

I'M CONNECTED



Laughter... children running up to each other... parents making sure paperwork has been filed; candy money in place... lunch in backpacks... staff scrambling to put fruit and juice boxes on the bus; children board the buses... prayers for safety-- AND WE'RE OFF!

A week away-- just children, adults, cooks preparing wonderful meals three times a day; water, swimming, archery, crafts, basketball, **Jesus**; morning devotions, camp songs, **Jesus**; dancing, drama, campfires at night, **Jesus**; early morning flag raising, rest hour, class presentations-- all this and so much more!

We feel God has given us one week to "concentrate" on the lives of children in-depth. We used this time to take 98 children up to Bair Lake Bible Camp (a wonderful campground) and spend a week sharing Jesus with them. This may be the only time some of the children experience the peace and love of the Savior. We try to show them the love of God, strengthen their faith and provide them with hope. Throughout this process we demonstrate love in action; we laugh together with them; we provide an environment that promotes peaceful and restful sleep. We give them joy!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Calendar

OCTOBER

Ministers and Deacons
Appreciation Month

NOVEMBER

11 - Thanksgiving Meal
1:15 p.m.

DECEMBER

4 - Advent/DAWK
Detroit Area Women
Koinonia
6:00 p.m.

16 - Christmas Program
10:00 a.m.
Christmas Dinner
1:15 p.m.

23 - Christmas Story
on Flannelgraph
10:00 a.m.



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TEAM AA2 AND DAAM

Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church is such a blessing to us. Last year the teens came out and “worked in ministry.” We were blessed enormously and had no idea there would be a repeat. Well, the blessings were extended to this year!

Our “get-together to work for the Lord” started with a few of us going up to AA2 Sunday, July 22, 2018. We were able to participate in their “send-off” of the youth. The music, the testimonies and prayer time along with lunch was a great time in the Lord. The diversity was wonderful. I was able to share a few minutes of my life as a leader with the camping program and the clothing ministry here at the Mission.

Our working together started on Monday; we were able to clean the clothing room, sort clothing and have a clothing distribution in the Mission parking lot.

The neighborhood came out and were blessed with backpacks and school supplies contributed by AA2 in addition to receiving clothing! We also prayed for individuals who requested. What a good opportunity it is to share God by providing needs.

The teens were able to see a neighborhood different from their environment as we did a small 6-block walk-through of the North End. We walked and prayed for the people of this area.

All in all, the three days we spent together were lessons of learning and laughter. I shared stories of growing up in this ministry; my years of questioning God; and, as always, God's protection of my family and the Mission all these years. I enjoy the ministry of AA2!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Milton Sample
Lois Sample
John Fort
Cheryl Meadows
Charles Williamson
Jonathan Hull

(healing from various types of surgeries-- back, knee, hand, foot).

Continue to pray for

Rebecca Curry
Ida Eatmon
Jeanette Sharpe
Lou Dora Brown
Robert Jones
Garnet Cheeks

(uncontrolled HBP, abnormal heart rhythms, ongoing back problems).



WOMEN'S TEA

The tea fundraiser for our camping program was met with “showers of blessings” this year. It started as a rainy day that could have dampened the spirits of the women -- BUT GOD!

We had two wonderful speakers this year, Ally Rucker and Karla Seale. Ally Rucker is a member of Rosedale Park Baptist Church and a wonderful woman who spoke of her journey in life and how God has been with her. Karla Seale, a young woman from St. Peters Holiness Church, spoke of how the Lord has been her **EVERYTHING** even when her journey was difficult and she felt as if she had lost her way.

Of course the lunch was a delight – salads and a special treat of cupcakes and homemade cakes. The women ate, purchased and fellowshiped despite the rain!

We used an old method of resell to bring in sponsorships by holding another “vintage” purse event; the women responded well! They purchased excellent purses, and we were able to sponsor more than four children with the funds raised! For the past two years vintage coach purses along with other designer purses were collected. This year we had a private designer also-- Evelyn Lewis, daughter of the late Haman and Malettor Cross. Evelyn was able to sell some of her designs and sponsored four children to camp from her sales! We love the idea of the vintage purse event, and plans are to perhaps do it again!

God was pleased!



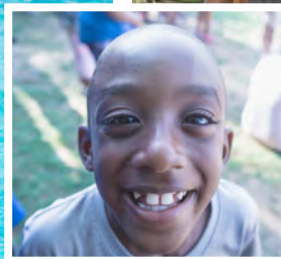
DONATIONS

All donations given to the Mission for the advancement of the ministry are tax-deductible and appreciated very much. Checks should be made payable to Detroit's Afro-American Mission, Inc. and mailed to 1019 Clay Street, Detroit, MI 48211. Please indicate if your donation is to be used for a specific need, or it will be used where needed most at the time we receive it. Tax receipts are mailed by the end of January unless requested sooner.

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The children learn to interact with each other in group activities, participate in rock climbing and zip lining-- **ALL** helping them to see that God has set aside beautiful nature to be a part of their lives, and the earth (ecosystem) can be a place of fun.

Children received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior, and many Christian adults were strengthened in their faith. Our theme this year: **I'm Connected** Bible verse: **John 15:5**. We live in an age where we are all connected to something-- Facebook, the internet, Instagram, a bad memory, a boy, a girl. But, who should we be connected to... **Jesus**, of course. John 15:5 gives the real connection!



GOLF OUTING

Early morning, men gather... golf equipment in hand. This golf outing was "golf with a purpose" -- the purpose being camp sponsorships. The weather always keeps us praying; yes, it was raining! One thing I have learned from having a husband who golfs is that men **WILL** golf unless there's a storm. We prayed for God to close the heavens, and he honored us by stopping the rain for a few hours!!!

After registering, the men heard the signal and off they went-- golfing! When they returned, they were greeted with a wonderful dinner. Fox Creek Golf Course (Livonia) has excellent cook staff; we were treated with goodness.

Our speakers were Donnell Harlin and Terry Nelson. Each spoke of the importance of the camp program

and how lives are changed as a result of this program. We literally were able to raise over \$3,000 in camp scholarships for the children needing assistance. This was our ninth outing; I believe we grow every year.

Looking forward to 2019!!





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