

Religion

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Pastor. The public is cordially invited to support the Youth of the Church.

Feb. 14 Celebration Honoring God's Doorkeepers

St. Andrews United Methodist Church will have a celebration honoring God's Doorkeepers on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3:00 p.m. at 1840 Butler Street. The program is free and open to the public. Rev. Ronnie Roseboro is the Pastor. The church telephone-336-788-3421.

Ongoing

Community Clothes Closet

The St. James Community Clothes Closet opens at 10 a.m. the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month. St. James is located at the corner of Patterson Avenue and 15th Street across from the U.S. Post Office.

Food and pantry, clothes closet

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1-3 p.m., Love Community Development Corporation, located at 3980 North Liberty St., will serve those in need of food and clothes. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday, from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing assistance with resumes or seeking employment. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

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.).

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.

Lesson

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After what we assume to be a few days of celebration, Mary comes to Jesus to inform Him that the wine had run out. Mary evidently expected Jesus to do "something." His response however was to ask "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." (John 2:4). In other words, it was not yet time for Jesus to reveal Himself. Believing that Jesus would somehow remedy the situation, Mary instructs the staff to follow His instructions. Jesus then instructed the servants to

fill the large stone water pots (six containing 20 to 30 gallons of water each) to the brim with water. The water pots which were ceremonial have now been temporarily defiled, but He chose to put friends' needs over the demands of ritual ... by using the jars for another purpose, Jesus was also pointing out that there was nothing inherently "holy" about them (UMI Annual Commentary 2015-16).

Note that Jesus does not blessing, no chant, does not touch the pots or the water. He merely says, "Draw out now and bear unto the governor of the feast." (vs8).

Upon tasting the wine, the master called the Bridegroom aside and asked why he saved the best wine for the last. Jesus has now saved His friend from social embarrassment while showing His love for them and has revealed His glory and caused His disciples to believe on Him. This was Jesus first "sign." Jesus always kept the end results of any actions in mind (UMI Annual Commentary 2015-16). After changing the water to fine wine, Jesus and His mother, brothers and disciples left for Capernaum, which became His headquarters for a large part of

His public ministry (see Matt. 4:13, Mark 1:21; 2:1).

Life's Application:

Just as Jesus thought of His friends and what to do, He also knew and took into consideration what God had for Him to do. He saw the opportunity to help the friend and glorify God. We should look for these same opportunities. We should not boast but act so that the God in us is seen by others in our life. Jesus is the way and we only need to trust Him, knowing that He is there to watch over us and strengthen us in all life's situations.

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Carolina Council of Churches.

Since receiving the AED, the church has striven to meet certain requirements in order to uphold continued approval and maintenance of the device, one of which being the recertification of a key number of non-medical members in CPR/AED techniques every two years.

Accordingly, funded by a mini-grant from Partners in Health and Wholeness of the North Carolina Council of Churches, Goler's Health Ministry began a campaign to acquire Adult/Child CPR & AED training for its non-medical

members at the start of the current conference year. As a result of the campaign, 24 of Goler's members, alongside another five individuals from across the Winston Salem District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, received Adult/Child CPR & AED certification by the American Red Cross.

In addition to its collective efforts, the Rev. Johnny L. Ruff has frequently taken it upon himself to lead discussions with the congregation about healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices. Other church members have also sphere-headed discussions which aim to educate the congregation on health disparities that disproportionately affect blacks, such as

Carol Henry's presentation of "Stroke and Heart Disease Prevention" and Kimberly Ellerbe's inspirational testimony about her own recent health challenges and miracles.

For the congregation, the story of Kimberly, an active member of the church and honorary member of Goler's Health Ministry, has been especially important. In May, Kimberly experienced a sudden change in her health status and was hospitalized. At the time, her condition seemed hopeless and her physicians estimated that she might never leave the hospital. Yet, to the amazement of many, Kimberly recovered in what she relates as a mira-

cle. They insist that her quiet sense of humor and spirit has added great strength to the congregation and has enhanced the Health Ministry's holistic belief of body, mind and spirit.

In the future, Goler's Health Ministry plans to continue its efforts toward promoting a healthier congregation and hopes to receive more recognition from the Partners in Health and Wholeness, which regularly awards Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates to churches throughout the state with participating Health Ministries that meet the designated criteria.



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