



**NFL Star Headlines Men's Religious Conference at Fisk University**



Mr. Chris Sanders is known throughout the country for the athletic prowess that he displayed at the Ohio State University as well as the Tennessee

Titans professional, football team. However, relatively few people throughout the country know that he credits his personal and professional achievements to his profound and unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. Throughout the "I'm the Man" Men's Conference, which occurred in the Chapel from November 5-6, 2010, students from Fisk and Tennes-



see State University as well as men throughout the city of Nashville were inspired through the testimonies and workshops presented by Chris Sanders, Jeff Tate, Cecil Chapman, Scott Patty, Craig Wells, Chris Carr, Reverend Roosevelt Walker, Ron Morgan, Thomas Rose, and Reverend Willie McLaurin. Topics such as "The Character of a Real Man," "Ordering Your Private World," "The Wounded Warrior" and "For Men Only" were addressed throughout the conference. The Conference was sponsored in conjunction with Ms. Joanne Scaife of Young, Excited and Serving (Y.E.S.) Ministries. Thank you Ms. Scaife!



**Building a Brighter Future: Cultivating a Culture of Leadership Among Young Men Through the People and Ministries of the Fisk Memorial Chapel**



Although the nation is able to celebrate the recent, outstanding accomplishments of black men in politics (President

Barack Obama), athletics (Mike Tomlin, Head Coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers), science (Charles Bolden of NASA) and Business (Robert Johnson creator of BET), there is still a need for educational, social, civic, religious, cultural and economic programs which are designed to reverse the current trend among the masses of African American men. Erik Eckholm of the New York Times reports that studies from institutions such as Columbia, Princeton and Harvard "show that the huge pool of poorly educated black men are becoming ever more disconnected from the mainstream society, and to a far greater degree than comparable

white or Hispanic men."

Historically, African-American religious, civic, economic and educational institutions have successfully addressed problems which have confronted the black community. It is my firm belief that these institutions, in conjunction with additional institutions, are still capable of identifying, amassing and galvanizing resources that are needed to address the challenges that confront black men today.

The following issue is dedicated to highlighting a few of the people as well as programs within the University community that are addressing the present crisis. These individuals are of significance because they have explicitly identified spirituality as a resource for addressing our challenges. We thank God for their contributions, as well as the contributions of others who are addressing this crisis. Dean Curry

**Alumni Spotlight. The Rev. Dr. William Flippin '74: A Leader for Our Times**



The Reverend Dr. William Flippin is an ardent supporter of Fisk University. He has been the keynote

speaker for both the Martin Luther King Convocation as well as the Jubilee Day Convocation at Fisk University. As the Senior Pastor of the Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church (GPGBC) in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Flippin is committed to organizing, leading and investing in men through his Men of Vision Men's Ministry. The Men of Vision "exist to unite the men of the GPGBC to develop Spiritual & Christian growth through Service. Furthermore, we exist to serve as positive role models for the upcoming male generation in our Church and community." We thank God for the Men of Vision and for Reverend Dr. Flippin.

**Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistant Named Scholar for the Institute of Responsible Citizenship in Washington DC**



Mr. Timothy Walker '12, who is pictured to the far left in the first row, is a earnest, consistent and diligent Chapel Assistant who shows great promise for a career in public service. He also

serves as a role model for young men as the Vice President of the Student Government Association and Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Walker has recently completed an internship with the Institute for Responsible Citizenship in Washington, DC. The Institute provides America's best and brightest African American male college students with unparalleled networking opportunities, leadership development, and life-long mentorship. Interns

were afforded the opportunity to take three courses for academic credit, including a course on Economics and Public Policy and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Course on Constitutional Principles. They also attended private briefings at many of Washington's most important institutions and interacted with some of the nation's most prominent figures. Students were also afforded the opportunity to bond with other young men in their cohort. Congratulations Mr. Walker!