

FIRST JURISDICTION ILLINOIS
YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Youth Spotlight

Bishop Ocie Booker, Jurisdictional Prelate
Mother Shirley Hughes, Supervisor of Women
Elder Prince Reed, Youth President
Missionary Laurie Reed, Youth Chairlady



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

With so many outside influences attempting to distract our youth from the God given purpose, I delight in this opportunity to showcase what the Lord is doing via the Youth Spotlight. It is our endeavor to make sure that our young people know in a tangible way that their church and leaders recognize and appreciate the variety of gifts, talents and abilities they bring to the body of Christ.

This spotlight focuses not only on traditional spiritual gifts, but academic, civic, sports, etc. As we follow our department motto of “A Ready Generation”, we want to foster an atmosphere that celebrates a well-rounded contributor to the church and to the society at large.

To all of the parents, pastors, youth leaders, guardians, etc. that have poured into these highlighted youth; we thank you for your dedication and sacrifice.

Thank you for your support of our department and please stay tuned for, greater is coming.

It's all about the Kingdom,

Elder Prince Reed

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YPWW President

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.



Chairlady Laurie Reed

I am so Godly proud of each of you and your many accomplishments. You are the workmanship of God the Father, who has gifted you to operate in the spirit of excellence. He has made you in His image and created you with a purpose and a plan for greatness to manifest in your life.

I encourage you to take advantage of the myriad of opportunities and experiences that are available to you. Expand your horizons and extend your reach to a world that will need to see you and what you can offer them. Sharing the love of Jesus and the relationship that you have with Him. I believe that if you be who God created you to be, you will set the world on fire.

Grace and Peace,

Chairlady Laurie Reed



Kharma Edwards

Abounding Life COGIC

J.T. Watson District

- 8th grade graduate from Michelle Obama School of Tech and Arts
- High honor roll all 4 quarters
- National Junior Honor Society
- Member of the Student Council
- High School course recognition - Algebra
- Award for Outstanding Choir Member
- Top 5 in her class
- Will be attending Southland College Prep High School in the fall



Allyea Harris

St. John COGIC

C.H. Mason/ L.H. Ford District

Allyea La'Shay Harris was born on December 13, 2000 in Skokie, Illinois. Allyea is intelligence, helpful to others, and full of happiness. She believes she can do all things through Christ which strengthens her (Phillipians 4:13). Allyea has been a member of the St. John COGIC for a wonderful 11 years, where she serves as an announcer. She also participates in the local, district, and jurisdictional choirs. She has been a participant in First Jurisdiction's Young Women of Excellence program for the past 2 years and won 1st place in art in 2018. For the last 4 years Allyea has attended Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society and is ranked number 5 out of 52 seniors of her graduating class. She graduates with high honors and a weighted grade point average of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale. Allyea aspires to become a future surgeon. Allyea has a bright future ahead, guided by her faith in God and inspired by her dreams.



Akisha Hollings

Pickens Memorial Temple

U.E. Miller/St. L. T. Buchanan District

Akisha Hollings is a lifelong member of Pickens Memorial Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Superintendent, First Administrative Assistant Van W. Wells. She is an active member and lively part of both the Sunday School class and the combined Children's Church on Sunday morning. She has been a part of the PMT Praise Dancers and participates in liturgical streaming on Youth Sundays. Most recently, Akisha has become an anchoring member of the Youth Praise Team during morning worship on Youth Sundays.

Akisha attends Holmes Elementary School in Chicago, IL, and has excelled academically, holding a grade point average of 3.75. Recently, she was the third-highest scoring fifth grader in her school on the NWEA, an end of the year academic proficiency test. Akisha aspires to be a pediatric surgeon.



Europe Hudson

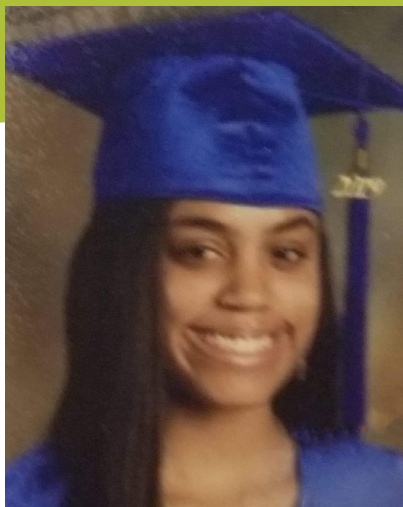
Emmanuel COGIC

D.A. Reed Sr. District

Miss Europe Lamaria Kamille Hudson is a member of Emanuel Church of God In Christ where her Pastor is Eld. Michael Richardson. She has been a member of Emanuel all of her life. Emanuel is where her love for prayer began. At an early age she was taught Philippians 4:13 and that with God all things are possible. This is now something that her heart truly knows and believes. Europe has proven herself to be hardworking and committed. Europe has been faithful in participating in Wednesday Night Bible class and Sunday school. She enjoys helping out during the summer back to School Outreach and the Christmas Outreach programs. She is also a member of “Daughter of Promise” Dance Team.

Europe is an A student at Alain Locke Charter School where she has been on the honor roll every quarter for the past five years. She has used her leadership skills and strong faith to impact her classmates. Europe is known as a student you can trust and to get the job done according to her teachers and fellow students.

In addition to her work at her local church, school and community, Europe has also participated in CYC (Chicago Youth Conference) as a Youth Encouragement Speaker and dancer in the Fine Arts Department. She is also a part of the Expression of Praise Mime Team at Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral. Europe has the heart of a servant, the prayers of a warrior and the faith of someone who is fully confident in knowing that the hand of God is on their lives. At the tender age of 11, she embodies the scripture, 1 Timothy 4:12 “ Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” Europe Lamaria Kamille Hudson is destined to do great things for the Kingdom of God and for our world.



Danielle Jones

Liberty Temple COGIC

Ithiel Clemmons District

Danielle Jones she attended Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep. She did cross-country, track and was on the G.A.S club means God's Ambassadors at school which she was the secretary. The G. A. S club has Bible study weekly and also has Night of worship at school which the have singing, mimes, and the youths bring in the word.

She the youth praise leader, on the flag ministry, and on the mime team. She volunteered at the Bishop Shepard Little Memorial Center. She does Peer Jury with the 9th and 2nd district police departments. Was the choreographer for the play Fight of My Life (which her sister wrote). She will be attending Malcolm X in the fall for free. Her major will be criminal justice.



Aaliyah Seals

New Birth COGIC

Johnnie B. Wheeler District

Aaliyah Leandra Seals, a member of the New Birth Church of God in Christ (J. B. Wheeler District) where she has been a faithful member for 17 years. She is a member of the ‘Inspired to Praise’ dance ministry, and has been in the children and youth choir since the age of 5 years old. Aaliyah is also willingly involved in street ministry when the youth choir is requested to minister on the corners of 69th and Ashland singing praises in the Englewood Community.

During her high school years at Harold Richards in Oaklawn, IL, Aaliyah has participated in the following extra-curricular activities: Drama Club, Student Council, Unity Club, and Dance and has been a part of the school’s choir for 3 years. She had also earned an SAT score of 920 while managing to earn enough credits to graduate a semester early (December 20, 2018) and finish with honors and a final cumulative G.P.A of 3.5.

Aaliyah started her post-secondary studies in January of 2019 at Moraine Valley Community College where she is currently majoring in Biology and plans to become a forensic toxicologist.



Rejon Strong

King of Glory Tabernacle COGIC

Bishop Shepard Little District

Sandridge School (Lynwood, IL) - 12 Years Old

Clubs - Science Club, Band (Trombone), Art Club, & NJHS National Junior Honor Society

School Year 2016-2017 - 1st Place Talent Show Winner, Band Rookie of the year, ESP Award (energizing student potential), & The NEED Project 37th annual Youth Awards for Energy Achievement (in Washington D.C.)

School Year 2017-2018 - Certificate of Award for Excellence in Math, 2018 S.T.E.M Conference Participant, Inducted into the Sandridge School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

School Year 2018-2019 - Academic Excellence in Math for all 4 quarters, Student of the month (November), Highest Score on MAP test in 7th grade (...and highest score teacher has seen in her 16 years of teaching!)

Rejon has always been on Honor or High Honor Roll from grades K-current!!!

Church Activities/Awards - K.O.G Warriors, JDH member, Junior Usher Board, & 2018 Outstanding Youth Award

Interesting Facts - Can solve Rubiks cube in under 1 minute
Memorized 140 digits of Pi (more than anyone in his class) & Can play Trombone and Guitar



Amari Summers

Hallelujah Temple COGIC

Johnnie B. Wheeler

Amari Christine Summers is a 13-year-old girl, born June 15, 2005. Amari has been attending church ever since she was born. Amari had a praying grandmother that attended Hallelujah Temple Church of God in Christ. It was at “H.T” were her “Nana” insisted Amari be dedicated as a baby. Knowing how important it was to be spiritually covered, Amari’s mother sought the Lord for a church home, and God directed her right to Hallelujah Temple.

When Amari became old enough, she joined the Hallelujah Temple Praise Dance ministry and began learning the power of praising God through dance. Besides praise dancing, she has also acted in several plays. To add, she participated in ‘Camp Creative’ where her Pastor Astead N. Herndon and First Lady, Mother Myrna R. Herndon, assisted in constructing plays for campers to learn the Art of Performance. Through this experience, Amari has further developed her cognitive, social, and emotional skills; but most importantly, she has gained knowledge of who Jesus is.

Amari recently graduated from the Clark Middle School on May 30, 2019 where she was also inducted into the National Junior Honors Society. Amari loves playing basketball and runs track. Amari is also a leader in her own rights. During the summer of 2018, she was a part of the Teen Leadership Program at the Ping Tom Park and plans to participate in that program again this summer. Amari continues to have a very positive attitude and she is quite an ambitious young lady. She is exemplary of what we expect our young people growing up in the church to be.

