



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We pray this message finds you and your family in good health and spirit. I would like to introduce myself as the new Chancellor for Youth Opportunity University (Y.O.U.) at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. I have over 40 years of experience in education and educational leadership. I have served in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Durham and Wayne County public schools as a teacher at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. I've also served in an administrative capacity as an assistant principal, a principal and a national consultant to principals across the country.

Thank you for your continued support of Y.O.U. We strive to provide an exciting, fun-filled, academic and comprehensive program for your child(ren). One of the most important facets in our programming is our commitment to health & safety. During 2020, we've had to adjust our way of going to work, going to school, and living in our communities. **Because of COVID-19 and the reeling impact in our community, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Y.O.U. 2021 session.**

We realize the impact of cancelling our summer program will have on our students, families and staff. Therefore, we are hopeful of offering innovative, yet scaled down, learning opportunities. However, at this time, we cannot commit to details on an alternative option. As we receive information and guidelines for safely educating our children, we will be in communication with you.

We are saddened because we were looking forward to reuniting with our families in 2021. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has changed many meaningful opportunities for all of us. Please continue to help eradicate this virus by wearing masks, washing your hands and practicing social distancing. Prayerfully, if we all commit to these preventive measures, we will get back to some sense of normalcy with family, friends, community and of course Y.O.U.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. Please continue to pray for our nation and the world. God's blessings to you and your family. Stay healthy and safe!

Kindly,

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