

Focus On Religion

St. Paul youth: Bridging the gap

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The young people in the St. Paul United Methodist Youth Fellowship don't believe the generation gap can't be overcome. In fact, they started a program to make sure they keep in touch with the older generation.

In November of last year, members of the St.

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The youth group met to map out their plans for a program of activities. Not content to settle for the old and true, the youth decided to develop new programs for the new year.

After a few brainstorming sessions, the young people settled on a program that would help bring the young and the elderly closer together. At that point,

the youth group's members approached their advisers with their ideas, and the plans were set in motion for the St. Paul Youth Adopt-A-Grandparent program.

"We told the youth to decide what programs they wanted to participate in for the rest of the year," says James Gibbs, who, with his wife Betty, helped the group members get started with their plans. "They came up with a number of ideas and finally decided on the Adopt-A-Grandparent program."

Gibbs says after the plan had been laid out, parents got together with the youth and helped them make contact with Sunrise Towers, where the group's "grandparents" stay.

Each month the young people and their adopted grandparents get together for a special activity. During the program's first year, the youth and their adopted grandparents have gone to softball games together, had cookouts and taken shopping trips together. However, Gibbs says he believes the best times have been when the young people and the senior citizens have been able to spend time just talking with one another.

"Sometimes the youth and their 'grandparents' get together and talk. The senior citizens will tell them how it was when they were growing up, and then our kids will tell them what it's like now," says Gibbs. "Some of the kids were surprised that there



Members of St. Paul's youth group enjoy spending time with their "grandparents." Above, Brian Simmons, Vivian Blair, center, and Michelle Hughes get together for an afternoon of activities and chit-chat (photo by James Parker).

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it in a different way."

Yvonne Simmons became the director of the youth fellowship in October, and she is pleased with Please see page B8

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

The North Carolina Ushers' Convention, an auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc., will sponsor its second annual President's Conference at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill. The conference will feature a seminar called "Guiding Principles for Effective Motivation." Registration begins at 9 a.m.; there is a registration fee of \$1.00, which includes lunch.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

The Winston-Salem chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship International will hold an interdenominational meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Central YMCA on West End Boulevard. Carol Tate of Charlotte will be the guest speaker. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. For more information call 44-2565.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Due to the New Year's holiday, the *Chronicle* deadline for church news has been moved to *Saturday, Dec. 28, at 5:30 p.m.* for the *Jan. 2 issue* so that staff members may spend the holiday with their families.

To insure inclusion of your news items, please submit your church calendar and church news items to the *Chronicle* office by 5:30 p.m. on *Saturday, Dec. 28, for the Jan. 2 issue.* The staff appreciates your cooperation in this matter, and our regular deadline resumes on *Monday, Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m.*

The *Chronicle* welcomes Church Calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, and a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem *Chronicle* Church Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is *Monday at 5:30 p.m.*

Church Notes

Angelic Echoes to celebrate anniversary with musical worship

The Angelic Echoes will observe their first anniversary with a presentation on Sunday, Dec. 29, at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ on Carver Road.

The program will feature poetry and a variety of music. Dr. Marion R. Blair, founder of the Angelic Echoes, is the pastor of Wentz Memorial. He is a professor of education at North Carolina A&T State University and is certified by the state of North Carolina as an instructional specialist III.

Blair is a member of the National Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ and a past vice president of the Southern Conference.

Mary K. McCurry will give a special poetry recital. She is a retired teacher and has been

honored for her poetry recitations.

A graduate of Myrtylla Minor Normal school in Washington, Mrs. McCurry received her bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem Teacher's College (Winston-Salem State University) and a master's degree from A&T State University.

James D. Smith will be the guest organist for the program. He is a member of several musical organizations and director/accompanist of the Hanes Memorial CME Church choirs.

Smith is a graduate of Morgan State College and the University of North Carolina.

Naomi C. McLean will be the director/accompanist for the program. She has worked as director and organist/piano ac-



Dr. Marion Blair

Mary McCurry

companionist for local churches and glee clubs.

Selections performed during the program will include works by Nathaniel R. Dett and Maude

Ray and arrangements of music by Ludwig van Beethoven.

A special feature of the musical program will be a piano echo selection.

Peace, love theme accents skating party

The Northside Family Skating Rink hosted a free Christmas party for community children Saturday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event involved various city and church youth organizations. Busloads of young people filed into the rink to participate in the Christmas program.

Gettis Torrance, one of the organizers of the event, says the party was held to help promote

community love.

"The idea of the party is to teach kids about peace and love," he says. "The party is chance for all kinds of kids to come together and have a party in peace and with love."

Gospel music replaced the usual sounds of Top 40 and pop music in the rink. Michelle Silver served as disc jockey for the occasion.

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Santa Claus paid a visit to young skaters at Saturday's Christmas party (photo by James Parker).

Area Deaths and Funerals

ROTHY SIMS

Rothy Sims of 3054 Patterson Ave. died Friday, Dec. 13, at the Evergreen Nursing Home. She was a former member of the Evergreen Apostolic Church.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Bishop W.J. Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

JAMES EDWARD BROWN

James Edward Brown of 405 Lakeview Blvd. died Sunday, Dec. 22, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Winston-Salem and had lived here all his life.

Brown was a former employee of the City of Winston-Salem. He was survived by his mother, Margaret Brown; three children, Greg Brown, Michelle Adams and James Edward Brown Jr.; three sisters, Margaret McFarlin, Willie Mae Brown and Alice Brown; two brothers, John Henry Brown Jr., Elmo Brown and Billy Brown; three nephews; two nieces; a devoted friend, Harry Jones,

and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with the Rev. Johnny B. Hands officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

BESSIE REECIE TIMMONS

Bessie Reecie Timmons of 1635-4 N. Cleveland Ave. died Monday, Dec. 16, at Lamb's Nursing Home. She was a native of Cannon, Ga., and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mrs. Timmons was a retired employee of Winston Leaf Tobacco and Storage Co., a member of the Household of Ruth Lodge and of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by two daughters, Lela Lyerly of the city and Willie Mae Brown of Freeport, N.Y.; two sons, Eugene Timmons and Joseph C. Turner; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Graveside funeral services were held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 21, in Piedmont Memorial Gardens, with Elder James Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

CLARENCE ALBERT MORRISON

Clarence Albert Morrison of 438 W. 27th St. died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Charlotte and had lived in Winston-Salem for most of his life.

Morrison was a member of Grace United Presbyterian Church and a retired employee of Export Leaf Tobacco Co. He is survived by his wife, Arerather Morrison; one son, Curtiss Clemmons; five daughters, Delois Jackson, Dorothy Robinson, Edna Beckham, Mrs. Reginald Stinson and Barbara Benjamine; a devoted cousin, Sarah Hicks; 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Graveside funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Evergreen Cemetery, with the Rev. L.V. Lassiter officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

WILLIAM MOORE SR.

William Moore Sr. of 15 N.E. 30th St. died Thursday, Dec. 19, at Baptist Hospital. He was a native of Fairfield County, S.C., and Please see page B9