First batch of nurses complete Baptist's ED Academy

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Two years ago when the Emergency Department at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center had 25 open nursing positions and no applicants, officials knew something had to be done.

Thus, the ED Academy was born in July of 2009, with 10 new nursing graduates who applied to the six-month training program. All 10 are female with some coming to nursing as a second career; two of them began at Wake Forest Baptist as nurse assistants.

All 10 successfully completed the program in December and a special graduation ceremony was held in early January. The graduates are: Jessica Akers, Malinda Motsinger, Megan Taylor, Kristina Hutchens, Laura Newey, Katie Martorella, Christina Livingston, Sheena Norman, Natalie Ellman and Jessica Welborne.

The intensive program is structured to be a part of the regular ED orientation program so that participants don't have to gain the additional certifications and specialized training on their own time and at their own expense – which can often be a barrier for ED nurses. It amounts to a $40,000 investment in each person when all the specialty certifications and education are totaled.

The program was developed by Eve Tuttle, the unit-based educator for the ED team. It provides the structure and resources to allow an ED nurse in training to learn in a protected environment before assuming full responsibility for patients.

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Gospel Festival Reunion

David Martin and The New Gospel Stylistics will present a Gospel Festival Reunion on Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 214 N. Dunleith Ave. It will feature the Gospel Express Singers of Winston-Salem; New Beginning of Pilot Mountain; In God's Ministry of Winston-Salem; True Way Life of Chester, S.C.; Living Water Baptist Church Male Chorus of High Point; The Gospel Stylistics of Winston-Salem; and Clifton Grove B.C. Gospel Choir of Kernersville. The program is sponsored by D.D.M. Recording Studio. The public is cordially invited to attend.

March 9

Sleep apnea discussion

Ann Stupka, a nurse practitioner from Summit Sleep Disorder Center, will be the guest speaker at the next Mt. Zion Baptist Church Super Tuesday Series on March 9 from 11a.m. – 1 p.m.

She will discuss sleep apnea. All are welcome and lunch will be served. The church is located at 950 File St. For more information, call 336-722-2325.

March 10

Blood Drive

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 575 N. MLK Drive, will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 10 from 2 – 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided to those who donate blood.

March 13

Blood drive

The Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drive will be held at New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The public is invited to come and give the gift of life. For further information, contact Catherine H. Speller at 336-946-0879.

Singles' event

R.I.C.H. CDC at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive, is inviting all singles to attend a night of networking and fun on Saturday, March 13 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 336-744-9293, ext. 100.

Beginning March 14

Pre-Anniversary Services

The Mount Olive Baptist Church Youth Department will start their pastor's Pre-Anniversary Services on Sunday, March 14 at 4 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. Larry Smith of Mars Hill Baptist Church. On Sunday, March 21 at 4 p.m., the speaker will be the Rev. Waymon Monroe of Solid Rock Baptist Church; and on Sunday, March 28 at 4 p.m., the guest will be Dr. Burrell Brooks of St. John Baptist Church of Statesville. The public is invited to any or all of the services. The church is located at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive. The host pastor is Dr. Charles E. Gray.

Pastor Monroe

March 14

Choir Day

The Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1905 N. Jackson Ave., will have Inner Rhythm Choir Day on Sunday, March 14 during the 11 a.m. worship hour. Pastor Paul Hart will deliver the message. The public is invited to attend.

Family and Friends Day

Red Bank Baptist Church, 6405 Red Bank Road in Germanton, will observe Family and Friends Day on Sunday, March 14 at the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services. The chairpersons for the program are Cedric and Laquana Glenn. The pastor is the Rev. James R. Clyburn Sr. Everyone is invited to attend.

Voices of God's Children concert

The Voices of God's Children will be in concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 14 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1151 East 14th St. This ecumenical group is dedicated to preserving Negro spirituals, under the direction of James Daniel Smith with Dyna F. McGriff as assistant director.

Consecration services

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church's consecration services will be held on March 14 at 4 p.m. Bishop John Parks of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be delivering the message. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 1354 N. Trade St. Rev. Clyde L. Lindsay is the host pastor.

March 19

Gospel show

The Inspirations will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 19 at T. Austin Finch Auditorium, 406 Unity St. in Thomasville. For information, contact Judy Ealey at 423-245-1645.

March 20

Soup Kitchen

Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church will have its Annual Soup Kitchen on Saturday, March 20 from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Everything is free and all are welcome. The church is located at 900 Free St. in the Happy Hills Community.

Beginning March 24

Women's History Month programs

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will celebrate International Women's History Month from March 24 – 28 at 7 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez is pastor of the church.

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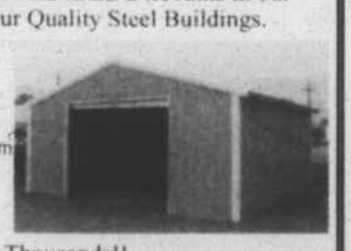

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