

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Corner-to-Corner conference

Union Baptist Church, located at 1200 N. Trade St. will continue its Corner-to-Corner conference today (Nov. 19), and tomorrow (Nov. 20) at 9:15 a.m., with lunch included. Registration and continental breakfast will be at 8 a.m. On Sunday, Nov. 22, the graduation worship service will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tracy Martin, Trayvon Martin's father is guest speaker. Bishop Sir Walter Mack Jr. is pastor. For more information, call 336-724-9305 ext 222.

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Appreciation service

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God will continue its appreciation service for Pastor Bishop Barbara G. Adams today (Nov. 19) through Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 741 Moravia St., and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at 315 Spring St. in Thomasville. For more information, call 336-251-8717 or visit bornagainfreechurch.org.



Adams

Happening now

Food box giveaway

There is a food box giveaway at 2058 Dellabrook Road, sponsored by the Greater Tabernacle Worship Center today (Nov. 19) from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call 336-777-1113.

Happening now

Renewal family conference

The Greater Tabernacle Worship Center is having its "Family Renewal Conference" today (Nov. 19), tomorrow (Nov. 20) and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 1410 Attucks St. All services will begin at 7:30 p.m., except on Saturday (Nov. 21), where there will be a Youth Explosion at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Guest speakers for this conference will be Pastor and Co-Pastor McRae; Pastor Anthony Wilson of Cathedral of Refuge; and Minister Gerald McCloud for the Youth Explosion. For more information, contact the church at 336-777-1113.

Nov. 20

Revival service

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity will have its WSSU Gap Scholarship Fund revival service on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at 1075 Shalimar Drive. The MCWSV is asking for the community, religious organizations, and community organizations attendance and financial support. The MCWSV is asking large churches to contribute \$250, medium to small churches \$100, clergy and community conference members \$50 individually. If unable to attend the service, contributions can be sent to M & F Bank (770 N Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27101) to the MCWSV WSSU Scholarship Fund account. For more information, call 336-788-7023.

Dec. 5

Feed my sheep day (date changed)

The Missionary Department of First Waightown Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Feed my Sheep Day" event on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 838 Moravia St. It was scheduled for Nov. 21. This will be a day to reach out to the homeless by providing a hot meal, new and used clothing, and giving out gift bags with hat, gloves, socks and toiletry items. The church vans will pick up anyone from various locations and shelters in the city. For more information, call 336-345-4968.

Nov. 21

Holiday seminar

Emmanuel Baptist Church, located at 1075 Shalimar Drive, is hosting a holiday seminar on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The seminar is free and open to the public. The topic is "Maintaining Peace and Joy during the Holiday Season". Rev. John Mendez is pastor. For more information, call 336-788-7023.

Nov. 21

Estate planning workshop

An Estate Planning Workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 21 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Church's Multipurpose Room. The workshop will be conducted by Attorney Debra Jessup, a partner in the law firm of Jessup & Probst. The workshop is free and open to the public. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez is pastor.

Nov. 21

Thanksgiving community feast

The Missionary Department of Emmanuel Baptist Church is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving community feast on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the New Fellowship Hall at 1075 Shalimar Drive. This feast will consist of a full Thanksgiving menu, and is an opportunity for the church to provide a meal to the homeless, seniors, or anyone that may not have the opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with family or loved ones. For more information, contact the church office at 336-788-7023.

Nov. 21

Turkey dinner

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will serve 1,000 turkey dinner plates on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the church fellowship Hall. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the host pastor.

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Photos by Timothy Ramsey

Community members and homeless looking at items.



Andrea Bush coordinator of the Fall Operation (Left) and Judy Felder the church's Food Pantry Coordinator (Right)

First Baptist holds annual Fall Operation giveaway

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY FOR THE CHRONICLE

With Jack Frost nipping at their heels and winter right around the corner, the congregation of First Baptist Church at 700 N Highland Ave. had their Fall Operation in which they gave away winter clothes, blankets, and small household items to the community and homeless.

This is the eighth year the church has held its Fall Operation. They also have a Spring Operation in which they go out into the community to assist the locals. All of the items that were given away were either purchased or donated from the members of First Baptist.

"What they are doing for the homeless is very important since I'm not from around here, and I appreciate everything they are doing for me," said "Bruce," a homeless gentleman who recently moved to Winston-Salem from Charlotte. He said he was just walking down the street and someone from the church handed him a flier. He said he just hoped he would be able to get himself some shoes, socks, and maybe a blanket. He concluded by saying, "Thanks to people like this, my outlook on life is getting better because I was very depressed and now I'm taking it one day at a time. I am a recovering addict and I

need all the help I can get, and I have got that from a lot of people in Winston Salem and I really appreciate it."

Another African-American homeless male who wished to remain nameless said, "I don't know how I was going to make it through this winter with the clothes I have, honestly. Without the help from these people, I don't know, I just don't know."

The day started with a dance from the church line dance group "Jazzy Ladies plus One," followed by a prayer from one of the church members. Everyone was then allowed to look over the items they could choose from.

Once they were done perusing the items, everyone went over to the bookmobile from the East Winston library where they were informed of the many options the library had to offer and were able to register for a library card. Sheila Nesmith, the driver of the bookmobile, said she enjoys doing events like this and that it was a good way to help others and let people know that the library is still open for all to take advantage of what they have to offer.

The pastor of First Baptist, Reverend Dr. Darryl W. Aaron, said, "First Baptist was at one time in the shadows, but because of this kind of work we are back in the light, we

stand in the bright light."

First Baptist also provided breast cancer information, blood pressure checks, glucose checks, as well as showing community members proper meal sizes in an effort to combat obesity and promote healthy eating.

Andrea Bush, coordinator of Fall Operation as well as the church Missionary president, said that First Baptist was the first black church in the area to have an event like this and that even though she is the coordinator, she can't do it without the help of fellow church members. She also volunteers in the church food and clothing pantry in which they give away items to Holland Homes and neighboring communities.

First Baptist concluded the day's events by providing everyone with a warm meal of soup and fruit. "We left with full bellies, warm bodies, and high spirits," said a single mother of two who also wished to remain nameless.

The Fall Operation was a big success and the church was able to help a lot of people who were very gracious to receive the assistance. The motto for the event was Matthew 25:40 which reads: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Faith institutions encouraged to celebrate NAACP Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

All across the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community, faith institutions will be celebrating NAACP Sunday on Nov. 22.

This day was set aside to recognize the long history of struggles and recognize that the NAACP has been confronted with many of the same struggles again.

"Today, we see attacks on every front, but none like the attacks to keep people away from the polls, making it harder to cast a ballot, where big money has taken over our elections process, where extreme gerrymandering has made it harder for the average citizen to run for



Howard

political office or win," officials say.

Founded in 1909, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization has made great strides forward advancing its mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

In many states, victories can be seen in rolling



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back discriminatory felony disenfranchisement laws, helping to increase graduation standards for NCAA athletes, helping to outlaw stop-and-frisk racial profiling programs, training black churches to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic and countless others that can be found on the NAACP website at www.naacp.org.

Its more than half-mil-

lion members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

By recognizing its importance and supporting the NAACP through membership, volunteerism and contributions, faith communities will become part of a legacy dedicated to social justice and equality for all people.

To get involved with the Winston-Salem NAACP branch, contact President Ike Howard at 336-287-4861 or Secretary Linda Sutton at 336-870-2168.