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# The Green

**~The Vision: Serving P.I.E. 2016-2017**

**2016—Back To School Celebration  
 By Angles Pate**

The Back To School Celebration was a success. More importantly, this event provided the Greenwood family an opportunity to show our children and the community



just how much education is valued. Returning to school is a fresh start and a new beginning. Celebrating is the best way to get our children’s attention about the importance of education. The key is to be ready and prepared!

The celebration this year was fun and filled with good food as well as a variety of school supplies. Our special guests were members from Cherokee Elementary, our adopted school. Your continued participation to support Cherokee Elementary is

so much appreciated. Let’s keep the entire Cherokee community lifted and pray that they have a successful school year. Parents, we should encourage our children to embrace the challenges of this school year through prayer. They should be taught that a good day begins with prayer. Our children face many challenges. However, their victory can be accomplished through prayer! As parents, we should pray that our children are selective in their choice of friends and that they develop a strong faith and esteem. When faced with bullying and other challenges, they must understand that there is power

in prayer. Every day our children should be reminded that their future is bright. James 1:19 affirms, “My dear brothers, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger”. By giving our children Bible scriptures each day, we provide them with the best tools for a successful school year. May God richly bless each of our children this school year!

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**7-24-27, 2016**

## World Class By Jewel Mcgahee

We just finished watching the Olympics in August as all the nations of the world competed for medals in athletics. Just like Olympians, you are in competition as you prepare for the academic prize. Never forget that as you get closer to graduation your competition will come from your neighborhood, city, state, nation, and world.

American rankings in education have gone down over the years. According to [rank-ingamerica.wordpress.com](http://rank-ingamerica.wordpress.com),

the United States ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in education (2015), 2<sup>nd</sup> in social ignorance (2014), and 24<sup>th</sup> in literacy (2013). How do you become a world class student? Just like the Olympians, you practice and consistently try to become better.

Olympians/good students are motivated. No one has to tell them to practice (study). They independently strive for excellence. Olympians/good students manage their time. They

organize their schedules to be successful. Olympians/good students scout out the competition. They know the best in their field and they constantly seek to beat others scores. Olympians/good students study successful behavior, and develop good habits accordingly.

They understand their mission and work hard to achieve their goals. It is not enough to just memorize. Just like Olympians, as long as you work hard every day, you will be successful.

## West TN Region Annual Conference By Gladys Alexander

The theme for the WTR Annual Conference was, “**The Investment Factor: Change People Changing the World**” The Conference opened with Holy Communion Service with Rev. Omar L. Dykes Pastor, St. John CME Church, Winston Salem, NC. delivering the sermon. Bible Study taught by Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Gordon, Pastor of Carter Temple CME Church, Chicago,

IL. The lessons focus was Psalms, 1, 23, and 150. “Nurturing” sessions were

taught by Rev. Dr. Phillips Nelson and Mrs. Gladys Nelson of the First Episcopal District. The Annual Lay Luncheon speaker was Stan A. Bell, educator and radio personality—KJMS, WDIA, I-Heart Media. His topic was, “Be Faithful,” Revelation 2: 10. Tuesday Evening’s Missionary March was held with 241 marchers with banner carriers representing Rosier T. Hollis and Mattie E. Coleman Departments. The speaker was Mrs. Mayotis Robinson. Wednesday morning the Ministers’ Spouses Prayer Breakfast was held. Prayers were peti-

tioned for the CME Church families, US Government and our local communities. The Speaker was Mrs. Debora C. Young-Gant, First Lady of Pettis Memorial CME Church, West Helena, AR. Her topic was, “Prayers Make a Difference.” The Ordination Sermon was delivered by Rev. James E. Russell Jr., Retired Pastor and Presiding Elder, Greensboro, NC. His emphasis was “Sheep among Wolves.” (Luke 10: 1-3).

Sunday School Summer Quarter, "Toward A New Creation"

By Mary Stewart

JARL K. WAGGONER summarized the Sunday school lesson with following special points and this certainly needs to be passed on. Zephaniah chapters 1-3 point to both judgement and salvation. "The Coming Day of The LORD" reminds us of GOD'S holiness and dire consequences of living unholy lives. Romans chapters 1-3 give us a theological perspective on humanity's great problem of sin. Unit 2, "A World Gone Wrong" details the sad progression of sin in the human race and demonstrates that Jews and Gentiles are under the power of sin. Unit 3, "Life On God's Terms" sets forth the hope of salvation that is available to all those who confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

The final six lessons also from Romans focused on various aspects of the "New Life" GOD has graciously given to those who believe in CHRIST.

Romans 5: Describes the many blessings we inherit in CHRIST.

Romans 6: We learn how important theology is in our battle with sin. The key to victory is knowing what

GOD has already done for us in CHRIST JESUS.

Romans 8-9: Teaches us about GOD's power and sovereignty. His power keeps us safely in His love and His sovereignty guarantees that He can be trusted.

Romans 11: Deals with the place of the Jewish people in God's plan. His plans for the Jews remain intact and provide a warning for us not to become arrogant or boastful.

The final lesson brings us back to our most basic duties as Christians. It tells us and shows us how to love both GOD and man.

### **8-06-2016 Missionary Society Luncheon at Chili's**



### **8-14-16 Back to School Celebration**



### **8-21-16 Mrs. Jeradine Davis presented the 2016 Ollie Davis Jr. Scholarship, \$1000, to Sergio Finnie.**





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**Monthly Greenwood Updates**

- ⇒ **September 12 Youth and Young Adults Mtg. 6p**
- ⇒ **September 13 Church Conference 6p**
- ⇒ **September 19-23 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CME Summit, St. Louis, MO.**
- ⇒ **September 26 First Quarter — Greenwood 6p**
- ⇒ **October 11 Church Conference 6p**
- ⇒ **October 20-21 One Church One School, Chicago, IL.**
- ⇒ **October 29 NED Business Mtg 9a, Martin Temple**

**Were you There ?**

