

# Youth Convention 2009

10-11<sup>th</sup> April

## 'The Winner's circle'

*'O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.'*  
(Psalms 34:8)

On this glorious weekend I could truly join with Mary when she said *'My soul doth Magnify the Lord'* (Luke 1 v 46). She came to the realisation that no amount of Praises could ever be enough for what the Lord has done and continues to do for us, so she recognised that her praises needed to come from the soul, that they needed to be multiplied and magnified for her to feel like she was going even a tiny way to Praising God in the way He deserves.

We were fortunate enough to have the following delegates from America join us in our youth convention this year. Bro Tim Griffin, his wife Sis Sharon Griffin (General VLB Co-ordinator) and daughter Sis Victoria. Sis Teresa Ard, Sis Jada Nowling, Sis Marsha Brookes and her daughter Sis Sarah.

On the Friday evening we heard from the General VLB Co-ordinator Sis Sharon Griffin who preached on the victory in the death and resurrection of Jesus. She encouraged that we must beware of dark deceiving spirits and that as they begin to increase in the world the Church will shine brighter and brighter. She told us that the 'I am of the I am's' will provide us with the miracles that we need. Following this there was an altar call, where an overwhelming presence of the Holy Ghost was felt and many received a touch from the Lord.

The following day the blessings continued to fall. Three of the speakers on programme (Sis Karen Richards, Sis Claudine Brown and Sis Sharon Griffin) preached on the need for every individual to be cleansed of defilements. The Lord truly sent us confirmation of what we needed to hear that day!

At the Altar call we all witnessed in action the power in prayer, as the praises went up the blessings came down. The Altar was filled with young people seeking the Lord, craving His direction in their lives and praising Him for His many benefits. Notably one person was filled with the Holy Ghost, one was saved, one was sanctified and many in the congregation experienced the Lords power at work, whether at the altar or sat in the pews.

There was an awakening and revival in The Church of God on this weekend, not just in the VLB department but experiences were also had by the gleaners and older brethren, and many testified of these.

I thank the Lord for his presence, His faithfulness to His people and the blessings that the Church received in this convention.

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