

BETHESDA NEW LIFE GOSPEL CHURCH

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Debutante Ministry Program

"Jewels of Virtue - Cherished"

Brochure



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DEBUTANTE PROGRAM

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE?

The word “debutante” is derived from the word “debut,” which means a formal introduction or presentation to society. The young ladies who become debutantes prepare themselves spiritually, intellectually and socially for transcending from childhood to adulthood. In the African American community it can be deemed as “rites of passage.” The purpose of the debutante celebration is to build Christian character, social grace, and self-esteem of young ladies that they may take productive leadership roles in their professions, homes, and communities. The debutante brings her talents, her dreams, and her love to God to be eloquently developed and “fine tuned” to reveal her inner strength and beauty. When she is presented to society or makes her “debut” many will call her “BLESSED.”

TEN QUALITIES OF A CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE

Dresses respectfully

Encourages others

Believes in being polite and respectful

Understands and respects others opinions

Takes time to pray

Always thinks positively

Negotiates to seek peace

Teaches and is teachable

Extends a helping hand

Seeks Christ in all endeavors



OUR GOALS FOR THE DEBUTANTE PROGRAM

1. Develop a personal relationship with God and loving relationships with family
2. Opportunity to grow spiritually, culturally and socially, meet new people and develop new friendships
3. Develop positive self worth and value
4. Set realistic, reachable and responsible goals
5. Learning how to organize time, energy and finances
6. Establish bonding relationships with appropriate responsibilities; and
7. Aspire to remain virgins until married (the virtuous woman).
8. Each participant, Debutantes and Pre-Debutantes, are expected to enjoy being a teenager as she moves and prepares herself for the responsible role as a Christian young adult. Attitude, appearance and academics should reflect a sincere desire to grow and improve in personal character and performance.
9. As the young ladies complete the Program, experience of spiritual renewal and discovery, they become debutantes (young ladies formally presented to society) of highest quality because we are presenting them to Christ first.

VARIOUS WORKSHOPS

- ▲ Etiquette
- ▲ Parental Matters of the Heart
- ▲ More Than Your Babies' Daddy
 - ▲ Beauty
 - ▲ Hygiene
- ▲ Interviewing for Employment
- ▲ Finance
- ▲ Stress/Time Management
- ▲ And Many Other Topics.....



Debutante Criteria



Participants should be females in the 9th through the 12th grades of high school. They need not be members of Bethesda, but should be members of an organized church. If participants are not affiliated with any church, it is hoped that they will become a member of a church.

Debutantes must submit (1) Contract for Parents/Guardians, (2) Sponsor Information, (3) Consent for Trips and Activities and (4) a Registration/Application Form.

Debutantes must be single, cannot be a mother or pregnant.

All Debutantes must register. The Debutante registration fee is \$25.00.

- ▲ Registration fees are not refundable.
- ▲ Registration fees will be used to defray the cost of some of the expenditures of this elegant and majestic Program.

PRE-DEBUTANTE CRITERIA

Participants should be females in the 5th through the 8th grades of middle school. The remainder of 1 through 4 of the Debutante Criteria applies. However, the Pre-Debutante registration fee is \$25.00.

STRUCTURE OF PROGRAM



Workshops

The workshops will stress biblical principles and participants will be given scriptures to enhance and support their discussions. Workshops will be taught by various members of our Church as well as guest facilitators who have experience, training or aspirations in these areas.

Workshop Agenda

Workshops will be presented once a month on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Community Service Project

Social Activities

Talent Presentation

Demonstration of Giving Time

True Love Waits Service – Prayer Breakfast

After discussion and consultation, the young ladies that desire to will commit themselves and make a promise/vow to Jesus to stay chaste until marriage.

Debutante Awareness Sunday

Souvenir Journal Ads (In Preparation for the Cotillion)

Cotillion

This is a formal culmination of the Program. It will entail dinner, escorts, singing, prayer, words of encouragement and the announcement of placed runner-ups and the crowning of “Miss Debutante.”



*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.
Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates
Proverbs 31*