

# Special Events

Church announcements are published each week in the Bertie Ledger-Advance. The deadline to submit news items for this listing is 10 a.m. each Monday. Submissions may be emailed to [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).

## Dec. 9 Christmas Musical

**WINDSOR** - A free Christmas musical is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at Tabernacle Pillar of Fire Ministry. The musical will feature Walter "Big Walt" Brown and Friends as well as Raymond Harrell and the Hassell Singers.

The church is located on U.S. 13/17 in Windsor. The congregation invites the public to attend.

## Christmas Program

**WINDSOR** - The annual Christmas Program is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Dinner will be served following the event.

The Pastor, the Rev. Kennedy L. Barber, and congregation invite the public to attend.

## Dec. 9-10 Christmas Cantata

**WILLIAMSTON** - The annual Christmas Cantata titled Emmanuel is planned for Dec. 9 and 10 at Back Swamp Church.

The services will begin at 4 p.m. each evening.

The cantata will feature The Voices of Back Swamp and guest soloists and accompanists. The event will be directed by Dr. Michael E. Bunch.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

## Dec. 10 Christmas Cantata

**WINDSOR** - The annual Christmas Cantata is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at Cashie Baptist Church.

The church is located at 221 South Queen St. in Windsor.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

## Pastoral Anniversary

**WINDSOR** - The 2nd Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor David E. Moore Jr. will be celebrated Sunday, Dec. 19 at Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church.

The first service is planned at 11 a.m. and will feature the Rev. Michael Smith as speaker. The Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church Choir will render music.

At 4 p.m. the second service will begin with the Rev. Ricky Banks of Elizabeth City. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

## Dec. 15 Revival

**WINDSOR** - A One Night Revival is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at Tabernacle Pillar of Fire Ministry.

The theme is "It was God that brought us out!"

The guest speaker will be Bishop Robin B. Atwater of Helping Hand Church in Rocky Mount.

The church is located on U.S. 13/17 in Windsor.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

## Dec. 16 Evening Prayer

**ROXBEL** - Evening Prayer will be observed at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

The church is located at 206 West Church St. in Roxobel.

The Rev. Canon Sonny Browne and congregation invite the public to attend.

## An Evening of Christmas Music

**POWELLSVILLE** - An Evening of Christmas Music is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church.

The event will feature church and community members providing Christmas music.

## Dec. 24 Evening Prayer

**ROXBEL** - A Christmas Eve service is planned for 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

The church is located at 206 West Church St. in Roxobel.

The Rev. Canon Sonny Browne and congregation invite the public to attend.

# Three lessons from a big sister

The story of the birth and life of Moses is a fascinating one indeed. Most of us are familiar with his exploits as the legendary deliverer of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and the leader of God's chosen people during the subsequent forty year wilderness experience.

Moses' close relationship with God is almost envious. Who else spent so much time isolated in the presence of God and who other than Moses was given the criminal, civil and moral law directly from God?

Even Moses' birth and childhood survival was miraculous. At his birth the Hebrew children were under threat of annihilation. Pharaoh's order to have them killed at birth was irrevocably in place. Moses' mother gave birth to what she immediately recognized as a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. She then constructed a waterproof basket, placed the baby inside and released it at the banks of the Nile River.

Exodus 2:4 says the baby's sis-

ter watched from a distance to see what would happen to him. In verse seven when Pharaoh's daughter, the princess discovered the baby, the baby's sister approached the princess, and asked, "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

In verse eight the baby's sister went and called the baby's mother.

As great a man as Moses was, some behind-the-scenes people, such as his sister, played a critical role in his life's story. His sister watched to see what would happen to him, approached Pharaoh's daughter and volunteered to find a woman to nurse him. She then facilitated the connection between Moses' own mother and Pharaoh's daughter!

Who knows how the story would have turned out without

the love and interaction of this then unnamed girl. The simple, often overlooked role Moses' sister played in his early life is every bit as important as the accomplishments Moses himself achieved.

Although unnamed in this account, we later discover Moses' sister's name was Miriam. She was called a prophetess and had great influence as she served alongside Moses and her other brother Aaron. She like many great leaders served in obscurity before being recognized by others. We may not be the one out front leading and garnering the attention of the masses as Moses was, but we can be the catalyst of change for others by practicing the three traits his sister portrayed in this story.

Always watch out for the well-being of others.

Take a risk and get involved. Help connect the helpless and the helpful.

Pastor Jay Rivenbark is Pastor of Open Door Church - Bertie Campus. He can be reached via email at [jay@visitopendoor.com](mailto:jay@visitopendoor.com).



THE REV. JAY RIVENBARK

Be Still...

# You never know

Over 25 years ago, my wife and I moved to Ahoskie, the hub of the Roanoke-Chowan area. We took a church with 12 members and hit the ground running trying to build the congregation up and advance the work of the kingdom. Meeting people was so important to us.

I paid close attention to everyone I met. I wanted to adapt to the community as quickly as possible and get to know as many people as possible.

Simple "life and living" will cause that to happen. You know... pick up the mail, buy gas, subscribe to the newspaper, get your taxes done, get your car serviced, and the list goes on and on and on.

Each one of those tasks put me in front of people, people that I would interact with for years (little did I know...25 years).

I well remember going to the post office daily and walking

to Box 395. I usually grabbed the stack, went through it piece by piece and spared myself from taking the unwanted junk mail back to the church. This became routine, as I didn't have staff back in those days. I picked up the mail myself.

I quickly noticed that I saw the same people also doing their routine.

Once we established name, church affiliation, etc., we began to converse about the goodness of the Lord and the happenings of the church.

Years went by. I saw him regularly and we became friends. After many years I had established a multi-staff church and therefore, I no longer picked up the

mail. I missed seeing him. Only occasionally, I would bump into him in a local business.

One day he wandered into our ministry one Sunday and then again the following. When I inquired, he told me that he and his wife had been praying and felt like they had reached a place of transition in their life of worship and service to the Lord.

They soon became members of our church, and I give honor to the Lord for the precious servants of God in the persons of Clarence and Violet Beasley. They are precious gifts to the body of Christ! Years and challenging health have met them, but they are faithful.

What are the chances that those routine chats become re-defined? You never know....

Dr. Wallace Phillips is Sr. Pastor at Carpenter's Shop International Church in Ahoskie.



THE REV. WALLACE PHILLIPS

Carpenter's Tools

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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**Attention**  
Mark Your Calendars 2018  
January 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2018

**ServSafe**

ServSafe is a course designed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation to provide food service operators, managers, and support personnel with the knowledge essential for food preparation and handling within their respective facilities to help reduce the risk of food borne illness outbreaks. The course covers handling food, from receiving and storing to preparing and serving. It gives science-based information on how to run a safe establishment. This ServSafe class ensures that you are in compliance with the new state law that came into effect January 1, 2014.

This is a 16-hour class to be held at Windsor Community Building, 201 South Queen Street, Windsor. Classes will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Classes will be held:

January 8	9:00AM-12:30PM
January 9	9:00AM-1:15PM
January 10	9:00AM-2:00PM
January 11	TEST 9:00AM-UNTIL

Registration cost is \$145 (which includes 7th edition (New Book) and exam sheet. If you have already purchased a book see fee schedule on registration form.)

To register, complete the registration form and return with fee to: Whitney Watson, Family & Consumer Science Area Agent, Bertie County Center, P.O. Box 280, Windsor, NC 27983.

If you have further questions, please contact Whitney Watson at (252) 794-5317.

Registration fees are non-refundable but are transferable to another person.  
Registration deadline: December 22, 2017  
Registration fees must be paid by the deadline.

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