

FAITH FORUM

Church of God by Faith, Inc. Volume 1, Issue 14 • August 2009
2409 Old Middleburg Rd, N* Jacksonville, FL 32210

ONE STOP IS GOING GREEN IN DECEMBER

First, we have to preface this article by stating that the One Stop Giving effort instituted by Bishop McKnight has been very successful. Many of you wanted to see a change, and One Stop Giving is accomplishing that. Bishop wanted to do something special not only as an incentive to encourage your giving but to show you his appreciation for participating as well. There had to be a distinct effort made to designate those persons who did participate, consequently the unique lapel pins were presented to those that gave.

A few weeks after returning from Fort Lauderdale, we received a call from Minister Kathy Price (Ocala District) with the “going green” idea. Why don’t I let her tell you in her own words?

“As I was meditating one morning, my eyes fell on the bag that I received from One Stop in Fort Lauderdale. I enjoyed having this bag because of its large size. Then, it came to me; I wouldn’t mind reusing this bag in Atlanta. I would pay my One Stop and receive the program booklet and tokens and just place them in the bag that I brought with me. I think if the world is going “green” to save the planet, the church can go “green” also. If a person participates in One Stop at every assembly, the bags are adding up and, if they’re like me, they have bags folded up inside of bags to save space in their closet. If we can get people to bring a bag which they received at a previous assembly with them to the next assembly, we can save the church money and lessen the clutter in our closets. I know there are those who believe that we are paying for the bags with One Stop, but I realize this is not the case. The bag is just a way our Bishop says “thank you.” If you think about it, with all of the bags leftover assembly after assembly, many of Bishop’s “thank you” are never received. Helpful hint: In order not to forget my bag, I’ve already placed it in my suitcase. I think I’ll put another one in my vehicle just in case I change suitcases.”

This is the greatest project (among many) that the church will invest in during this millennium. I hope we embrace Minister Price’s idea. It is right on the money!!

Souvenir Book Ads

We are making space for your creativity. Ads for the keepsake program books are still just a mere \$100.00 for full page. However, we realize that some of you may feel left out so this year we are accepting half and quarter page ads. The breakdown on the prices is: full page \$100.00, half page \$75.00, quarter page \$50.00. **The cut-off for all program content is October 30.** This year’s convention theme is “Keep Your Joy or Get It Back”. The scripture reference is Isaiah 61:10a. Submit ads via email to info@cogbf.org or slundy@cogbf.org. Remember to submit ads ready to print. Do not send paper hard copies.



DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 30
AD Deadline**

**November 10
One Stop & Early Registration
Cut off**

CONFERENCE THEME: “Keep Your Joy or Get It Back” Isaiah 61:10a

One Stop Giving

The One Stop donation of \$170.00 (includes the registration fee) and other convention fees can now be paid on the Internet at our website (www.cogbf.org) using PayPal. The site is a secure so take advantage of this time saving resource. Keep in mind there is a service fee charged by PayPal for all transactions so please include that amount in your total donation. The cut-off for One Stop Giving and early registration is November 10. When mailing, please note our new mailing address.

Scholarship Recipients

The Educational Scholarship Committee has reviewed the many applications they received for the 2009/2010 school year and the selection process was difficult. However, three deserving students met the qualifying criteria and are headed to college this year with some assistance from the Church of God by Faith Education Scholarship Program. We proudly announce their selections; Krystal M. Ealy (Ark of Covenant COGBF, Rochester, New York, Pastor Nolan Williams); Princess Williams (Lynchburg COGBF, South Carolina, Pastor Andre McBride); Jocelyn A. Williams, (Greater Adams Street COGBF, Rochester, New York, Pastor David C. Rourk).

Hotel Reservations

Guest Room rates for the 2009 National Conference are unchanged. Single and double rooms are \$60.00, triple and quad rooms are \$69.00. All reservations made prior to July should reflect this rate change. Look for a small rate increase on all rooms for the 2010 convention. We are blessed and highly

avored. We have not had an increase in the room rate for five years. Call (404)577-1234 to make reservations. Remember, make your reservations early

National Website Facelift

Kee your eyes on the national website. Look for some exciting changes to take place before or by December. Your suggestions and complaints have been heard and we are attempting to come up with a user friendly, exciting new look. More downloadable forms will be added for your convenience. Many of the resources and information our subordinate churches rely on to function and conduct business will also be available. A space will also be made available for your district announcements. If you have updates for the church directory, please send them to info@cogbf.org. Make sure you put "address update" in the subject line of your message. It would be good to get these updates sooner than later so the webmaster can make changes when the facelift is taking place.

NATIONAL FAST DAY DECLARED!

Presiding Bishop McKnight is asking the entire body to join him for a day of fasting and prayer Tuesday, December 8 for the upcoming Atlanta National Convention. Pray that the Lord will add souls to the fold.

