

# Church News

## News of note

**Carrie Graves of Charlotte** was recently selected to receive a full scholarship from the Lutheran Brotherhood to attend the first annual Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Conference later this month in Minneapolis, Minn.

The scholarship is one of 25 awarded by the brotherhood to youth advocates from across the nation and covers registration, hotel, travel and meals. Organizers expect more than 600 participants to attend.

Graves is a branch officer for Lutheran Brotherhood.

## It's time to vote again.

Not for political offices but for the 1998 Waljo Gospel Music Awards.

The awards recognize outstanding gospel musicians from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Ballots may be obtained by calling (910) 272-5628 during the day or (910) 855-7242 at any time. Metrolina callers can obtain ballots by calling 676-2859.

The Waljo Gospel Music Awards will be presented Jan. 31, 1998 and will be followed by the annual Black and White Ball.

## Today

**Charlotte Christian Women's Club I** will host a holiday fashion show luncheon at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10.50 and the event will be held at the Raintree Country Club.

## Grace AME Zion

219 South Brevard St.  
The church will celebrate its revival through Friday at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Sheldon Shipman of Walls Memorial AME Zion. Services conclude Sunday at 11 a.m. The speaker will be the Rev. J. Elvin Sadler. Dinner will follow.

## Friday

## Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist

344-B Heathcliff Road  
The Happy Land Gospel Singers will celebrate their 53rd anniversary this weekend. Concerts will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

## Saturday

## Morning Star Baptist

5623 Phillips St.  
Pep Rally for Jesus, an event for youth, begins at 6 p.m. Events include performances by the Rockwell Steppers and UNC Charlotte's gospel choir.

## The Electa Chapter No.

174 of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold a fellowship program at To Be Encouraged Christian Ministry, 2806 Statesville Ave. The program begins at 7 p.m. Invited guests include the Voices of Steele Creek.

## Greater Providence Baptist

2000 Milton Road  
Author Rudolph Windsor will discuss his books "From Babylon to Timbuktu" and "Valley of the

Dry Bones" at 6 p.m.

## Rod of God Ministries

Thanksgiving march and rally against drugs, crime, violence and killing will be held at 1 p.m. at Beatties Ford Road and Cummings Avenue. Free turkeys, chicken and clothes will be given to the needy. Political and social leaders, including Mayor Pat McCrory, city council member Ella Scarborough and former sheriff C.W. Kidd will be in attendance.

## Sunday

## New St. John Baptist

2000 St. John Church Road  
Sunday's sermon topic is "Be Thankful for God's Goodness." Worship services will be held at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

## Cathey Memorial AME Zion

624 Chicago Ave.  
The annual Twelve Tribe Program will be held at 3 p.m.

## Clinton Chapel AME Zion

319 Whitehaven Ave.  
Family/Friend Talent and Pew Rally, 3 p.m.

## Good News Baptist

4409 D North Tryon St.  
Pastoral anniversary services for the Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Lockhart, 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. C.W. Gwin of New Pleasant Valley.

## First Mount Calvary Baptist

209 W. 28th St.

Church anniversary services will be held at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Barber of Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church.

## Gethsemane AME Zion

531 Campus St.  
Evening of music with the Concert Choir, 6 p.m.

## The Charlotte Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician

will host a healing service at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Chapel of Christ the King, 17th and North Caldwell streets. The Order of St. Luke is an ecumenical group of clergy, health professionals and lay people who incorporate faith into the healing process. For more information, call 366-6524.

## St. Luke Missionary Baptist

1600 Norris Ave.  
The Junior Hymn Choir will hold its anniversary service at 6:30 p.m. Special guest will be Oak Grove Baptist Church of Harrisburg.

Items for Church News should be submitted by Monday at noon to appear in Thursday's Charlotte Post. To ensure accuracy, items should be printed or typed and include phone numbers and appropriate addresses. Photographs will only be returned if accompanied by self-addressed, stamped envelope. Submitted items will run at the discretion of the editor. Corrections to submitted items should be made in writing.

## Investigation intensifies, FBI now searching records

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were investigating Edwards.

Edwards was part of an FBI inquiry, agent Barry Babler, of Milwaukee, confirmed last week to the St. Petersburg Times. An investigation into Edwards past revealed that she was convicted of stealing \$60,000 from a federally funded program to help inner city children.

## SIMPSON-GILLESPIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Carl Arrington, Senior Pastor

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## The Prophet's Column

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### "A LOST SINNER" PART II

Now let's read II Peter 3:9; "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering US-WARD, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Now the key words you unsaved religionists leave out are LONG SUFFERING TO US-WARD. God is only long-suffering to US-WARD, meaning the elect, and He is not willing that any elect should perish, and none will! But, in your blinded and depraved imagination you say God is not willing that any one should perish.

And when I ask you why men are going to Hell you say; "Well, it's just because they won't profess Jesus." What an abomination in the sight of God! And that would throw the salvation of every sinner back upon himself and make the sinner's will sovereign instead of God's will. The Bible knows and teaches no such salvation. And when such a deceived soul comes down to the end of life, he finds he has nothing to help in the hour of death! Now you let that soak in!

When the blessed Holy Spirit awakens a sinner to his lost condition, that sinner sees that he cannot save himself and that if he ever is saved it will be

by the sheer mercy of God. That lost sinner knows that no profession of faith will save him. He sees he has no faith to believe Christ nor His Word. Have you ever seen yourself lost like this?

If not, you are not saved! Now you can accuse me of judging all you want to.

A woman on the west side of town is receiving unshirtd hell in these messages. I praise God for it. The truth is getting under your thick hide and exposing you as a lost sinner. You are angry with me.

My friend, I am just a speck of dust, it's Christ you hate. You hate Christ and will not bow to Him here, but my dear woman, if you don't take your place before God as a lost sinner, and

bow to Him here as Lord, you will take your place before Him as a lost, guilty sinner on the other side.

But there will be no hope for you there, dear soul. Bow here now while the door of mercy is still open. Will you bow to Him? Then a sinner is not lost until all hope is gone. Every false rest has to be stripped from you. You must die to everything and everybody. Are you lost? Daryl, are you lost? When you get lost my Lord will save you. Are you lost? May the Lord bring you there to the end of your way, with no way out, except Christ!

Your Gospel Editor and Teacher,  
J.M. Little

## Regulators: Churches often target of scams

By Marcy Gordon  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Minorities should beware of growing financial scams in which swindlers who belong to an ethnic or religious group play on the loyalties of group members, state securities regulators said Wednesday.

In such schemes, swindlers try to earn the trust of Asian-Americans, blacks, Hispanics and other minorities or religious groups.

New immigrants often are viewed as easy targets, Mark J. Griffin, president of the North American Securities Administrators Association, told a news conference.

"If you are a member of an ethnic minority group, you need to know that just because someone shares your ancestry or race, that's not enough of a reason to trust that person with your money," he said. "Don't be fooled. Affinity group swindlers play the loyalty angle for all it's worth."

The Rev. Jonathan Saffold of Ebenezer Church of God in Christ in Milwaukee said members of his congregation were defrauded of "substantial sums" - estimated at some \$1 million by regulators - in an investment scheme involving a black-owned local telephone company.

The company, Intra Community Communications Inc., claimed to have signed up 10,000 customers in

Milwaukee's inner city for its alternative local phone service. Saffold said church members invested \$100, \$200, \$500 or even \$1,000.

"We'd never owned" a phone company, he said. "Growth was inevitable."

State regulators in April charged the company - and a sister company of the same name in Maryland - with failing to register to sell securities and selling stock in a nonstock company. The companies filed for bankruptcy protection in September.

No phone listing could be found Wednesday for Intra Community.

Another example: more than 20 cases of foreign currency and precious-metals investments pitched to several Asian-American communities in the Los Angeles area.

According to regulators, Philip E. Harmon defrauded more than 230 members of various church groups, including Quakers, of around \$14 million in Arizona, California, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington. Harmon pleaded guilty to conspiracy, sales of unregistered securities and tax fraud on Oct. 31.

A phone message left for Harmon at his insurance agency in Washington state wasn't immediately returned.

In Charlotte, several local organizations were defrauded

by a Texas couple in a building scam. Rosalind and Solomon Scafe, were indicted earlier this year by a grand jury with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, one count of mail fraud and two counts charging violations of the National Stolen Property Act. The couple, who had local ties, presented themselves as a legitimate construction company although they had no license to work in North Carolina. The couple then failed to complete the construction projects.

Griffin's group released a list of recent actions by state securities agencies against ethnic

## Season of giving opens with service

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the senior citizen who would otherwise be alone for the holiday."

Guests will not only receive dinner, CRM officials say. The group is also offering those in need a chance to reconnect with family and friends.

Alltel, a cellular phone company, has donated airtime to allow people to make phone calls during the dinner.

"Our ultimate mission and goal in all that we do is to minister to the broken and hurting," Marciano said.

affinity group and religious group fraud. The states involved in the actions are Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Utah.

Officials say its important that church carefully check the credentials of anyone offering services.

Telephone numbers of the state and provincial agencies can be obtained from the government listings in phone directories, by calling toll-free 1-888-84-NASAA, or visiting the group's Internet Web site at <http://www.nasaa.org>.

The group is also in need of volunteers to serve as waiters and waitresses.

CRM is located at 907 West First St. For more information, call 334-4635.

Several churches will band together for an interfaith worship service Wednesday.

Members of First Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church and Walls Memorial AME Zion will hold their annual worship service at 7 p.m. The service will be held at Nazareth

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