



Youth Empowered by the Holy Spirit

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit"

Galatians 5:25



Grace and Peace Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

I pray that this finds you well. Let me first thank you and praise God for your ongoing love and commitment to God's children. It is my prayer that you will commit to attending **our 4th Annual Youth Conference**, which will take place July 31 thru August 2, 2008. Schedule is as follows:

<p><u>Thursday – July 31 – 6:00pm</u> Game and Fellowship Night (All are welcome)</p>	<p><u>Friday – August 1 – 6:30pm</u> Friday Night Live Service (All are welcome) G4C Lock-in (St. Matthew Teens ONLY)</p>	<p><u>Saturday – August 2 – 9am to 3pm</u> Conference Workshops Groups: - Ages 5-7 - Ages 8-10 - Ages 11-13 - Ages 14-19 - ALL PARENTS</p>
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At a time in which today's youth are faced with issues of negative peer-pressure and friendships, gangs, violence, internal conflicts and spiritual conflicts, it is necessary for our parents, community and the people of God to take charge and be convicted by the old African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." It is our prayer that you will be able to attend as we praise, fellowship, celebrate, and learn about God's goodness together.

This year our theme is "Youth Empowered by the Holy Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). In previous conferences, we directed attention and adopted themes such as "Empowering Our Youth to Put Christ First" and "Developing and Raising a New Generation for Christ". This year, we reflected on Jesus' instruction to the disciples to remain in the Upper Room until they receive power from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we continue with the same theme from 2007 now in 2008: "Youth Empowered by the Holy Spirit". We must continue to ensure that our youth know that God has granted power unto them to deal with all of life obstacles by way of the Holy Spirit. This need can only be met if we, the community, and the people of God lead the charge in reminding the world that our young people are "Youth Empowered by the Holy Spirit."

Again it is our prayer that all youth, young adults, and especially parents are able to attend. If you have any questions or are in need of directions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you and God Bless.

In God's Service,
Brother Shannon L. Stukes
Youth Ministry Director
Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, Pastor



ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH
"Youth Empowered by the Holy Spirit"
YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 31 – August 2, 2008

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____
First Last

School _____ Grade Level _____
(in September 2008)

(Space for additional family members attending the conference is available on the back of the form)

Address _____
Number Street Apt.#

City State Zip Code

Phone #(____) _____ Cell#(____) _____ **\$5 Registration Fee Paid**

E-mail address: _____

Parents Sign up _____

Father (Male Guardian)

Mother (Female Guardian)

Attending the Conference

Attending the Conference

(Please check the box above if you intend to attend Parent workshops)

PARENT PERMISSION FOR LOCK-IN NIGHT

Friday, August 1, 2008

6:30 PM

FOR ST. MATTHEW YOUTH ONLY

Ages 13 - 19

I am the adult responsible for _____ and give my permission for his/her participation in the St. Matthew Lock-In for ages 13 and over. I understand that the Young Adult Network (YAN) has a structured agenda of activities for Christian teens and he/she will be placed under the supervision of responsible adults who lead youth organizations here at the Church.

I further understand that he/she needs a sleeping bag (or pillow and blanket), change of clothing, and toiletries, towel, etc. *I am aware that if I need additional information regarding workshops that I may contact Bro. Shannon Stukes or Sis. Donnessa Victor.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) _____ Date _____

\$5.00 Conference Registration Fee (per child) | Date received: _____ | Received by: _____