



The Bronx Church Salutes its Seniors

Webster defines a senior citizen as someone who is chronologically 60 or above, alludes that it's someone quite past their prime and is ready to stand on the sidelines and allow life to pass them by.

That may have been the definitive commentary "back in the day", but the seniors today don't fit that profile. More and more seniors are too busy working, running their own businesses, re-marrying, going back to school, starting second careers, running for public office, vacationing in style, luncheoning with friends, etc., to be identified as the grey-haired retiree watching soaps and complaining about their ailments

Today, seniors are living longer, due in part to better medical care, availability of information on taking care of oneself, positive attitudes and more choices and options upon retirement, and society's new view on the value of individuals of advanced age and experience.

Certainly the Christian senior's view of self is aided by the knowledge that everyone is precious in God's sight and there's a cer-



Honoring the Seniors on Sabbath, 9/9/06

tain comfort in knowing you're loved and appreciated no matter what the age.

As a church we would be remiss as God's people if we dismissed our elders as lesser important than the youth or younger people and neglected to give them the honor and respect they so richly deserves.

Welcome New Church Family Members

Baby Aaden Ruel

Born: May 9, 2006

Parents: Ruel & Aloma Johnson

Grandmother: Myrtle Johnson

Baby: Francesca Olivia

Born: February 18, 2006

Parents: Yvette & Don Andre'

Aunt & Uncle: Preshaud & Sharon Mohammed

Baby: Blessing Jr.

Born: July 10, 2006

Parents: Blessing & Donnette Igbinomwanhia

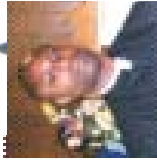
Big Sis: Kishma

REBIRTHS: Baptized July, 2006

Bro. Campbell



Glen Williams



Sandra Thomas



They're all kin to long-time member Sr. Emma Bruce, and now...they're family members of the Bronx Church

One Outstanding Senior Couple

As a senior myself, I tip my hat to **Asbury & Lucille Thomas**. Rather than to enjoy the benefits of retirement, late-sleep mornings, leisure days, casual talk, soap operas and sunset bed-times, this couple has kick-started their tranquility by adding four youngsters to their already busy and demanding household.

I concur with Pastor Jones who says Br. & Sr. Thomas should be applauded and commended by taking on the responsibility of rearing young children, not the situation where you can them after a couple of hours of babysitting -



the kiddies to and from school.

Asbury and Lucille certainly haven't allowed their personalities, good look and fashion sense to be compromised, for they look as good as ever!

Truly, these are some cool seniors!!!

Senior Happenings.....

Sr. Lorrice Warner recently returned from a cruise with her son and daughter-in-law. She says she had a wonderful time and just looking at her on Sabbath, she looked great! She looked well rested, rejuvenated, physically fit and absolutely lovely. Cruising certainly agreed with her.

She visited the islands of St. Thomas, St. Marteen, Bermuda among others.

Sr. Mavis Blair and other seniors have been vacationing this past summer. Their vacations included visiting Antigua, St Thomas, Barbuda and other islands and while we miss them, it does "a body good" to get away.

The recent Elders' Picnic was an occasion for many seniors to enjoy themselves and get out of the city. Swimming, hiking, eating and old-fashioned recreation was better than any medicine on the market.

Church "Health Fair" Affair

Sunday, August 26, was the day planned for the Church's annual Health and Wellness Expo, in the Sound-view area.

Sr. Winnie Welch, coordinator for the health fair had done her "homework" in organizing the event but could not get Mother Nature to cooperate.

In spite of the work the Health Ministries team and other volunteers put into the day, the rains came which prevented less of a turnout than they had planned.

We say to the Health Ministries Dept. "take heart" and just plan a bigger and better one for next year.



Because of the preparation and supplies needed, it is not easy to plan a "rain date" so do your best and God will do the rest.

Be sure to keep busy, so the devil always finds you occupied."

Last Sunday, September 10, several of our seniors went out on the town, a Sunday-in-the-City adventure. They began with a cruise around the city. The day was hosted and orchestrated by Sr. Esmie Scott.

The CLARION will bring you the 411 with pictures on the outing—in our next issue.

FILL In the BLANKS - for Seniors ONLY

- They Don't make _____ like they used to.
- The bus fare is now \$1.50, why I remember when it cost only _____ to ride the bus or subway.
- These kids today can't sing, _____ was the best singer in my day, and boy could he sing!
- On my TV, I get _____ channels, and my favorite TV program is _____. I never miss it!
- Eat out? I probably eat out about _____ times a month. Got a problem with that??!

Bronx Church News FLASH!

The Bowen's Web Service will be submitting our site for the E - Church Award - recognition that the North American Division of Seventh-Day Adventists bestows.



Effective September 8, 2006 - the Bronx Church's Website WAS launched. After several months of working with Bowen's Web Services, the Communication Department is pleased to say we have our own website.

Sign on to: <http://www.bxschurch.org>.

You'll find a few bugs and glitches in these early stages. We're still improving, updating and editing but we wanted the membership to know the Bronx Church is in "cyberspace". Hopefully, some of our young people will assist in keeping it updated and current. We're looking for items that will be interesting to our readers, evangelistic in nature to the "surfer" yet stand to enhance our image to the public. We hope it'll be interactive, informative and interesting. If we receive a "contact", we will endeavor to respond in a timely manner. And you're encouraged to check back every few days to see what's new. We solicit your assistance in helping to keep our site current and dynamic. So pass on news, announcements and upcoming events to the Communication Dept. and you have our "thanks" in advance.

When the site was created, attention was given to our audience(s). So, the material and information were carefully chosen to be informative, enlightening plus give a positive image of the Bronx Church to the "browsers". I really appreciate our young people and am very happy with their involvement in the church and think that that needs to be shown to the "world". I pray that our site will bring information, comfort and strength to the members as well as for the casual web-surfer.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to "stop by".