



IMPARTATION CONTINUES

Reaching and Keeping Lost Communities in a Changing Culture

In this issue we will highlight contributions of Kansas East members to their communities.

The Ministers' and Workers' Conference/Crusade, is the meeting for the workers. Many opportunities are provided for you to receive training and learn new strategies to impart to your family, schools, churches, and communities.

Impartation by the saints must reach beyond the church walls. Many of our communities are hurting and searching for answers. God has equipped His saints with the tools necessary to reach and help these communities. We have a responsibility to reach the lost within our diverse neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, cities, and state.

As you read the stories of accomplishments, please compliment and applaud the individuals recognized, then consider ways you can make a positive difference in your community.



The Kansas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction is blessed to have a leader that ministers beyond the pulpit. A man who is passionate about impacting the Kansas City area and encourages us to do the same in our communities. We are godly proud of our Bishop.

In addition, agencies across the world also recognize his quality contributions.

In the Fall 2010 issue of *Report, the Annual Report Edition*, a publication from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston, M.A. 1981, was selected as the 2010 Alumnus of the Year.

Bishop is also involved with the civic leadership of Kansas City.

He met with a group of influential ministers to discuss concerns about neglected neighborhoods in the city.

The list of achievements and accolades on Bishop's resume was quite lengthy. These were just a few to remind us he practices what he preaches beyond the pulpit.

As we move into spring, let us make plans to *spring* into community involvement.

God has prepared us for such a time as this. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few and staying inside the church walls. Go into the vineyard and reach the lost and changing cultures.

The responsibility to impart continues, never ending.



Imparting as Teachers in the Community

William Ellery Channing, a Unitarian preacher in the early 19th century, concerned about the educational and spiritual progress of children wrote, *“there is no office higher than that of a teacher of youth, for there is nothing on earth so precious as the mind, soul, and character of a child.”*

Teaching children is a worthy commission with far reaching consequences. But when the teacher is a saint of God, those students are doubly blessed.



Ms. Cecily Henderson, Star Teacher Elementary District Teacher of the Year

Our very own **Missionary Cecily Henderson**, member of Madden Temple COGIC, is a wonderful example of a saved teacher imparting knowledge and values to her students. Missionary Henderson was recently recognized for her efforts.

Each year, the state of Kansas holds a competition for State Teacher of the Year. An elementary and a secondary teacher are chosen from nominees from each school district. In order to choose the district level nominees from Kansas City, KS, Public Schools, staff from each school selects their STAR teacher.

Cecily was selected as the Star Teacher for Welborn Elementary. This placed her in competition for Star Teacher of the District.

Missionary Henderson won the honor of Star Teacher of the Year for the elementary level for the

district. This will allow her to compete for State Teacher of the Year. Well Done Cecily!

(The following excerpts are from Cecily's Professional Biography.)

“Upon graduating from high school I was asked what I wanted to be, to which I joyfully responded a teacher! I was then told I was too smart to be a teacher. That ignited a passion within me to make sure the world knew teachers were some of the smartest people one could meet.



Elder Lloyd and Jean Henderson, with daughter Cecily, at award's ceremony

My true inspiration came from my mother, a retired teacher and principal. I remember the feeling I got every time I walked into the school to help her set up her classroom and grade papers. It was the feeling of ‘goose bumps’ and ‘hair-raising electricity’ that confirmed teaching was my destiny, my purpose, and where I ultimately belonged.

The quote, ‘teaching makes all other professions possible,’ was the premise for my contributions to education. My students’ stories of success in higher education and their careers, perpetuates my continuous drive for excellence in teaching. I make it a point to find out what it takes to motivate every one of my students to learn. I say, ‘find the student’s commodity.’ I want my students to leave my class knowing the subject matter, but also the necessary values and principles that will improve and foster success in their life.

Teaching is the hardest, yet most rewarding job I think anyone could ever do. I know I am among the

ones who have the ability to affect the future and inspire the next group of leaders, which can only be done by the smartest people in the world - teachers.

My commitment to the community includes involvement in a variety of groups and organizations that focus on making a difference in the lives of children, teenagers, and young adults.

My community involvement includes utilization of my spiritual influence for encouraging young people to choose high standards of values and morals that will accent their daily personal choices.

I believe teachers have the power to unleash the confinements of ignorance and initiate a hunger for knowledge in all students. Children are our greatest resources and teenagers hold the keys to unlocking our generational gaps.

Another quote states, ‘I have not chosen the wrong profession, society has chosen the wrong heroes.’”

Cecily is a proud member of the unsung heroes, she is a teacher.



We also recognize **Sister La'Shawna Wilson**, selected as the Star Teacher from W. A. White, Elementary School. She is a member of New Hope COGIC.

Living a transparent and authentic life means allowing our relationship with God to illuminate every environment we enter, including the workplace. The place to work-out our faith isn't just at church. What we do in the workplace is a part of our ministry, just as much as singing in the choir or preaching from the pulpit.

In 1983, the Princeton Religion Research Center published a survey conducted for *The Wall Street Journal* by the Gallup Organization. The researchers measured a wide range of moral and ethical behaviors. What the researchers found most startling was there was no difference between the churched and unchurched in their ethics and values on the job."

(Source: *Crosswalk.com*)

Of course, a "*churched*" employee is not necessarily a "*saved*" employee. It's important for saved employees to perform their jobs as doing it for the Lord. St. Francis Assisi once said, "preach the gospel always, and when necessary, use words." We are reminded our lifestyle and behavior is the first bible some people will read. After watching how we carry ourselves and handle various situations in the workplace, our fellow coworkers should want to know what's different about us. Prayerfully, opening the door for us to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Christians have a solid foundation of high morals, ethics, and integrity, because they are based on biblical principles. Therefore, we should exemplify excellence and should perform our work with the highest integrity.

Taking Faith into the 9 to 5 Window says, "a revival is happening, returning us to our roots

to understand what the early church understood - that work is a holy calling in which God moves to transform lives, cities, and nations." (Source: *Taking Faith*)

We must understand God has placed us in our particular workplace or sphere of influence for us to let our light shine and bring change. It's for the up building of God's kingdom and to reach lost communities.

Kansas East constituents, here's the challenge, list three ways you can start making a positive Christian impact in your workplace.



Elder E. Jason Sims performs his job with excellence and was recognized for his contributions to his profession.

In February, Elder Sims was chosen by the Missouri Department of Transportation out of over 5400 employees to be the department's candidate for the State of Missouri Employee of the Month. He was chosen for his exemplary leadership and extraordinary direction of the "Kansas City Scout Program" the technology division of MoDOT.

Kansas City Scout is a 60 million dollar program, with 63 employees that uses Intelligent Transportation solutions to reduce accidents and traffic congestion in the Kansas City area. It is a partnership with the Kansas Department of

Transportation, which is the only bi-state technology transportation initiative in the country.

In March, Elder Sims was chosen by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to receive the **ACE Award**. The Kansas City Chamber recognizes senior level minority managers that have shown outstanding leadership in their field and promote sustainable commerce in the Kansas City Area. Elder Sims was recognized for developing a world renown Intelligent Transportation System, within the Missouri & Kansas Departments of Transportation.

He has been directly responsible for affecting the reduction of accidents and providing real-time traffic information to Kansas City motorists with the over 60 million dollar project "Kansas City Scout."

Elder Sims was also recognized nationally as a leader in his field, by being the 2nd place finisher of *Intelligent Transportation System Manager of the Year* by ITS America in 2010. He is truly an ACE.

Last February, The Black Family Technology Awareness Association (BFTAA) honored E. Jason Sims, Manager of Kansas City Scout with its Present Day Technology Leader Award. The award recognizes bright, young, up and coming men and women who are shaping the future of engineering, science, and technology by making their mark now.

Elder Jason Sims, a member of Mount Carmel COGIC, represents Kansas East well, and we encourage him to keep up the good work.

Our youth share in the responsibility of reaching out to their communities. The youth should display good sportsmanship on the field or court regardless of the game's score.

Young people can be model students in the classroom and hallways of their schools, and display godly character on their college campuses.

Our saved youth have testimonies to share encouraging other youth living saved isn't boring. Just attend one of the Youth Department's Youth Quakes or Fellowship events. Or they may share a testimony of God making ways and blessing them in their endeavors.

Such as the recent selection of Minister Christopher and



Minister Christopher, Simeon, and Missionary Monya Brown at award's program

Missionary Monya Brown's son to participate in the Kauffman Scholars program.

Simeon Brown was inducted into Class 7 of the Kauffman Scholars. This program helps students develop proper study habits and maintain good grades, in order to do well in college.

Kauffman Program staff will continue to support Simeon

academically and financially until he graduates from college. **This will afford him the opportunity to graduate from college with no debt.** (*That's worth a Praise Break!*)

Simeon, who turned thirteen on March 17th, is an awesome young man who confesses Christ as his Savior and Lord. He enjoys music and is learning to play the piano and bass guitar. He is making the transition from the Sunshine Band and Children's Choir to the Youth Choir and Pure Youth Ministry.

Simeon also serves in the acolyte ministry and chancel service at his local church, Boone Tabernacle COGIC.



Jurisdictional Announcements

Mother Connie Hadley thanks everyone who attended the Annual Building Fund Banquet. Your support is crucial to the upkeep of Miracle Temple.

The Executive Planning Committee, Sister Rosalyn Brown, Chair, would like to **THANK** everyone who helped us make Bishop happy during the meeting. We can not do it without you.

Thank you for responding to our email requests. **Thank you** for pre-registering and for registering at the door. *It's all good!*

Special Thank You's to:

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- ☆ Mother Sims and the Department of Women
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- ☆ Janitorial and Maintenance Staff
- ☆ Security Staff and Volunteers
- ☆ Finance Office Staff
- ☆ Registration Staff and Volunteers
- ☆ Nursing Unit
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- ☆ Sound / Media Staff and Volunteers
- ☆ Youth Department and Staff
- ☆ Children's Church Volunteers
- ☆ Jurisdictional Secretary's Office Staff
- ☆ Transportation Volunteers

- ☆ Workshop Teachers and Volunteers
- ☆ Executive Hospitality Staff and Volunteers
- ☆ All Department and Auxiliary Leaders, Credential holders, First Ladies, and all Lay Members. God Bless you **ALL** for your support of the meeting.

Upcoming Events

- April 2 ~ Appreciation Service for Lady Thuston
- April 22 ~ Jurisdictional Good Friday Service
- April 30 ~ Travel Fund Service for Mother Sims
- May 13-14 ~ Pre-AIM Rally
- May 14 ~ Fellowship Service
- May 14 ~ Missions Department Support the Troops