



Peace Fellowship News

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Meet Yevette West!

“God has led me to Peace (Fellowship Church). And I do think that the name of this church - the one thing that keeps drawing me back is the word Peace. The people here are not just normal people. I really do think that this is a body of Believers who really care for each other and are concerned about what’s going on in other people’s lives. And Dennis has been the one preacher I’ve listened to - I mean really listened to - in my whole life. He’s the one that I could actually say opened my eyes to what was in the Bible and how the Bible teaches us lessons every time we study

the different books. I’ve told him that several times - that he’s the one who has kept me in my faith and wanting me to learn more about God and how his teachings can help me go further.”

From the time Yevette was about 5 years old, her mother took her, and her brother and sisters, to church. They were a part of the Neighborhood Learning Center at the church and went to a Christian camp with the Center every summer. Yevette ran into many obstacles in her journey towards knowing God. But, throughout her life, God surmounted those obstacles by putting Christian people around her to influence her and to cause her to continue on her journey. Yevette decided to invite Christ into her life for herself - not for her mom or anyone else - at a revival she attended with friends from her Christian High School. Being new in her faith - and being a teenager - Yevette said she still did some things that weren’t so Christ-like. But, she remembers that “The one thing that keeps me grounded to this day is believing that God has ordered all of my steps. And knowing that everything that occurs in my life occurs for a reason, including my children. They are the center of my life. You know, no matter how they were brought here or what people may think, knowing that God has ordered my steps puts everybody’s thoughts about me or what I do, behind me. Whenever I need to be reminded of that, I pop in my Fred Hammond (Gospel) CD and I turn it up as loud as it’ll go and I keep on going. That has brought me through.”

Yevette West is one of the 10 new members accepted into Peace Fellowship this past Fall. This is an excerpt from the testimony she gave to our congregation. Yevette is an elementary school teacher. She’s married and has 2 sons, James and Jalen. They are expecting a daughter, Jayda, in May.



Yevette West with Sons Jalen (center) & James

Pray for Peace!

- Pray as we continue to strategize for outreach into our community East of the River, in DC. The needs here are great. Pray that we’ll find our niche in ministry to our neighbors.
- Praise God for a wonderful feature article about Peace Fellowship that was printed in our neighborhood newspaper. Pray that folks from the neighborhood would see the article and seek us out to be their church home.
- Pray for the Edwards family as both Jonathan and Susan wind down this school year to graduation! Please pray especially for Susan, that she is able to balance all of her responsibilities at home, school and church.
- Pray for our new deacons and elders, for 2005! Each of these lay leaders has been given one or more areas of oversight in the different ministries of Peace Fellowship Church. Pray as each leader transitions into his or her new responsibilities.

Edwards Family News

One big news item for the Edwards family is Susan's academic success. She was recently named the Cosby Scholar (yes, it's named for *that* Cosby) in her social work program at Howard University. This honor brings a little money as well as the opportunity to work on a special project. Susan's project will deal with poverty.

It's hard to believe that Jonathan will soon be starting his last semester at Morehouse College. We're not sure what he'll be doing after graduation, but he's indicated that working on a master's degree is an option.

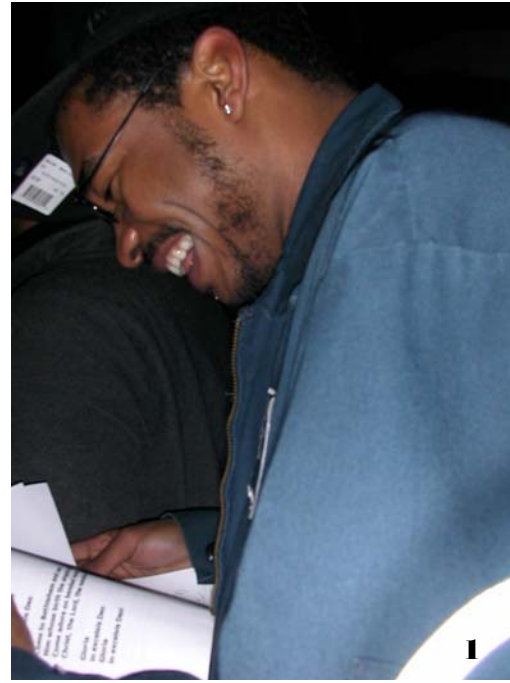
Jason is enjoying his first year at the University of Pennsylvania. Because he is relatively close to DC, he's been able to get back several times this past semester. We still miss his music very much at Peace Fellowship.

Joanna recently enjoyed a diversity conference held in Miami, FL where she was part of a small group representing her school. By coincidence she was part of a group along with a young woman, Hannah, who lived next door to us back in Brooklyn! I am amazed that they recognized each other, as it has been 10 years since we've moved to DC from New York!

Jessica is an active first year high school student. Right now she, following Jason's lead, is quite involved in the Black Student Union at Sidwell Friends. The BSU is currently working on their program for February, as it is Black History Month.

Thanks so much for your prayers for our family. It has been quite busy as five of us are in school and Dennis continues to teach at Nyack College's DC campus. He taught four classes this past semester (Beginning and Intermediate Greek, the Book of Romans, and College Mathematics). Hopefully, as Peace Fellowship grows, Dennis will not need to have such a large teaching load. Even so, it has been nice to see several Nyack students become involved in Peace Fellowship. That is an added blessing to teaching!

God bless you all. Have a terrific New Year!



Photos of Our 2004 Christmas Outreach: This Christmas we went Caroling in our community and left bags of treats at each house we passed. The night was cold, so we didn't get to see as many people as we would have liked. **1**-Jonathan Edwards, home on break, lent his voice to our ranks for Caroling. **2**-A few of our shivering singers. **3 & 4**-The children run ahead to make sure each door has a treat bag.

