

Weeping Willow AME Zion will host a back to school workshop

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Milton Road, will host a back to school workshop for parents and students. There will be representatives from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and the church to share information on gangs, health and community challenges. Registration is preferred. For more information, call (704) 532-9125.

Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft St., will host its second annual Evangelistic Back to School Block Party at 12 p.m. For more information, call (704) 375-5361.

Bethel AME Zion, 5400 Barnsdale Lane, will host its Back to School Bonanza at 1 p.m. The church will distribute free school supplies to all who attend.

August 19
Powerhouse Ministries of Charlotte will hold its dedication services at 4 p.m. The church is located at 8101 Fallsdale Drive.

August 24
The Freedom Christian Center, 4020 Freedom Drive, will host a "Set Free to Dance" conference through Saturday. The event begins Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m.

August 25

Thrift Baptist Church, 8415 Moore's Chapel Road, will host its first Community Praise and Worship Fest at 6 p.m. Performers include James Jackson and Atlanta Praise with special appearance by national recording artist Brandon Newsome. For more information call (704) 399-8437.

August 26

Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church will celebrate its homecoming at 3 p.m. The church is located at 314 Buffalo St. in Shelby.

Holy Hip Hop challenges Christian tradition, not the message

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ago during a church youth event in her hometown of Hickory. She had lost interest in secular rap, which she found distasteful and full of lyrics that disrespected women. Her CD collection needed something new and positive.

Now, she plays Christian rappers like the Grits, LeCrae and D.A. Truth in her car and at home.

"They're really real with it," she said. "They mean what they say and they live what they say."

Allred said youth need to hear the gospel in a way they can understand it. As a church youth leader, she encourages churches to allow young members to express themselves through rap, if that's how they choose to deliver their testimony. "Do not shun rap as this completely horrible thing," she said. "God can take anything and make it his."

That's a testimony Nakia Hamilton, 31, a Take Back Ministry rapper who goes by Crazy Redd, shares with others.

Hamilton's mother introduced him to hip-hop at age 7. He spent years as a secular rapper, opening for rap groups like Outkast and Wu-Tang. But, the writer, producer and performer said doing two to three shows a week and releasing underground albums still made him feel like he wasn't going anywhere.

"I gave up all that I had for Christ," he said. "I got saved. I truly meant it. From

then on I just never turned back."

At a July group rehearsal for Wilmington's Freedom Fest, "Take Back Ministry" turned the Lord's Church on South Fifth Avenue into a high-energy praise party. The group's members raced back and forth in front of

the wooden pulpit screaming, "Get live for Christ!" Grant two-stepped to the beat. Jay James, 22, known as Minista Payne, pointed to the sky as he spit his verse.

Take Back Ministry has sometimes showcased its spiritual gifts during Sunday services at Union Mis-

sionary Baptist Church. Teresa Huffman, the church's youth pastor, said the first time the group ministered at Union, some older members' body language and facial expressions showed they weren't feeling the music. "It wasn't what they wanted to hear at that

time," she said.

The second time the group appeared, they came with a more mellow tune and rapped about how God changed their lives.

"The older folks that Sunday were up and out of their seats," Huffman said. "Some were running around

the church."

Now more kids at Union are putting their writing skills to use and coming up with spiritual raps of their own.

"It encourages them that they can still be in the church and have a good time," Huffman said.

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