

## STUDENT SANTAS



Submitted Photo  
As part of the "Helping Hands of Mercy" community outreach program, students at Our Lady of Mercy School in Winston-Salem worked to collect more than 200 gifts for the children of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). Students were asked to do extra chores to earn the money to buy these gifts or to forfeit one extra gift under their own tree for the cause. Here, fourth-grade students and their teacher help load some of the presents on Dec. 2.

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## Local foundation announces its latest grant recipients

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Blessings Project Foundation has announced its list of grant recipients for its fall 2009 grant cycle.

Organizations to receive funding include AIDS Care Service, Brenner-Fit, Camp Pegasus, Clemmons School Park, Seeds of Love for Errol, Piedmont Environmental Alliance and the Yadkin RiverKeeper. Grant recipients and the projects funded reflect Blessings' commitment to humanity, the environment, arts and spiritual wellness.

Blessings Project Foundation was established in 2006 by local philanthro-



pist Johnston. Through a biannual grants process, Blessings Project Foundation provides funding for a variety of initiatives locally, nationally and internationally whose missions reflect that of the Foundation.  
 In 2008, Blessings Project Foundation awarded grants to 15 organizations, including the

Greenhouse and Student Action Farmworkers.

Information on grantees can be found at [www.blessings-project.org](http://www.blessings-project.org).

## Calendar

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**New Bethel Baptist Church,** 1901 New Walkertown Road, will celebrate its anniversary on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Various community choirs will be featured and the public is invited. The church is pastored by the Rev. Shannon L. Jessup. For more information, call the church at 336-722-0128.

**Bring a Friend to Church**  
 Vessels of Honor Church Ministry will have a Bring a Friend to Church Day service on Sunday, Dec. 13. Elder Waltena Robinson will be the guest speaker. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. An Appreciation Day Service will be held at 4 p.m. Vessels In Praise Ensemble and various other groups will be ministering in song. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 3608 Ogburn Avenue. Bishop Marvin and Elder Clara Cremedy are the pastors.

**Fellowship program**  
 Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 198 Anderson Rd. in Rural Hall, will have its Fellowship Program on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Tracey Caldwell of New Piney Grove Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N.C. and congregation will be the guests. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Eddie L. Fortson is the host pastor.

**Holiday cantata**  
 The Chancel Choir of Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will present the Christmas Cantata "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. in the church's sanctuary. The choir will be assisted by the Hanes Memorial CME Church's Chancel Choir and other singers. The public is cordially invited to come and hear "a cantata of the greatest story of the ages!"

**Dec. 18**  
**Holiday gala**  
 Tabernacle of Faith will host "A Night of Elegance Christmas Gala" in the LJV Coliseum's Windsor

Club on Friday, Dec. 18 from 7-11 p.m. For more information, call the church at 336-725-2517 or 336-777-1113.

**Luther Barnes performance**  
 Goodwill Baptist Church, 541 Goodwill Rd. in Clemmons, will have a Christmas Banquet on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., featuring singer Luther Barnes. Call 336-201-2976 for more information and/or tickets.

### Dec. 19

**Christmas play**  
 The Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Drama Ministry will present the play, "With Love at Christmas," directed by Ronnie Sockwell and co-directed by Benay Williams, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at the church, 495 NW Crawford Place. The attire for the presentation is semi-formal, and a catered dinner will be served immediately following the production in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For tickets and/or questions, call 336-725-9623. Bishop Sherwood T. Davis Sr. is the host pastor.

### Dec. 20

**Christmas musical**  
 The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Department, under the direction of Hattie Fulwood, will present the Christmas Musical, "The Little Drummer Boy" on Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, and each person will receive a fruit bag. The church is located at 1100 Manley Street. The Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is the pastor.

**Christmas cantata**  
 The Chancel and Celestial Voices of Hanes Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will present the Christmas cantata, "Born a King" on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. The choirs will be joined by the Chancel Choir of Grace

Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 819 North Highland Ave., where the pastor is the Rev. Clarence W. Cox III.

**Christmas concert**  
 Willie Mason & Friends will present, "The Sounds of Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1711 N. Claremont Ave., where the pastor is the Rev. Dwight Hash. The public is invited.



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**Christmas song and dance**  
 On Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m., Mt. Olive Baptist Church will present "Birth of Christ in Songs and Dance." The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive. The pastor is Dr. C. E. Gray.

### Dec. 24

**Lovefeast**  
 St. Philips Moravian Church, 3002 Bon Air Ave., will hold its Annual Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Light Service on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jeff Copping is the interim pastor. The public is invited.

### Dec. 31

**Watch Night**  
 On Thursday, Dec. 31, Mt. Olive Baptist Church will have Night Watch Service at 10 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive. Dr. C. E. Gray is the host pastor.

**New Year's Eve service**  
 Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive, will have its New Year's Eve Celebration beginning at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31. It will feature performances by the church's Dance Ministry and a post-service breakfast. The Senior pastor is Richard C. Miller Sr. and the Co-Pastor is Ernestine W. Miller.

*Holidays at Reynolda*

December 1-31  
**Holiday Decorations**

December 10, 11, 12  
**Candlelight Guided Tours**  
 \$15, \$12 members  
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December 22  
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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PARKWAY IN PIEDMONT TRIAD PARK**

TIP Project No. U-4918 Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the Piedmont Research Triad Park, proposes the construction of Research Parkway from Stadium Drive to Third Street in Winston-Salem. The proposed four lane, median-divided roadway is about 1.7 miles in length extending from Stadium Drive east of Salem Avenue and crossing under I-40 Business to Third Street at Linden Avenue. The proposed project will be constructed on land owned by the Piedmont Triad Research Park following City of Winston-Salem design guidelines. The City will assume ownership of the completed roadway. There are no residential or business relocations. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2010.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NCDOT has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. This document is available for public review and comment at the following locations.

City of Winston-Salem  
 Department of Transportation  
 100 E. First Street, Suite 307  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101

NCDOT Division 9 Office  
 Silas Creek Parkway  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Forsyth County Library-Central Branch  
 660 W. 5th Street  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Comments regarding the EA should be submitted by January 11th, 2010 to Ms. Beverly Robinson PE, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598, by phone at (919) - 733-7844 ext 254, or by e-mail at [brobinson@ncdot.gov](mailto:brobinson@ncdot.gov)

Anyone desiring that a public hearing be held on the proposed project may make such a request by sending a registered letter to Ms. Robinson by December 9th, 2009.

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