

The Storehouse is now a very busy facility, with many organizations renting our space for luncheons, galas, banquets, etc. The rental fees help us with every aspect of our ministry, and our wonderful kitchen gives us the opportunity to make even more money by catering many of our events. The second project we will address with funds from the Jambalaya Dinner is to purchase a hood for our kitchen so that we are fully compliant with fire codes. We now have about \$4000 toward the hood, but it will cost about \$7500 to have it purchased and installed.



While I'm telling you about the building, I'd thought I'd give you an update. Everything downstairs is completed for use (except for the hood), and the north and south wings upstairs are done. The pictures on the left show one of the two almost completed classrooms (20 X 24) along the east wall, and the completed Youth Activity Center (48 X 25) and Youth Office (20 X 20), both of which are on the north wing. Next month, I'll show you pictures of the south wing. The classrooms will be used for tutoring, Bible study, special speakers, crafts, and snacks. We hope to have the upstairs completed by the end of July.



Finally, the third project for our funds: Several years ago, I learned about a program conducted in the 1970's and '80's by Mary Holmes Junior College, an Historically Black Junior College which has now closed. The program took about 60 Black youth from our area to Washington, D.C., each year. The Lord quickened that idea to my heart, and this year, we will be making the first trip with the youth of CWM's P.R.E.P. program.



We will be taking as many as 20 of our youth and 10 adults to D.C., July 15-20. We are ALL excited about this opportunity to explore our history, including a guided tour of the Capitol building. We will also see a number of memorials and monuments and many of the museums in the Smithsonian, including the new Museum of African American History and Culture. Can you imagine the rich experience these young people will have? The vision for making a difference in the world that they will gain?

They are working hard now to raise the funds to go. Each student must contribute \$50, plus participate actively in fund raisers. They must also show that they will be good trip participants by cooperating actively and respectfully in daily activities. The full budget for the trip is about \$8000, which will cover transportation, housing, and food. Since the museums and other tours in Washington are free, our expenses there will be minimal. Thus far, we have about \$5100 toward the budget.

If you are not a local and, thus, cannot participate in the Jambalaya Dinner, but would like the opportunity to participate by giving to any (or all!) of these projects, the cost of a single dinner is \$12. Maybe you could symbolically buy for your entire family, your Sunday school class, or 10 random friends!

Psalms 150 says, "Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord (Hallelu - Jah)!" This is your opportunity to "Jambalay-Jah!" Praise the Lord for the many ways He can be praised through generous serving, giving, playing, and singing. Many will come to know Jesus because of your generosity. We thank God for you!

Hallelujah!

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