

41st ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE

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NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Theme: YOUTH, BLESSED BY HIS PROMISES
Numbers 23:19



Mr. & Miss. N. E. Youth Conference –

OBJECTIVE

It is our objective to stimulate a greater interest in our youth for the Church of Christ, and all that it stands for, to impress upon their minds the teaching of God, to inspire them to holy and godly living in this present world.

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Numbers 23:19

Imagine that you have discovered a well-worn, leather-bound book. You slowly open it to find that it contains twenty-one checks. But unlike any other checkbook you have ever seen, each of these checks is already written. You become deeply puzzled when you read the "pay to the order of" line on the checks. Your name is already clearly written on each line.

Then your eyes fall on the "amount" section. The first one says "Victory Over Sin", the next says, "Escape From Temptation"; the next one says, "Bad Turning into Good", and another says "Victory over Fear". Each one offers an amazing blessing for your spiritual and emotional life. But you say to yourself, "This must be a joke; this cannot be true." Who signed these checks guaranteeing you so many promised blessings? Then you read words that staggers you; the payer's name is God. I know what you are thinking. Cute story, brother preacher, but I don't live in a fantasy land. Life is tough, tell me something that will help me here and now in the real world.

I think that I ought to tell every youth that figuratively speaking, God has given us an amazing checkbook written on the pages of the Bible. If you need provisions, protection and peace for your life, you will find you can be Blessed By the Promises of God. **This Bible contains some 7,487 promises of God.** Each biblical promise tells us something of God and His love for His people. I want to share with you some the most exciting, encouraging and enriching promises of God in the Bible. Most of these promises are to the children of God, you must be a child of God in order to cash them. If you are not a Christian, you ought to accept the promise of God about the forgiveness of all of your sins. (Mark 16:15, 16)

It is a tragedy to leave God's rich promises in the bank because you failed to accept these promises made out to you. Faith's checkbook lies unused and the owner goes unblessed. **You must cash the checks in order to be Blessed By His Promises.**

Let me sound my trumpet, God can pay up on anything He promised. He alone possesses unlimited strength, infinite power and matchless wisdom. He can be trusted. The Bible says our text, Numbers 23:19: **God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**

The Bible says in 2 Peter 3:9:

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The Bible says in Hebrews 6:18:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

I need to remind every youth that **God's promises are conditional.** This means that before God will do His part, we have to do our part. (2) **The promises of God are evident in the life of Bible characters;** these Bible personalities bring God's promises to life. (3) **The promises of God are encouraging.** Life can be hard and discouraging, but these promises will breathe courage into your life and hope into your heart. **You can be Blessed By The Promises of God!**

TOPICS FOR SPEECHES ON THE THEME.
YOUTH, BLESSED BY HIS PROMISES



We ask each congregation to select one speaker to represent your young people between the ages of 12 and 22 years old. If you have two persons, male and female, participating in the pageant, then you may have two speakers. The speech is not to be longer than **SEVEN MINUTES**. There is no limitation on the ages of the solo/group singing. **SELECT YOUR SPEECH TOPIC FROM THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.**

SPEECHES BY YOUTH

1. God's Promise of Victory Over Sin – Mark 16:15, 16; John 3:5; Rom. 8:28, 31; 1 John 4:4
2. God's Promise of Escape From Temptation – I Cor. 10:13
3. God's Promise of Victory Over Fear During the Meltdown – Isa. 43:1,2; Dan. 3:16-25; Isa. 41:10; 2 Tim. 1:7
4. God's Promise of Divine Guidance In An Uncertain World – Prov. 3:5, 6; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Psalm 119:89, 90
5. Youth Finding The Favor of God In A Cruel World –Psa. 84:11; Prov. 12:2; James 4:8
6. The Blessing of God's Protecting Favor - Psa. 5:12; Rom. 15:4 Financial Favor– Mt. 6:33; health favor, crisis favor, job finding favor, school favor, recreation favor, social favor; prayer favor – 1 Peter 3:12
7. Living Above Average – 1 Chron. 4:9,10; Phil. 4:12 -- In commitment to the Lord, In My School Work, In My Goals for Life

8. Ungodly Living Is Receiving The Grace of God In Vain - 2 Cor. 6:1,2; 1 Cor. 15:10; Jude 4
9. The Blessed Man in Psalm 1
10. Choosing Your Education and Career With God's Favor
11. The Blessings Of Being In The Bible Church
12. Looking For God's Blessings In The Wrong Places



Basketball Champions 2008—Newark

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY,

APRIL 17th

T. Marshall School Gym
141-181 Montgomery Ave.
Irvington, NJ. 07111
Basketball Games
6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY,

APRIL 18th

Thurgood Marshall School
141-181 Montgomery Ave.
Irvington, NJ 07111
Speeches, Group Singing
Lunch, Classes
Selection of Mr. & Ms.
Northeastern Youth Conference
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY,

APRIL 19th

T. Marshall School
Special Sermons to
Youth 10:00 & 11:00 am
Song Festival 3:00 p.m.
Choral Singing

The basketball games will be between Newark, New York, Long Island, Boston, Trenton and Philadelphia. A trophy will be presented to the winner. **Newark, NJ** won the basketball trophy last year. **Far Rockaway, NY** won the trophy as cheerleaders, and we wonder who will win them this year?

REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration fee is \$47.00 per person, \$36.00 of it will cover the cost of the gym rental for basketball games and sessions, programs and badges; and \$11.00 for sandwiches Saturday night (the Saturday's lunch is free) and lunch on Sunday afternoon. Those person who desire sandwiches Saturday night who have not paid the registration fee will be charged \$5.00; those who desire lunch Sunday who have not paid the registration fee will be charged \$6.00. **VENDER'S REGISTRATION FEE** is \$60.00.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Group rate arrangements have been made at:

Days Inn-Airport 450 Route 1 South, Newark, NJ 07114

973 242-0900 (Please do not use the 800 number to make reservations.)

A ROOM WITH TWO DOUBLE-BEDS WITH 4 PERSONS IS \$89.00. (Tax is included in the \$89.00.)

When you make your reservation as a counselor, ask for **Reservations**. Please inform the clerk that you are with the **Newark Church of Christ Youth Conference**, please give this group number -- 2417. You may guarantee your reservation with a credit card via phone or money order, travelers check via mail. Personal checks will not be accepted. **ALL ROOMS RESERVED MUST BE PAID FOR NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2009. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM SOME PREVIOUS YEARS, so be sure to meet this deadline payment for all reserved rooms.** The hotel would like to have your room list (the names of the persons to stay in each room) for each room in order to assign your rooms in advance and have your keys ready when you arrive. If you want to get in the main hotel, **NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.**



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