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## The 2018 Annual Conference By Bonnie S. Holmes

The Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District, with Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr. presiding, was held July 22-25, 2018, at Mt. Olive CME Church.

The Conference began with Holy Communion Service and a powerful message from St. John 12:1-31. On Monday and Tuesday we had Mediation sermons. Monday Rev. Willie Boyd, Pastor of Martin Memorial Temple, spoke from the book of Jeremiah 18:1-4, "God Uses Broken Things." He highlighted that God can get more out of us and we can see who God really is when we are broken. Tuesday, Rev. Charlton Johnson, Pastor of Trinity CME, spoke from the book of Philippians 1:1-4, "Hold On To Your Joy." Joy is that inner peace that only God can give. We must choose to trust



God and the promise of peace He gives.

Other presenters were Rev. Dr. Phillip Nelson who gave us 5 principles on prayer—privilege, purpose, petition, praise and power. With these principles we align our lives with God's will. The Youth and Young Adults presented, "A Moment in the History of the CME Church," each day of the Conference. They highlighted the following Bishops: Chester Kirkendoll, Sr., B. Julian Smith, Theresa J. Norton, Joseph A. Johnson and William H. Graves.

The Lay Luncheon speaker was Mr. Otis Sanford, Public Affairs Commentator. His focus was on Leadership and Civic En-

gagement. He emphasized that we must have courage like Frederick Douglass, Dr. Martin L. King and others. We are to demand a seat at the table.

"Inferior Negroes have no rights." He stated that the Supreme Court is not the highest court, but our omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God is judge of the highest court. Hebrews 4:16 reminds us to tap into our God given strengths.

The Conference closed with Greenwood being assigned a new Pastor, Rev. Omar L. Dykes. We thank God for our Pastor and pray that God will bless the work He has assigned his hands, by a hundred fold, here at Greenwood. May God's blessings of peace and joy fill your heart and may you know that His grace IS sufficient.



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Lost and  
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Cross”**



## **Seven Things You Should Know Before Leaving Home By Jewel McGahee**

Before you leave home, these seven skills will help you prepare to be on your own. You may fail when you begin, but failing builds resilience. Practice early and practice often.

**Clean up.** Your family will like you and your future room-mates will love you.

**Car Maintenance.** Learn how to check fluid levels, how to air up a tire, and how to change a tire.

**Wash Clothes.** Learn to take good care of your clothes to help them last longer.

**Make Appointments.** Work with your parents to develop days free for appointments. You will learn invaluable communication skills.

**Cook.** Learn to prepare a few favorite meals. You will amaze your friends.

**Manage Money.** Budgeting requires you to delay gratification and make choices

about the importance of things. Don't forget to tithe 10% of what you have.

**Pray.** Prayer changes things. When you get in the practice of praying on a regular basis, you learn to practice intentional prayer for yourself and others.

Pray without ceasing (1Th 5:17).

## **Back To School Celebration By Kim Wicks**

The transition from summer, to a new school year, is one that plagues children's sleep schedules and parents' wallets. While the students wake up and trade late nights and sleep-filled mornings, for early mornings and sadly, early nights; many parents shake their piggy banks for financial support. August is the month when Wal-Mart becomes filled with people that won't be back until Black Friday. Each year, our Greenwood family strives to help parents and

college students, such as myself, as we celebrate a new semester or trimester of school. The Back to School Celebration, which is part of that initiative, occurred on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Greenwood was happy to welcome parents and students from our partner school, Cherokee Elementary, and parents of the congregation, as we prepare for another school year. Before we kicked off the celebration, a prayer was given for the food and

another successful school year. After the instructions, Ms. Elizabeth Jackson announced that she has moved to Cherokee as the school librarian. Greenwood sends prayers and blessings her way as she settles into another year of inspiring children to read. Not only were we blessed with good news, we were blessed with good food. Popcorn, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and punch were served.

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**Back To School Celebration— cont.**

At the celebration we were spiritually and physically nourished. Backpacks full of supplies were given to all the students—consisting of folders, notebooks, pens, paper, binders, and more. Another successful Back to School Celebration could not have happened without those who contributed food, supplies, bags, time, and energy. Let’s look forward to not only a new school year for children and youth, but a new season of growth, for us, as a church. Let’s get to work!



**Grief Seminar 8.25.2018**

The Healthcare ministry sponsored a Grief Seminar facilitated by Carolyn Danley, MS, from Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Danley highlighted several topics: What is grief? Stages of grief. Describing grief, What grief looks like and feels like. The seminar ended with question and answer discussion, lighting of candles for love ones and a Remembrance Prayer.



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**Monthly Greenwood Updates**

- ⇒ September 3 Labor Day
- ⇒ September 8 NED Planning Meeting, Polk Chapel, 9a
- ⇒ September 9 Sunday School Promotion Day, 9a, Connectional Ushers Day Observance
- ⇒ September 11 Church Conference, 6p
- ⇒ September 22 Choir Workshop 10a
- ⇒ September 29 Senior Luncheon 11a
- ⇒ October 1 Ministry Meeting 6-7p
- ⇒ October 4 Kingdom Academy of Greenwood (Discipleship Training) 6-7:30p

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**Were you There ?**

