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## Local Churches Plan Special Worship Services For Christmas

"O come all ye faithful..." is the beginning of one familiar Christmas carole. But as the year winds up for the glorious recognition of Jesus' birth, many church services will be geared to those who are faithless or those who are seeking to strengthen their faith in God.

There will be a new hunger in the lives of many as the year turns over anew. Perhaps the best place to quench that hunger will be to attend services where that special food for thought, food for faith and food for salvation will be served.

The Christian Education and Music Department of Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 211 Lakewood Ave., will present a Festival entitled, "The Real Meaning of Christmas," 5:30 p.m., Sunday, December 23. Rev. W. H. Caldwell, pastor.

Simpson-Gillespi United Methodist Church, 540 Winston St., will be the sight for "A Christmas Festival of Song and Scripture." Presented by the Chancel Choir of the church, these beautiful renditions will be performed 11 a.m., Sunday, December 23.

At Second Calvary Baptist Church, 114 Nelson Rd., the Church School will perform several plays concerning Christmas. The younger

generation will recite special speeches. Under the able direction of Ella Norman, Mrs. Welborn and Mrs. Cathey, Sunday School superintendent, Deacon Carl Dixon, and the van drivers, the plays and speeches will be given at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 23, at the church. Also on Monday, December 24, the Church School will sponsor its annual Christmas Party for the children in the church dining hall. Food, fun and games, in addition to Christian fellowship can be experienced.

At the University Park Baptist Church, Keller Ave. and Senior Drive, the Sunday School will present a Christmas Party Sunday, December 23. The public is invited to share in this warm production. Rev. Dr. James E. Palmer is pastor.

For some, Christmas Day is a time to be in church worshipping the Lord. On Tuesday, December 25, at 10 a.m., the annual Christmas celebration of Jesus Christ will be held at Greater Bethel AME Church. All of the church choirs will sing as well as the choirs of St. Mark's Baptist and Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church. Alonzo Coley will be special guest and a surprise speaker will be presented to deliver the Christmas sermon.

On Christmas morning at 10, the annual Joint Christmas service will be held at the Greater Bethel AME Church at 201 Grandin Rd.

Participating churches and their pastors and choirs will include: St. Mark's Baptist, Rev. Alonzo Coley, pastor; Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church, Rev. John Jackson, pastor; Greater Bethel AME Church, Rev. Levi Brown Jr., host pastor.

Rev. Jackson will deliver the Christmas message. The Knights of Templar will be guests at this Christmas Service. The general public is invited to attend.

Communion will be served to all desirous of sharing.

Sunday, December 23, the theme for the sermon at New St. John Baptist Church, 2000 St. John Rd., will be "The Christmas Doctrine of Love." Speaker will be Rev. Charlie Williams, associate minister of the church.

Following the morning service, the Christmas program of the church will be presented.

The Sunday School of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church will present its annual Christmas Program and Candlelight Service Sunday, December 23, 5:30 p.m., at the church, 325 Skyland Ave.

The feature of the program will be the presentation of a play entitled, "Christmas Is For Everyone," directed by Calvin Lewers.

Cast of characters include: Karen Morris, Genora Fant, Dannielle Mathis, Kesten Morris, William Allison Sr., Walter Howell, Alexander Howell, Vivian Wright, Shava Lewers, Sherman Fant, Ruby Graddy, Tracey Price, Dinna Blackmoore, and Dorothy Ellis.

Dr. Lloyd B. Morris is pastor of See CHRISTMAS On Page 22A

## Highway Patrol Asks Motorists To Drive With Extreme Caution

Raleigh - With more than 1,300 people already killed on North Carolina's highways this year, the State Highway Patrol Commander, Col. David L. Matthews, asks all motorists to drive with extreme caution during the coming holidays.

"Traffic fatalities to date are running more than 150 ahead of last year's fatalities at this time, and Christmas and New Year's are yet to come," Matthews said. "Safe driving practices by all motorists are absolutely essential for the holidays."

According to Matthews, citations issued for speeding are up over last year and troopers are apprehending more impaired drivers. "These two violations continue to be reflected in a disproportionate number of accidents, especially during holidays," he said.

Highway Patrol records indicate the two violations were involved in 12 of 13 fatal accidents which killed four people during the same holiday periods last year. Nine died during the Christmas holidays and five during New Year's.

Matthews said that troopers will be patrolling the highways, enforcing the traffic laws and assisting the traveling public during the holidays, but he encouraged assistance and cooperation from all concerned citizens.

"Motorists should wear their seat belts, even on short trips; and those traveling great distances should take a rest stop every 100 miles," he said.

"Persons hosting parties also can contribute to safe holidays," Matthews said. "Limit the number of drinks containing alcohol and assure that a sober person drives impaired guests home. After all, responsible people don't let their friends drive drunk," he said.

The Christmas holidays will start at 5 p.m., Friday, December 21.

### TURTLE-TALK



Don't hurry, don't worry, and don't forget to smell the flowers.



# Season's Greetings!

FROM ALL OF US TO EACH OF YOU



## Post Poll Reveals: Charlotteans Would Give Gifts Of "Tolerance And Love"

By Loretta Manago  
Post Staff Writer

Looking at both past and current events in the world today - famine in Africa, the threat of nuclear war, the assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi and the chemical spill in India that caused the deaths of over 2,000 people - it's clear that all is not right in the world.

Here, at Christmas time, as we give each other presents to show our love and concern for one another, some local citizens were asked, "If you could give the world a Christmas present, what would it be?" Aware of the turmoil and unrest that covers the globe, those questioned were very definite about the presents they would give the world.

"There are many gifts that I would give the world," began Vivian Nivens, executive director of the Afro-American Cultural Center,



Vivian Nivens  
.....Would give many gifts  
"among them would be peace. In



Bertha Adams  
.....Would give love  
these difficult times, we need a



Rev. Bernard Sullivan  
.....Basic Christmas message  
greater level of harmony and re-

spect for one another. It is my hope that one day we can look beyond our difficulties and see each other's commonalities. But most importantly, it's my hope that we receive the gifts of tolerance and love."

The gift of peace also coincided with the thoughts of Bettye Harris of the Charlotte Housing Authority. "Only as we acquire peace in the world can we have good relationships with one another," she concluded.

In giving the world a present, Rev. Bernard Sullivan of East Stonewall AME Zion Church centers his gifts on the "basic Christmas message." "The message of peace on earth, good will towards men is the gift I'd give to the world. I feel we should respect God enough to respect each other. For me, the See CHARLOTTEANS On Page 22A