

*Second Nazareth Baptist Church
Christmas Gala*

*"Celebrating the Season of Fellowship with
Community, Family, and Friends"*



December 23, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites

200 Stoneridge Dr.

Columbia, S.C. 29210

Pastor Johnny Ray Noble, Ph.D.

Welcome to Second Nazareth's Christmas Gala 2011

Our Pastor's Greetings

Dear Second Nazareth Church Family and Friends:

The Lord has blessed us once again to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ to the world. As we reflect over the many blessings God has given us, we gather in a spirit of gratefulness toward our gracious and benevolent God for without Him nothing would be possible. We have had an extraordinary year and have achieved many great things in the life of our church family. We have also suffered some loss in these difficult times. As we continue to recover from a recession which still has so many in our church family hurting: parents without jobs struggling to put presents under the Christmas tree; families and neighbors who have seen their homes foreclosed; folks are wondering what the new year will bring. I am reassured even in these tough times, there is still so much to celebrate this Christmas. We have the love of family and friends, the bonds of faith and community, and the strength of a dedicated body of believers committed to Kingdom building.

I have no greater honor than serving as your Pastor. I've been awed by your selfless spirit and eagerness to serve. I've been energized by your dedication to make our vision become reality. I have been moved by your determination to support the work of the ministry and the edification of the church. I am humbled, profoundly, by the love you have for those who express needs and require a helping hand. Second Nazareth, this is our time to pause and look at how far God had brought us and to celebrate. I can truly say you are an inspiration to me, and I am encouraged by your strength.

So, tonight, enjoy the atmosphere, food, laughter, music, and young people we are presenting to society. In this season of giving remember, the reason we can give is because Jesus has given to us. The reason we can love is because Jesus has loved. The reason we can **celebrate** is because Jesus gave us a reason: the hope of salvation. God's blessing to us in the form of baby Jesus was the greatest gift in the history of the world and is the reason we **celebrate**. The best way to **celebrate** Jesus is to think of what the world would be like without Him and rejoice He was born. Christ's birth has changed everything and has given us a prosperous future. Be joyous as you **celebrate** this holiday season. I love you Second Nazareth and I am thankful for the friends who share this magical night with us.

Your Pastor and Friend For Life,

Rev. Johnny Ray Noble, Ph. D.

Programme

Master of Ceremony

Mr. Chris Connor
WWDM Radio Personality

The Welcome	Sis. Brenda B. Branic Christmas Gala Committee Chairperson
Invocation	Dr. Leon Johnson Second Nazareth Baptist Church
King & Queen Presentation	Bro. Chris Connor The Big DM
<i>"Honoring our Legacies"</i>	
Tribute	Sisters Ashleigh Isreal & Gena Chambers
Debutantes and Beaus Presentation	Sis Ashleigh Isreal and Master of Ceremony
Blessing of Food/Dinner	Minister Jeffrey Amos, Jr.
<i>"Celebrating Our History"</i>	
Video Presentation	Second Nazareth Baptist Church
Gala Trivia Drawings	Brother Roy Livingston
Fellowship	<i>"Scavenger Hunt"</i> Audience Participation
Waltz	Debutantes and Beaus Debutantes/Beaus/Parents Debutantes/Beaus/Senior Members
Benediction	Rev. Johnny Ray Noble, Ph.D. Pastor, Second Nazareth Baptist Church

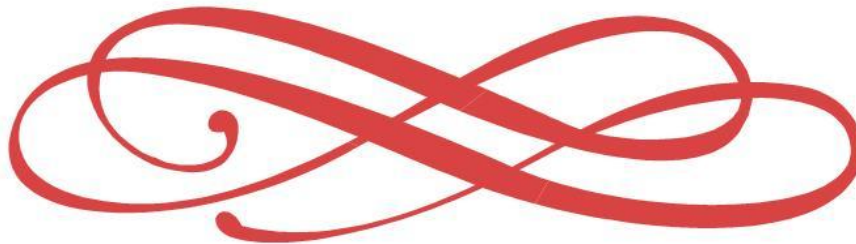
"Fellowship through Dancing"

Presenting The Class of 2011

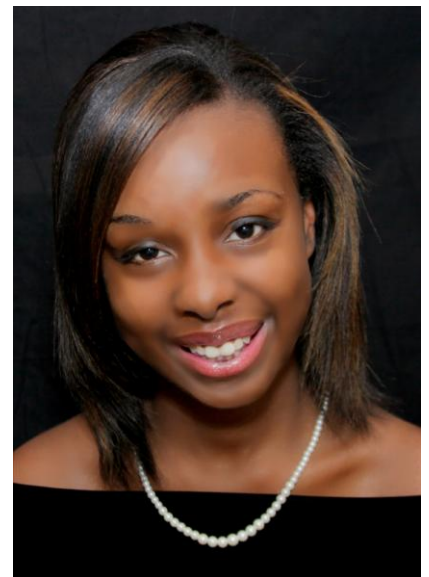
Debutantes & Beaus

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Jordhan Irvine, is the daughter of Mr. John and Ms. Janet Irvine. She is a senior at Spring Valley High School and participates in band, color guard, and the gospel choir. Upon graduation, Jordhan plans to enlist in the United States Air Force. Jordhan has accumulated an impressive 500 volunteer hours at the Richland County Public Library, and a two time recipient of the Presidential Award from Richland County Public Library. She is a member of the Second Nazareth Baptist Church Youth Choir, and the Multimedia Ministry. Her hobbies are singing, writing music and dancing. Her motto is: *“If you want to be somebody, and you want to go somewhere, you better wake up and pay attention.”* Her favorite scripture is: “Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.” Psalm 150: 1-2 KJV.



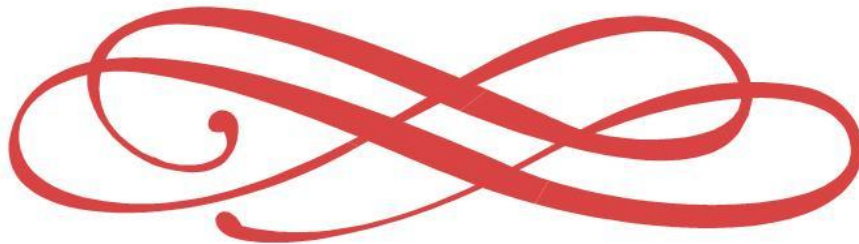
Maya Briana Jackson is the daughter of Ms. Tisha Jackson and Mr. Bryan Floyd. She is the granddaughter of Mr. James Jackson, Ms. Carrie Jackson, and Ms. Dorothy Zeigler. She is the great granddaughter of Deacon James Knotts. Maya is a senior at A. C. Flora High School and participates on the step team, the color guard, and is a track team manager. Upon graduation, Maya plans to attend Winthrop University or Norfolk State to pursue a degree in Psychology. She is a 3rd year member of the Delta GEMS program (a program geared towards character building sponsored by the Columbia South Carolina Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) Maya enjoys singing on the Second Nazareth Baptist Church Youth Choir as well as liturgical dancing with the Praise Dance Ministry. Her community service includes preparing baskets for Sister Care (a shelter for female victims of domestic violence), face painting at the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, cleaning and pruning the grounds of the Edgewood Foundation Center, various food and coat drives, and enrichment projects at the Ronald McDonald House. Her favorite past time activities are stepping and dancing. Maya’s motto is: *“Failure is not an option, and success is just a process.”* Her favorite scripture reads: “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV.





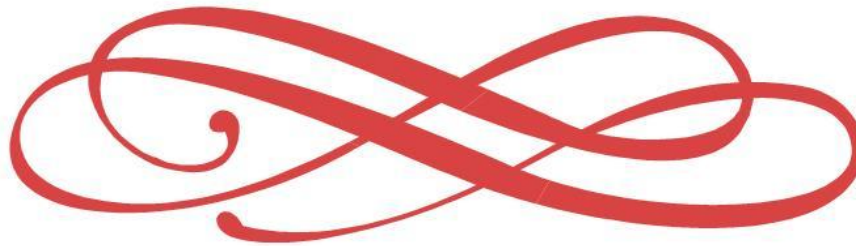
Philana Daniella McMillan is the daughter of Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Joyce Taylor, and granddaughter of Ms. Callie McMillan of Dillon SC. She is a sophomore at Benedict College majoring in Early Childhood education. Upon graduation, Philana plans to become a teacher. She is a member of the Chosen Generation Chorale of Second Nazareth Baptist Church, the Benedict College Gospel Singers, and the Gospel Mass Choir. Philana is also a member of the YPD at Benedict College and received honors for superior Cadet in JROTC. Her hobbies include shopping, working out, and playing sports. Philana's community service includes tutoring children at First Calvary Baptist Church, assisting the elderly of the community and volunteering with Ernest Lee. Her motto is: *'Setting a goal in life is not the main thing; it is deciding how you will achieve it and staying with the plan.'*

Her favorite scripture is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 KJV.

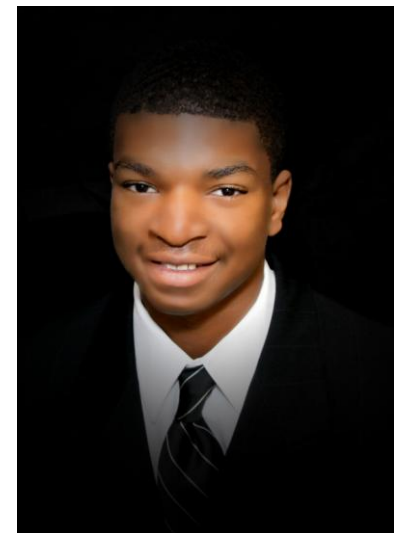


Justin Xavier Manning is the son of Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Cynthia Foster and Mr. Jerome Manning, Sr., the grandson of Shirley Manick, and the great grandson of Deacon James Knotts. He is a senior at Richland Northeast High School and is a member of the varsity football team. Upon graduation, Justin plans to attend a four year college or university or join the United States Armed Forces. He is a tenor in the Second Nazareth Baptist Church Youth Choir. His hobbies include playing football, singing, and working at Fluer de Lys as a waiter. Justin's community service includes cleaning and pruning the grounds of the Edgewood Foundation Center and participating in the food drive for Harvest Hope Food Bank. His motto is: *"The lazy man works the hardest."* His favorite scripture is: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 KJV.

Preston Theodore Perkins is the son of Mr. Russell and Mrs. Presphonia Perkins. He is the grandson of the late Mr. Henry T. Perkins and Mrs. Essie Perkins. Preston is a junior at W. J. Keenan High School, where he is captain of the varsity football team, serves on Student Council, the Junior Class President, a member of the Robotic team, and a member of the National Honor Society. A few of his accolades are defensive player of the year and engineering student of the year. He has volunteered with the Ronald McDonald House during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, completes various projects for the elderly in the Lorick Park Community, assists with teaching computer technique to students in the Colonial Heights Computer Program, and tutors youth in the field of Robotics. Upon graduation, Preston plans to attend a four year college to further his education. He is a member of the Second Nazareth Baptist Church Youth Choir and the Junior Greeters. Preston's hobbies include playing sports, listening to music and socializing with friends. His motto is: *"I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future."* His favorite scripture is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 KJV.



Kenneth Maurice Washington, Jr. is the son of Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Andrena Washington, Sr. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Amanda Tucker. He is a freshman at Morris College in Sumter, SC. Upon graduation, he would like to become a Physical Education Teacher. Kenneth, also known as KJ, is a proud recipient of the SC Education Life Scholarship. His hobbies include playing basketball and video games. As a member of the Black Achievers Determined to be Different (BADD) program, Kenneth volunteered with many community revitalization initiatives. His motto is: *"Matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."* His favorite scripture is: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10 KJV.



With Sincere Appreciation

We pray you have thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. Fellowship is as an intricate part of human life. It is as germane as nourishment and spirituality. Thank you for any role you played in ensuring we had a fabulous time of food, fun, and fellowship. Special thanks to the entire Christmas Gala Committee.

Christmas Gala Committee 2011

Sisters Brenda Branic (Chair), Jackie Brown, Jewel Brown, Janet Irvine, Ashleigh Isreal, Monica Jackson, Cynthia Manning Foster, Andrena Washington; Brothers Jeffrey Amos II, Tim Hartgrove, Roy Livingston, Nathaniel Stevenson and Kenneth Washington.

Special Recognition

Embassy Suites Hotel

Hosts and Hostesses

Bro. Ken Padgett, G 7 Entertainment

Sis. Gena Chambers, Soloist

Bro. Chris Connor, WWDM Radio Personality

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Second Nazareth Multi-Media Ministry

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