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Reverend Dr. Willie F. Smith
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The Pastor's Pen

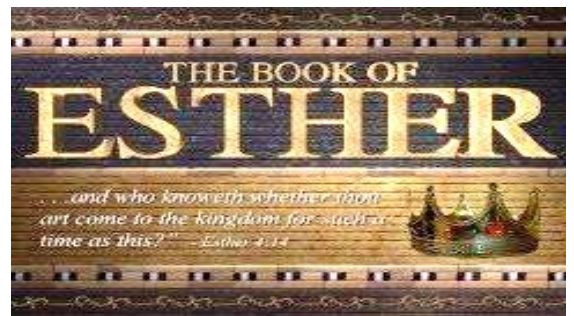
Greetings:

I pray that your 4th of July holiday was great and you experienced the happiness and fellowship you desired with friends and family. Summer is here with a vengeance. 80 to 90 degree weather every day. Where are the nice cool days of summer, like we used to have? I guess we have to turn to air conditioning to receive those cool breezes of old. School is out for the summer and it is time to rev up the summer program here at Conant Avenue. Our program (Bright Lites) is sporting a new name this year. It is called RUSH2WIN. Four weeks of the summer enrichment program and two weeks of vacation bible school for total of six weeks working with youth and young adults from the church and the community we serve. We are blessed to have volunteers from our church to help in conducting the programs here at Conant Avenue. Of course our program is free for the participants, even the field trips that we host of Fridays. If you would like your youth to be involved in the program, registration and orientation starts Sunday July 7 and runs through Monday July 15, the date that the program officially starts. All are welcome to join us in a summer of enrichment and fun. Turning the page, I want to thank you for your support of the programs here at Conant Avenue. I pray, that as you are traveling on vacations during these summer months, you will continue to keep Conant Avenue in mind. With your support we can continue to bring new and much needed ministries to our church. Once again, thank you and may God richly bless all that you do.

Rev. Dr. Smith

SUMMER IN THE CITY AT CONANT

Summer Bible Study Series



Every Sunday @ 9:30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY REV. DR. SMITH
JULY 24th**



Congratulations!

Rev. Dr. Smith on your successful 3 year anniversary serving the Conant Congregation as Pastor.

From your Conant Congregation & Staff - **WE ♥ U**



Pastor & First Lady

Last Month's Highlights

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



Jeremy Llorence, son of **Pamela & James Llorence**, has many accomplishments. He is currently an assistant professor at Otterbein University, located in Westerville Ohio.

Jeremy is also an accomplished playwright. His ten-minute, one act and full-length plays have been seen in venues all over the Midwest, including Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Milwaukee and Chicago. His literary awards include -Festival Winner, Activate Midwest, summer 2015 and Full length play award, Region 3, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, January 2015. Jeremy is also the recipient of the 2018 Playwrights Fellowship program for his work, *Voice of the Net*. He has received a \$5,000 fellowship and a reading of his play, which was presented, Sunday June 30, 2019 at the Van Fleet Theatre, Columbus Performance Arts Center. **Congratulations Jeremy!**

Mary

Avis



This year, **Mary Lawrence**, member of the Michigan Spirits Women's 75+ basketball team, coached by **Avis Taylor**, traveled to Albuquerque New Mexico in June to participate in the 2019 National Senior Games. The ladies played teams from Louisiana, San Diego, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and Los Angeles. They won six straight games only to unfortunately lose in the semi and championship rounds. **Mary Lawrence, coached by Avis Taylor** and their team **came in 2nd place, winning the silver medal**. These ladies represented Michigan well and played a great tournament. **Congratulations Mary and Avis**, You are Conant's Super Athletic Seniors!

Mrs. Jennie Gaye and her Handmade Quilt



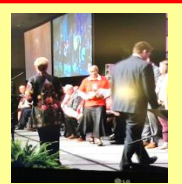
United Methodist Church Annual Conference



Cierra Turner



Jason Phelps



Certified Lay Minister
Sharon Appling



Carolyn Hildred



Amos Scrolls Bible Study



Stephanie Jones



Baby Eliyahu Chapman

Youth Ministry



Olivia Ross - Chapman



Layla Chapman

Upcoming Events @ Conant

July 27th - An Evening of Comedy Fundraiser
July 28th - Student Recognition Sunday

PRAISE REPORT

27 Members of the Conant Congregation received Child Protection Training & Screening in June as part of the United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuaries Policy.

CONANT'S 2019 SIX-WEEK #RUSH2WIN SUMMER PROGRAM



July 15 – August 18 8:00 – 2:00 M, T, W & F
See: LaKiesha Scott, Otiyah Chapman, Sharon Ellington, Evelyn McDuffie
WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR GREATER DETROIT U.M. UNION GRANT!

Thank You to Our Outstanding Reporters, Writers & Photographers Again This Month
Evelyn McDuffie – Newsletter Editor in Chief