

# Arms Of Love

## Newsletter



### COMMIT TO THE KING IN 2018 . . .



Hello to all members of HHCOC... Yes, we are back and we pray that you have **MISSED** your Newsletter and can't wait to see what we have in store for you this year.

First, we would like to thank Leadership for encouraging us to continue our ARMS Newsletter. We really enjoyed working on it and have great things planned for 2018.

Second, we pray that you are ready to **COMMIT TO THE KING IN 2018!** We are so happy and proud that one of our own team members was the winner of this year's theme...you go Genette!!!

Third, I am very happy our theme is about "committing" more to the Lord this year. We commit to our jobs, our families, our hobbies, . so it's only fitting that this year we commit to **THE KING**.

And finally, we ask you this ?: **Commitment, are you in?**

By this I mean, are you all in to be your best for the Lord this year. Are you ready to serve? Are you ready to teach? Are you ready to give? Are you ready to love? Most of all, are you ready to obey. Obey whom? **THE KING, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR**. God loves us, and he gives us "free will" but he wants our best, and by committing to the Lord, you give your best.

Yes, there are times we may not be all we can be, but that must not make us **STOP** our commitment.

There are a lot of commitments this year. Each **ARMS** group welcomes your input, service, and faithfulness. We are in need of committed servants, teachers, and students.

Our prayer and belief is that each of us will do our part in the service of the Lord in 2018.

Before I close, let's see how committed you are in reading our newsletter. Within the pages of this newsletter you will find our "First" hidden treasure . . . **The scripture we chose for our Commitment theme**. The first person to **contact me** at [sivaddz@hotmail.com](mailto:sivaddz@hotmail.com) and tell me where you found it, will receive a special selected poster on commitment by the Newsletter team.



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— Commit Your **LIFE** to Jesus Christ —



**COMMITMENT:**  
EITHER YOU DO OR  
YOU DON'T, THERE  
IS NO IN-BETWEEN.

**COMMITMENT MEANS**  
STAYING LOYAL TO  
WHAT YOU SAID YOU  
WERE GOING TO DO  
LONG AFTER THE  
MOOD YOU SAID IT IN  
HAS LEFT YOU.

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# From the Minister's Desk



## Stewards of The Word

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28: 19-20)



Several months ago I introduced to the congregation a new concept designed to help our congregation improve on retaining the saved, restoring lost members and baptizing new members. It is a holistic approach that takes into consideration, equally, all three areas concerned with membership growth. The idea was well received and of course, well needed because what was currently going on was not working for us.

Members of the congregation could readily see an immediate need for the new program. The feedback I received told me the leadership should move forward with this new program. And so, I put an aggressive plan in place to implement and activate the **Age Related Ministries (ARMS)**.

The **ARMS Program** works hand-in-hand with the Servant Related Ministries (SRMS). In fact, we have merged both the Evangelism and Keeper Ministries which were two of our Serving Related Ministries.

Our focus for 2018 is all about **spiritual commitment** and taking our ARMS program to its maximum potential. Therefore, I am asking each member of the congregation to commit to being responsible for at least one soul in at least one category: (1) bringing someone to baptism, or (2) restoring some lost sheep back to the fold, or (3) being responsible for helping retain a new convert or restored soul.

If each active member will make this commitment, our membership could easily double by 2019. Keep in mind the greatest act any Christian can perform is to bring a lost soul to Christ. Will you commit?

Bro. Tommy Brooks, Minister - HHCOG

## Willing to Serve



## Walking by Faith



## Preaching Christ



# 2017 In Recap

The year 2017 was a work shrouded in **effigy**  
 Not because we didn't have a good **strategy**  
 But we knew we would have some troublesome **scenes**  
 Especially when the preacher won the contest of **themes**  
 "Striving To Serve The King in 2017", was our **plight**  
 But we couldn't get through it without some **insight**.

With that in mind, Bro. Pete helped to put our faith on **edge**,  
 By asking all members to make a **pledge**  
 We thank you for striving to do your **best**  
 When we asked you put your faith to the **test**  
 After all throughout the year we've been **blessed**



In February, we braved the Wild Game **Feasts**  
 And we ate like we were hungry **beasts**  
 There gator and turtle and squirrel and rabbit and **fish**  
 If all appeared to be savory **dish**  
 Some reason we all came out **unscaved**  
 Alas, we remembered to bring our **Roloids**



In the second quarter the preacher thought  
 The church could run on **ARMS**  
 He thought what could it **harm**  
 We thought more ministries, more work seems like **disaster**  
 Maybe it's time to put him out to **pasture**  
 Then we found out the ARMS could work if we gave it a **chance**  
 So we started to work instead of looking at it from a **glance**



The YUMS and YAMS and MAMS and SAMS "oh my"  
 Enough to make the whole church want to **sigh**  
 But the YUMS took off on their usual camp **trip**  
 Learning to bond together so they wouldn't **slip**  
**Yum.** All year long they worked to grow **together**  
 Cause the mindset is to be Christians **forever**

The YAMS and the MAMS had a lot of home **events**  
 That's cause they still have the energy and the **strength**  
 To move around from place to place that makes **senses**



The SAMS celebrated birthdays along the **way**  
 We ain't moving fast we take it day by **day**  
 Make no mistake we're not trying to be **seen**  
 We're just pacing ourselves 'til the big bell **ring**



The ladies retreat was a huge **success**  
 They got it done even while working under **duress**  
 It's amazing their ability to **organize**  
 While allowing no sister to be **ostracized**  
 I wish they would teach the brothers to do it  
 So far with our efforts we blew it **KABOOM**  
 Nevertheless we're working to get it **done**  
 Maybe in March we'll start to have some **fun**



The food truck came in thanks to Bro. Walker who had a **heart**  
 And thanks to the brothers and sisters who came out to **sort**  
 We hauled off more than we could **use**  
 Of food, medicine, clothing and **shoes**  
 Sooner or later we'll start to **believe**  
 It's more blessed to give than to **receive**



In late August Hurricane Harvey slapped us in the **face**  
 Took us away from our worship **place**



Had us praying for God's **Grace**  
 Then we became a distribution **center**  
 Got enough stuff to store up for the **winter**

Some people felt like they got **burned**  
 Let's admit there were plenty lessons to be **learned**  
 But still the community got **benefit**  
 Especially those we were able to teach and **commit**



Over it all we had a **ball**  
 Thanks to Bro. Miles and Bro. **Small**  
 All year long we ate and **ate**  
 Everybody seemed to get a **plate**  
 Some hollered we eat too much and that ain't **fair**  
 But every time the food was served they ate their **share**

This year again we **pause**  
 For those we lost in the **cause**  
 We know God never makes a mistake or give **favor**  
 But the rest belong to those who never cease to **labor**



All in all, 2017 was a banner **year**  
 We worked on our hopes, our dreams and on our **fears**  
 Now that the year is behind us  
 Let's keep in mind "In God We Trust"



They say whatever and whoever you're with in the  
 New Year all year long you will stay  
 when I look  
 over the audience, all I can say is  
 "Oh Lord Let Us Pray"



God ALWAYS KEEPS HIS Promises



Thank you Floyd, for a wonderful  
 Recap of 2017 . . . My bother has  
 skills!



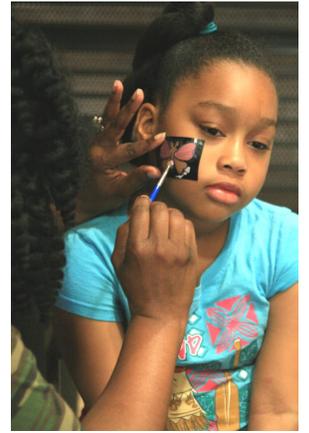
Psalm 37:5

# GOOD Food



WILD GAME

Fellowship



# FUN



RIGHT, LIKE I CAN'T HEAR YOU COMING.

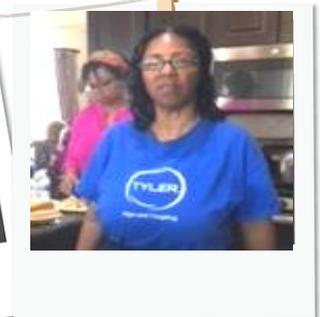
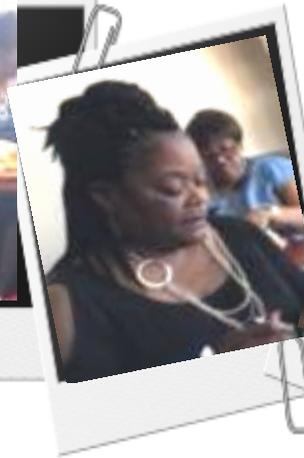
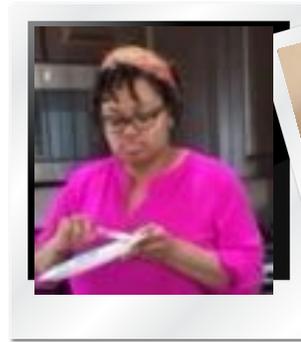


# ARMS at Play

# SistaSista



Sis. Faye Stroud  
hosted a  
get-together and all  
the sisters  
had an awesome  
time!!





## A Heart to Heart with Sis. Mosie Josey

Highland Heights Church of Christ

Most Senior, Active Member

By

Zerlene Davis and Lula Morris

*The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; <sup>4</sup>That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

And so, with these scriptures in mind who can guess the name of our oldest, active member at Highland Heights. If, by chance, you guessed Sister Mosey Josey, you are one hundred percent correct. For the members who do not know Sister Josey you are in for a treat. She graciously agreed to an interview with our Arms of Love Staff for this quarter. You will find throughout the interview that she is both witty, wise and never shy about speaking her mind.

Sister Josey and her husband, Henry, obeyed the gospel in 1976 under Brother D. A. Stroud. They have seven children and all but three are members of the Church. Three of her children,

Willie, Audrey, and Winnie, are active members here at Highland Heights. Sis. Josey served under three preachers at Highland Heights – Bro. D. A. Stroud, Bro. Robert Harper and currently Bro. Tommy Brooks.

Believe it or not, Sister Josey is still going strong at the age of ninety-two. She exercise two days a week at the YMCA and walks in the neighborhood park on the days she is not at the Y. Sis. Josey loves working outside in her garden.

Sis. Davis: When you came into the Church what differences did you notices in comparison to the Baptist Church where you once served?

Sis. Josey: There were a whole lot of differences. We were not taught the bible like you are taught in the Church of Christ. You don't have the Lord Supper every week, only once a month in the Baptist Church and I imagine in a lot of the others. Raising money was the thing that really got on my nerves in the Baptist Church. They were always raising money. Another thing is that they had this big anniversary for the preacher and his wife and you would give them money and whatever else you wanted to give them. The same thing would happen when the choir and the usher board had their anniversaries. I didn't like that. I got tired of it.

Sis. Morris: So, in the early years of your attendance at Highland Heights, in what areas did you serve?

Sis. Josey: When I first came here, I was involved with the children in the nursery because I love children. I also helped with the communion dishes.

Sis. Morris: Sis. Josey, when you look at our younger sisters now, and reflecting back over your past history here, considering the knowledge you have gained over time, is there any advice you have for our younger sisters?

Sis Josey: The only advice I can give them is to teach their children better. They should teach them to say "yes mam," and "no mam." Also they should teach them how to behave when they are in worship service. I admire young Sister Brown very much and how she is training her children. I am also very uncomfortable with the way some of our young sisters dress. I know the dresses are made shorter now, but some of these sisters go too far.

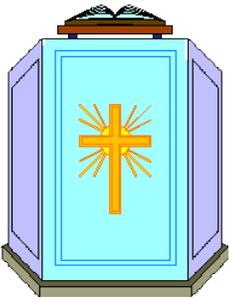
Sis. Morris: After having gone through three ministers, Bro. Stroud, Bro. Harper and currently Bro. Brooks what kind of advice would you give to Bro. Brooks on how he can be more successful in the future.

Sis. Josey: I don't really have a lot of advice to give him. I would suggest to him that he might want to give more consideration to the kinds of programs he introduce to the congregation. It takes a while to get use to some of his ideas.

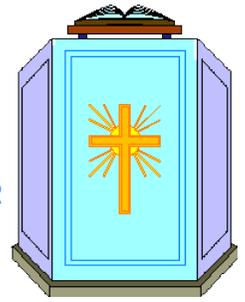


- Sis. Davis: What is the one thing in the congregation you would change right now if you could?
- Sis. Josey: I don't think I would try to change anything.
- Sis. Morris: Is that because you think everything is working or because you think it would not do any good to try?
- Sis. Josey: Well, I guess so far it is working as well as it will. I realize it is modern time now and I don't think we would want to go back – we want to move forward.
- Sis. Morris: Sis. Josey I am going to give a hypothetical scenario. Let's say you came up before the congregation one Sunday morning and we asked you to give us the best advice you could that you thought would help us. What would you say?
- Sis. Josey: I don't know what I would say until it came to that time. I would just pray for this congregation.
- Sis. Davis: Well as an older sister to a younger sister, what would you advise me to do better someone coming up behind you?
- Sis. Josey: All I can say Zerlene is for you to constantly read your Bible and pray. That is what I do. I am not a person who remembers everything I read but if I hear the preacher or somebody else talking about it and I know I have read that, then I know he is telling the truth. That is the best thing I know that all of us can do. We have to do what is right according to what grace and mercy teaches us.
- Sis. Davis: What is your favorite scripture? Do you have one?
- Sis. Josey: No, not really I don't. In thee o Lord I put my trust, is one. The Lord is my shepherd is another. There are just so many I read, I can't remember.
- Sis. Morris: Sis. Josey my final question to you is, what do you credit to your longevity? For you to live this long you must have had some good genes and did a lot of the right things.
- Sis. Josey: I prayed and had help from God. I've always tried to do the right thing. Where ever I go nobody wants to believe my age. And, like I said I am here by the grace and mercy of God.





# WHO PREACHED WHAT??



PLACE THE CORRECT ALPHABET SUBJECT NEXT TO THE CORRECT PREACHER

**DON'T CHEAT!!!**

Kye Williams

A. WHAT'S LOVE . . .

ROBERT SMITH \_\_\_\_\_

B. TRUE FELLOWSHIP

VINSON POLK \_\_\_\_\_

C. HE THAT JUDGETH ME IS THE LORD

THOMAS CURVEY \_\_\_\_\_

D. MY FATHER'S BUSINESS

JEFFERY JOHNS \_\_\_\_\_

E. ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE

ADAM SMITH, JR. \_\_\_\_\_

F. TRUE FELLOWSHIP

KYE WILLIAMS \_\_\_\_\_

G. RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

JAMES BOUTTE \_\_\_\_\_

H. A VAPOR, THAT APPEAR FOR A LITTLE TIME

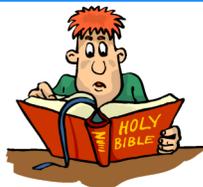
ANDREW HOOEY \_\_\_\_\_

I. ACCORDING TO THE SAYING OF THE MAN OF GOD

**BONUS: DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER — Without looking it up?**

**HOW MANY PSALMS ARE IN THE BIBLE: 119, 134, 150 OR 175**

**ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_**





# Arms of Love ~ Prayer Corner

Sis. Geri Small



*Do not only listen to the Word . . . Let it shape our lives.*

Jesus prays,  
*Just as you, Father, are in me  
and I in you, so they might  
be one heart and mind  
with us...*

*I in them  
and you in me.  
John 17: 21 - 23*



**PRAYER**  
is the key  
that unlocks  
all doors.

We would like to welcome our new member

**Sis. Geri Small**

To the ARMS of Love Team.

We thank you Sis. Small for your love, support and input.

Your ARMS Newsletter Team Members



# ARMS LEADERS



**OAM**

**Bro. Tommy Brooks**  
Overseers Age Ministry



**YUMS**

**Bro. Adam Smith**

This ministry will serve all members  
ages 18 and under



**YAMS**

**Bro. Andrew Hooley**

This ministry will serve all members  
ages 19 to 39



**MAMS**

**Bro. Robert Brown**

This ministry will serve all members  
ages 40 to 60

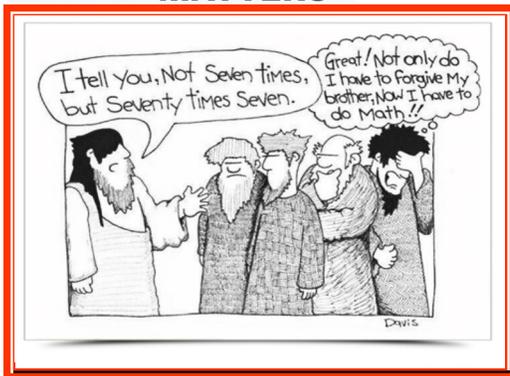


**SAMS**

**Bro. Floyd Smith**

This ministry will serve all members  
ages 61 and above

**Laughing MATTERS**



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## ARMS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark Your Calendar**  
*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*



**YUMS**

Sunday, April 15th  
@ HHCOC



**YAMS**

Saturday, April 7, 2018  
Robert & Quan Smith



**MAMS**

Saturday, April 21st  
Horace & Faye Stroud



**SAMS**

Friday—April 13th  
Birthday Celebration @  
HHCOC — 6PM



- Zerlene Moore-Davis
- Charlesia (Charli) Lewis
- Jula Morris
- Joan Teamer
- Genette Williams
- Geri Small
- Ida Leffall

Bringing you ARMS of love, information,  
upcoming events and much, much more.  
May each of you be blessed.

**The ARMS of Love News Team**