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Rhonda Johnson, organizer for the give-away/voter drive, said the clothing drive was used to attract the people they may not have otherwise been able to come in contact with. The church targeted areas around the church, such as the Bethesda Center, Better Women's Shelter and the Salvation Army shelter to bring people in, along with Facebook and the church website.

"We are in a time where we need to educate our people," said Johnson. "When you start registering people, you educate them about the alternatives they have as far as how they can vote. Hopefully, with the people we have coming in today, it will make an impact on voting. This is a foundation that needs to be taught to our younger people because they are our future and they need to be aware and knowledgeable about the candidates."

People of all ages were coming in to check out the clothes that were available as well as to register to vote. The people who were able to find clothes and shoes to fit were very thankful for the items.

"I feel like this is very

helpful because some people don't have anything," said Lakera Stevenson. "I think a lot of churches should do this because there are so many people in need."

Willie Leach, a newcomer in town from West Virginia, said, "Registering people to vote is very important because that's



Rev. Johnny L. Ruff

the only way we are going to find out what's really going on. It's up to us to vote the right people into the position to make sure they do what they say they will do. The clothing give-away is a blessing because all I have is what's on my back."

Goler Metropolitan Pastor Rev. Johnny L. Ruff says the church looked at the opportunity to give away clothes to the community but they didn't want to stop there and said, "Let's see if we can also get people to register."

"This is a prime time for registration and we want everybody to have the opportunity to vote," said

Ruff. "We want people to understand the process and we certainly want people to be a part of this year's election. It's critical that we participate because when we fail to participate, we become victims. When we are involved, we have the opportunity to become victors."

Ruff said there are nothing but positives from events like these because in the short run they are meeting a need by helping people with clothing and getting people involved in the political process. In the long run, he says, it enables the church to help people to grow and be involved in the community. He said it's something we as a people have not done enough of and we cannot sit back and wait for things to happen; we have to make them happen.

Monique Broadway, a Winston-Salem native, said she was thankful for the give-away and the opportunity to register to vote because of today's political climate.

"It helps a lot when people don't really have much to get for their kids. It's really nice to give back to the people who don't have a lot, and I'm really grateful," Broadway concluded.

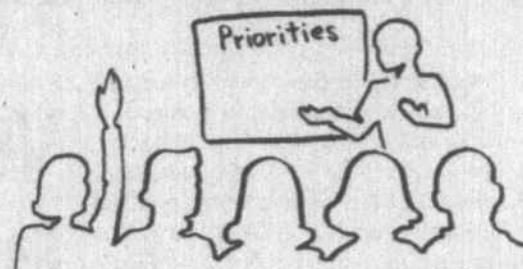


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Monique Broadway, left, and Lakera Stevenson came out to register to vote and look for some clothes to help their families.

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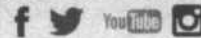


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**Sept. 11
Worship Service and Forum**

At the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, on Sunday, Sept. 11, at worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. the Rev. Lisa Schwartz will speak on "Peril and Panic: Living in the Age of Anxiety." At Explorations, 9:15 a.m. Dr. Gloria Fitzgibbon will speak on "Fear and What We Can Learn from It." At the Forum at 9:15 a.m. Gus Preschle, who was at the scene on 9/11, will talk about "The World Trade Center Then and Now."

**Sept. 11
Gospel Explosion Musical Concert**

First Calvary Baptist Church, 401 N. Woodland Ave., will host its annual Gospel Explosion musical concert on Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. This concert is sponsored by the men of First Calvary Baptist Church. Gospel Explosion will feature The Mighty Wonders, a Winston-Salem group founded in 1956 by four high school students. The original members are deceased but their legacy continues through a powerful gospel group of nine members. This group's music is high energy, spirit filled and anointed and will get hands clapping and feet moving. Other artists performing will be First Calvary Baptist Church Male Choir and Beyond the Doors. The concert is free and open to all to share in this celebration and ministry. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. For more information call 336-724-2611. Derwin L. Montgomery is the pastor of the church.

**Sept. 11
Prophetic Release Conference**

Ambassador Cathedral presents Prophetic Release Conference on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. The speaker will be Prophet Sylvester Walker. \$150 worth of groceries will be given to the person who brings the most people.

**Sept. 11-14
Annual Homecoming and Revival**

Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 198 Anderson Road in Rural Hall, will have its Annual Homecoming and Revival on Sunday through Wednesday, Sept. 11-14. The Rev. Beverly W. McMillian will deliver the 11 a.m. message. The 3 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller and the Winston-Salem District of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church and Winston-Salem District Gospel Choir will be the guests. Nightly services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The Rev. Dairl L. Scott Sr., pastor of New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, will be the guest. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Sept. 14
Expect A Miracle**

First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 North Main Street, Kernersville, will hold its annual special service called Expect A Miracle on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 336-996-7388.

**Sept. 16 and Oct. 1
"News Media 101" seminar**

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is sponsoring a free seminar for nonprofits, including churches, called "News Media 101: Getting Your Message Across," from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 1. It will be at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive in Winston-Salem. Registration is required. The dead-

line for registration is Sept. 16. To register, send the full name of the nonprofit organization's representative, the name of the nonprofit organization, cell phone number (home phone number if the person doesn't have a cell phone) and email address to letters@wschronicle.com. Please put in the subject field "Registering for News Media 101."

**Sept. 17
Ladies Community Outreach**

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center will have a community outreach on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. RICH Community Development Corporation and Holy Trinity FGFC will host it's SISTA's fellowship for ladies of all ages. This program is designed to encourage sisters, aunts, mothers and grandmothers to take action successfully in all areas of life. All are invited to attend and be empowered and encouraged as women. For more information please contact the administrative office at 336-784-9347.

**Sept. 17
100th Anniversary Celebration**

The Hanes Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is excited about the upcoming events celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Our theme is "A Century of Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Dedicated to the Future." Our upcoming events: Sept. 17, 4 p.m., Throwback Fashion Show featuring styles from 1920 to the present. (Dinner donation \$10); building a Walkway of Faith - Purchase a personalized brick or bricks in honor or memory of loved ones. (\$50 each); October 30, 3 p.m. - 100th Anniversary Worship Service - The Right Reverend James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate of the 7th Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will bring the message; Nov. 12, 5 p.m. - 100th Anniversary Gala/Silent Auction - Embassy Suites (Donation \$40); Nov. 2016 - Crystal Angels in honor or in memory of your loved ones. (Donation \$5); December - The revealing of the Angel Tree. Please contact the church office for additional information at 336 724-7151.

**Sept. 18
Family and Friends Day**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church presents Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m. This will be an afternoon filled with fun, fellowship, food & entertainment. We have the dynamic speaker Rev. Omar Dykes who will bring an inspiring & uplifting message. We will be entertained by the soulful & energetic NCBRC singers featuring Bethany Heath, Kristyn Daney, Kenya Little & Zakkiah Niang. Wallace Wright & Friends will also provide musical entertainment. We will have a special appearance from storyteller Renee Andrews. Dress comfortably for this outdoor event. The family who brings in the largest donation will be crowned and recognized as the Family of the Year. Donations are already beginning to come in. We are counting on you to make this a successful event.

**Sept. 18
Youth Program**

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center located at 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy. will sponsor a day for youth grades K - 5th. Join the Y-BO "Youth Breaking Out" program on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact the administrative office at 336-784-9347.

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