


# 02 Youth and Children Newsletter

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## Announcements

1. Youth & Children Ministry Training Workshops will take place in August:
    - TBA
  2. Skate Night Sponsored by V.A.L.O.R. (Men's) Ministry will take place before children go back to school. Listen to Sunday Announcements for date and time
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3. Special Thanks to Bro. John Williams for facilitating the Youth & Children Ministry Training Workshops
  4. Special Thanks to the Youth Forum Panelists: Kelvin Barnett, Tearica Hicks, Tia Crenshaw, LaSharmenette Fortenberry, Gary Banks, Dr. Roderick Sheppard and Ron Patterson



## 2017 Youth Forum Hosted By Trinity Missionary Baptist Church G.R.E.A.T. Ministry



### Opening Presentation

- Pastor Crenshaw, with Nam Mokwunye's assistance, presented an overview of the **2016 Post Election Manifesto**. The Manifesto was well received.
- The **2016 Post Election Manifesto** included the **3M Strategy** for ecclesiastical and spiritual action, political action, educational action, and economic action.
- The **3M Strategy** includes the following items for a paradigm shift:
  - A Model **Pastor** → A Model **Church** → A Model **Community**
  - Pastor Crenshaw also shared one high point from the following Powerpoint Presentations that he developed:
    - Six Part Wellness Plan: For Families In The 21st Century
      - Part 1: Think Well
      - Part 2: Read Well
      - Part 3: Speak Well
      - Part 4: Listen Well
      - Part 5: Look Well
      - Part 6: Love Well
    - Don't Be Surprised . . . : Helpful Advice For 21st Century Parenting
      - If you put trash in your child, don't be surprised when trash comes out of your child.
    - Practical Points For Better Parenting

### *K.I.M.*

*K is for kids; I is for indelible; M is for meaningful*

*Kim loved kids and had a passion for teaching. She left an unforgettable impression on the lives she touched. She lived a meaningful life and her memory will live on in the hearts of many. We were so blessed that the late Kim Thompson moderated the first youth forum. We dedicate this issue in her memory.*



- Don't condemn your child by assigning a negative connotation that your child has yet to become.
- Instead, realize that your child may be experimenting, as you did in your youth.

## Three Minute Remarks by Panelists

### Panelist 1

- Three years ago, my eldest son (29) told me that, growing up, he hated me. But now he understands why I raised him the way that I did; to help him become the man that he is today. Consequently, I have learned that parents need to take the risk to be *hated* by their children now for being responsible parents that their children will *appreciate* later, rather than trying to be *liked* by their children now only to be *despised* later by their children for not being responsible parents now.

### Panelist 2

- There is at least one thing that I think should be a main focus of parents living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Parents need to **spend more time with their children**. Parents need to spend more time with their children for at least three reasons.
  1. Spending time with your children shows concern for your children ("I was willing to pay rather participate").
  2. Spending time with your children creates a healthy environment for your children to grow and mature.
  3. Spending time with your children helps you to get feedback from your children about what is going on in their lives and what is important to them.

I recommend these three things not from something that I read in a book or learned in a class, but I recommend these three things out of my experience. I wish I would have spent more time with my own children.

### Panelist 3

- The data is there to prove that there are mental issues going on with our youth and children. The mental issues need to be addressed in order for students to function properly within a learning environment.

### Panelist 4

- Children need parental stability in the home. Children have parents who are more concerned about Facebook versus parenting. The problem used to be absentee fathers, but now the problem is absentee mothers. Many youth and children are using suicide to get attention, but they do not understand the seriousness of suicide and the consequences of stating that kind of intention.

### Panelist 5

- Parents really need to engage in visibility. Parents need to show up and be actively involved within their child's learning experience. Teachers need to know that parents are concerned about their children's education. Lack of parental involvement has led to a disconnect from home to school. Also, many parents are giving their children permission to act in a negative way at school.

### Panelist 6

- Many of our athletes are not taking their assignments serious. Many have grades that reflect zeros for not turning in assignments that are easy A's. We monitor athletes' academic progress in order to provide accountability oversight in making sure that any digression from academic excellence is reversed. Most importantly, our children have to understand that they are not going to always come out of ideal conditions and home environments. Therefore, they need to learn how to make the best of negative situations.

### Panelist 7

- There is too much drama within children at school and away from school. Many times there is drama over "perceived drama." I have issues with the progression of homosexuality within children. Also, we need discipleship, and we need to learn how to read more. Furthermore, we need to overcome unfavorable circumstances and persevere.

## Panelist 8

- I date my daughter. Therefore, fathers and parents need to become the models of what we want our children to aspire toward and eventually become. Many college students do not know how to communicate. Many college students are confronted with mental illness. Also, many college students are depressed because of a lack of money, grades, and food.

## Points to Remember

- After the forum is over, we need actions steps.
- After the forum is over, we need a document that contains a compiling of information and solutions shared during the forum.
- After the forum is over, we need a strategic plan for moving forward that also entails the plans for future Community Youth Forums in 2017 and beyond.

## Imperatives from the Forum

- Go ahead and parent!
- Show up! Be visible!
- Do what you can to help!
- Make the best of a negative situation!
- Strive for significance instead of success!
- Understand that a movement requires sacrifice!
- If you put trash in your child, don't be surprised when trash comes out!
- Don't try to change your child! Instead, create an environment for change!

## Action Steps

- Men's Ministry mentor young man
- Church has available Wi-Fi at the church
- Work with social service to understand and proactively confront mental illness in youth and children
- Provide children with food and supplies to combat hunger and inattentiveness
- Work with local agencies to help displaced families to regain stability

## Gratitude

- Our gratitude goes out to Ron Patterson for helping to secure the venue and accommodate the forum.
- Also, we thank Nam Mokwunye for his helpful comments, advice, and challenges to Trinity.
- Thanks to Trinity for making the 1st Youth Forum successful and significant endeavor.

*What Does The Bible Say About...*



### Monthly Bible Question

*According to Romans chapter 12, how can we overcome evil?*



# PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

Hey Parents,

As you know, the 2017-2018 school year is rapidly approaching. With work, chores, children activities and other daily tasks, quality time with our children can quickly diminish. Here are a few tips that local educators believe can contribute to a successful school year for you and your child:

1. Make sure that your child is getting adequate rest and nutrition. Inadequate rest and nutrition can result in lack of focus as well as behavior problems.
2. Be a physical presence at your child's school functions such as class parties, school lunches, class performances and parent teacher conferences. Research shows that parental involvement produces positive results in a child's academic achievements (@dreamboxlearn, 2013).
3. Take time out to talk with your children and ask them how school is going; ask them about their assignments and offer help if needed. Also parents don't fail to communicate with teachers if you have any concerns.

Thank you and we look forward to having a great school year!

Sis. Shaundra Banks, G.R.E.A.T. Ministry Coordinator

## Monthly **TWEET** From the Youth & Children Pastor



**"Telling What Educates and Empowers Today's Youth"**

Hello,

Without Commitment you will never start.

Without Consistency you will never finish.

Strive for excellence!

"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who finds understanding." Proverbs 3:13

*God Bless You,*

*Rev. Walker F. Wingo*

### **resources this issue**

Resources: <http://www.dreambox.com/blog/how-parental-involvement-affects-student-achievement>

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