



Ben Piggott as Santa speaks as radio personality Renee Vaughn stands nearby. Submitted Photos

Kids get toys and message of peace

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More than 700 children and their parents turned out last month for the 20th Annual Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Annex.

In addition to receiving new "peace" toys in exchange for their old violent ones, the kids received a powerful message about loving one another from Event Coordinator Ben "Santa Claus" Piggott, also the senior center supervisor at the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center.

"This program was dedicated to all families who lost loved ones to gun violence, like the children in Sandy Hook and may God bless them," said Piggott.

Piggott said that he could not have pulled off the event without the help of several sponsors. They



Members of the Carolina Cruisers Motorcycle Club pose with some of the bikes they donated.

include: The Power of Teens, the Carolina Cruisers Motorcycle Club, the 30th District Class of 2012 of Prince Hall Masons, Paul's Cycling and Fitness (Buchanan Street), Sadie and Debbie Daniels, the Sigmas of Winston-Salem, Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc., Full Effect Barber and Styling Salon, Venable Tax Service, Winston-Salem Federal Credit Union, Ziggy's and DJ Kool Aid Leak, Alan and

Lisa Caldwell; New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Who You Whit?, Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation, the Twin City Riders Motorcycle Club, the Anderson Senior High School Alumni Association, the Bow Tie Boyz and Girlz Car Club, Galilee Baptist Church, Sethos Temple #170 P.H.A., Cherise Lawrence, Charles Rice and the LJVM Coliseum Annex.

Gilliam to give initial sermon

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Adrian "A.J." Gilliam will preach his initial sermon on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 1432 Underwood Ave.

He is the son of Antioch Pastor James Gilliam and his wife, Delores, and the grandson of Deacon James J. Gilliam. Adrian Gilliam is a 1997 graduate of Reynolds High School. He received his BS degree in sports management from Winston-Salem State University in 2007.

Gilliam works as a case manager at the Partnership for A Drug-Free North Carolina. He is married to the former Kelley Smith. They have four children: Aliyah, Amirah, Olivia and James.



Adrian "A.J." Gilliam

Peppers

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predicament (last week), Paul wanted to equip them for possible divisions within the body.

Paul's desire was for them to have a strong witness for Christ. Humility was/is the foundation that makes unity possible. For most believers, that may prove difficult because the world standard views humility as a weakness, not a strength. They must remember to remain focused (one in spirit) regardless of the situation.

Lesson: The apostle uses his current imprisonment as an example of joy in the midst of trouble. The outcome of his situation (life or death) isn't certain because Roman justice wasn't like ours, at least on paper. With all of the uncertainties, Paul continues to have joy because of Jesus! Rome doesn't give it to him, and they can't take it away. He shares with them what "life in Christ" really means. He invites them to take a closer look at the Savior, Jesus Christ. These verses (6-11) are referred to as the Christ-Hymn. Its

focus is on the humility and exaltation of Jesus. The song begins with the original status and attitude of Jesus. Though He was/is divine from the beginning, He did not exploit that status. Instead He empties Himself to become human. In other words, the powerful is rendered powerless (like a slave) to complete His task here on earth. He lowers Himself to face death like every mortal does. Only slaves are crucified, symbolizing their lack of status (civil rights) in society. This is total abasement according to the world but for God, it epitomizes humility. God responds to Jesus' selfless sacrifice by elevating Him. Christ's obedience is rewarded.

The name of Jesus is lifted higher than any name. Where He is brought low (His choice) - God exalts Him! In a simple sentence, the hymn paraphrased says "He who in selfless obedience took on the powerlessness of a slave now through divine commission and investiture (authority) holds universal Lordship over all creation" (The New Jerome Biblical Commentary).

This, my brothers and sisters, is exaltation.

Application: Now what does this mean and how does it look for the Philippian believers and us? It is very important to have pride in yourself; however you must not think of yourself as better than anyone else. That speaks volumes for believers. As a body in Christ, the fastest unity killing disease is arrogance. Anytime one begins to look down on others (including ideas), strife and contentious spirits arise.

Selfless service disappears! Whenever you begin to get puffed up (and we will because we're human), just remember Jesus' humility. Our witness is about Him, not us. Churches must remember this as well. For it isn't about size, numbers of professionals, or the tithes - Jesus came to save all of us from doom! Make a personal commitment to serve in a selfless manner without getting recognition. God sees all and knows all. He alone gives the lasting rewards! Examine yourself; do you act like Jesus?

What's Happening NOW in City Government

CityNOW

NEW OPERATING HOURS
Old Salisbury Road Landfill
(Construction & Demolition Debris)

AS OF
JANUARY 2,
2013



MON. - FRI.: 7 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SAT., SUN., HOLIDAYS: CLOSED

Saturday disposal available 8 a.m. - noon at Hanes Mill Road Landfill, 325 W. Hanes Mill Rd. at regular solid waste disposal rate (\$36/ton).

For micro-businesses (up to 5 employees) located in the city's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area

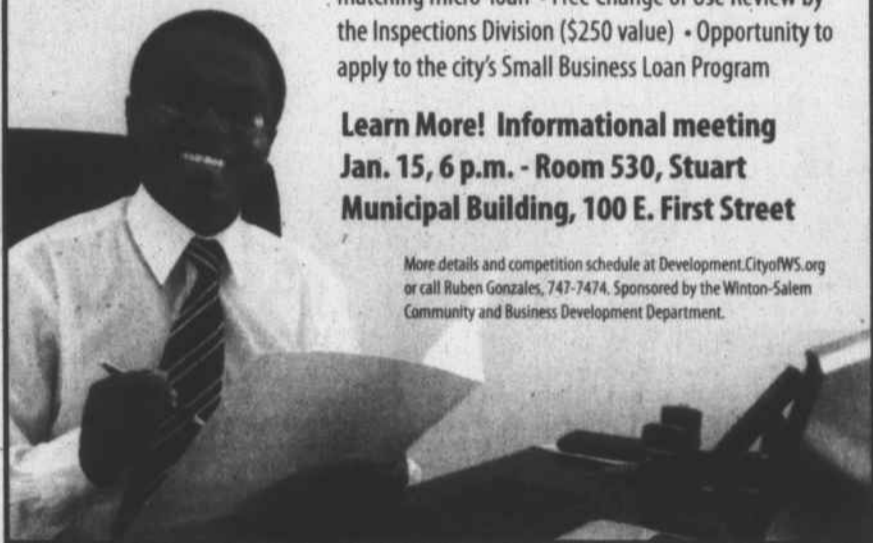
Small Business Plan Competition

You could win:

- \$5,000 grant for start-up costs
- \$5,000 potential matching micro-loan
- Free Change of Use Review by the Inspections Division (\$250 value)
- Opportunity to apply to the city's Small Business Loan Program

Learn More! Informational meeting
Jan. 15, 6 p.m. - Room 530, Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First Street

More details and competition schedule at Development.CityofWS.org or call Ruben Gonzales, 747-7474. Sponsored by the Winston-Salem Community and Business Development Department.



Recycle Your Tree

Set your Christmas tree at the curb by Jan. 25. The city will collect it and turn it into mulch.

Find drop-off sites for condos and apartments at www.CityofWS.org or call CityLink 311.

Garbage/Recycling Collection Schedule for 2013

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - Jan. 21

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Recycling: Normal Schedule
Yard-Waste Carts:
All collections postponed one day

PRESIDENT'S DAY - Not Observed

EASTER - March 29

Garbage: Tues. - Thurs.: Normal schedule
Friday on Monday, April 1
Recycling: Normal Schedule
Yard-Waste Carts: Normal Schedule

MEMORIAL DAY - May 27

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Recycling: RED WEEK; all collections postponed one day
Yard-Waste Carts:
All collections postponed one day

INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4

Garbage: Tues. & Weds. normal schedule
Thurs. collected on Friday, July 5
Friday collected on Monday, July 8
Recycling: BLUE WEEK; Mon. - Weds. normal schedule, Thurs. & Fri. postponed one day
Yard-Waste Carts: Mon. - Weds. normal schedule, Thursday postponed one day

LABOR DAY - Sept. 2

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Recycling: RED WEEK; all collections postponed one day
Yard-Waste Carts:
All collections postponed one day

COLUMBUS DAY - Not Observed

VETERANS DAY - Not Observed

Have a question about a holiday collection? Not sure of your recycling week? Call CityLink 311 - 7 days a week, 24 hours a day or go to Recycling.CityofWS.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY - Nov. 28 & 29

Garbage: Tues. & Weds. normal schedule
Thurs. on Mon. Dec. 2, Fri. on Tues. Dec. 5
Week of Dec. 4: All collections postponed one day; Friday on Mon. Dec 9
Recycling: RED WEEK;
Mon. - Wed.: Normal schedule
Thurs. & Friday postponed one day.
Yard-Waste Carts:
Mon. & Tues. collected Monday
Wed. on Tues.; Thurs. on Weds.

CHRISTMAS - Dec. 25

Garbage: Tues. normal schedule, Wed. & Thurs. postponed one day
Friday collected on Monday, Dec. 30
Recycling: RED WEEK;
Mon. & Tues. normal schedule
Wed. - Fri. postponed one day
Yard-Waste Carts:
Mon. & Tues. normal schedule
Wed. & Thurs. postponed one day

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2014 - Jan. 1, 2014

Garbage: Tues. normal schedule, Wed. & Thurs. postponed one day
Friday collected on Monday, Jan. 6
Recycling: BLUE WEEK;
Mon. & Tues. normal schedule
Wed. - Fri. postponed one day
Yard-Waste Carts:
Mon. & Tues. normal schedule
Wed. & Thurs. postponed one day



SHOWING THIS MONTH ON TIME
WARNER CABLE CHANNEL 13:
• BLET Class 84 Graduation
• Nexx
• W-S Community Band
TURN ON TIME WARNER CABLE CHANNEL 13 AND ON AT&T UVERSE CHANNEL 88

Question or concern about city government services? City Link (727-8000) is now open 24-hours-a-day to service all non-emergency calls, 7 days a week.

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• MAKE A SUGGESTION • OPEN 24 HRS/7 DAYS

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citylink@cityofws.org

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