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with the loss and finally be able to smile and have happy thoughts and memories of the loved one they have lost. She also said she lost her husband in 1994 and being the facilitator of the group has helped her in her journey of healing.

St. Paul is the only black church in the area that has a GriefShare group and sends out invitations to local churches for them to send their members to the sessions to address any issues they may be dealing with.

The session, which is Scripture based, referred to 2 Corinthians 12:9, which states, "But he said to me, my grace is suf-

ficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me." This Scripture was used to let the participants know that once they move aside and let God lead, He will put them on the path of healing and joy, and when they are at their weakest is when God gives them strength.

"Stay positive, pray, and surround yourself with positive energy because negativity will hurt you a lot," said Verdell, speaking of the advice she would give to someone who has lost a loved one.

The next GriefShare session will be Jan. 16, 2016. For more information, call the church office at 336-723-4531.

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redeemed and dedicated to the Lord. Sacrifices are offered to exempt firstborn sons from being given in service to God. Mary and Joseph, being observant Jews, take Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord. Mary also makes her purification offering of two pigeons or doves. Jesus, being the son of God, is being given back to His true father. Simeon, characterized as a man who keeps God's commands and has a reverence for God, is led to the temple by the Holy Spirit at the precise time Jesus is being presented to the priest. Simeon has been promised by God that he would see the Messiah before he dies. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is recognized as the Christ by Simeon. Salvation has come not only to the Jews but, the gentiles as well. Jesus has been dedicated as firstborn son to fulfill all prophecy and redeem mankind the world over.

Life's Application: We as Christians look at Passover as a Jewish observance or holiday, sometimes failing to recognize it as the path of salvation. Just as God delivered out of the bondage of Egypt, He now delivers out of the bondage of sin. The firstborn concept (Romans 8:29) for us today stretches to make us brothers and sisters in Christ, owing nothing but inheriting a place in heaven. Our celebration of Christmas should mean so much more because of the firstborn factor. Our mind-

set should go past the exchanging of gifts, decorating the tree and parties. The biggest holiday of the year should also be the most humbling one for true believers ... knowing that we are the recipients of the greatest gift of all. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). Redemption is ours simply because of God's extensive plan that is all inclusive. Keep that in mind as we shop, decorate and party. It's not about us ... it's about Jesus.

Elder Richard Wayne Wood, associate pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, a product of Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and an alumnus of The University of Virginia. Elder Wood has served as a Sunday school teacher beginning in college. He has continued to teach both Sunday school and Bible study, serving as SS Superintendent and Christian Ed Leader at New Hope. Elder Wood has written and developed programs for both SS and VBS. He served as President of the Forsyth County Sunday School Union for three terms (6 years) and is currently the Chairmen of the Executive Board of the same. Elder Wood is married to the former Cathy Banner and proud father of August Pierce Banner-Wood (deceased).

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Tubman Drive. Free to the public. For more information, call 336-725-0901.

Noonday 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.

Men Helping Men Be Men

All men young and old are invited to fellowship with Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., during Men Helping Men Be Men every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact 336-744-3012.

Food program

First Baptist Church Children's Center, 501 West Fifth St., is participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants. Children who are TANF recipients or who are members of SNAP or FDPIR households or are Head Start participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of food stamp or FDPIR households or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. For more information, call 336-723-7071.

Emergency food give-away

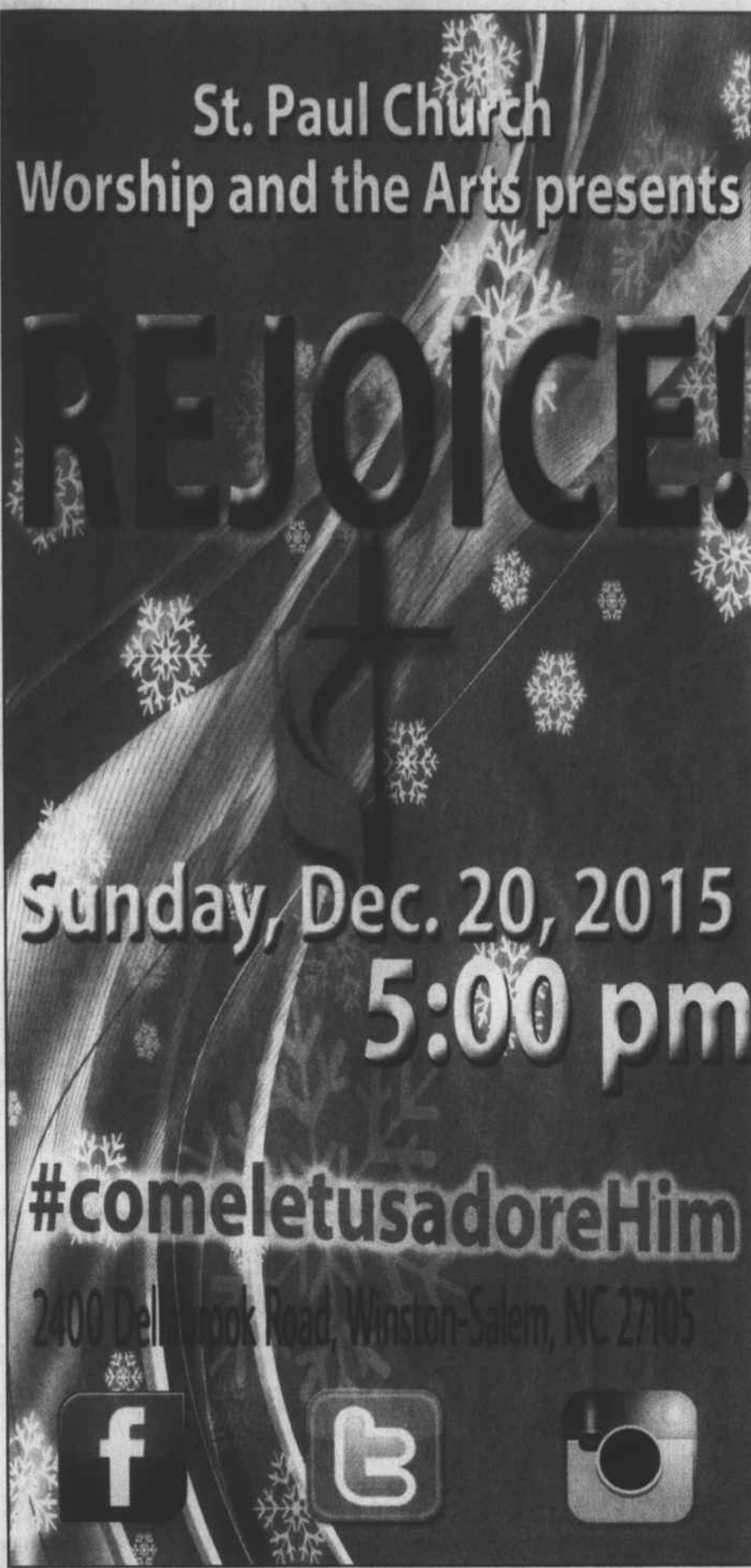
Christ Kingdom Building Worship Center, 3894 North Hampton Drive, in partnership with second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC, provides to the community at large an Emergency Food Assistance Program on Tuesdays (2 p.m.); Wednesdays (4:30 p.m.); first and third Saturdays (10 a.m. to noon); and second and fourth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

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 questions to Missionary Tammy Orr at 336-744-3012.


Providing hope through teaching

Join Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Bethesda Center, 930 North Patterson Ave., providing hope through teaching and preaching presented by Calvary Hill's ministerial staff. For more information contact the church at 336-744-3012.



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