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## GIVING HIM PRAISE

*Congregants hear the last words of Jesus on Good Friday*

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Preachers from around the community delivered the "The Seven Last Words of Christ" last week with spirited, lively sermons at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

It's a Good Friday tradition for many churches and Christian groups to hold services focusing on the seven last phrases that Jesus uttered while on the cross. The service at Friendship was sponsored by the Easter Sunrise Service Committee, which also sponsored the Easter Sunrise Service at Friendship on Easter Sunday. The Committee, made up of congregants from a number of churches, has been sponsoring holiday events for the past 50 years.

An endless list of pastors and religious leaders from around the city have taken part in the annual Easter event. The pastors are often accompanied by their churches' choirs, who provide music for the event, and congregants, who watch the service from the pews.

"For us to host this service gives us great joy," said Friendship Pastor Dr. Stacey Frazier, whose church has hosted the service for the past two years.



Photos by Todd Luck

*Bishop John Heath delivers a powerful message at last Friday's "Seven Last Words of Christ" service.*

Hundreds packed Friendship's sanctuary for last week's program. As they waited for the pastors to take to the pulpit, the crowd enjoyed singing and testimonials. The preachers did

more than utter Jesus' last words. Using their own unique preaching style, each man gave a mini-sermon related to the holy saying they were assigned.

Rev. Ardeal Roseboro of

Liberty Grove Baptist Church opened with the first word— "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" —with a song about Jesus. Then he launched into a spirited sermon on the epic

battle between God and Satan that he said played out as Jesus was on the cross. His voice filled the room, moving many worshippers

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*Left: The crowd listens from the pews.*

*Below, left: Rev. Savalas R. Squire, Sr. delivers a short sermon.*

*Below, left: Rev. Ardeal Roseboro opens with the first word.*



*Service participants (left to right, front row) Rev. Ardeal Roseboro, Bishop John C. Parks, Rev. L. Dwight Hash Sr., (back row) Bishop Tavaris Johnson, Rev. Savalas R. Squire Sr., Bishop John Heath, Rev. Tavares Vance, and Dr. Kendall Jones.*



### Community Calendar

#### East Ward meeting

An East Ward Town Hall Meeting hosted by City Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery will be held at Sedge Garden Recreation Center, 401 Robbins Road, on Thursday, May 5. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

#### Sickle cell fundraiser

The Riggs Foundation will present the Youth Spring Bling Benefit Musical fundraiser for local kids with sickle cell anemia at 4 p.m. on Saturday at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1711 Claremont Ave. The event will feature singers, dancers, steppers and more. For more information, call Corinthia Riggs at 267-918-4399.

#### Y golf fundraiser

The Winston Lake Family Y will sponsor its Youth & Family Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 30 at Winston Lake Golf Course. The format is Captain's Choice (4 person teams). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 9 a.m. The fee is \$75 per person or \$300 per foursome. Fees include green fees, golf cart, continental breakfast, lunch, prizes and refreshments. For more information please contact: D.D. Adams, 336-345-2153, James Streater, 336-767-4743, James Adamson, 336-788-3473 or Vernon McHam, 336-972-2859.

#### Kids health fair

A free children's health fair, for kids between 1-12, will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy's Athletic Field on Cameron Avenue near 14th Street. It is sponsored by Alpha And Omega Family Institute. For more information, call the Institute at 336-748-4787 or 336-529-3170.

#### North Forsyth Class of '76 reunion

The North Forsyth Class of 1976 will celebrate its 35th Class Reunion this year on June 24 and 25. For more information, visit [www.northforsyth76.com](http://www.northforsyth76.com).

#### Omega scholarships available

The Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is now accepting applications for its Annual Scholarship Awards. To be considered, a student must be an African American male who is a graduating senior and currently enrolled in the WS/FC school system. Applications can be obtained by visiting the fraternity web site at [www.psi-phichapter.org](http://www.psi-phichapter.org). The deadline for application submission is April 30.

#### Vendors sought for Juneteenth

Applications are now available for merchandise, arts/crafts and food vendors to participate in the Juneteenth Africana Festival to be held Saturday, June 25 at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds from 4 - 9 p.m. Vendor registration will be open through June 1, however food vendors must apply by May 21. For information about the festival, call 336-793-7462 or go online to [www.triadculturalarts.org](http://www.triadculturalarts.org).



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