

Greetings!

We had a great 2009 and made some huge accomplishments:

- February we participated in the Black History Play titled "Plantation to Inaguration" at the House of Mentzi. The synopsis of the play is the history of our fellow men and women who have made a way for us, our future. Characters such as Sojourner Truth, Black Panther, Martin Luther King and of course our own President Barack Obama. It dives into the slave trade and presidential speeches. The play also incorporate praise dancing and mining. It gives detail history of our past presidents and leaders who paved away for our freedom. The play is interactive and will keep the attention of the youth and their parents. One of our college teens, Marcia Adair, participated and really enjoyed the play.
- March we hosted the college workshop at the House of Mentzi. We discussed where to find college funding such as grants, scholarships and schools who will pay for their college education. Students and their parents from Memphis and Shelby County schools attended the workshop. Guest appearance Candace Spicer, author of "No Box Professional Enlightenment" was our guest speaker. We also participated with Habitat for Humanity building homes. It was a lot of fun and we had at least 5 participates.
- April we did our annual fashion show titled "Lights, Camera, Fashion". It was a huge success with standing room only of about 110 attendees at Euphoria! We raised \$1000.
- May we hosted Safety Day at Gordon Elementary and Dave Wells Community Center. We partnered with Farmers Insurance and had over 200 kids to get ID cards. The purpose of the identification kit was to teach the children some basic safety information and by taking a few small precautions to help prevent the child from being kidnapped. But if by some remote chance the child is ever missing, they will be properly prepared. With a properly filled-out ID kit from Farmers, they will be that much closer to getting that child home safe and sound. This is yet another way Farmers helps get a family back where they belong.
- June we hosted the golf tournament in which we doubled our attendance and had major sponsors such as Cummins and Honey Baked Ham. The teams were awesome and had so much fun.
- August we partnered with New Nonconnah Missionary Baptist Church located in Whitehaven on as our back to school drive. This drive was a huge success. NNMBC served over 200 students. Partners included UCAN and Grace Lodge#6. NNMBC also supplied school clothes for the students. Remaining donations were given to Gordon Elementary. They were very excited and grateful for the school supplies.
- September was our volunteer month in which we read and did activities with the kids while the parents were in their weekly meeting.
- October was our annual fall festival at Dave Wells Community Center. We enjoyed the Halloween party for kids under the age of 10. We played games, gave candy and prizes for the spooky games and contest they did.
- November is giving back for Thanksgiving. We feed 10 families with food baskets and gift cards sponsored by New Nonconnah Missionary Baptist Church
- December was UCAN for Toys which we adopted a 7 year old boy. Our sponsors included Marty's, Allure Marketing (Alexis Moore), and Marnetta Jones. UCAN partnered with P.U.S.H. (Pushing Outstanding Excellence for Kids). The young boy received school clothes, toys, coats, undergarments and more!