



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Donates Toys through 92Q and Essence Day Spa



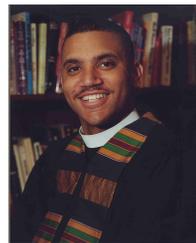
The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a campus

ministry which seeks to provide spiritual guidance and encouragement to members of the athletic community at Fisk University. Mr. Philippe Andal '13, a Business major from Nashville, TN, serves as the President of FCA at Fisk.



Minister Brandon Perkins '10 serves as FCA's advisor. FCA meets in the Henderson A. Johnson Gymnasium at 12:00p.m. on Thursdays. Mr. Andal and Minister Perkins donated more than forty toys to children in the Nashville community through a toy drive sponsored by the 92Q radio station and the Essence Day Spa. The generosity of the students of FCA is a concrete testimony of their love for God and their love for their neighbors. We thank God for Mr. Andal and Minister Perkins!

Service to the Local and Global Community During this Holiday Season



The Christmas season is a time in which we pause to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Some of us may celebrate this great miracle by singing along with G. F. Handel's musical rendition of the *Messiah*, while others simply spend quality time with family and friends. Christmas is also time of giving, for the biblical record reminds us that the three wise men gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. We continue to acknowledge this longstanding tradition by giving gifts on Christmas day. It is better to give than to receive (Acts

20:35), and it is through the spirit of giving that the ministries of Fisk Univ. have found meaning and expression during this Christmas season.

In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus says: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Jesus also said that the greatest among you shall be your servant (Matthew 23:11). I thank God for the individuals and organizations who have followed Jesus' example and continue to give the best of their service to help those in need during this Christmas season. Dean Curry

Alumni Spotlight: Ms. Taryn Bell '07 & Ministry to Women at the Tennessee Prison For Women



As a student at Fisk University, Ms. Taryn Bell was a diligent and consistent

Chapel Assistant who led Children's Church on a weekly basis. After graduation, Ms. Bell completed a Masters degree in Education at Tennessee State University. Currently, she is a seventh grade Reading and Language Arts teacher at Joelton Middle School who serves as a volunteer at the Tennessee Prison for Women. She says that her work in helping to improve the reading and writing skills of women in prison is an awesome and rewarding ministry. Congratulations, and keep up the great work Ms. Bell!

The Fisk Memorial Chapel Continues to Sponsor Ms. Eden Habtamu from Ethiopia through Compassion International



THIS CHILD ATTENDS A COMPASSION PROJECT IN AN HIV/AIDS - AFFECTED AREA

In response to the Great Commission, Compassion International exists as an advocate for children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian Adults. In an effort to support the aforementioned mission statement of Compassion International, the Chapel has hosted Compassion Sunday for several

years. Members of the University community have agreed to sponsor children throughout the world as a result of this Sunday. The Chapel sponsors Eden Habtamu from Ethiopia. We purchased a soccer ball, a vaccination shot and a goat for Eden during the Christmas season. We correspond with Eden via mail with the assistance of an international translator. We love you Eden!