

First meeting will be held for youth and family concert

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Pastor Melvin "Rip" Wilkins, Pastor Paul E. Jeter, Outreach Pastor Calvin Oglesby and Overseer Yvonne Jefferson will host their first meeting about "The Anointed Christmas - Save the Youth and Family Concert" Sept. 28 from 7-8:30 at New World Cappadocia

Outreach Center. The concert will feature Dr. Vernard Johnson, renowned saxophonist; the Rev. Charles Gray and Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir and the Community Outreach Choir.

The meeting is to acquaint you with what is happening and to see if you would like to participate in this much-needed event. We do

need your help to make this a successful occasion. We need ushers, hostesses, an evangelistic team, prayer team, souvenir booklet team, hospitality committee, counselors, van drivers, transportation director, ticket committee and equipment helpers.

Last year, 1,252 people attended. We are expecting 3,000 people

this year. The event will be held at M.C. Benton Convention Center Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. Tickets will be stamped free admission.

If you would like to sow a seed by donating your time or money, call the church office or come to the Sept. 28 meeting at New World Cappadocia Outreach Center, 245 Melody Lane, (336) 744-7924.

Southside CDC to hold first culture festival at King Plaza

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King Plaza will come alive with music Saturday.

The Southside Community Development Corporation will hold its first annual Culture Fest Saturday at King Plaza Shopping Center, corner of Waughtown and Reynolds Park Road.

The event is free and features music, games and exhibits of cultural arts.

"Culture Fest will help celebrate the ethnic diversity of the community," said SSCDC president Carey Cain. "A large major-

ity of the Hispanic population in Winston-Salem lives on the southside, making this area one of the most racially diverse communities in our city. This event will hopefully bring the residents out for a day to mix and mingle and learn more about their neighbors."



Johnson



Terry

Performers will showcase a host of cultures, including Latino music, jazz, reggae and blues. Guest performers include the Charles Greene Group, Kimbute, and Betty & Ysus Consantidas.

Non-profit agencies - including the Department of Social Services, Forsyth Tech-

nical Community College, the YMCA Literacy Program and Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Department - will distribute information on services related to home ownership and adult education.

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend the event.

Culture Fest will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at King Plaza Shopping Center. A press conference featuring Aldermen Fred Terry and Alderwoman Joycelyn Johnson will be held at noon. For more information call 788-1824 or 770-3303.

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test scores, black exclusion from "gateway" courses (such as algebra), bad black student behavior (including undisciplined, unruly, uncaring or irresponsible black students or parents), and the perception of the lawsuit as overly aggressive, hostile, confrontational or unnecessary by otherwise sympathetic white power elites. Were all raised.

The lawsuit is only one of two short-term goals that follow five long-term goals. It's our long-term goals which respond to poor black academic performance, low black standardized test scores and black exclusion from algebra and other vital courses. They will

only bear fruit after having been implemented for some time, and we're just scratching the surface. People should never forget it was the NAACP which first approached the School Board in the mid-1980s over black-white test score disparity, and that got watered down into Project RISE on general "underachievement."

We believe in the NAACP that while there are things others must do for us, there are other things we must do for ourselves. Bad black student behavior and undisciplined, unruly, uncaring or irresponsible black students or parents must be addressed within the black community. That's why the parent, administrator, pastor and teacher sections of the caucus are so very important.

We have to stop pointing fingers of blame and start offering hands to help. It's too easy and overly simplistic to state, "It all falls on parents in the home," when so many people have pre-created children without a clue as to how to be a parent or how to create and maintain a strong home life.

If ever there was a time for the whole village to raise children, it's now.

When we read "Death at an Early Age" or "The Way It Spoiled to Be" or "Savage Inequalities" by Jonathon Kozol or "Blaming the Victim" by William Ryan or anything by Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, we remind ourselves that we are not dealing with minority at-risk students. Often we're dealing with our

poorest, most exploited and oppressed children and adults. This doesn't condone bad behavior or irresponsibility; it analyzes how human beings get damaged by life, and all too often, by school.

The NAACP Education Caucus is a black church-based comprehensive effort to organize the entire black community around matters of public education. We can't waste time worrying about how our work is viewed by white power elites. We don't need white people "sympathetic" to us. We need white, brown, yellow and red people who are empathetic with the pain and oppression of poor people in general and black people in particular.

I'll write more later.

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