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*"And we shall know them by their works."*

-Ephesians 2: 9-10



## PERSPECTIVE, PASSION & PURPOSE IMPACTED ME!

By Joshua Evan Smith

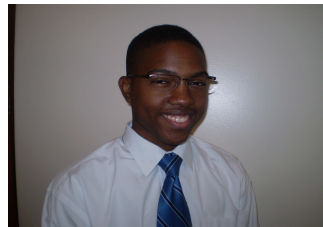
I am highly enthused about the program, and I hope to reach great heights following this Rite of Passage journey. I think it's wonderful that the black community can come together collectively and recognize the importance in enriching the youth in a time of transition. I appreciate the fact that the elders of the church take concern with the future and in turn have decided to ensure success in the lives of the 2011-2012 CRoP class.

I am proud to call Alex Roman my sister. When she spoke I saw that this program was a stepping stone in her matriculation into adult hood. I am amazed when I look at how she has matured into a witty businesswoman. Who knows, maybe one day I too will follow her footsteps and be called upon to speak to an incoming CRoP class. Furthermore, I'm inspired to, one day, partner with CRoP in building my dream of having a mentoring

group.

Words of wisdom were given from our senior pastor, Dr. Marvin A. Moss; he stirred excitement in my spirit with an oration about perspective, passion and purpose. He opened my eyes when he spoke on perspective, and the importance of being open to the wealth of knowledge that the facilitators have graciously

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decided to share with us.

He went on to passion, something I feel that I am filled with. I live by the motto that when passion marries focus, anything is possible. I must say though, what left an impression on me had to be his point on purpose. I have stated that my overall purpose in this program is to make my mother proud. I am part of the CRoP legacy as a 2<sup>nd</sup> child in the program.

My late brother Christopher was an esteemed member of the inaugural class. I anxiously anticipate accomplishing my goal.

Youth Deja Davis led a prayer just before the reception and fellowship.

### Save the Date ...

- *Sat/Nov 5: Session II*  
 Arrive at 8:30 am - Formal Individual Photo Shoot

*Ladies-Solid White Top, Black Skirts- AT OR BELOW THE KNEE*



*Black pumps with flesh colored hose*

*Gents-Solid White Shirt/Solid Black tie/dark or black suit*

*Note: Formal Group Photo Session Starts-10 am-1 pm*  
*Eating Around the Globe—Germany*

- *No Community or Cultural in November*

### Watch for December

## Get on your Mark, Get Set, GONE!

**The 2011-2012 5th Biennial Class is off to a whirlwind start!**

They have already learned, in Session I what is expected of them by being our "Beacons of Hope". On November 5, in Session II, they will learn how to use the Bible in daily life through study of "Bible Use". They have even completed Community Service I, by participating in "Coats for Kids", sponsored by CUMC. Each child was asked to give a minimum of 3 coats where some gave many more.

Formal photos will be taken on November 5 and you will soon see our "Christian stars" on exhibit in Fellowship Hall.

## Black History Facts



**Died November 12, 1994| in African American History – Wilma Glodean Rudolph**

Posted by **Chimsima Zuhri**  
 Category : African American History

Tags: Associated Press Woman Athlete of the Year, basketball, Gold Medal, James E. Sullivan Award, National Track and Field Hall of Fame, Olympic Games,

The Woman's Sports Foundation, Track and field, United Press Athlete of the Year, Wilma Rudolph Courage Award  
 Special Interest Note: Ida Crook went to school with Wilma at TSU. We called her "Skeeter". It was amazing to watch her practice on the track.



**Barry C. Black** (born November 1, 1948) is the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate. He was elected to this position on June 27, 2003, becoming the first African-American, the first Sev-

enth-day Adventist, and the first military chaplain to hold the office of chaplain to the United States Senate. The Senate elected its first chaplain in 1789.

He previously served for over 27 years as a chaplain in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral (UH) and ending his career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains, commanding the United States Navy Chaplain Corps.

He officially retired from the Navy on August 15, 2003.

Special Interest Note: Dr. Barry Black speaks at both 8 & 11 am services at CUMC Sun/Nov 13.

*If you have a Black History fact that you would like to submit that falls in the month of our next newsletter, please e-mail: idairwin@aol.com.*

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