one of RHBC different ministries.

As always, we like to see our youth mature in the Word of God and life and that they are excited about spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ with others with confidence and boldness. By preparing our youth, I believe that their life will shine in every aspect (school, workplace, etc.).

Our youth have several opportunities for learning Church School every Sunday morning at 9:00a.m.; Red Zone scheduled monthly on the second and third Sundays. We are thankful for the

many ways our youth are encouraged to express their gifts and talents: Youth Choir as well as being trained to conduct services on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Throughout the year, we plan fun and educational activities for all to enjoy. Graduations are just one of the times we spotlight and celebrate our students accomplishments.

This year the following students were rewarded with a financial award for graduation: Connor Higgins from AC Flora High School; Malcolm Brown from Claflin University, and Emily Shiver from Howard University.

Ministers' Corner Pastor and Evangelist Chambers

The Importance of Spiritual Boundaries

This world is going through a reconstruction period. It seems as though people are trusting in the wisdom of men rather than the wisdom of God. The Apostle Paul made a statement over 2000 years ago in II Timothy 4:3-5. He said "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their

own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

I believe that those days are upon us right now. Therefore, it is imperative that the believers of



What is Sickle Cell Disease?

Sickle cell disease SCD is a genetic condition that is present at birth. It is inherited when a child receives two genes—one from each parent—that code for abnormal hemoglobin.

Red blood cells contain hemoglobin, a protein that carries oxygen to all parts of the body. Healthy red blood cells are round. SCD causes red blood cells to become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a “sickle.” The sickle cells die early, which causes a constant shortage of red blood cells. Also, when they travel through small blood vessels, they get stuck and clog the blood flow. This causes pain, infection, acute chest syndrome and stroke. Steps that people with SCD can take to help prevent and reduce the occurrence of pain crises, including the following: Drink plenty of water; Try not to get too hot or too cold.; Try to avoid places to high altitudes ; Try to avoid places with low oxygen levels.

Black Life Spans Almost 6 Years Less Than Whites

According to AARP Bulletin July/August 2023 edition, researchers reviewed U.S. death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and compared the age adjusted mortality rates between the Black population and the white population

from 1999 to 2020. Researchers say a cumulative loss of more than 80 million potential years of life for African Americans, compared with white people from the same period of time was largely due to increased rates of heart disease, cancer and infant

mortality. The pandemic also widened the gap between Black and white mortality rates. The study estimated the excess life lost among Black people by comparing the age of their death against typical life expectancy at birth of 76.4 years, for Blacks it was 70.8.

Father's/Men's Day Celebration

Three men were honored during a presentation on Father's Day. **Deacon Emeritus William Bouknight; Trustee Tony Reese; and Trustee/Former Treasurer Zack Taylor.** Each were present with a plaque for their many years of continued service. Attributes such as Godly, loyal, faithful, hardworking, and exemplary services just to name a few.

Acts 1:6 *“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their...”*

Ministers' Corner (continues)

Jesus Christ set spiritual boundaries. Someone may ask “what are boundaries?” They are lines which we will not cross when it comes to obeying the Word of the Lord. When we step outside of God's boundaries, it means that we are going to accept the consequences of His wrath.

Believers of God are constantly reminded that even though we are in the world we should not be of the world. Our bodies are physically located in the world, but our spirits are not controlled by the systems of the world. In other

words, it was God's decision to birth us into this world, but it is our decision how we live in this world. So, in the midst of the chaos and distrust in God that we see all around us, we have to maintain our belief and trust in Him regardless of what the world does. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, *we should always let our light shine in this dark world in which we live, so others can see our good work, and glorify the Father which is in heaven.* Our light represents the Spirit of God who lives

in us through the Holy Spirit, and the darkness of the world represents the evilness that we see each and every day. But thank God, we as believers have spiritual boundaries that we are able to stand firm in the Word of God and will not allow ourselves to cross the lines to the evil side.

I pray that the members of Red Hill will be encouraged as we stay within the spiritual boundaries together, so we can grow stronger and be about our Father's business.

Call Me Mister: USC



The University of South Carolina Aiken School of Education is increasing teaching opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds through its Call Me MISTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) program. In partnership with Clemson University, the program offers scholarships to young men from underserved socioeconomically and culturally diverse communities. With USC Aiken's program now in its fifth year, the first graduate walked across the stage last fall and is now a teacher for the Aiken County Public School District. Participants enter the program as freshman or complete their first

two years at Aiken Technical College and then transfer. After graduation, most enter the classroom in K-12 settings.

Senior Melvin Archie is one of four students currently enrolled in the program. Because of his engagement with and dedication to students at last year's internship institute, he was awarded the honor of Distinguished Mister of the Summer.

"I love working with Melvin," Paige says. "He showed so much potential that I encouraged him to do the internship after his first year. After just his second year, his hard work earned him the Mister of the Summer award."

Archie was awarded a trip to Greece this summer with other participants from across South Carolina, where they will visit schools and have opportunities for cultural exploration. He is looking forward to visiting another country, his first flight and connecting with other Misters.

"I was so surprised about this award, but it shows that hard work always comes to light," he says. "Misters have a tight brotherhood; we have the same goals. We're going to call each other out when we're wrong and praise each other when we're right."

After he graduates in the fall of 2024, Archie will go straight into the classroom. He later plans to earn his masters and doctorate degree, with the goal of one day becoming a principal. Wherever he lands, he will dedicate his career to education.

"It is so important to have someone supporting you in getting an education," he says. "An education lasts forever, and no one can take that away. I want younger generations to succeed and look up to me, and the MISTER program has given me an outlet to connect with students and be a role model."

[Call Me MISTER: USC Aiken School of Education initiative develops leaders for the classroom and beyond \(meritpages.com\)](#)

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life; 2. Challenges in planning or solving problems; 3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work, or at leisure; 4. Confusion with time or place; 5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relations; 6. New problems with words in speaking or writing; 7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps; 8. Decreased or poor judgment; 9. Withdrawal from work or social activities; 10. Changes in mood and personality.

[10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's \(cdc.gov\)](#)

The 116th South Carolina Congress of Christian Education (SCCCE)

SCCCE was held at Brookland Baptist Church Sunday, July 9 through Friday, July 14, 2023. The theme this year *Reaching the Wanders Through Christian Education*.

The Opening Session was a well attended spirit filled event. Pastor Jamey O. Graham, Sr. of St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, SC was the keynote speaker. A powerful message and wonderful speaker he is. The title of his message and scriptures were *I Am Compelled To Go The Distance*— Mark 4:35-39 and Mark 5: 1-5.

There were a variety of classes for everyone both virtual and in person, Oratorical Competition, and the President's Banquet were also held.

Our Dean, Deaconess Ernestine Reese presented the following report: twenty delegates registered from Red Hill, to include 9 youth. The youth had an opportunity to participate in the Extravaganza where they either sang on the choir or acted in the drama production on Thursday evening to showcase their work from the previous days. They did a tremendous job displaying their talents. The classes were

excellent with a total of 14 different classes being attended. Each delegate attended a morning and an evening class, unless their class was virtual where they could remain at home or in the hotel room for convenience. Two students took advantage of the virtual classes. The classes were very inspirational, informative and rewarding to participants. An opportunity that all would benefit from attending.

According to President Dixon, Rev. Cathy Charles presented the Registrar's Report, which indicated 713 delegates in totality, 12 Associations, 5 District Congresses attended.

Attending An Historically Black College/University Ms. Emily Shiver



My time at Howard taught me so much more than I ever could've imagined, but if it's one thing I learned time and time again throughout my undergraduate journey it would be to always trust in myself. Howard was not where everyone wanted me to go to college but I knew from that first moment that I had to

trust in myself and do what was best for me. When I got to DC I did feel a little bit out of my league and second guessed if I truly made the right decision for myself. As the year went on I got more and more comfortable navigating being in a larger city and made plenty of friends along the way. By the end of my first semester, I knew that I made no mistake and that there was no other place I would rather be. My sophomore year was online due to covid and I made the big decision to switch majors during this time from nursing to psychology, as well as picked up a minor in Afro-American studies. I'm glad I trusted myself to make this large change as I went into my junior year because the more specialized classes I took in my major and minor, the more I discovered about myself and about how much I truly love learning. My

senior year was the ultimate test of how far having faith in myself would truly get me. I only applied to two graduate schools in total, where as most people apply to at least eight. I had so much faith and trust in myself that the academic work I had done as well as the initiative I took outside of the classroom to become RBT certified and being an ABA therapist for children with autism throughout my junior year was going to take me very far. I was right and was accepted into both schools and ultimately chose to attend Towson University to get my Masters of Art in Counseling Psychology. I was also able to finish up my senior year by being on the Dean's list every semester I attended Howard and graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology with a minor in Afro-American Studies. I am so glad I had the foundation to keep trust and faith in myself and am able to be the strong and independent woman I am today.