

With Special Services Area Churches To Observe Christmas

By Teresa Simmons
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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.
Christmas time being the season of gift giving, many may not realize that the most precious gift in life has already been offered. That gift of Jesus Christ,

the son of God, His example while living a mortal life, and the fact that He died for our sins, is a gift far more valuable than any amount of wealth. It is a gift we should not take for granted.

While most churches have already held Christmas programs there are still a few Charlotte churches planning to have services on or around

Christmas Day. Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. H. S. Diggs, will hold a Christmas service Saturday, December 25 at the church, 700 Sugar Creek Rd., West. The service will consist of a sermon and music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There will be an International Christmas Fellowship December 25, 1 p.m., at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Rd. This fellowship will be sponsored by the Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese Missions and Mecklenburg Baptist Association. The public is welcome to attend.

Greater Bethel AME Church, 201 Grandin Rd., is hosting a combined Christmas Worship Service Saturday, December 25, at 10 a.m.

Churches involved include Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion, Rev. William Robinson pastor; Grace AME Zion, Rev. Marion Jones pastor; and Greater Bethel AME, Rev. Levi Brown Jr. pastor.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. William Robinson, pastor of Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church.

The public is warmly invited to attend. Combined choirs of the three churches will sing.

A Christmas Eve Vesper service will be held at Second Calvary Baptist Church, 114 Nelson Ave., December 24. This service will feature traditional Christmas music performed by the church's Singing Christmas Tree.

Under the direction of Tony Brown this program promises to be a spiritual inspiration in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Many churches observed the birth of Jesus in special ways prior to Christmas Day. Steele Creek AME Zion Church held a Christmas Concert December 19 with the Young Adult and Children's Choir singing. On December 12 the church also held an Annual Senior Citizens Dinner.

East Stonewall AME Zion Church held a Christmas Program December 19 following the morning worship service.

Shiloh Institution also held a Christmas program December 19. New St. John's Baptist Church held a Christmas service December 19 and December 18 served a Fellowship Dinner. See AREA on Page 4



Dr. Joyce Waddell
...CMS Area Program Specialist

Dr. Joyce Waddell Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Simmons
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"A mind is a terrible thing to waste," is a phrase Dr. Joyce Waddell borrowed from the United Negro College Fund as one philosophy in her life.

"I believe that we should put education among our highest priorities and take advantage of each opportunity," Dr. Waddell revealed. "It will be expensive and time consuming but you have to make sacrifices and it's worth it in the end."

Dr. Waddell's latest degree was earned at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She received a PhD in Child Development and Family Relations with a minor in Social Anthropology.

"Hopefully my future will consist of learning new things and perfecting the skills I have acquired. I am always striving to do things better," she stated determinedly.

Presently Dr. Waddell works as the Area Program Specialist in the East and West Charlotte Feeder areas, grades kindergarten through 12.

"My job is different every day. I enjoy carrying out and planning workshops, working with teachers in service training and working with students," she revealed.

Dr. Waddell is a member of Little Rock AME Zion Church and is active in various civic and social organizations. Some include the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Las Amigas. She also enjoys spending time with young children.

Often when weather permits you can find many of her little friends splashing in Dr. Waddell's and her husband's backyard pool.

Dr. Waddell cites her husband E.E. Waddell, a retired Assistant Superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, as the person she most admires. "He loves doing things for people. He makes a lot of personal sacrifices for others," Dr. Waddell commented. "He has that inward beauty."

Usually, we speak of young adults striving for a particular goal. Dr. Waddell is a shining example to many that their efforts need not be in vain. See BEAUTY on Page 4

With Area Kids

Computer Game Atari Is Top Choice On Christmas Lists

By Karen Parker
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"What do you want Santa to bring to you for Christmas?"

When I was a child and presented with this question, I named almost everything in the Sears Christmas Wish Book. Fourth and fifth grade students at Marie G. Davis Elementary School were posed with the same question last week; surprisingly, they named a few items.

Perhaps, they, like adults, are becoming more and more aware of the economic crunch. Nevertheless, it's advisable that Santa's elves get busy packing Atari. Five of the eight children interviewed, requested the popular video game system at the top of their Christmas lists.



Allegra Flowers
...Fourth grade
Below is a final reminder to Santa as to what should be in his big bag for these fourth and fifth grade students.

Allegra Flowers, fourth grade: "I want an Atari and a Pink 'N' Pretty Doll. Pink 'N' Pretty plays the piano."
Herbert Greenman,



Herbert Greenman
...Celebrates Hanukkah fourth grade: "Well, I celebrate Hanukkah. We have an eight-day festival that lasts through December 18. We had the grab bag pull yesterday and I got a pack of pencils."
Donnie Gill, fourth grade: "For Christmas I want an Atari, a red 10-speed bike and some street



Donnie Gill
...Wants Atari skates."
Meredith Starmer, fourth grade: "I talked with Santa while I was visiting in Tennessee. I'm getting a Disc Camera 4000. Oh, some film would be nice."
Marshan Crowder, fourth grade: "I want an Atari, dominos, and an



Meredith Starmer
...Visited Santa electric football game. My favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys."
Kip Lawrence, fourth grade: "Santa's bringing me an Atari, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, Sound House (dollhouse), an E.T. stuffed animal and the Baboon game."
Charlie Wallace, fifth



Marshan Crowder
...Likes Dallas grade: "Um... I want an Atari, a dirt bike and an electric football and basketball game."
Jenesia Cotton, fourth grade: "I'd like a light blue 10-speed bike, a Pretty Curly Doll, and some clothes I like mini skirts. Oh, I want a Rubik's Revenge, too."



Kip Lawrence
...Enjoys E.T.
Toy merchants in the area were contacted to determine if the elementary students' top choices in toys to receive from Santa are also being bought in local stores as gifts. Of course Atari remained big on the list. "Everybody wants Atari regardless of See ATARI on Page 12

Merry Christmas!
From Each Of Us To All Of You!



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