



Toy donors the Carolina Cruisers; the Golden Stag; Women of Determination and others pose with some of the toys they have donated for the upcoming exchange.

## Peace Toys will be given out tomorrow

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Christmas Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange at the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center, 3521 Carver School Road, has finally arrived.

The popular event will be tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 18), beginning at 6 p.m. Children can bring in war toys such as toy guns, knives, violent video games and violent rap CDs to exchange for a free peaceful toy such as games, footballs, basketballs and dolls.

This citywide program was started 16 years ago in the Happy Hill Community by Ben Piggott, the Center Supervisor of the Carl Russell Center. More than 6,000 children from Winston-Salem and surrounding areas have bene-



Carolina Cruisers President Donnell Warren with Ben Piggott and fellow Cruiser James Johnson.

fited from the program, which is made possible by the generosity of a number of sponsors.

Helping make this year's exchange a reality are: New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church, Union

Chapel Baptist Church, the Carolina Cruisers bike club, the Lords of Thunder bike club, the Twin City Riders bike club, the Golden Stag Lounge, Best Buy of Hanes Mall Boulevard, the License Plate Agency in Parkway

Shopping Center, Renee Vaughn and 97.1 WQMG, the Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Division, Neil Bachelor, Sheffield Finance Company, Paul's Schwinn Bike and Fitness Company, Women of Wisdom and Determination, Today's Child Learning Center, Kelvin Thompson, Russell Funeral Home, Buffalo Naive Guard, Mule the Bike Man, the Winston-Salem Chronicle and Phi Beta Sigma.

The toy exchange is for kids between the ages of 3 and 14. High school students can participate in the raffle, sponsored by Venable Tax Service, for notebook computers.

For questions, call Ben Piggott or his staff at 336-727-2580.

Ernestine W. Miller.

Watch Night service Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1905 N. Jackson Ave., will hold its Watch Night service on Thursday, Dec. 31, beginning at 10:30 p.m. There will be testimonies, singing and Pastor Paul Hart will be speaking on the goodness of God. Everyone is invited to attend.

Watch Night at Grace Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will conduct its annual New Year's Eve Watch Night Service on Thursday, Dec. 31, beginning at 10 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

1711 N. Claremont Ave., where the pastor is the Rev. Dwight Hash. The public is invited.

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.

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 Coppage is the interim pastor. The public is invited.

Watch Night On Thursday, Dec. 31, Mt. Olive Baptist Church will have Watch Night 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

## Calendar

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Christmas Candlelight Service Wentz Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ,

3435 Carver School Road, will present its Annual Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. The service,



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which is free and open to the public, will feature music performed by the combined choirs of Wentz. The Rev. Renee Griffin is pastor of Wentz.

Holiday service Greater Higher Ground Ministries, 406 Northwest Blvd., will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ during its morning service on Sunday, Dec. 20. Jameria McQueen will be the featured guest.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. D. Charles Davis speak on "Is Solstice the Reason for the Season?" at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Sara Skinner, a retired teacher, will talk about her two years in Africa with the Peace Corps. For more information, see www.uufws.org.

"The Birth of a King" St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center's Theatrical Arts Ministry will present "The Birth of a King," the story of a young woman trying to convince others that Jesus is real and was born of a virgin, on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Bishop James C. and First Lady Joyce Hash invite all to attend. The church is located at 3683 Old Lexington Road. For more information, call 336-650-0200 or visit www.spwoc.com.

Sunday School Union meeting The Forsyth County Sunday School Union will meet at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, Dr., at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Christmas play First Calvary Baptist

Church, 401 N. Woodland Ave., will present the musical play, "Tell Me the Story, The Birth of Christ" on Sunday, Dec. 20 during the 11 a.m. service. The musical staff of the church will present the play, which reenacts the birth of Jesus Christ. The interim pastor of First Calvary is the Rev. Ann Dalton. The public is invited to attend to the free event.

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.

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## Peppers

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on those events for today.

**Lesson:** We know the story of Jesus' birth. For today, let's approach it differently. First of all, we see God calling two very insignificant people according to society's standards for a great task. Mary is highly favored by God just because He chooses her. There are some interesting points about her. She questions the angel and then accepts the call. Facing her family's wrath, ostracism by the community, and death by stoning, she trusts God! Too often, we get lost in society's standards for greatness instead of simply trusting the Master. Is trust a part of your character? Joseph faces a dilemma as well. Like Mary, he faces some grave issues. His espoused is pregnant and it isn't his child. He has options, but which one is the best for both of them? Notice how he plans to handle it. His aim is to save his reputation and hers to a certain degree. God steps in when we begin to stray from His plan, but it is our choice

to follow Him. After encountering the angel, like Mary, Joseph is obedient to God's instruction and knew her not until after the birth.

**Application:** God uses ordinary people to accomplish His Will. Since leaving Egypt, the Chosen People experienced God's presence first in the Tabernacle and then later in the Temple. At times, He'd get fed up with their behavior and withdrew from them. God sends His Son, promising to be with them always. This child will be the supreme atonement for all of humanity. A mere human couldn't do this. It has to be a divine human to accomplish this! Being fathered by the Holy Spirit, born through Mary and raised by Joseph makes Him fully human and divine. Careful study of His ministry reveals His character - love, nurturing, and a mentor for all. Yes, Emmanuel/Immanuel is born, and we're never alone again!

May the joy of this birth refresh your souls and bring you peace. Hallelujah Amen!

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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
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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 brobinson@ncdot.gov.

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