Goler Memorial is 'reclaiming big for the kingdom'

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Goler Memorial AME Zion Church hosted its second annual 21-Day Spiritual Renewal Services Jan. 1-21. The Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey, pastor of Goler Memorial and ministers throughout the community preached and taught spirit-filled and uplifting messages every night. The 21-day services first began last year when Lartey received a vision that the first 21 days of each new year would be dedicated to renewing the community spiritually and rededicating our lives to God. Indeed, every night people from all walks of life rejoiced and committed themselves not only to God, but to improving the community overall. "Reclaiming Big for the Kingdom" was the basic theme on which all 21 speakers focused.

The Rev. Dairl Scott, pastor of Hickory Grove AME Zion Church, Clemmons, began the services with the subject "Let's Do This." Scott commented that "Reclaiming BIG for the Kingdom" was an excellent spiritual blessing regardless to one or seven days.

"The services certainly enhanced your life. Everyone benefited tremendously from the attending the nightly services regardless of whether they were a preacher, stew-ard, deacon, etc. To God be the glory as we anxiously look forward to next year's services." The Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius preached an electrifying service halfway through the 21 days titled "There Is a Way out." the Rev. Melvin Wilkins Jr. stirred the congregation and challenged us with an inspiring message titled "Don't Worry, God's Got Your Back." "Rip" Wilkins attended most of the services and thanked God for the opportunity for various churches in the community to come together on one accord. Bishop J.C. Hash and the congregation of St. Peter's World Outreach Christian Center formed a covenant with Goler Memorial after Bishop Hash's message came forth regarding "Faint-Hearted Christians." The

whether you attended all 21 days or and congregation of First Waughtown Baptist Church led an elevating service with beautiful hymns of praise along with a dynamic message.

An anointing service was held on the 21st day as Bishop T.R. Rice, pastor of Mercy Seat Holiness Church, concluded the services with a powerful message on "The Reason f or Reconciliation." Brother Lloyd Booker commented that "All the ministers preached from the same page. We need to be more conscious about serving God."

Also, in memory of Robert A. Miller, and in observation of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, A Legacy of Builders program was held. Sandra Miller-Jones facilitated this soon to be annual program as a prelude to the "Reclaiming Big Celebration" on Jan. 18.

Various leaders from the community paid tribute to the legacy and memory of the legendary community giant Robert A. Miller, who was truly dedicated to improving the quality of life for all mankind. Dur-



Last week Goler Memorial AME Zion Church culiminated its 21-day spiritual revival service. The revival included sermons and singing.

ing next year's event, several legacy builders from the community will be honored. Copies of these inspirational messages which challenged our community to action are available by calling Goler Memorial at

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TAC brings lessons in history to East Winston youth

Special to THE CHRONICLE

The Technical Assistance Center managed by Northwest Child Development Council, Inc. and funded by Smart Start, brought another special event to the community with the presentation of African American Storytelling and Dramatic Arts by Bob Moyer and Jennifer Lanier of "United Stages." The production was observed and selected by Steve Diamond out of consideration for the Washington, D.C. Smithsonian Institute Summer

The production enchanted more than 100 youths at the Shilohian St. Peter's Child Care Center located at 1125 N. Highland Ave. "United Stages" is a two-person, theatrical production of African American folk tales and other award-winning stories. This program emphasizes audience participation. The children's contributions help to make this an unforgettable experience. The actors introduce theater, including story beginning, ending, character, actor and audience by dramatizing the timeless lessons taught in these tales.

Rev. Dennis Bishop and the choirs

The program strives to increase the child's confidence in acting upon their observation skills. Many, of the stories presented culturally diverse role models and material and they encourage children to participate in the production. Guidelines are established by the actors, and the children's contributions help shape the outcomes of the sto-

Interestingly, the story deals with animals Mr. Rabbit, Mr. Bear, Mr. Monkey, Mr. Buzzard, Mr. Squirrel, and so forth. Songs, music and dramatic actions serve as international sign language with all areas of nature - the sky, the clouds, woods, forests, etcetera. Thus, the youth, ages 2-years-old and older, laughed, sang and clapped their hands as they declared "That's the way the story ends" after each fea-

The Shilohian St. Peter's Child Care Center is grateful to Jennifer



The African American Storytelling and Dramatic Arts recently performed for more than 100 children at Shilohian-St. Peter Child Care Center.

Beaumont, the coordinator of education and enrichment of the technical assistance center. Valorene Young is the director of education services. Dr. Manderline Scales is

the executive director.

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