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DEVELOPING DISCIPLES UNDER OUR OWN ROOF

Paul several times addresses in his letters that believers should follow his example. His says it most clearly in 1Cor. 11, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."

This is a difficult challenge, but as godly men and women, especially as parents we should say the same thing to our children, and back it up with our lifestyle. On the heels of a major National tragedy of a young man in my neighborhood taking the lives of over 30 of his fellow students at Va. Tech, it becomes more apparent to me than ever before that our youth, in fact our world is in need of some major leadership and some exemplary role models, male and female.

Our youth more than ever before need to be disciplined! And please understand that discipling our youth means more than just leading good moral lives. That's important, but it means spending time with them so they see how we live out the Christian life of victory. It means letting them see us in the word on a daily bases and letting them hear us pray for something other than over our current meal. It also involves having them involved in our lives and

ministry, assuming that we are. It would benefit them greatly if we simply looked, on a regular base, for teaching moments with them where we are keen enough to make use of natural teaching opportunities as they arise. And I believe there is no better way to capture teaching moments than when our youth ask us questions. We should always give their questions our undivided attention if at all possible.

I had a question asked recently from one of our bold young men who stopped the normal flow of bible study. He wanted to know why sex was restricted to marriage only, and he was bold enough to ask. It was rather shocking to most but I loved it! Since he was bold enough to ask I gave him all the time he needed to help him work through his tension. So even if it means taking a few minutes extra, set aside what we're doing, look them in the eyes listen carefully and answer their questions seriously. You never know what future calamity you might be nipping in the bud. Young folk are never more open to learning from us than they are when the initiative is theirs. And believe me, our stock

goes way up in their lives when they know we took the time to listen closely and answer honestly to the best of our ability.

If we're going to develop young disciples then we must look for every opportunity to impart the gospel in a tangible, teachable way. So let's look for ways, simple ways to turn biblical truths our children



Learn from us and others into mature, living, personal faith. Our discipling is the way they turn

the knowledge we give them into actions that translate to a lifestyle that pleases God. The challenge for us is to be willing to say like Paul, imitate me and I'll show you how to live the victor's life in Christ! Don't miss the opportunity, its right under your roof!

†Phillip O. Thomas

LATER THIS YEAR:

- Bishop Thomas at Greater Mount Calvary, Manassas, VA, June 10, 2007
- Bishop Thomas at St. John Christian Community Church, Balt, MD, July 2007
- Bishop Thomas returns to Kenya, Aug 2007
- Highview Celebrates 10th Pastoral Anniversary, October 2007
- Annual Women's Retreat, Nov 9-11, 2007

PCIF VA STATE CONFERENCE AND VA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Virginia diocese of the Praise Covenant Interdenominational Fellowship (PCIF) held its first annual State conference on March 17, 2007 in Richmond, VA. The conference featured workshops for the youth and teens, as well as ministers and ministry leaders. The conference culminated in a powerful word brought forth by the Virginia State Bishop, Phillip O. Thomas. Our presiding prelate, Bishop

Heber M. Brown was also in attendance and taught the minister's workshop. Also present were Overseer Carey Brown, who serves as District Overseer of southeastern Virginia and Overseer Kitty Smith, who serves as the Virginia state Overseer. As the state of Virginia continues grow and flourish, a new pastor was introduced to the covenant, Pastor Leon Jackson, senior pastor of Walnut Grove Baptist

Church in Warrenton, VA.

The Virginia State Youth Conference was held the March 16-18, 2007 at Highview Christian Fellowship. The youth came out in full force as inclement weather threatened cancellation. But God said, "Not so." While some of the adults stayed home, afraid to drive in the snow, the youth and teens proved once again that God is in control.

SCENES FROM THE PCIF VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE



Worship and Praise went forth as Virginia celebrates it's first annual conference, held in Richmond, VA

Praise Covenant Interdenominational Fellowship
National Conference
“Building on a Firm Foundation”

June 29th - July 1st

Weekend at a Glance

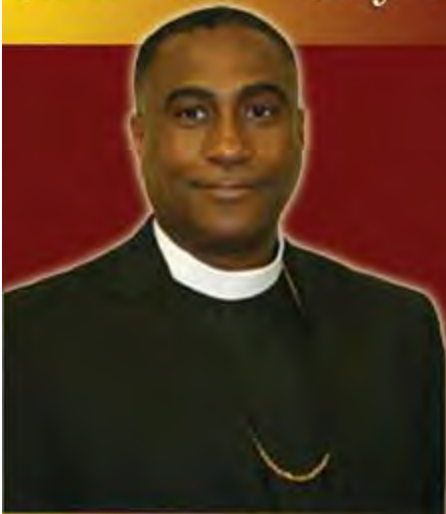
Friday

Check-In and Registration 3:00 pm

The Bishop’s Banquet 8:00 pm

Celebrating Our Sixth National Conference

Our Special Guest will be



Bishop Heber M. Brown, Jr.
 Presiding Prelate



Bishop Walter Scott Thomas
 New Psalmist Baptist Church

TICKETS ARE \$70.00

(All conference activities are covered with the purchase of the Banquet Ticket)
 Youth Activities Nightly

Saturday

Continental Breakfast
 General Assembly - Grand Ballroom
 Breakout Sessions
 Lunch/Free Time
 4pm-6pm Bishop’s Round Table
 Evening Service 7:00 pm

Sunday

Culminating Service at 3:00 pm
 (Shiloh Baptist Church - Edgemere, MD)
 The Most Reverend Heber M. Brown, Jr.
 Presiding Prelate

Conference Location
Marriott BWI

1743 West Nursery Road
Baltimore, MD 21240

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 1-800-691-4555 and reference
 “PRAISE COVENANT” to secure
 your reservations.
 Hotel room rates are \$129.00 per night.

“This is an opportunity you don’t want to miss...another year that God has blessed us to fellowship one with another”

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- † TO MAINTAIN HOLINESS
- † TO EVANGELIZE

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He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5

**Women's Conference
and Women's Day
"Stay Connected in 2007"**

I am the vine, ye are the branches.

Spirit-filled Sessions: "Empowering Me" and "Beauty Inside Out"



When: Saturday, May 19, 2007

Where: Highview Christian Fellowship
4100 Hunt Road
Fairfax, Virginia

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm



Speakers: Pastor Kitty Smith, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Farmville, Virginia
K.C. Ford, GettingThere4Him, Bowie, Maryland
Min. Christine Coulter, Highview Christian Fellowship, Fairfax, Virginia

Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$10.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch

Join us for a spiritual overflow Sunday, May 20, 2007 for Women's Day at 11:15am where our Speaker will be Evangelist Vera Goodman of One Accord Gospel Temple, Inc Jacksonville, Florida

Please contact LaToya Hoston for additional information (703) 380-0484 or highviewcf@aol.com.

Registration Form

Please return to Cathy Boone or Jeanne Joseph, Highview Christian Fellowship 4100 Hunt Road Fairfax, Virginia 22032.

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