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in attendance for the press conference. He gave details of the devastation many of the churches have endured. He made an appeal for the coalition to come to their aid to help churches and schools in the eastern region of North Carolina.

"It is a blessing for us to have a group of individuals, from a city that is not even in our area, to be concerned about us," said Harris. "It gives us a breath of fresh air in knowing that people are willing to lend a helping hand and see our despair."

"Even though the flood waters have subsided, the damage is still there," he said. "The kids have not gone back to school in Onslow County. Jones and Craven County kids have been out of school for two weeks also. Two of the schools in Jones County will not reopen because of damage, so that means they will have to overcrowd other schools to accommodate the students."

Harris went on to say that all of the temporary housing in those three counties is to capacity.



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Rev. Dr. Preston Harris made the trip to Winston-Salem to make an appeal for assistance to the area of the state damaged by Hurricane Florence.

Many individuals who are in need of housing are having to go outside of the area to find it.

Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams, president of the MCWSV, is from the eastern region of the state, so when he received the call for help, he felt obliged to do so.

"We were able to connect through networking

and let me say that this whole effort represents networking," said Williams. "We are thankful that there is a powerful perspective for networking and that is what allowed us to connect in the beginning."

The same coalition group recently sent nearly 40,000 bottles of water to the affected areas. According to Williams, the

plan is to bring more water, along with other supplies.

Williams said the plan for the volunteers is for them to do work that does not require a permit. Their main focus is to clear away

damaged items from dwellings, as well as clearing away structural damage inside of buildings.

The coalition has set up a toll-free number for people in the affected areas to

call in and request assistance. There is free food, lodging and transportation for those interested in volunteering for the trip. For more information please visit loveoutloudws.com.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Annie Laura Truesdale Williams
Oct. 18, 1921-June 16, 2014

Mommy, this day will always be very special to us as we honor you and celebrate your birthday. We wish you a Happy, Heavenly Birthday! We miss you and love you very much!

Your earthly angels,
Vaye, Kaye and Jean



The Rev. Dr. James Woodson delivered the sermon Sunday afternoon at First Waughtown Baptist Church.

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Waughtown, because I could not have asked for a better group of people.

"I was recently asked if I would do it all over again and as I thought about it, the only answer I could come up with was yes," he continued. "My family and I have truly been blessed during the time I have spent here."

Sunday's service was highlighted by the preaching of Rev. Dr. James Woodson II of St. James Home of Fresh Start Ministries out of Greensboro. Woodson elevated the energy level of the congregation before he even began his message. The impromptu praise and worship session lasted for nearly 20 minutes and had

everyone eager to hear what Woodson had to say.

Woodson's message touched on many things dealing with the senior pastor of the church, especially when he decides to step down.

"One of the things that the church has to do is that we don't deal well with succession because we don't preach about it," said Woodson. "All of us at one point is going off the scene, but what is it that you want to transfer. Is it language or is it spirit? I contend that it is spirit."

This was Woodson's first visit to First Waughtown. He said, "The spirit and passion of the church was amazing."

"I just wanted them to join with me in celebrating an anointed pastor, whose anointing is greater than

his intellect or anything else," he said. "It is spirit that drives him, so it should be spirit that drives this ministry."

Following the service, the various ministries of the church presented Bishop with special presentations and gifts. Bishop and his family then enjoyed a home-cooked meal in the basement of the church. He says it is a day he will never forget.

"When I look back over the years, it does not seem like I have been preaching for 50 years, or that I have been here for 35," said Bishop. "I know I will continue to spread the Word for as long as I live, but I am not sure how long I will continue to preach in the pulpit."

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Oct. 21
Worship services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will have worship services on Oct. 21. There will be services at 9 and 11 a.m. The Awake service will be at 9 a.m., Explorations at 9:15 a.m. and the Forum at 9:15 a.m. For more info, see UUFWS.org.

Oct. 21-28
Founder's Day and anniversary

First Baptist Church, 700 North Highland Avenue, will celebrate its 139th Founder's Day, Revival and Anniversary beginning on Sunday, Oct. 21 and ending on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Rev. Paul R. Ford is the senior pastor. Please contact the church office at (336) 722-5605

for additional information.

Oct. 21
Initial Sermon
Syteria Crawford Marlin will be rendering her initial sermon on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. at Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance, 4951 Manning St.

Oct. 24
Hallelujah Fest
Ambassador Cathedral, 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive, will have a Hallelujah Fest on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Cremedy of Vessels of Honor Church Ministries will be the guest speaker. For more information, email christophermcarthur76@gmail.com.

Ongoing

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Food pantry, clothes closet

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1-4 p.m., Love Community Development Corporation, at 3980 N. Liberty St., will serve those in need of food and clothes. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing assistance with resumes or seeking employment. For more information, call (336) 306-8119.

Sundays
Free breakfast
Love Fellowship Outreach Church, 205 E. 25th St., offers a free community breakfast at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday morning Worship at 11 a.m. Family & Friends Day is every third Sunday, with a free fellowship dinner served immediately following worship. Wednesday Night Bible Study is held weekly at 6:30 p.m. Apostle Antonio L. Johnson Sr. is the pastor.

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