



**New Horizon Church**  
I N T E R N A T I O N A L

*"A Loving Church That's Loving on God, Loving on People and Changing Communities"*

Presents the

**21st Annual**

# Rites-of-Passage Graduation Ceremony

**"Serving God With Your Whole Heart"**

2:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4, 204

1770 Ellis Ave.

Jackson, Mississippi 39204

**Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup Sr., Senior Pastor**

## **Greetings to the Students and Families of the 2024 Rites of Passage Graduation Program:**

Please know that I am thrilled by what is occurring in this program! I greatly appreciate the time and efforts so many put into making this program a success. At New Horizon Church International, we believe that our children and youth are some of the best and brightest in the country. We believe they shall rise up and give leadership to the world in the years to come. In order for this to occur, they have to be well prepared for the task. Working in concert with our parents, Rites of Passage is a big part of our efforts to help our young people succeed.

Congratulations to each of you! We are proud of you and thrilled by what you have accomplished. This is the beginning of bigger and better things for each of you. You have shown that you have what it takes to become successful and significant!

*Counting It All Joy!,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr." with a stylized, cursive script.

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr.  
Founder & Senior Pastor

# 2024 Rites-of Passage Graduates

## **12 Year Old Class**

Isaac Crudup  
Robin Crudup  
Kayleigh Horne  
Corban Welchlin  
Antwan Williams

## **13 Year Old Class**

Jacobie Carson  
Addisyn Daniels  
Zyia Welchlin

## **Senior Class**

Arianna Brumfield  
Arielle Brumfield  
Joshua Daniels  
Christopher Davis  
Anijah Harps  
Johnathan Levy  
Jordyn Reed  
Mia Reed  
Kyita Welchlin

# Rites-of-Passage Graduation Ceremony

February 4, 2024

Mistress of Ceremony..... Jordyn Reed  
Processional..... Rites of Passage Classes  
Rites of Passage Creed..... Rites of Passage Classes  
Welcome..... Zia Welchlin  
Prayer..... Jacobie Carson  
Occasion..... Anijah Harps  
Introduction of Guest Speaker..... Mia Reed  
Words of Encouragement..... Dr. Kescher Love-Rankin

## Special Presentation

12 Year Old Class Reflections..... Isaac Crudup  
13 Year Old Class Reflections..... Addisyn Daniels  
Senior Class Reflections..... Kyita Welchlin

## **Ceremony**

*Presentation of Graduates (Class Order)*

*Video Presentation*

*Presentation of the Gifts & Presentation of Certificates*

Class Charge..... Senior Class

Acknowledgements and Recognitions... Class Facilitators

**Blessings of the Graduates, Closing Remarks &  
Benediction**

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr.,  
Founding and Senior Pastor

## **rites of passage history**

The New Horizon Church International Rites-of-Passage program was established in 2001 to reflect the Reaching, Teaching, and Equipping aspects of the mission statement under which the church operates. Rites of passage are those learning experiences, rituals, and ceremonies by which individuals in age specific groups successfully proceed from one clearly defined stage of development to the next stage in life. To reach young people is to openly recognize the gifts and abilities they acquire through their daily walk, talk, and activities in God's kingdom. To equip young people is to help them move effectively, efficiently, and successfully from childhood to young adulthood.

The Rites-of-Passage Program has three levels of emphasis: PREP (Preparing, Rearing and Educating our Promises): REAL (Rearing Effective Adolescent Leaders): and OTA (Orientation to Adulthood).

PREP is an academic year program for 12-year-olds. This level deals with issues that pre-teenagers face daily such as: How to study, read and understand the Bible, Christian ethics, sexuality, developing healthy relationships with family and friends, basic etiquette, decision making, and leadership principles. Guest speakers and field trips are integral parts of this experience.

REAL is an academic year program for 13-year-olds that is designed to continue challenging youth about knowing God's Word and how to use it in the difficult situations they face. Topics include: Biblical Foundational Truth, How to Establish a Personal Intimate Relationship with God, Seeking Wise Counsel, How to pray, and Spiritual Warfare. Upon completing REAL, youth are eligible to participate in the Annual Rites-of-Passage Graduation Ceremony.

OTA is open to High school seniors and is the program's highest level. This phase begins in Mid-August and concludes at the end of December. Subject matter includes: God's Will in our Lives, Career Decision-making, College Preparation, Financial Management, Relationships, and Discerning Attacks of the Enemy. Youth who complete OTA qualify to participate in the Ordination to Adulthood Graduation Ceremony.

## Rites of Passage Guest Speaker

*Dr. Kescher Love-Rankin*



Dr. Kescher Love-Rankin has served God in ministry for more than 30 years. She also is in her 26<sup>th</sup> year of serving in the education community. Currently, she is in her fourth year as the Principal Leader of Ida B. Wells Academic and Performing Arts Complex. Throughout her career, she has worked with parents, administrators, teachers, and students in diverse capacities: Even Start Parent Liaison, Classroom Teacher, Master Teacher, Instructional Specialist, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, MDE External School-Based Coach, MDE Literacy Coach, Adjunct Professor, Lead Interventionist, and Principal.

Dr. Love-Rankin has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Delta State University, a Master of Arts degree in Reading from Jackson State University, and Specialist and Doctorate degrees in Educational Leadership from Mississippi College. In her spare time, she enjoys writing and reciting inspirational poetry. She is a published author, and has recently finished writing her second book, a 30-day devotional.

Dr. Love-Rankin is driven by purpose, integrity, and commitment, and she seeks to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of all she is privileged to serve.

# **rites-of-passage    teachers** **& program committee**

## **12-year -old Class**

Mrs. Anita Levy  
Mother Geneva James

## **13-year-old Class**

Mrs. Irma Anderson

## **Senior Class-Ordination to Adulthood**

Mrs. Andre'a Crudup