



# YOUTH ON FIRE

"... Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17)

A Monthly Newsletter

August 2021

## Happy Birthday

Joshua B.

8/14

Yolande K. (POC Youth President)

8/10

*Please fill  
my children's minds  
with things that are  
true, noble, just, pure,  
lovely, and of good report.*

*ref. Phil. 4:8*

**A Message from  
Pastor Edward A. Garrett**

**A Prayer for the New School Year**

**God, I thank you for this time of prayer. Lord, we are in unprecedented time. Lord, we don't know what's going to happen. We don't know what is happening with the virus and what is happening politically. Lord sometimes we don't know what to believe and there's such a political war going on between vaccinated and unvaccinated, those wearing masks and those unmasked and if the mask mandate should be in school. So much is happening, but we trust in what we don't know, you know. And in the name of Jesus, we come on behalf of our students.**

**Lord, I come and lift them up to you. I pray for those that are going to high school for the first time, those that are going to college, and those that are going to middle school or first grade for the first time, kindergartners for the first time. Lord so much is happening and what was normal education has been shifted and even some things seem to be abnormal. I pray that by the power and anointing of Jesus Christ that you are going to allow our students to be flexible and focused enough that frustration and fatigue would not be a part of the school year for them and that they are going to excel.**

**Whether it's in the classroom or virtual learning, we pray for the health of our children. Those that have been vaccinated and those without the vaccine in the name of Jesus will you be a hedge of protection around them. Holy Spirit remind them to wash their hands, keep their mask on, use wisdom and stay clean so they can remain healthy.**

## **A Prayer for the New School Year (*continued*)**

**Lord, when moments of sickness may come like a flood, you are our keeper. Lord, I pray for victory in their lives even through the difficulties, this will be the best year of their lives. I pray that they will study their lessons and you will give them the knowledge and insight as they prepare for their futures. Thank you that their future will be great. Thank you that our children are fearfully and wonderfully made. Thank you that you will not let them succumb to peer pressure, and that you will surround them with the right kind of friends who will encourage them to go higher. Lord keep our children from drugs and bad relationships that will destroy them educationally, physically, and mentally.**

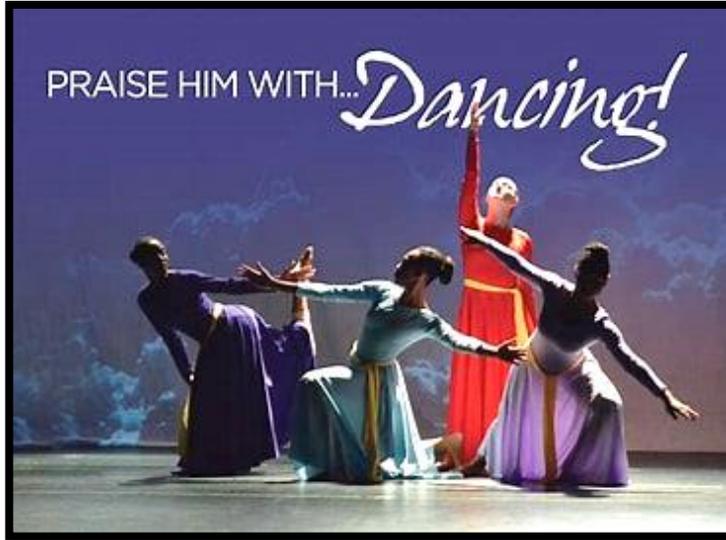
**I speak in the name of Jesus that no weapon formed against them shall prosper. You are the God of victory and you have given us the victory. Lord will you be Jehovah Jireh and supply their every need. Lord, we pray over the schools, every administrator, educator and staff member. Guide and keep them in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

***Be encouraged***

## Attention Youth

Youth Flag and Praise Dance Ministry practice occurs on Fridays from 6 PM to 7 PM. All youth are invited to participate.



**MAY THE GOD OF  
HOPE FILL YOU  
WITH ALL JOY AND  
PEACE AS YOU  
TRUST IN HIM, SO  
THAT YOU MAY  
OVERFLOW WITH  
HOPE BY THE  
POWER OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.  
ROMANS 15:13**

***Become  
A  
Soldier  
In  
Christ  
BASIC***

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**A Prayer For  
My Child's Teachers**

Thank you, Lord, for the teachers in my child's life. I pray for your covering over them as they plan, instruct, counsel, challenge, listen, direct, and serve. Walk with them, and guide them through peace in moments of stress, and enable them to seek an understanding of each child in their care with a kind heart and a discerning spirit.

I pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual blessings on the entire school staff, and for strong unity in school-family relationships, so that all children can learn, grow, and thrive!

**Amen!**

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Dear Lord,  
I pray that whoever reads  
this will experience your  
comfort, joy, peace, love,  
hope and guidance.

I may not know their  
troubles Lord, but You do!

- Amen

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it as much  
as you  
think about  
it.*

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## THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

When you pray, God listens.

When you pray, storms get stilled.

When you pray, doors open.

When you pray, relationships get restored.

When you pray, sicknesses get healed.

When you pray, hope gets rekindled.

When you pray, strength is renewed.

When you pray, answers come.

Don't lose faith about what you are  
praying for today. God is faithful. His  
answer will come at just the right time.



**I'm praying for my  
family today.**

Lord—You are the only One  
who can fill our cups. I pray  
every member of my family  
would overflow with love,  
peace, and hope *in Jesus* today!

*Amen!*



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# Faith

*It does not make  
things easy, it makes  
them POSSIBLE*

Luke 1:37

## Back to School Prayer For Students

God of wisdom and might,  
We praise you for the wonder  
of our being,  
for mind, body, and spirit.

Be with us as we begin a  
new school year.

Bless us and the teachers and staff  
at our school.

Give strength and grace  
to our growing bodies,  
wisdom and knowledge to our minds  
as we search for understanding,  
and peace and zeal to our hearts.

We ask this through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## **Scriptures to Pray over Your Children**

**Proverbs 18:21** - The tongue has the power of life and death. As parents, you have the power to speak life or death to your children and over your children. When you choose to speak the Word of God over your children, you are choosing to speak life over them. Jesus said in **John 6:63**, The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. The following are scriptural confessions that you can speak over your children – and as **Isaiah 55:11** says – these words will not return to your empty but will accomplish and achieve the purpose for which they are sent.

**Exodus 20:12** I thank You Father, that my children honor and obey me, therefore, they please the Lord and will live a long life.  
(Also found in **Colossians 3:20** and **Ephesians 6:2**.)

**Psalm 112:2** My children are blessed and will be mighty in the land.

**Psalm 127:3** My children are a reward and gift from the Lord, and I will enjoy them.

**Psalm 138:8** My children will fulfill God's will and purpose for their lives.

**Daniel 1:4** My children are children in whom there is no blemish, but they are well favored. They are skillful in wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understand science. They have the ability to stand in the King's palace and teach others.

**Romans 12:2** My children are not being conformed to this world's system, but they are constantly being transformed by the renewing of their mind, that they might know what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God for their lives.

**I Corinthians 6:18-19** My children will flee from all sexual immorality and impurity in thought, word or deed, and they will realize that their body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

**I Timothy 4:12** My children are examples to others in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

## Shout Outs

# Braylen

Welcome to 5th Grade! I continue to pray for you and your educational success. Knowledge is power and I encourage you to continue to challenge yourself this year. Last year was challenging, but I have high hopes for you as we get a little closer to normal.



**Love Mom and Grammy**

# Taylor

**We thank God for you. Congrats on a successful and award filled virtual school year. We pray that God blesses, protects, and keeps you during this new school year. Continue to reach for the stars and with God's guidance you will get there.**



**We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mommy and Daddy**

# Tessa and Pauline



**Nana and Poppy are excited for you to be starting the new school year in California!  
We Love you both so much. May God continue Blessing you.**

# Nevaeh

had a fantastic summer. In June, she went to Camp Mendocino for 9 days. Her activities at camp were swimming in the river, Zip lining, hiking, movies, they made smores by the campfire, and met new friends.

In July, Nevaeh successfully completed swimming lessons was promoted to the seal level (advance swimming). She also attended, the Jr. Police Academy at the Manteca Police Dept. Activities included observing how the K-9 (police dogs) follow commands while on duty, finger printing, riding and operating the controls in the Police car, and etc. She learned about the SWAT team, bomb squad, traffic stops, and building searches and wrote Police reports.



**Grandma and Grandpa**

**"Thank God for your fantastic summer, Nevaeh"  
We love you.**

# Shout out to Emmanuel Turner,

**Morehouse College Graduate 2021**

**BA Kinesiology-Sports Studies and  
Physical Education**

**He will entering Life University's College of  
Chiropractic Education to receive his Doctor of  
Chiropractic (D.C.)**



**Love Mom**

**Shout out to Ernest Turner,  
College Advisor/Teacher in  
the Atlanta, GA School  
District**

**Shout out to Isabella Turner,  
almost a Junior - Transferred  
to Georgia State to obtain  
her BA in Film and Media**

**I continue to lift my children,  
Ernest, Emmanuel, and Isabella, up to you Oh Lord  
to protect and provide for them as their  
relationship with you continues to grow and they  
understand that their gifts are from you Lord. Be  
with them as they move towards their individual  
dreams, goals, and desires. As I remind them to  
enjoy the journey.**



**Mom**

# #TEAMWILLIAMS

Congratulations **Karma** on receiving the Honor Roll in the midst of the pandemic.

Congratulations **Tiara** on receiving an award and a varsity letter in Track as a 10th grader.

Congratulations **Tiffany** on receiving an award and a varsity letter in Track as a 10th grader.

Congratulations **Tiara** on receiving an award and patch in basketball.

Congratulations **Tiffany** on receiving an award and patch in basketball.

Congratulations **Tyler** on your 1st job this summer.

We are so proud of You  
Love, Mom and Dad

# POC Youth having fun 2019



**Tyler, Tiara, Tiffany and Karma,**

**You never cease to amaze us. You showed great resilience during the pandemic. You became encouragers to get your friends through this uncertain time. Not only that, but you witnessed any challenge the pandemic brought you waivered through. There were adjustments in learning, but you continued to get good grades and excelled in sports.**

**We pray for a successful and safe school year this year. Continue to soar!**

**We love you, Mom and Dad**

**Tiara, Tiffany and Karma  
To God be the glory on your Baptism.**



**Amen!**

**Shout out to Warren for  
completing his summer classes with a B-.  
Keep up the good work! Let's keep exploring  
in with science and gymnastics.**



**Shout out to Zacharee  
for learning her ABC's and numbers and  
continuing in the journey of being a big girl.**

**I love you both.  
From Mommy**

# Congrats to Jayla

for completing her first season of softball!  
You did such a great job! We are so proud  
of you!



Love, Auntie, TiTi  
Grandma, and Daddy

# **Jayla**

**is starting Kindergarten! We pray you have a great school year. We are so proud of all your accomplishments.**



**Love, Auntie, TiTi,  
Grandma and Daddy**

You lack nothing.  
Use what I gave you.

-God



When you Pray,  
God Listens.  
When you Listen,  
God Talks.  
When you Believe,  
God Works.

-Unknown

God•fi•dence

KNOWING I CAN'T  
BUT KNOWING HE  
WILL

# Remember when.....VBS 2019



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## Remember our memory scripture

**1<sup>st</sup> : John 3:16 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> : Romans 3:23 (KJV)** <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**3<sup>rd</sup> : John 1:12 (KJV)** <sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**4<sup>th</sup> : Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

**5<sup>th</sup> : Hebrews 13:6 (KJV)** <sup>6</sup> So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

**6<sup>th</sup> : Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)** <sup>22</sup> And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

**7<sup>th</sup> : 1 John 1:9 (KJV)** <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**8<sup>th</sup> : 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 (KJV)** <sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: