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W-S teacher gets pardon

Decades after she gave her life to God, McCrory grants educator-evangelist clemency

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Although it came on a few days after Dec. 25, local educator and international evangelist Janet Taylor received a Christmas present she has

waited more than two years to receive.

As she sat at home nursing a cold last week, Taylor received a phone call from the Governor's Office granting her a pardon for crimes she committed in the late 1980s.

While Taylor turned her life around nearly 23 years ago, it wasn't until Thursday, Dec. 29, that Gov. Pat McCrory had pardoned the charges on her record on his last day in office.

Even though Taylor would go on to earn her bachelor's degree from

Winston-Salem State University after her release from prison in 1994 and had been working in the local school system since 2003, it wasn't until after she received her master's degree from North Carolina Central University in 2011 that her past seemed to hold the determined educator back.

Taylor said she never even thought about filing for a pardon until she was turned down for multiple principal and teaching positions here in Winston-Salem and other

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Photo by Tevin Stinson
Janet Taylor poses with a photo of her pardon from former N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory earlier this week. Taylor is a teacher at Main Street Academy in Winston-Salem.

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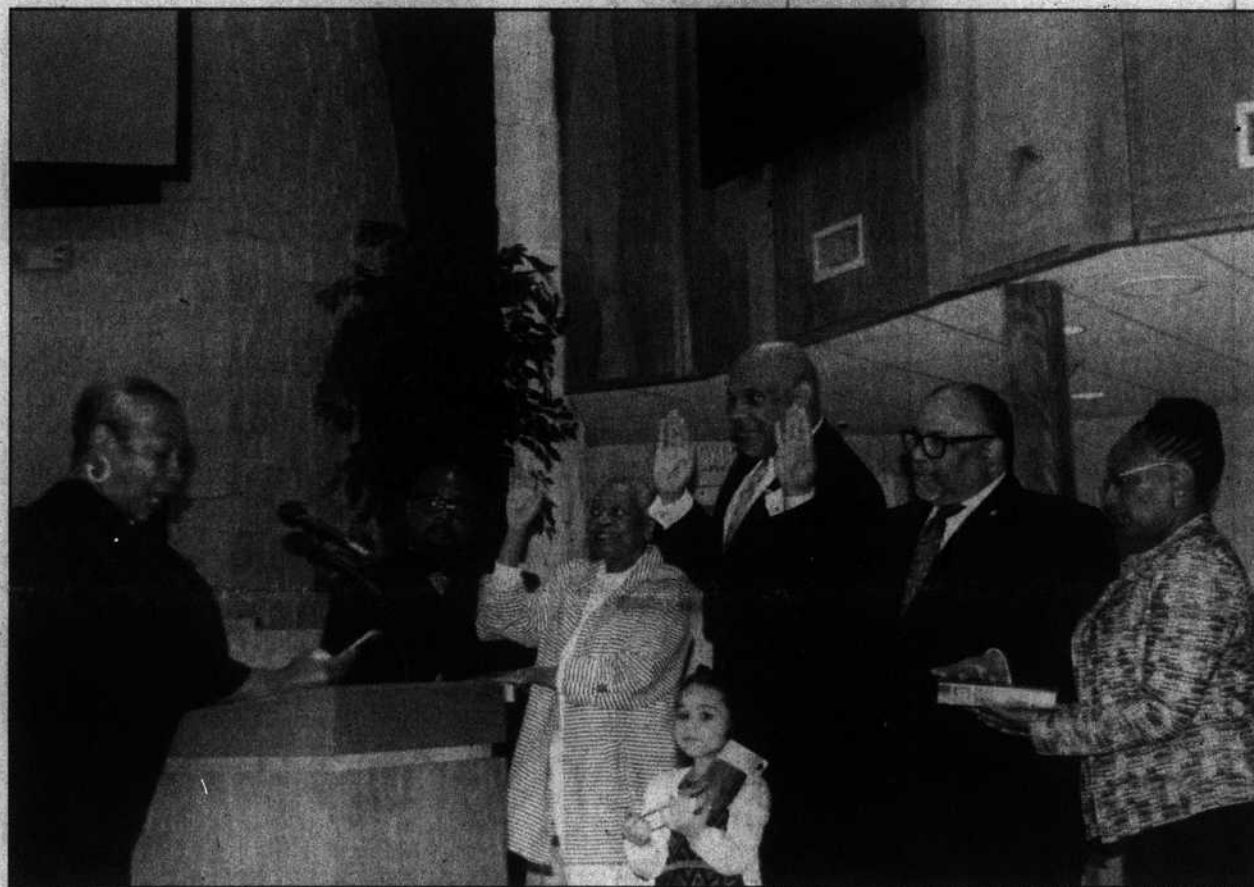


Photo by Todd Luck
District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield swears in state lawmakers (from left) Rep. Evelyn Terry, Rep. Ed Hanes and Sen. Paul Lowe at the emancipation service held on Jan. 2 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Speakers stress the challenges ahead

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Ministers warned of "trouble" with President-elect Donald Trump in 2017 during the emancipation service held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 2.

The service is used by local politicians to reflect on the year ahead.

The service, held at a different church each year, celebrates President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves in the rebelling Southern states. Normally the local Emancipation Association holds the service on Jan. 1, when Lincoln signed the proclamation, but it was held on Jan. 2 since New Year's Day



Rev. Leach

fell on a Sunday.

N.C. Sen. Paul Lowe said that the General Assembly faces court-ordered redistricting and still needs to repeal HB 2, which companies are boycotting the state over because they believe it's discriminatory. State Rep. Evelyn Terry encouraged people to

mobilize and vote, using the example of the extremely tight governor's race to illustrate how every vote counts. State Rep. Ed Hanes said some of his fellow lawmakers want to put African-Americans back in bondage by cutting unemployment benefits and infringing on civil rights.

"Please stand with us as we go back to Raleigh to fight for you," said Hanes.

Lowe, Terry and Hanes were all sworn in for their new terms during the service by District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield.

Mayor Allen Joiner said that his Poverty Thought Force's plan to fight poverty in Winston-Salem will be

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Civil Rights Museum chief promises to overcome

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Since it opened to the public on Feb. 1, 2010, the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (ICRCM) in Greensboro has been besieged with more negative headlines than not.

"Sit-in museum owes \$933,155 in loan repayment by 2018."



Swaine

"Audit reports debt and loss for civil rights museum; director disagrees."

"Greensboro civil rights museum owes \$57K in property taxes."

Through it all, ICRCM CEO/CFO John L. Swaine has battled back, reminding all of the profound significance of the civil rights museum, the unique place in North Carolina, national and world history that it forever holds, and the tremendous economic and civic contributions it has made to downtown Greensboro and the state since its founding in 1994 by Melvin "Skip" Alston and Earl Jones.

Even the former chief operations officer, Bayard P. Love, in an open letter published locally in March of last year, stated, "In my opinion, the majority of local media coverage regarding ICRCM's financial position has been unclear, at best."

"[R]ecent and historic coverage has clearly misled consumers as to the true financial status, challenges and successes of the organization," Love added.

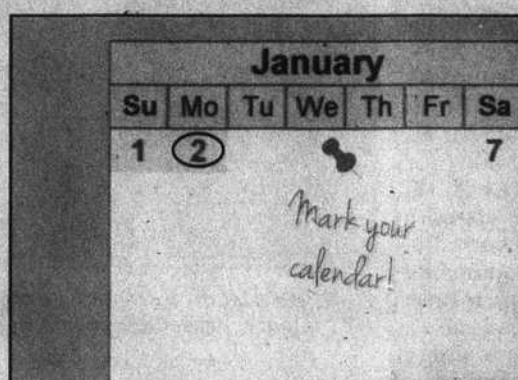
Owned by the private, nonprofit Sit-in Movement Inc., the museum is listed as the top attraction for visitors to see in Greensboro by the travel website TripAdvisor. As part of the United States Civil Rights Trail, ICRCM has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site by the National Park Service.

"As we have demonstrated persistence and success up to this crucial stage, against continuing odds, we will remain a dynamic presence in this historic place for the community and as a resource for educators, students, and lifelong learners," vowed Swaine in a recent 2016 appeal letter to museum supporters.

With a small, but dedicated staff of four full-time and

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