

Singles ministry participants enjoy a version of Bingo during fellowship. Members from left to right include Aquilla Miller, Mary Vannoy, Jackie Alexander, Nya Hymes, Andrea Hymes and Sebrina Jordan.

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like it's not available. She stated that they want to keep people encouraged and let them know that they are not alone while dealing with the stresses of the single life.

Each year the ministry has a different theme or outing, from movie nights to scavenger hunts. Saturday's gathering was a potluck dinner in which each person was to bring a food item that best represents them. Doughnuts, a salad and smoothies were some of the items served.

Jackie Alexander brought "Nutty Bars" because she said it was a reminder for her to not go to bars and clubs and to stay true to her responsibilities with the church ministry.

A game of "Singo," which is a singles-themed version of the classic Bingo game, was played following the meal.

"I feel like it's important because it keeps us uplifted with everything that we do," said Nya Hymes. Hymes was the youngest member in attendance and felt as though it was good for the youth to be involved with ministries such as this to keep them from negative influences.

Jordan stated they want to reach out to the community and have the participation of a lot people.

"With the society as it is today, many believe it's impossible to live a life of abstinence before marriage," Jordan said. "We have people here in our church who have testimonies of celibacy, those who have been married and are transitioning into the single life, and those who have never been married and are virgins to attest that God will keep you. It is possible, and you can do what the world says is impossible if you have strong faith."



Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center Singles Ministry leader Aquilla Miller describes why she chose to bring smoothies to ministry meeting Saturday, May 28.

### Lesson

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He handles things. He has a sacrifice and a punishment all planned. There will be noise enough ... a cry, a wail and a loud crash (Zephaniah 1:10). No hiding in the darkness, God will search with His own lamp that will reveal all.

The great day of the Lord when hearing it at first we might conjure a vision of great celebration, joy and happiness; however, this great day is anything but. The day will be bitter, full of wrath, destruction, darkness and unhappy noises. God says "I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind" (Zeph 1:17). I'm reminded of Noah and the flood when the day of the Lord was

also forewarned, but in Noah's case there was a time-given to repent. The people were not hastened. Here, Zephaniah says the day is "hastening fast" (vs. 14). And God said to Noah, "Not water, but fire next time." Is this in fact that time "... in the fire of His passion the whole earth shall be consumed (vs. 18)? Is there a glimmer of light for anyone? Yes! Zephaniah admonishes, "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do His commands ... perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath (Zephaniah 2:3). Revealed here also in this verse is that the day of the Lord is actually "The Day of the Lord's Wrath."

For Your Consideration: Why is it important for believers to center their lives on God? In what ways can believers pursue righteousness? Compare the people of Noah's time and Zephaniah's time and today. What are the similarities?

Life's Application: Wickedness of rulers and inhabitants was the cause of the impending judgment for Judah and Jerusalem. We are faced today with that same scenario. But if we who are called by His name will humble ourselves and pray, God promises us not a day of wrath, but of healing for the land. We have got to be faithfully dependent on God and confident in our belief that real peace of mind and protection comes from Him. Zephaniah's prophecy was not just for his time, but world events, headlines and social media attest to God's word then being a glimpse into now and our need for a Zephaniah.

## IN MEMORIAM

HAUSER

Pastor Emeritus Sarah Coleman Rowdy Hauser of Revelations of Faith Church ascended to heaven on May 2, 2016. She was born on June 9, 1943 to the late Elder James Aaron Coleman & Evangelist Annie

Coleman Carthron. She was educated in the Forsyth County School System and attended Vintage Bible College. She

worked for Forsyth County Family Planning for almost 30 years and worked in the Media Center at WSSU. married She Elder George Hauser, Jr. From that union she inherited 5 children, Deborah(David)Hauser-Odom, Janice Faust, an adopted daughter, (William) Bernice Brooks, Raymond Jones, Gregory Hauser, George (Sharon) Hauser, III. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Louise Garlington, two daughters. Maria Rowdy Earl and Sabrina Rowdy ex-husband Belcher,

Daniel Rowdy from that union 6 children were born and second husband Elder George Hauser, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memories Sharon (Stanley) Carroll, Rev James (Andrea) Rowdy Jr., Melvin (Priscilla) Rowdy; Darryl Rowdy, a

host of grandchildren and great-grandchil-Son-indren. Bishop law. Dwight Earl. Juanita sisters, (Jesse) Michael; Ruby (Jeff)

McCullough; Barbara Barr; Geneva William) Payne; brothers: Aaron Coleman; David (Juanita) Coleman; Bishop Daniel (Rose) Coleman; Michael (Sharon) Coleman; Benjamin (Sylvia) Coleman and Alvester Toney(Voncillia) Coleman; a host of other relatives and special friends. Services were held on May 6 @ New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Dennis Bishop as Eulogist. Douthit Funeral Services in charge.

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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.

#### 4th Thursday Winston-Salem Worship at Rescue Mission

The Evangelism Ministry of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church located at 1905 N Jackson

Ave. will worship the 4th Thursday of the month at the Winston Salem Rescue Mission at 7 p.m. Continue to keep these men in prayer as we attempt to bring the lost to Christ. Pastor Paul W. Hart.

### Clothes closet

Ambassador Cathedral Clothes Closet will be open on Sundays from noon to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive. Free to the public. For more information, call 336-725-0901.

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.

# Food, clothes available

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

**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. Special for the month of February is footwear. For more information, contact Myrna Williams, coordinator, at 336-923-5881 or 410-245-3306. Clothing donations and accessories accepted.

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