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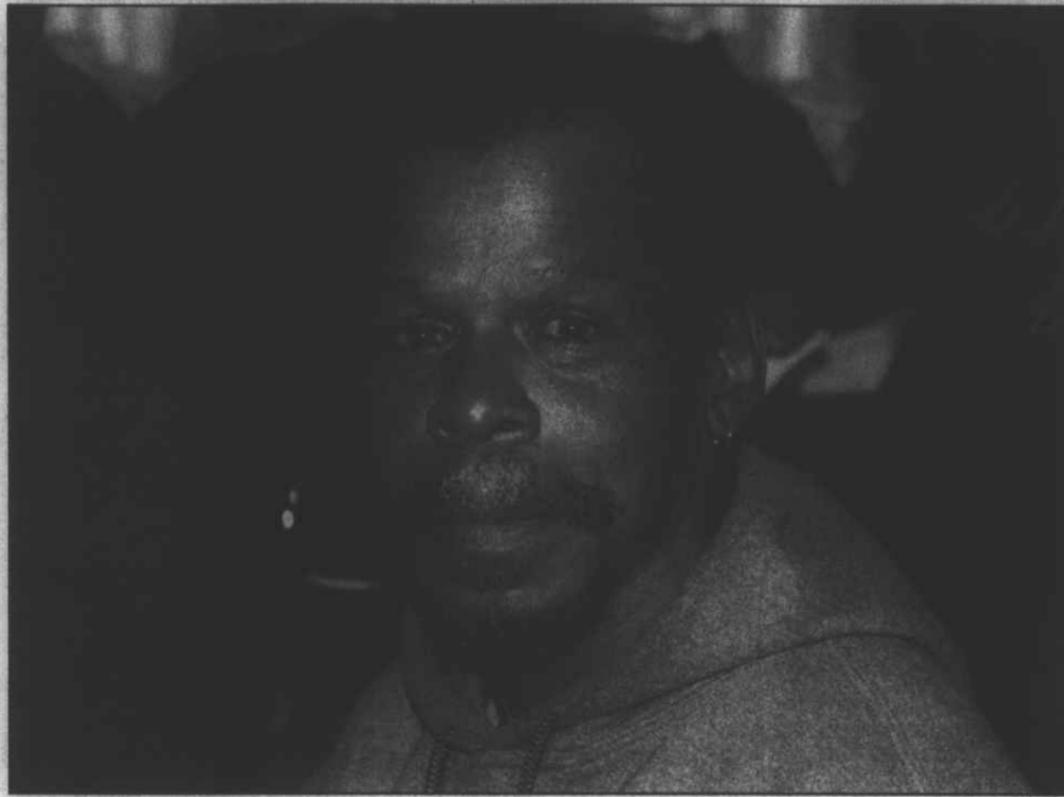
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**“IT HAS TOUCHED ME.”**



Roderick Antonio Livingston says he was very appreciative of the church for the clothes and meal. Photo by Timothy Ramsey

## Reaching out

### First Waughtown helps needy during Thanksgiving season

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

A hearty meal during the Thanksgiving holiday is something some of us take for granted. Some individuals are not in a situation to have a warm meal or the ability to fellowship with others.

First Waughtown Baptist Church at 838 Moravia St. held its annual “Feed My Sheep Day.”

According to organizers, the “Feed My Sheep Day” is a day they reach out to the homeless, those in need and to those who just need to hear about the love of God.

Roderick Antonio Livingston, who came for the meal and some clothes, said “I come from a drinking family and I’m just trying to figure out a way to change my life. I’m tired of being a monster in a lot of ways. I just want to dig myself out of this hole I’m in and coming here is the first

step. What they have done here at this church is great and it has touched me.”

The church provided a hot meal, new and used clothing and gave out gift bags with hats, gloves, socks and toiletry items. Prayer and counseling was available upon request. The church also provided transportation from various locations and shelters around the city.

Senior Pastor Dennis Bishop said his greatest satisfaction is seeing all the people of the church work together and reach out to the community.

“We open our doors to bring them in because that’s what I believe the church is all about,” Bishop said. “Not just serving those within but outreach to the community is important. Seeing people from different walks of life come together and seeing we are all equal. Just to be able to break bread with them and let them know they are somebody is what ministry is all about.”

Missionary President Geneva Payne said, “We consider the people of God the sheep and we want to be a service to them.”

“Feed My Sheep” event coordinator Maria Wiggins

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## NC NAACP: Rumored GOP plan to stack High Court can’t succeed

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Whatever credibility the Republican-led North Carolina Supreme Court currently has would be “totally eroded” if state GOP legislative leaders try to stack the state’s High Court to maintain a partisan advantage, warns the chairman of the N.C. NAACP’s Legal Redress Committee.

Attorney Irving Joyner, who is also a professor of law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, isn’t buying published reports that Republican legislative leaders are not considering the move to offset the election night victory of Wake Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan, a Democrat, to the N.C. Supreme Court.



Rev. Barber

Given how Republicans are scrambling to prove Democratic voter fraud in over 50 counties after state Attorney General Roy Cooper’s slim apparent defeat of incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, Joyner and the rest of the N.C. NAACP have announced that they’re gearing up for yet another legal fight in case Republican lawmakers not only attempt to stack the court with two appointees, but also try to decide the governor’s race.

“Public support for our court system is predicated on the faith and truth of the people that our justice system is fair, unbiased and impartial,” Joyner said. “That faith has been severely tested and undermined over the past 10 years due to obvious political decisions which the [state] Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have issued. The tepid support which the court system presently enjoys will be totally eroded if the Republican legislature moves for-

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## Full STEAM ahead

Photo by Tevin Stinson

Students work together on a science experiment during the annual Women in STEAM Conference on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Atkins High School.



Annual conference encourages girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

“Go for it and never let anyone tell you no or that you can’t do something.”

That was the message Wake Forest Baptist Health pediatric specialist Dr. Karyn Gordon delivered during the 4th Annual Women in STEAM Conference at Atkins High School last Saturday.

The annual event is designed to inspire young women to follow their dreams and pursue careers in the five parts of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math).

As she sat on the stage in

front of the auditorium filled with middle and high school-aged girls during an open panel discussion with other professionals in STEAM-related careers, Gordon said the biggest challenge that she is still fighting to overcome today is dealing with people who have negative perceptions about women in the workplace.

Although she has been in the field of medicine for over

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## Ministers’ Conference to continue push for Calvin Smith

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers’ Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity said the group will continue to fight for Calvin Michael Smith to get him exonerated.

When asked about the release of Smith at a Nov. 15 weekly Ministers’ Conference meeting, the Rev. Alvin Carlisle, third vice president with the Conference, said, “We are definitely pleased that he has been released but are not satisfied with him still not being exonerated. So we can’t take this as an opportunity to side step the struggle for his total exoneration.”

“We are going to push for his name to be totally cleared and all the evidence to be presented in court,” Carlisle said.

Smith was released on Nov. 10 after spending almost 20 years in prison.

Ministers’ Conference President Bishop Todd L. Fulton added, “It just goes to show that our criminal jus-



Bishop Fulton

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