



Winston-Salem Walk Chairman David Fry (center) poses with Beta Sigmas Omar Bitting, Tyrek Thompson, Christopher Hinton and Nasir Moore.

## Sigmas log miles to fight cancer

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Local members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity recently formed a team for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk. The event was held at Forsyth Technical Community College from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Walkers took shifts over the 12-hour duration. Because cancer never sleeps, each team had at least one participant walking the course at all times.

Teams engaged in fundraising activities during the months leading up to the Relay. The Sigmas of Winston-Salem team consisted of members of Delta Sigma (the alumni chapter), Delta Alpha (the collegiate at WSSU) and the Sigma Beta Club (youth males ages 8 to 18).

When the walk concluded, the team's 23 members had logged 132 community service hours while walking 564 laps (or 56.4 miles) around the Relay for Life Walk course.

This year's walk was extremely important because both the American Cancer Society and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. are celebrating their 100th anniversaries.



Alumni chapter members Maurice Jackson, Tracy Webb (president) and Carl Leak.

"ACS started the fight of a lifetime, and with organizations like Phi Beta Sigma, together we can finish that fight," stated the ACS' Rebecca Sink. "You guys are truly my heroes and sav-

ing grace!"

If you would like more information on how you can help the Relay for Life Walk, contact Sink at 336-834-3354 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

## St. Paul holding anniversary celebration

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St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Rd., will host its 143rd anniversary celebration on Sunday, May 25 during the 11 a.m. worship hour. Senior Pastor Donald Jenkins will speak on the theme, "Led By the Spirit: We Are A Passionate Church That Transforms Lives."

St. Paul members are celebrating the anniversary by volunteering at various local nonprofits agencies, by sharing the memories of older members and recognizing the service of Rev. Jenkins.

"St. Paul UMC is actually the merger of two churches: St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in 1871, and Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, founded in 1897. The merger took place in 1967. We



Jenkins

have members living who remember what happened during the time of the merger and it is great to hear their personal stories," said Betty Woodburn, a retired librarian and chair of the anniversary celebration. "One member, Doris Hartsfield, the mother of District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield, shared pictures of her wedding at the old St. Paul church during a recent gathering. As the oldest African-American church in the town of Winston and the second oldest African-American church in the combined town of Winston-Salem, it's important to preserve oral history whenever possible."

Jenkins, who has led the church since 1993, said, "This is an exciting time for St. Paul. Our members are looking forward to volunteering this week. We already have several outreach activities where we are visible in the community such as our food pantry and Thanksgiving meals, but there are many activities which are not as well known. Our support of Senior Services and the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries are just a couple of activities where our members are serving, demonstrating a passion for representing Christ to our neighborhood."

During Rev. Jenkins' tenure at St. Paul, he has reversed declining membership and focused on serving two purposes: praising God and building faith in an atmosphere of excellence and Christian love.

"We are delighted to have been a part of the community for 143 years and will continue to work so that St. Paul will be a place that meets human needs," said Jenkins, who is assisted at the church by Rev. Ellis Carson, a 2011 graduate of the Duke Divinity School.



Press Photo  
APA-NC has deemed Winston-Salem's Fourth Street as one of the greatest in the state.

## Fourth Street among state's 'Great Main Streets'

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Downtown Winston-Salem's signature thoroughfare - Fourth Street - has been named a "Great Main Street" by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-NC).

The group announced this year's "Great Places" in North Carolina selections this week.

Fourth Street was honored in the Professionals' category, in which winners were voted on by a panel of experts after completing a detailed nomination process that included providing in-depth descriptions of the work and partnerships that went into creating the main street. Apex's North Salem Street and Hendersonville's Main Street were also honored in this category. Morganton's Union Street and Burnsville's Town Square were honored in the People's Choice category, in

which the favorites were chosen by popular vote in an online contest. Three streets in Wilson - Nash, Goldsboro and Douglas - were named "Great Main Street in the Making."

"All of these 'Great Main Streets' are vibrant centers of commerce and community," said Ben Hitchings, president of APA-NC. "Through this program, we celebrate great places in our state and the local partnerships that have made these main streets a focal point for community life."

In addition to being featured on the [greatplacesnc.org](http://greatplacesnc.org) web site and the N.C. Chapter of the American Planning Association web site, winners are provided marketing materials to use in their business and economic development efforts, receive an award at a special presentation in their community, and will be recognized at the upcoming APA-NC Annual Conference in October. The program's goal is to celebrate Great

Places in NC, recognize the hard work that went into creating them, and provide examples of successful places to the rest of the state. Building on the success of the previ-

ous two years' Great Places in North Carolina initiatives, APA-NC is pleased to recognize these great communities in North Carolina.

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