

**Fall**

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of the church decorated car trunks for the children to visit for candy. The church provided candy and games for them to play once they visited. According to Chad Armstrong, director of church ministries, the church likes to organize the event to allow the children to have fun in a safe atmosphere.

"I think it's incredibly important to show the community, to show families and to show people that church is a place for fun," said Armstrong. "It's really important as society progresses with the dangers that are prevalent and able to hurt our children, it's important to have fun but have fun in a controlled environment."

He went on to say that it's great to let kids have fun in a Bible-based environment. He said they are not celebrating Halloween but instead enjoying the autumn season.

Along with the candy and games, the children were provided with free food, a live DJ and a bounce castle to enjoy. One member brought an RV that was converted into a candy shop for the kids to walk through.

Many children and their parents



A mother helps her child hit the ball into the Jack-o-lantern during the trunk or treat fall festival at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

came out in full costume to partake in the festivities. Everyone seemed to enjoy the different decorative trunks and games the ministries put together.

Director of the Children's Ministry, Lisa Smith, says this event is important because its an outreach to the community to minister with them and to fellowship with each other.

"It's great to have the kids learn how to fellowship and love one

another," said Smith. "In today's society, we don't have enough opportunities for the kids to get together in a safe environment that caters just to them, so this is a chance for them to do that."

Galilee has been holding this event for years and it continues to grow. This coming Sunday, the church will vote on the best trunk, and that ministry will receive an award.

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she said, "Pain, my personal experience with pain from the time that I was first invited up until now," said Harrell. "I have had a very personal endeavor with pain and I didn't know how I was going to deliver it today but after going through what this year has held, it has all come together perfectly."

"You have to push and you can't give up when you are in the middle of depression. You can't give up because everything is falling apart, you can't give up because your heart is broken, you can't give up because people walk out on you and I want them to take away victory and freedom and perseverance because that's where your purpose is," Harrell said of what she wanted to convey in her message.

Head pastor Bishop Stephone Samuels says without the women there would not be a church. He says the women have stepped up to the forefront when the men have come up short.

"It's a blessing and plus by them being renewed and refreshed, it helps them to be what God wants them to be," said Samuels. "Seeing the women coming togeth-



The participants of the conference hug and greet one another.

er as one from different denominations and churches helps a lot because the churches are somewhat divided. But the Bible says where two or three gather in His name, there I am in their midst, so that is so important in this day in time."

Church First Lady Sandra Samuels added, "I want the women to release the pain and the hurt that they have experienced through life and let them

know that they can make it if they put God first in their life."

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**Turnout**

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Obama was on ballot.

Bishop Mack is one of many pastors across the state who is leading his congregation to participate in the Faith Ambassadors initiative. Since the summer, the church has held voter registration drives, collected voter pledge cards from the congregation, increased voter education and awareness and distributed non-partisan voter education materials.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, a theatrical drama was presented with emphasis on

voting and Early Voting information was distributed.

Dr. Barber — president of the North Carolina NAACP and convener of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HKonJ) Peoples Assembly Coalition, a broad alliance of more than 140 progressive organizations with over 2 million memberships to champion a 14 point anti-racism, anti-poverty, anti-war agenda — is very much in the national spotlight.

Dr. Barber and this coalition has aided in the passage of the Racial

Justice Act of 2009, which allowed death row inmates to appeal their sentences on the grounds of racial bias in the court system; and successfully advocated for voting reforms such as same-day registration and early voting, and has re-framed marriage equality as a civil rights issue and helped mobilized black churches to support a ballot initiative in 2012.

Political candidates who will be attending the service on Sunday are asked to contact the church office at 336-724-9305, ext. 222 to RSVP.

**Lesson**

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God"... and the whole city, occupied by all the saints, is called the bride (verse 2) (The MacArthur Study Bible). An announcement from the throne that God's place of abode, His tabernacle, will now be with His people. God has in times past with Moses in the wilderness abided with His people from time to time, but now He will abide with them continuously (verse 3). There will never be a tear in heaven because all the causes of tears are wiped away (verse 4). God says all things will be made new and God always speaks truth (John 17:17); so write it down (verse 5). God says now to John "It is done" from beginning to

end (Alpha and Omega) the plan is completed and its work. Heaven now belongs to those who Jesus referred to in John 7:37-38 who have earnestly sought the satisfaction of salvation and eternal life. The water of life is free (verse 6). He who overcomes is simply anyone who lives faithfully in God's word. The inheritance is spiritual to all believers and is the fullness of the new creation (verse 7). The lesson concludes in verse 8 with a description of the kinds of people who will be outcasts of the new heaven and new earth. They will instead be in the "Lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (verse 8).

For Consideration: Your New

Jerusalem comes down from Heaven; how long has it been prepared? Or is it in the making still? Do you think the 1,000 year reign may be for you?

**Life's Application:** Both John and Peter speak of the new heaven and new earth. They both include the destruction ... complete with wiping away of the old and replacement with the new. What challenges do you face now that viewing eternity helps you to put it into perspective? What decisions do you believe you need to make now in light of what is to come? (UMI Annual Commentary 2016-2017).

**Church baptizes two in river**

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Larry France Sr. became a candidate for baptism when he gave his life to Christ and joined First Waughtown Baptist Church (FWBC) earlier this year.

But France didn't want the usual immersion in the baptismal pool. He wanted to go to the river, and Senior Pastor Dennis W. Bishop agreed to honor his request.

When Pastor Bishop's nephew, Parogio Stowe,

heard about plans for a river baptism, he asked to be re-baptized.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, about 50 FWBC members and friends caravanned to the Yadkin River for the ceremony.

Under a glowing sun over the chilly waters of the Yadkin, Pastor Bishop and associate pastor Rev. Eddie Hightower baptized both candidates as several men of the church held safety ropes and the congregants sang Take Me to the Water.

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The Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency want your opinion on whether transportation planning here is continuing, cooperative and comprehensive.

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If you live in these areas, we encourage you to attend a public meeting from 5 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., 3rd floor conference room, in Winston-Salem.

You may also submit written comments by 5 p.m. Dec. 9.

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Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the program of projects (POP) requirements.

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