

Usher board scholarship awarded to two in Forsyth County

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County United Usher Board has awarded the Joseph Clinton Academic Scholarship to Sydnie Rogers (First Place) and Makaiala Sitton (Second Place).

These youth ushers were required to write an essay from a list of selected topics, submit letters of recommendation and high school transcript and cite community and church involvement.

Sydnie Rogers is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where Dr. Serenus Churn is pastor, and plans to attend UNC at Charlotte. Her essay topic was, "Sunday School, Do I Really Have to Go?"



Rogers

Makaiala Sitton is a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, where the Rev. Ronald E. Speas is pastor, and plans to attend Campbell University. Her essay topic was, "Serving God's People, The Job of an Usher."



Sitton

The Forsyth County United Usher Board promotes, supports and implements ushering programs, as well as provides training and guidance with regard to usher protocols. The organization is 91 years old and the current president is April Timmons.

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Sharpe, a native of Lithonia, Georgia, is a graduate of Morehouse College. He graduated cum laude with departmental honors in the disciplines of religion and philosophy. While attending Morehouse, Sharpe served as the president of both the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants Program and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society.

He won the 2012 Otis Moss Jr. Oratorical Contest, was voted Religious Leader of the Year for two consecutive years, and was named the 2012-2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar. Sharpe

is also one of the charter members of the Academy of Young Preachers.

Among his many distinctions, he is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Currently, he is attending Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, pursuing a Masters of Theological Studies degree.

Sharpe is a member of The House of Hope Atlanta (The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church) in Decatur, Georgia, where Dr. E. Dewey Smith Jr., is the pastor and teacher.

For more information, call Hood at 336-724-9305, ext. 231. Bishop Sir Walter Mack is pastor and teacher of Union Baptist Church.



Sharpe

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McCloud. For additional information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.

Aug. 22

Back to School Jam

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will host its annual Back to School Jam & School Supply Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. Supplies will be available for grades k-12. There will be a drawing for \$50 to be applied to your school lunch account. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the host pastor. For more information, please contact the church at 336-721-1959.

Prayer walk

River to the Nations Ministries will have the North Hamilton Street prayer walk on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in High Point. The meeting will be at the corner of N. Hamilton St. and High Avenue. Parking should be close to the starting point. For more information call 336-377-2750.

Beginning Aug. 22

Church Homecoming

First Baptist Church will be having its annual homecoming on Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 on 700 Highland Ave. The theme this year will be "Building God's Community One Disciple at a Time". Dr. Darryl W. Aaron is the senior pastor. For more information call 336-722-5605.



Aaron

Aug. 23

Choir anniversary

New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) Male Chorus will celebrate its 18th Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. The guest choir will be The Male Chorus from Brooks Temple Methodist Church. In addition, the NBWC "Angels of Mercy" dance Ministry will perform. The theme is "A New Beginning and a New Start". Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Dr. James L.E. Hunt is pastor of NBWC. The address is 1033 New Birth Dr. East Bend, NC. For additional information, please call 336-699-3583 or visit its website at www.newbirthworshipcenter.org

Sept. 12

Evening of Entertainment

St. James AME Church on 1501 N. Patterson Ave. will have an "Evening of Entertainment" on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., featuring Mr. Nelson L. Roberts and Band, Gospel Jazz Musician/Comedian and Minister Will "EJ" Furches, Testimony MimeMinistry. Donations are \$40 and \$45 at the door. Dinner will be included. This will benefit for Women's Day on Sept. 27. The Rev. Steven L. Lyons is pastor. For more information contact Kimberly Howard-Green at 336-995-8061, or Myrna D. Williams at 336-923-5881.

Sept. 14

Bible class

The Sovereign Grace Bible Institute will begin its fall classes on Sept. 14. This will be a one-and-a-half year certificate program. On Monday nights, Ephesians and Practical Lessons on the Christian Life will be the topics. On Tuesday nights, there will be classes on the book of Romans and studies in Systematic Theology. An Old Testament Survey class will be added in the third semester. Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2712 Bon Air Ave. If you are interested in this type of in-depth Bible study, please call Elder Warren Burrell at 336-924-6001 or 336-682-6782. The final registration day will be on Sept. 11. For more information visit the website at www.sgchapel.org.

Ongoing

Emergency food give-away

Christ Kingdom Building Worship Center, 3894 North Hampton Dr., in partnership with second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC, provides to the community at large an Emergency Food Assistance Program on Tuesdays (2 p.m.); Wednesdays (4:30 p.m.); first and third Saturdays (10 a.m. to noon); and second and fourth Saturdays, 8 to 10 a.m.

Boutique

SJ Boutique Free clothes closet is open every second, fourth and fifth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each month at St. James A.M.E. Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave. Open to the public. Volunteers needed. Contact 336-995-1464.

Noon-Day Express

New Liberty Baptist Ministries, 5009 Voss St., will host Noon-Day Express services on Wednesdays from noon to 12:45 p.m. Guest speakers from around the city and area will encourage your hearts at midweek preaching the Gospel of Power and Commitment. A lunch will be offered. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Rev. Dr. Linda Beal is the host pastor. For more information contact Tracee Spears at 336-429-0512, or Deacon Beal at 336-528-3256.

Food and Pantry Clothes Closet

Every second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc. invites anyone who is in need of food and clothes. The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is at 4951 Manning St. Direct all question to Missionary Tammy Orr at 336-744-3012.

Life's Application: We are responsible for our decisions. There are no perfect people or families and our experiences do impact our lives but the decisions we make fall on our heads not someone else's. There are no excuses for bad behaviors and attitudes. Turning from God leads us down all sorts of pathways to destruction. Our responsibility is to recognize "where we are" and to repent. Repentance means to turn from anything that obstructs our relationship with God. Many of us old folks say, "God don't like ugly". Hopefully, now we comprehend what it means. In the midst of the people's despair, "God with His Good Self" (Mrs. Elizabeth Williams) gives hope to all!

will be judged by his actions alone. Careful examination of the standards of the righteous men in verses 5-9 reveals his priorities - God first, moral behavior, and social justice. The son is caught up in the world's standard that doesn't please God. He alone is responsible for his outcome; not his father. The remainder of the chapter illustrates what happens to the unrighteous son's son. Ezekiel also shows them that a wicked person can repent and receive mercy. He also shows them that a righteous man can turn from God and die. The chapter ends with a call to repentance! The house of Israel (both kingdoms) as a whole was guilty but God sends His judgment on individuals as well.

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Temple, they recognized the error in their thinking. The deportees begin to question how all of this happened. They quote an old proverb to justify everything. They actually misinterpret Exodus 20:5-6. Ezekiel is instructed to tell them that God is tired of hearing this lame excuse! Yes, the generations before them had sinned but they are guilty as well. The prophet illustrates God's standard by using a righteous man and his unrighteous son. The righteous man is blessed because of his behavior but cannot pass that down to his son. It doesn't work that way! The unrighteous son

Lott Carey

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threshold of independence seeking to grow and develop as leaders in their communities and throughout the world. And finally there is the Pastoral Excellence Network, which is a community of former, current, and aspiring pastors who work together to explore leading edge ministry opportunities as well as health and well-being.

A seminar on Thursday afternoon will focus on maximizing voter participation to show churches how to engage and empower voter participation and education to make sure votes are cast and counted. Also included will be a focus on how to show individuals to become debt free.

The Women in Service Everywhere Unit will be discussing anti-human trafficking and partnering with government and nonprofit agencies to help stem the tide of modern day slavery as most who are victims are women and children and

forced into a commercial sex trade. They also seek to make sure the victims are not looked upon as criminals and to bring the persecutors to justice.

Lott Carey also seeks to help those in the immediate aftermath of disasters as they have built over 300 homes and donated a million dollars in aid to Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. They also were at ground zero after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans 10 years ago this month.

And as the Rev. Pamela Holder, one of the organizers, stated, there is one thing everyone there shares in common: "A meal to get fed physically as well as spiritually."

Lott Carey is under the leadership of President Rev. Dr. Gregory Moss, senior pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte.

For more information about Lott Carey, based in Landover, Maryland, and the annual session, visit www.lottcarey.org or call 301-429-3300.

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