



Members of the family pose for a photo.

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Stinson-Grier-Nelson Family hold reunion

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The 79th annual gathering of what has become the Stinson, Grier and Nelson family reunion was held Aug. 17 - 19.

These families, who trace their first generation back to the Davidson and Smithville area, have a tradition of meeting each year on the third weekend of August to celebrate and remember their families' history. They believe that their reunion is one of the oldest family traditions in North Carolina. This year's reunion was held at the Hawthorne Inn.

The Walters, Hatties and

Rev. George and Mary Stinson were the host families for this year. Rev. and Mrs. Stinson moved from Smithville to Winston-Salem years ago after they were married. He worked at Hanes Knitting Co. and ministered at a number of A.M.E. Zion churches in the North Carolina District, Glen Chapel being the first.

He was one of three preachers in his family. One of his father's brothers was sold as a slave and was never seen again. The first generation was raised with strong religious and work ethics and was taught to put God first in everything that

they did.

There are now six generations carrying on the family tradition. At first, the reunions took place at a family member's home. It has now grown to such a scale that they are held at hotels for three days. On the first day, a meet and greet is held; followed by a picnic the next day and then a Sunday worship service recognition program. The nine members of the second generation, who are in their 70s and 80s, are always recognized with special gifts.

This year's church service was held at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, where

the pastor is Rev. Gloria Thomas. However, the family grew up in Union Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church in Cornelius, where Rev. Shelia Sherrill is the assistant pastor and a descendant of the Nelson family.



Below: Senior family members Ted Boone, Sylvia Tucker, Robert Stinson, Mary Boone, Lemuel Stinson, Mabel Nealy and Samuel Stinson.

Family celebrates matriarch

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The Third Annual Allie L. Love Weekend took place from Aug. 17-19.

The event celebrates the life of the loving matriarch, whom family members say is loving, caring and is always there for family and friends.

A family luncheon was held on Aug. 17. The next day, an appreciation banquet took place at the Comfort Inn Suites near Hanes Mall. The weekend ended with a praise and worship service and dinner at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, where the pastor is Rev. Gloria L. Thomas, on Sunday, Aug. 19.



Allie L. Love

Love is the matriarch of a family of five children: Arthur, Carolyn, Deatra, Bernie and Juliette; 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Love is 89-years-young, and shopping is just one of her many pastimes. Three years ago, Mar'que Patterson, one of her grandchildren, decided to start Allie L. Love Weekend to show the family's love and respect.

"Teach them in the way they should go and when they grow up they will not part from it," is one of Love's favorite sayings.

Cleveland Avenue Homes spruced-up

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More than 200 BB&T employees took part in a United Way Day of Caring event at the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem's Cleveland Avenue Apartments on Thursday, Sept. 6.

The team of volunteers worked to improve the complex's dilapidated playground



A view of the playground before the improvements.

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and upgrade some of the interior and exterior common areas within the apartment complex.

For many years, the United Way has encouraged local community members to "give, advocate and volunteer" to assist people in need. BB&T has been participating in the Day of Caring campaign for approximately 10 years

now. Housing Authority residents and staff are grateful for the generosity and support from BB&T and are excited about the possibilities of this partnership. Housing Authority CEO Larry Woods said the improvements will not only be aesthetically appealing,

but will help instill a greater sense of pride for tenants that live there.

"We are always pleased to see local business entities come together to assist the residents we serve," he said. "The residents living here are community members that help support local businesses."

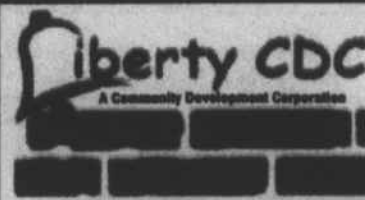
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