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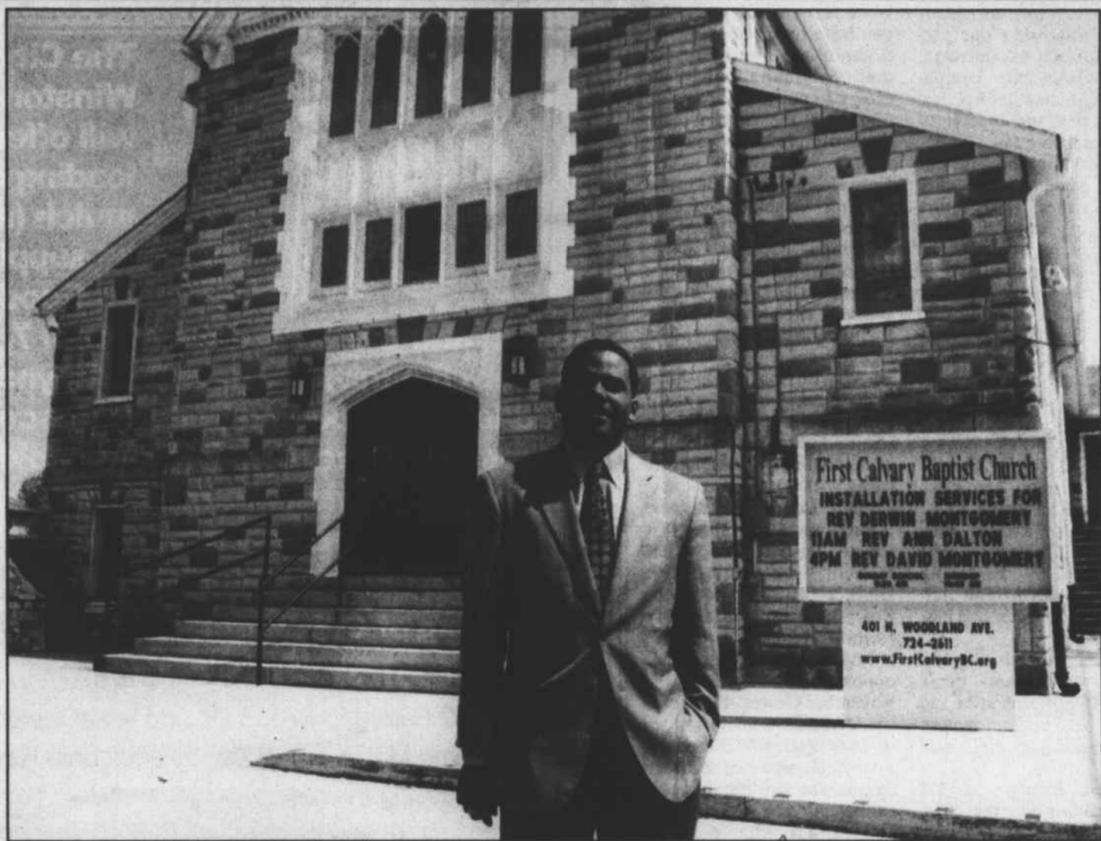


Photo by Layla Farmer
City Council Member Derwin Montgomery stands outside of First Calvary Baptist Church, where he was installed as pastor over the weekend.

Montgomery adds pastor to his list of responsibilities

BY LAYLA FARMER
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When he was elected to Winston-Salem City Council in 2009, Derwin Montgomery, who was then 21, became the state's youngest elected official.

Now at age 23, the East Ward Council representative has been elected - called, rather - to another lofty position. The Winston-Salem

State University alumnus was installed as the senior pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday.

Montgomery, a native of Hopkins, S.C., was selected for the pastorate from a pool of more than 30 applicants, according to Angelina Meeks, a member of the church's Search and Installation committees.

"We've heard him preach several times. It is truly a blessing and anointing on him," Meeks said of Montgomery, a former associate pastor at the church. "His strong preaching skills and his vision for the church kind of set him apart from the others."

The church has been without a permanent pastor since the late Rev. Calvin Runnels left the pul-

pit more than three years ago to devote more time to his family. Runnels, who died of colon cancer in August 2011, was the reason Montgomery first began attending the church when he arrived in Winston-Salem in 2006. Following in the footsteps of his mentor is bittersweet.

"I feel mixed emotions,"

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A New Way

WS/FCS offering unique summer learning option to some students

BY LAYLA FARMER
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This summer, local middle and elementary students will get the chance to improve their academic standings and have a little fun along the way.

A newly-formed partnership between Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Dorchester, Mass.-based

BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), a national nonprofit and after school and summer enrichment program provider, is making that possible.

The school system will host a comprehensive five-week summer learning program for underserved students in grades K-8,

by utilizing BELL's enrichment model and supplemental funding from the organization.

"Our mission as a national nonprofit is to transform the academic achievement and self confidence ... of children who live in predominantly underserved areas," explained Joe Small, vice president of School and Government Partnerships for BELL. "This will be a high quality program. We're really excited about getting this project underway."

The program will be offered at no cost to students, or scholars, as BELL refers to them, and includes free breakfast and lunch for participants. "Scholars" will spend the first half of their day engaged in academic activities. The latter part of the day is dedicated to enrichment programs.

The program is open to all students, but the school system is most interested in those who scored one or two points (out of a possible four) on End of Grade tests, explained Cheryl Wright, lead



Small



Wright

Candidates get five minutes to win over voters

BY TODD LUCK
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Democratic candidates laid out their platforms for voters at a forum Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Candidates were given five minutes each to tell attendees why they should vote for them on May 8 - the day of the Primary Election.

Both Bruce Peller, a dentist, and School Board Member Elisabeth Motsinger attended. The Democrats are fighting for the opportunity to take on U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, a Republican who has represented the Fifth Congressional District since 2005.

Peller said during his 33 years as a dentist, he's alleviated pain for thousands of patients. He wants to do the same for the hundreds of thousands who



Photos by Todd Luck
Candidates (from left) Evelyn Terry, Wilbert Banks and Walter Smith speak at Saturday's forum.

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Panel says stereotypes led to Trayvon's death



BY LAYLA FARMER
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A panel of area legal experts said that the public's negative stereotypes of black men played a larger role in Trayvon Martin's death than Florida's controversial Stand Your Ground law.

Wake Forest University Law Professors Beth Hopkins, Greg Parks and Kami Simmons joined Chris Hill, director of the NC Justice Center's Education and Law Project, last Thursday for an on-campus discussion of the controversial case, which has gripped the nation in recent weeks.

Seventeen-year-old Martin was shot and killed in a gated community in Sanford, Fla. by neighborhood watch

Photo by Layla Farmer
Professor Gregory Parks (left) speaks as fellow panelists Beth Hopkins, Kami Simmons and Chris Hill listen.

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Fun in the Sun



Photo by Layla Farmer

Malaysia Owens, Nyasia Coles and Jalon Joyner are all smiles Tuesday at the Second Annual Spring Break with the Youth celebration. To read more about the event, see page A10.



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