



Toward the end of the service, the church came together to pray for breast cancer and domestic violence awareness month and those dealing with those issues.

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amestown he noticed there were not many African-American churches in the city. He said after some prayer and discussion, the church decided on that location. When speaking of why he chose Hood for the pastor position at the new church, he said, "It was very obvious Dr. Hood possessed the pastoral

skills to do the job, so it was an easy decision to make her pastor at the new location."

Mack went on to say that Hood is able to relate to people of all ages and he wants the new location to be fruitful but more importantly be relevant and impactful. He said he wanted to stress quality ministry over quantity.

Hood stated it was a surreal moment when she

was about to lead her first service. She said she was a little nervous but had faith that God was going to lead her in the right direction.

"I asked God to send me places I can't even see because if God sends me to those places he will take care of me," said Hood. "I also asked God to send me the people we need to minister to."

She says she came to the location prior to the first

service and prayed for prosperity and for the Lord to send her the people she needs.

Her sermon centered on how people should be "thanking Jesus for all he has done for us" and concluded the service with a special prayer acknowledging breast cancer and domestic violence awareness months.

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journey, but God brought forth the change and I give him all the honor, the glory and the praise because without him it would not have happened."

Burke added, "It's most important when our churches who are our partners have activities. We want to be present. I have known Bishop Nash through the years and her hard work, so it was important to be here and not miss this occasion."

Mayor Joines said he

wanted to attend the ceremony to represent the city of Winston-Salem and to congratulate Bishop Nash and the church.

"I think as mayor, what I try to do is try and support all of our churches, particularly on a day like today," said Joines. "Today is a special day, with all the hard work from the ministers and members of this church to retire the debt on the building. It's a great celebration, and I want them to continue to be a presence for God in our community."



The church congregation came out in full force to celebrate the mortgage burning ceremony.

IN MEMORIAM



BARBER

Dwyane Bernard Barber was born on October 17, 1958 in Bridgeport Ct. Dwyane's mother, Alma Grier Barber Horton preceded him in death. Father, Alexander Barber, Jr. resides in Winston-Salem. Dwyane departed this life unexpectedly on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

Dwyane graduated from East Forsyth High School and served in the US Army where he was honorably discharged. He attended Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee where he pledged Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc. He was enrolled at Forsyth Technical Community College, studying Diesel Mechanics. Dwyane was a devoted father to his sons, Jordan Crockett and Luke Barber of Winston-Salem and daughter Rechina Green of Kihei, Hawaii. He leaves two granddaughters, EzauraCelis Ibarra and Jordyn Holton. Dwyane had one younger brother, Alexander E. Barber, III

who died in June 2013 and has one sister, Sonya Barber who resides in the city. Dwyane is survived by his loving and supportive father, Alexander Barber, Jr. and grandmother, Mrs. Parphinia Ford. His paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Barber, preceded him in death two weeks prior to his own.

Dwyane leaves a devoted partner Latrell Edwards and a devoted friend Christopher Legette. He also leaves to mourn, loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Dwyane was an open-hearted individual who would do anything for anyone. The advice he provided to others, "You have to think in Life". Dwyane had a personal relationship with God and wasn't ashamed to tell others about it! Dwyane was loved by many and will never be forgotten.

Memorial services will be held at 12:00 noon Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sam Hickerson, officiating. The family visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Wednesday at the Chapel.

Online condolences can be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com (RUSSELL).



The audience during Gospel Fest were treated to a diverse set of acts and beautiful weather.

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opportunity to be able to stand in front of God's people and show them my gift."

The other acts were Pastor Todd Curry, Dr. George Pass & NEW, Nelson L. Roberts, Jeremiah Salter & Nu Elevation Worship and Kayo Bracey.

Bracey is a Christian hip hop artist who not only performed upbeat tracks that had many in the crowd dancing but also gave a history of how he was delivered from a life of sin. He also spoke about Alisia Dieudonne, one of the North Carolina A&T students shot and killed over the weekend, whom he

knew and was a part of his latest music video. He said when he heard the news, it broke his heart and the irony is she left Chicago to get away from violence just to unfortunately succumb to it.

"It's so much negativity going on in the world, it's nice to just do anything positive period," Bracey continued. "It's too much hate going on now so lifting up God and being able to come to a positive event like this, I love it. I feel like my music is relatable, because when I was younger in church, I loved God but the music didn't hit me. So for the kids, they hear all of this music on the radio so when you can replicate that, but talk about God in it, it hits them harder because they can

relate to it."

There was a steady flow of people who came to check out the performers on stage. Many people stayed for the entire event and loved the different acts. Kay Hawkins of Winston-Salem said she comes every year and always enjoys herself.

"It was wonderful and I've been coming since they first started. I really liked the young rapper because I'm really interested in what our young people are doing and he had a good message. This year all the choirs had a different sound, which was really nice."

Paulette Williams of Winston-Salem added, "Everything went well. The praise and worship was awesome."

She said she really enjoyed Dr. George Pass & NEW and that she will be returning next week to check out the next set of acts.

Lesson

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in his faithfulness is to be remembered. Christ, on the other hand as God's Son, is in charge of the house (verse 6). Paul continues his point of Jesus being the head and superior by saying we are the house, if we can assert with bold confidence our grip on this fact (verse 6). Jesus is superior to Moses. Matthew writes of the Sermon on the Mount and how Jesus appeals to His listeners on various points. This particular appeal says "These words I speak to you ... are foundational words, words to build a life

on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter" (verse 24) (The Message Remix: Pause, Eugene Peterson). The verse goes on to say the solid foundation is desirable. Matthew records "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter" (verse 26). The building will collapse like a house of cards as soon as bad weather hits (verse 27). Verses 28 and 29 express how "the crowd bursts into applause ... It was apparent that He [Jesus] was living everything He was saying - quite a contrast to their religious teachers." (The Message,

Remix; Pause, Eugene Peterson).

For Your Consideration: Why is Jesus considered the High Priest of our faith? How are we a house?

Life's Application: The basic message to us is that Jesus is the center of our faith and we in essence belong to Him. He has given us advice, encouragement, warnings and promises. It's up to us to act in a responsible way by implementing all these instruments for spiritual growth and maturity into our lives. Life really is what you make of it. Let Jesus be your life coach.

UMMBC Fall Revival

Devotion and worship services begin nightly at 7pm in the sanctuary.



October 12 Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby



October 19 Dr. Peter M. Wherry



October 26 Rev. Dr. William Curtis



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