

CHURCH NEWS

Prayer tour makes stop in Perquimans

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Participants in the Beacon District Prayer Tour pray Sept. 28 in front of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

First Baptist

First Baptist Missionary Church will hold a revival through Friday at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Elder Daniel Martin of Gethsemane Church of God in Christ of Detroit, Mich. will be the guest speaker.

Oak Grove UMC

Oak Grove United Methodist Church will begin a series of discussions on religions of the world. The focus of the first discussion is Islam. The meeting Oct. 7 starts at 7 p.m. and begins with a pot luck supper. For more information call 455-1600.

Bagley Chapel MBC

Bagley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will have a Pre-Men's Day singing program on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. The featured guests will be the Bay Branch Male Chorus, the Ryan's Grove Male Chorus, the Union Chapel Male Chorus, the Bagley Chapel Male Chorus and The True Believers.

Bagley Chapel MBC

Bagley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be having a program entitled "Mixed Fruit" illustrating The Fruit of The Spirit, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

Burgess Baptist

Burgess Baptist Church will host a concert with Curtis Hyler Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Chapel On The Sound

Chapel On The Sound will host a "Food With Friends" program beginning Oct. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, dessert for the people of Perquimans County will be offered at 106 Soundview Road, Holiday Island. The program will continue on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bagley Chapel MBC

Bagley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be observing Men's Day on Oct. 25 at 2:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Pastor Alvin J. Boone and the Melton Grove MBC family. Dinner will be served.

Bethlehem COC

Bethlehem Church of Christ will hold its 135th anniversary homecoming Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Oak Grove UMC

Oak Grove United Methodist Church will host their annual Pumpkin Carving and Hot Dog Roast Oct. 24 starting at 4 p.m. It will include Bible lessons and crafts. Call 455-1600.

Information for Church Notes should be emailed if possible to perquimansweekly@ncweeklies.com. The deadline is Friday at noon. Early submissions are encouraged. Church Notes features special services and activities that are open to the public. Photographs of special activities are also welcomed.

Perquimans County was one of the first stops on an expanded Beacon District Prayer Tour.

The Rev. Gil Wise, district superintendent of the Beacon District of the United Methodist Church, was at the Perquimans County Courthouse Sept. 28. The Beacon District covers 15 counties.

More than 20 people gathered in front of the courthouse at noon to pray. Most were pastors of United Methodist Churches in Perquimans and members of those churches.

This is the third year the Beacon District has held the event. But the prayers weren't limited to the needs of United Methodist congregations. The group not only prayed for every Methodist church in the county but also for churches of other denominations - and their pastors - by name.

In addition, prayers were offered for local leaders, first responders, schools, and people who come to the courthouse as attorneys, witnesses or defendants.

The time of prayer in front of the courthouse concluded with everyone touching a prayer stole, or the shoulder of someone who was touching the stole, as the group prayed aloud the Lord's Prayer in unison.

In a new development, the tour this year not only is reaching the courthouse in every county in the dis-

trict but also is going to each United Methodist church in the district.

In addition to the prayer stole, a baton was present that had been passed from one district to another across the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church during the 2013 prayer tour.

It was in 2013 that the Methodist prayer tour tradition in eastern North Carolina began, with prayers offered at the county courthouse in every county that is part of the Beacon District.

The Beacon District includes all of the Albemar-

le area and also extends south and west nearly to Greenville.

And after the prayer tour had made it all the way across the Beacon District in 2013, the prayer effort spread to the other districts and the prayer tour ended up reaching every county within the North Carolina Conference. The conference stretches from the coast as far west as Alamance, Montgomery and Caswell counties.

The baton that was passed from district to

district in 2013 contains mementoes of the 2013 tour, and photos from this year's tour are being added.

The tour was held last year across the Beacon District but the baton was not used at last year's events.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Hertford Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on November 9th, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at the Municipal Building to consider the Adoption of the Perquimans County Land Use Plan Update. Once adopted, the Plan will be submitted to the Coastal Resources Commission for certification.

Written objections, comments, or statements of support shall be submitted to the DCM District Planner, Charlan Owens, 1367 US Highway 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 no less than 15 business days prior to the CRC meeting at which the land use plan is scheduled to be considered for certification. Further information can be obtained by contacting the District Planner at 252-264-3901.

Copies of the Land Use Plan are available for review by the public at the Perquimans County Library during normal office hours. The public is encouraged to review the Land Use Plan and to attend the public hearing. For additional information, please contact the Town Manager at 426-1969.

Notice of Municipal Election For The Town of Hertford and The Town of Winfall

The Perquimans County Board of Elections will hold a Municipal Election on Tuesday November 3, 2015.

Voters who are already registered need not re-register. Residents of Hertford and Winfall who are eligible to vote and not registered must register by October 9, 2015. This is the deadline for all voter registration changes.

The East Hertford, West Hertford and Parkville polling places will be open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. on election day.

Registered voters may apply for absentee ballots. Absentee voting by mail begins October 2, 2015. The deadline for requesting absentee ballots by mail is 5:00 P.M. on October 27, 2015. Request forms must be completed and mailed to the Perquimans County Board of Elections at P.O. Box 336 Hertford, NC 27944. GS 163-230.1 Forms are available on the North Carolina State Board of Elections web site and in the Perquimans County Board of Elections Office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the board of elections office by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

One Stop absentee voting at the Board of Elections office will begin October 22, 2015 at 8:00 A.M. and end October 31, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. The hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. October 22, 23, 26-30, and 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. October 31, 2015.

Beginning in 2016, North Carolina will require voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they present to vote in person. This change is a result of the Voter Information Verification Act or "VIVA." (S.L. 2013-381). Until 2016, most voters will not be required to show any form of identification when they vote.

The Board of Elections office is located at 601A S. Edenton Rd. Street. You may call our office at 426-5598 if you need additional information.

Dianne Layden, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Elections
Absentee Board meetings: Oct. 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00 A.M., Nov. 2, at 5:00 P.M. and Nov. 6 at 10:00 A.M.

Island Christian Fellowship

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Pastor Ismael Melendez

Ps 114:7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; KJV

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

The Bible says:

- The wicked perish at the presence of God
- The earth shakes and the heavens drop at the presence of God
- Sinai was moved at the presence of God
- The hills melted like wax at the presence of God
- The earth trembles at the presence of God
- The idols of the heathen are moved at His presence
- Mountains flow down at His presence
- Nations tremble at His presence
- The earth is burned at His presence
- The angel said unto Zacharias, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God"
- No flesh should glory in His presence
- We will be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming
- They that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, shall be punished with everlasting destructions from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.
- They that worship the beast and receive his mark shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and the presence of the Lamb.

We are told in the Bible:
Ps 95:2 *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*
Ps 100:2 *Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.*

We cannot escape God's presence. We need His presence.

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