

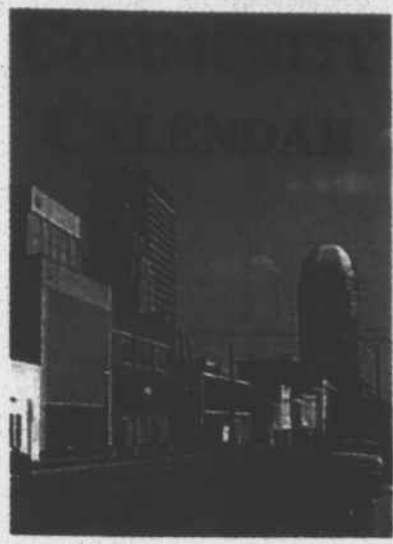
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Grief center

Hospice Grief Center will expand its services this fall by opening Carousel Family Center, a year-round program for children, teens and families mourning losses.

Participants will meet twice a month to talk about their feelings. The meetings will also include smaller breakout sessions to discuss specific needs.

The center is free and open to the community and there is no limit on the number of session participants who may attend after going through orientation. The first orientation meeting will be held Aug. 31 at Hospice's office in Stratford Executive Park. During the meeting, registration will open for children and adults. The center also needs volunteer grief group facilitators to lead meetings as well as volunteers to assist the organization.

For more information call Geraldine Smith, 768-3972.

WSSU to issue passports

Winston-Salem State University's Division of Advancement, through the Office of Alumni Relations, is now a U.S. Passport Acceptance Agency.

Under the new designation, the Alumni Office will accept and process applications for U.S. passports. The Alumni Office has taken over the service from the Forsyth County Clerk of Superior Court Office, which no longer will provide the service.

The passport service is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Eventually, the service will include on-site photography.

For more information call 750-2125.

Carver to celebrate anniversary

The Friends of the Carver School Road Branch Library will celebrate the branch's first anniversary from 2-4 p.m. The celebration will be held in the multipurpose room of the Mazie S. Woodruff Center, corner of Lansing Drive and Carver School Road.

CCCS to hold classes

Consumer Credit Counseling Services will hold a series of classes for first-time home buyers. Completion of the course is a requirement for participation in the affordable housing initiative.

The class will focus on home buying and selection and include information on credit counseling, mortgages and closing.

Upon completing the class, attendees will receive a certificate which is required by participating mortgage lenders as verification of training as well as a coupon for a free credit report review from CCCS.

The classes will be held Aug. 23-25 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the public library at 660 W. 5th St. Preregistration is required. For more information call 725-1958.

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'C's won't do

Right, Jessica Faulk allows Ernie Wade, Ph.D., to look over the rough draft of her action plan. Below, students prepare their draft copies for the worksheet titled "What I'm Going to Do This Year."



Phillips Chapel holds back-to-school academic revival

"There is no shame in the good grades game."

— Ernie Wade, Ph.D.

Dr. Ernie Wade & Associates

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*"If you wanna be somebody,
If you wanna go somewhere,
You'd better wake up and
pay attention."*

Lisa Faulk, past president of the Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers (FACT), led the whole-group session of parents, students, and educators in this rousing chorus, which was used to inspire inner-city youths in the motion picture "Lean on Me." Faulk used this jingle to stimulate the students, parents and administrators who attended the academic revival held at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church on Aug. 8.

Faulk explained to the students how education is like a

party. "I love a party. Parties are fun....At birthday parties, people bring gifts to you. But you are going to take your own stuff to this party," she said.

Using an acrostic poem called "P-A-R-T-Y," Jones spelled out success for the school year. "Participation in the learning process," "Aptitude," "Responsibility," "Thoroughness" and "Yearning" spell success for the school year, according to Faulk. "Let learning be the yearning," she said.

For thousands of students in North Carolina, Aug. 9 marked the first day of school. In order to prepare kids for this special day, Ernie Wade, a member of the congregation and the owner of Dr. Ernie Wade & Associates, spearheaded the first academic revival for the children of the congregation and others in the community to attend. The evening consisted of a simultaneous running of a student workshop and a panel discussion with the parents, followed by a joint session in the sanctuary.

Wade facilitated the session for students titled "What I'm Going to Do this Year." Latasha

Barr of the Education Center in Greensboro facilitated the seminar for parents, teachers and administrators titled "What Schools Expect from Parents." This panel discussion included Harold Smith, principal of Parkland High School; William Peay, principal of Philo Middle School; Debbie Warren, principal of Atkins Middle School; Dr. Larry Fields, principal of Latham Elementary School; and Lisa Faulk, past president of FACT.

The joint session included comments from principal Larry Fields, teacher Lisa Faulk, and School Board member Victor Johnson. Wade served as the keynote speaker.

Angela Jones served as the mistress of ceremonies for the revival. She summarized the occasion for the audience.

"The purpose of a revival is to rededicate, to rejuvenate, to make a commitment to something we are emotional about, excited about. This academic revival is an opportunity to come together as parents, students, teachers and administrators to say we are going to make a difference," Jones said. "The teachers are not the only educators. We as parents are

the first teachers our children (will) have. We need to make sure our children are excited and motivated about learning."

Joriah Wade, a student at East Carolina University, welcomed the audience to the joint session. "It is time for us to focus on what we will do in the future....Let us put aside past failures," he said.

Ernie Wade's session with the students resulted in their preparing a game plan for the school year. During this seminar youths completed a rough draft of an academic plan for the 1999-2000 school year, and they will work with their parents at home on the hard copy. The plan included information about personal behavior and attitude as well as academic preparation and performance.

"We are here today so you can get some direction for tomorrow, so you are not simply just going to school. If you have taken this exercise seriously, you have some direction," said Wade. "This is a road map and you need to sit with your folks and work it out. You need to put it up somewhere you can see it every day, over and over again."

After working on their drafts,

the young people raised their hands to share what they had written:

"I plan to stop procrastinating, putting my assignments off until the last minute," one said.

Wade responded, "Yes, work done in haste is not nearly as excellent as when you take the time to write the paper. The quality of the work is reflected," Wade said.

"I plan to study harder and turn my work in on time," said another student.

"I need to focus on what is going on in class instead of talking to my friends or thinking about what I will do after school."

"I need to stop clowning and be more serious."

"I want to improve my grades."

"I want to get more organized."

The responses came steadily, and Wade sanctioned the many goals the students cited.

"Remember that C's won't do. Just doing good won't do. A 740 on the SAT is not fine. You need to do better. Take it over," said Wade.

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Left, during the parent workshop, administrators and teachers participated in a panel discussion. Parents took notes and asked questions. Right, Victor Johnson of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board spoke with the parents, students and administrators about student achievement.

