

Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Journey

Teaching them in the observance of all things....

WE, THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, are making city- and area-wide appeals for the support of parents, grandparents, guardians, community leaders, and to school principals and teachers as well as concerned citizens who believe that youth between 11 and 18 years of age should be trained and certified in four instructional areas that will strengthen and enrich their current and future lives:

1. **School**—Explore biblical basis for students' involvement in STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—along with literature and languages;
2. **Love**—Explore biblical basis for what's true and healthy love;
3. **Peers**—Explore biblical basis for forming healthy friendships of different types and depths; and
4. **Media**—Explore biblical basis for detecting and deflecting negative media images.

Each topic to be offered weekly over a three-month period will be processed in the following manner:

- Kick-off will feature a **Sunday evening 6:30 PM vesper service** of songs and sermon or lecture that examine 'how' and 'why' the topic is important to the current and future lives of our youth;
- The next Saturday, students will begin **biblically grounded instruction** to inform their development of **skits, poetry, hip-hop, plays and other artistic products** to be organized and produced professionally for sharing with a community-wide audience of pre-teens, teens, and adults; and
- Students will **present summaries with performance segments to public decision makers—administrative and political leaders**—who will be asked (a) how these products and insights might inform policies, practices, or programs under their control; (b) whether they would be willing to pursue implementation of these policies and practices in their areas of responsibility; and (c) whether they would be open to a return visit for an update on progress.

Students completing topics 1 through 4, all directed toward transforming their communities, will be given a special *Christian Education Commission Certificate—Trained in the Observance of All Things Level I*.

Youth enrollment will be limited. In this regard we invite and welcome referrals of youth by parents, grandparents, guardians, responsible adult leaders or citizens within the community. **We invite black and white youth with and without prior church experience. ALL ARE WELCOMED. Enrollment is now open and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. Register now by contacting Deacon Derek Tibbs at derek.tibbs@outlook.com.**

Sunday 6:30 PM				
Unit	Topic	Vesper Service	Featured Vesper Speaker	Saturday Start Date for Instruction
1	<i>School</i>	12/9/2018	Rev. Dr. Richard Wingfield	12/14/18
2	<i>Love</i>	3/10/2019	Pastor Barbara Gunn	3/15/19
3	<i>Peers</i>	6/9/2019	Rev. William Burgess	6/14/19
4	<i>Media</i>	9/8/ 2019	Rev. Dr. Lenall Thomas	9/13/19

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Remember how five loaves and three fish supplied by one youth were blessed to feed the hungry crowd of 5,000 children and adults (John 6:1-12): *Core aspiration for our youth.*