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### CORE

• We continue to encourage our youth in being independent in their worship and growth in God. To help in that, we have created some booklets that help guide a teenager or youth in ways to improve their study, accountability, prayer, and evangelism. If you are interested in growing in any of these things, please see me and I can get you one of those training booklets. Ask for the WALK Books.

• We are a PDYM (Purpose Driven Youth Ministry) and with us having a Purpose we want to continue informing you of what we represent.

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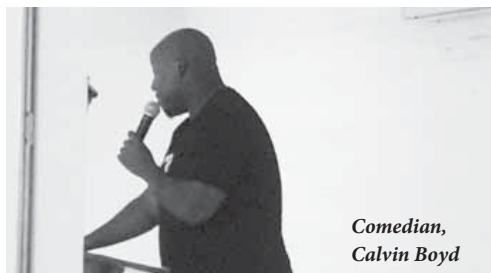
As the Youth Pastor, I am here to help guide the Spirituality of your children. That's not an easy duty, but it does go smoother when I know I have the support of all parents as well as guardians, families, and friends. That is why your participation is so important. Not just because of the need for chaperones or assistants, but also for the growth and encouragement of your child. Your aid is necessary thru participation, prayers, and contributions (financial and resource-wise). If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to talk with me so we can come to a consensus of how to help your children. With your help, the Youth Ministry will continue to flourish and be there to support you in building your child's Love of God.

• Please let us know HOW you can help. Can you give Hands-On Volunteer support? Can you give Supplies and/or Resource support? Maybe can you give Prayer support? Whatever it is we will be so grateful and prove that we are a church **UNITED TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST!**

God bless,

Rev. Montrel R. Caldwell, Sr.

Youth Pastor



Comedian,  
Calvin Boyd



## About United's People...



### Rev. Montrell Caldwell Appreciation Day

On July 24, 2016 United honored Rev. Montrell

Caldwell with "Rev. Caldwell" Sunday. Rev. Caldwell, United's Youth Pastor, has served our members for almost 15 years. Rev. Caldwell delivered the morning message and as also, sang the church's heart happy. Rev. Caldwell, thank you for the support and service to the members of United!



### Dec. John Graham Receives Emeritus Honor

On November 6, 2016 Dec. John Graham received

the honorable title of Deacon Emeritus. Dec. Graham has served the members of United for countless years, through his prayers, teaching, leadership and dedicated service. Rev. Freeman presented Dec. Graham with a plaque of appreciation. Dec. Graham, thank you for your unwavering service to United!



### Minister Tony Gillion Honored for Service

Sunday after Sunday he ushers members of United into

the presence of the Lord through the songs that God has laid upon his heart to share. On November 27, 2016, Rev. Freeman, along with the members of United honored Minister of Music Tony Gillion for his 15 years of service to our church! Rev. Freeman presented Min. Gillion with a plaque of appreciation for his leadership directing United's Music and Arts Ministry. Min. Gillion, thank you for your service!



### Rev. Hattie Easterling Appreciation Day

On December 13, 2016 United honored Rev. Hattie Easterling

for "Rev. Easterling Appreciation" Sunday. Rev. Easterling, assistant to the pastor delivered the 7:27 service message. Evangelist Melissa Cauthen was the guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Easterling received well wishes from United's members and friends! Rev. Easterling, thank you for your faithful prayers and support to the members of United!



### Bro. William Jennings Trustee Retirement

In September 2016 United recognized Bro. William Jennings

for his numerous years of service as a member of the trustee board. Rev. Freeman presented Bro. Jennings with a plaque for his service. Bro. Jennings, thank you for sharing your gifts and talents for the operations of United!

### UIBC Rocked the Vote!

The African American church has always been at the forefront of civic responsibility and duty. During the 2016, Election, members of United continued that legacy. Through various activities, such as voter registration, polling and "Souls to the Polls", United's members assisted with getting Greensboro citizens registered and out to vote! Sis. Cheryl Porter stated that she was proud of United's participation. It is the hope of Sis. Porter that with more time and organization United can broaden the interest and participation of younger members. Thank you to Deacon Hines and the entire Souls to the Polls committee.

## Patricia Mayse - United's 2016-2017 Woman of the Year!!!



Sis. Patricia Mayse, affectionately known as Trish, has been a member of United since 2000. Sis. Mayse wanted to be the

Woman of the Year because she felt it was time to step up and become more involved in church work and ministry by getting to know more people and people getting to know her on a different level.

Prior to a serious illness, Sis. Mayse faithfully served in the United Voices of Praise Choir (held the President & Vice-President roles), Praise Team, Youth Choir Advisor and Missionary Ministry. She is also a member of Ward #7.

Sis. Mayse is originally from Ellenboro, NC. She graduated from East Rutherford High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Isothermal Community College in Business Computer Programming. Sis. Mayse is employed with O'Reilly's Ozark Automotive Distribution Center of Greensboro where she works in Customer Service.

Sis. Mayse has two daughters: LaToya Mayse and Jamilla Tillman. She has been blessed with 6 grandchildren (4 granddaughters and 2 grandsons) of ages that range from 16 - 3 years old. Her hobbies are: singing, gardening, sewing, reading, working with her hands (she likes to tear down and put things back together) and performs mechanical maintenance on her vehicle.

Sis. Mayse shares her testimony of the Lord's Grace and Mercy of how she was healed and delivered from a stroke back in 2015.

## Houston Lytch - United's 2016-2017 Man of the Year!!!



Bro. Lytch has been a member of United since 1991. Bro. Lytch wanted to be the Man of the Year because he felt it

would be an honor to represent United. Bro. Lytch had the church parking lot lines re-painted back in the Fall with no expense to the church as his Man of the Year project.

Bro. Lytch serves in the following ministries: Trustee Board, Usher Board, as church special events grill master, Men's Ministry and is a member of Ward #7.

Bro. Lytch is originally from Laurinburg, NC. He graduated from Scotland High School of Laurinburg. Bro. Lytch has been employed with Apac Carolina of Greensboro for 45 years. He is currently a Senior Sales Manager.

Bro. Lytch has been married to Sis. Helen Lytch for 19 years. He has been blessed with 3 children. (Houston Jr, Laquisha & Joy) and 2 grandchildren (Breaya & Cameron).

Bro. Lytch's hobbies are re-storing old vintage cars, gardening, grilling and enjoying the greater outdoors.

## 21st Pastoral Anniversary



United celebrated the 21st Pastoral Anniversary for our very own Rev. Dr. Johnny R. Freeman on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

The guest speaker was Dr. Ronnie Williams, Pastor of Generostee Baptist Church from Starr, South Carolina who brought the word for both services.

"I'm Still Standing", bible verse from Mark 4:35-41 truly set off the day at the 7:27am early service.

The 11:00am message "The Crooked Made Straight", bible verse from Luke 13:11-17 was delivered following a praise dance collaboration from the Women of Worship & VIP Mime teams.✝



## Missionaries on the "Battlefield for the Lord"

The Missionary Ministry is on the "Battlefield for the Lord" by untiringly giving back to the community and working service projects to touch lives outside the walls of United in the following manner:

- Donated sleeping bags and blankets to the homeless
- Donated toiletries and blankets to the Interactive Resource Center, Center of Hope, and various Nursing Homes
- Collect/donate food to the Urban Ministry:

**February** – Peanut Butter

**March** – Oatmeal

**April** – Canned Fruit

**May** - Boxed Mac & Cheese

**June** – Apple Sauce

**July** – Rice

**August** – Canned Vegetables

**September** – Canned Meat

- Serve lunch at the Urban Ministry every 5th Saturdays

• Supported the Pillowcase Dress Lott Carey Foreign Missions Project

• Wrapped Christmas gifts at the IRC for children in need

• Supports other churches' Missions Day and related projects

• Helped feed homeless downtown Greensboro City Park

• Thanksgiving, Christmas projects & pantry - provide food and gifts to families in need

United, thank you for your on-going support and donations to the Interactive Resource Center (IRC) and to the Urban Ministry. Your support has helped us to meet our goal of touching lives outside of the walls of United.

*Missions Day 2017 has been postponed to June 11, 2017 due to inclement weather on January 8, 2017. On, January 29, 2017, the Missionary Ministry presented Sis. Hanan Barrett, (Ministry President) with the Mary Elizabeth (Widdie) Le'Gette Award for her leadership, commitment, dedication and passion for missions work ☩*

## Revival & the 86th Homecoming at United

### Revival

With the pews dusted and the floors shined, the atmosphere at the church was of expectancy! Returning to Greensboro and to United was Rev Lee Cooper, Oklahoma City, OK, as Revivalist. Each evening beginning October 17th through the 19th, spirit filled messages were delivered. The Revival message on the first evening was titled "The Truth of the Great Commission", Matthew 29:18-20 was the scriptural basis. The remaining nights just went higher and higher in the Lord with the messages titled "What Your Reason for Rejoicing" on Tuesday evening and "Maximize Your Encounter with Jesus" on the final evening. A high time was had!

### Homecoming

United extended a warm welcome to Rev. Jeremiah Tillman, First Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA, who preached both Worship Services on Homecoming Sunday, October 23, 2016. With boldness and power, the message "Trusting God's Guidance" was delivered. Scriptural basis was Proverbs 3:5-6. ☩



## The Rowan Baptist Association Celebrated 150 Years of Service

The year 2016 saw the culmination of just about a year of planning for the Sesquicentennial, that is 150 years, Celebration of the Rowan Baptist Association (RBA), the oldest and one of the largest association of churches in the state of North Carolina.

From a powerful musical kick-off Sunday afternoon July 17th with Pastor Rev. Gregory Drumwright, (Pastor of The Citadel of Praise, Greensboro, NC) and his choirs. Inspiration by Willie Mason &

Friends set the celebratory tone before the congregation was taken to another level in musical praise led by Grammy Award Winning Gospel Artist, Beverly Crawford. All in attendance were on their feet during most of the Kick-off Concert.

Still feasting off Sunday's concert, the RBA came together at the Downtown Marriott in Winston-Salem for a Black-Tie Event Monday, July 18th; the space was at full capacity!

# United's Girl Scouts

Tuesday evening, July 19th, the preacher of the hour was Rev. J. Vincent Terry, the 2nd Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention and Pastor of Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. United's very own Praise Team helped to usher in the presence of the Lord through song ministry. Rev. Jasper Williams, Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, delivered the message on Wednesday evening, July 20th. He was described as "The HOOPoligist himself" by RBA Executive Secretary Rev. Frank Thomas.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration ended Thursday evening July 20th with the Moderator's Address and Ordination Service. The Rowan Baptist Association is led by Moderator Rev. Michael Long. All morning sessions, classes and evening Services were held at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. There were activities for everyone that had desire: the older saints, the younger saints, the musically inclined as well as musically talented, and the spiritual seekers. The Rowan Baptist Association, the 150th Year, Sesquicentennial Celebration, had it all! ✝



## WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS...



United's Girl Scout troop saw growth in size with the addition of seven new members! Praise the Lord! The opportunity to encourage young ladies, to pour positively in their lives, and to enable them to realize that they can positively impact not only their our own lives, but positively their communities, and the importance of building a relationship with God.

## Big Sweep Greensboro

The Girl Scouts kicked off the season with working in collaboration with the Big Sweep Greensboro Event in September. The Scouts picked up liter along Pastor Anderson Way and Washington Streets. The garbage was taken to the drop off site at the Greensboro Beautiful Office on Fourth Street where participates were provided pizza and cold can drinks.

## Camping Girl Scout Camp at Keyauwee

Oct 21st through the 23rd came in with the Scouts camping. Team building, exploring, and challenging experiences were held by the young ladies and the moms that accompanied them. There were no

lions, tigers, or bears; just snake skins! Oh my!

## The Scouts' Christmas Giff

The Scouts were excited about putting up the Nativity Christmas Tree again this year in the upper lobby. After completing their task, a pizza break was in order. The Scouts look forward to Christmas gifting to the church each year.

## Girl Scout Ceremonies

The Girl Scouts held their annual ceremonies on Saturday morning January 27th as parents, grandparents, and family members looked on. There was investiture of the new scouts, six of them, and rededication of scout leaders, parent members, and young scouts. Bridging ceremony recognized scouts were:

### *Daisey to Brownie Scout*

- *Kyndall McCain*

### *Junior to Cadette Scout - Madisyn McCain and Tatianna Terry*

A special recognition was awarded Cadette Kallie James. In her absence during ceremony, Kallie was awarded the status of Patrol Leader. Her leadership skills, commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, determination and her passion for helping the younger scouts earned her this distinguished award, one of only two ever awarded by the Troop. Congratulations Kallie!

What's next? The Scouts are looking forward to ceremonies, planning a road trip, community projects, more camping, working towards badges and awards, crafts, and of course, Girl Scouts' Cookies Time! Yum! ✝

# Women of the Bible

## Like You've Never Seen Them Before

Saturday, November 19, 2016 proved to be a day at United that will forever be remembered. The Women's Fellowship Ministry presented a Fashion & Comedy Show like none other. "Women of the Bible – Like You've Never Seen Them Before". The evening began with creative light hors d'oeuvres, then the Fashion Show, and ended with a Comedy Show.

Women of United  
**(Bible Women-Now & Then)**  
were enacted by the following:

Daleeia Tucker and  
First Lady Felicia Freeman  
~ *(Eve...Faithfulness/Fellowship)*;  
Tanya Roberts  
~ *(Sarah...Promises/Destiny)*;  
Val McMillian  
~ *(Job's Wife...Pruning/Testing)*;  
Liz Leak  
~ *(Vashti...Sovereign Will)*;  
Monica Glover  
~ *(Jezebel...AntiChrist)*;  
Rosalyn Posey  
~ *(Ruth...Plan/Favor)*;  
Lalani Bullock  
~ *(Women Destroy)*;  
Armeniqua Wallace  
~ *(Abigail...Vindication/  
Deliverance)*; Quanesha Bennett  
~ *(Hannah...Delight/Deliverance)*;  
Barbara Henry  
~ *(Martha...Availability)*;  
Rev. Lakisha Tucker  
~ *(Miriam...Grace/Mercy)*;  
Sandra Weaks  
~ *(Indebted Women...  
Challenges/Provisions)*;  
Rev. Lakisha Tucker  
~ *(Miriam's Dance...Worth/Honor)*

Kierrah Anderson performed an unforgettable praise dance. The fashion show resumed with the Women of the Bible Now. Gospel Comedian Calvin Boyd brought the evening to a close with laughter throughout the audience.

The Youth of United could have been elsewhere on a Saturday evening, but chose to serve as hostesses and hosts to the Fashion Show. Many thanks to: Jelani Boone, Aleina Randleman, Olivia Roberts, Deleia Tucker, Ella Tucker and Jada Wallace as hostesses. Desmond Freeman, Larry McMillian, Nathaniel Rivers, Garrett Roberts and Jordan Wallace served as hosts.

Extra Special Thanks  
to the following:

- First Lady Felicia Freeman  
*(Writer/Creator/Visionary)*;
- Donita Leggett & Cheryl Porter  
*(Logistical Managers)*;
- Selma Pinnix, Alice Rivers, Donita Leggett and Cephas Williams  
*(Set Designers)*;
- Tanya Roberts - Itsp Creative  
*(Graphic Designer)*;
- Dale Glenn & Monica Glover  
*(Food Committee)*;
- Shauna Pinnix *(Chef)*;
- Tokwase Bullock - I am Bella Photography *(Photographer)*;
- James Weaks *(Music Arranger)*;
- Taunya Monroe - Mary Kay Cosmetics *(Makeup Artist)* and
- Bridget Patterson-Gibbs - SewWhat *(Fashion Designer)*. ✝

## Music & Arts Ministry Four Seasons Mall Concert

The Music & Arts Ministry presented its 9th Christmas Mall Concert on December 22, 2016 at the Four Seasons Town Centre. There was a full house in the Pavilion Stadium. The wonderful sounds of Christmas attracted shoppers to stop, listen and see, from all three levels, what United was making a fuss about as the real reason of the season, Jesus Christ, was shared. Ministry was delivered through song, dance, mime interpretation and rap. It was evident that the Music & Arts Ministry touched the lives and hearts by the audience's response and participation of singing along with the choirs, swaying to the music and sharing of bright smiling faces. Pastor Freeman concluded the concert with the song "Emmanuel" along with several key modulations. ✝





## GOD'S Plan of Salvation

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

**Receive the Salvation of the Lord for You Cannot Save Yourself.**

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man it not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no

man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### Jesus Provided Salvation

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### Accept Jesus By Faith Today

**Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. †

## You're Invited!

We the family of United would like to extend to you an open invitation to join us in fellowship or become a part of our family.

*We're a body of Christ growing spiritually day by day,  
"Expanding our ministry &  
Extending Ourselves."*

**Join us Sunday Mornings for our**

- 7:27 am Worship Service,
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - 11 am Worship Services.
- 5th Sundays*
- Sunday School 8:30 am
  - Unity Service at 10 am †



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• We continue to encourage our youth in being independent in their worship and growth in God. To help in that, we have created some booklets that help guide a teenager or youth in ways to improve their study, accountability, prayer, and evangelism. If you are interested in growing in any of these things, please see me and I can get you one of those training booklets. Ask for the WALK Books.

• We are a PDYM (Purpose Driven Youth Ministry) and with us having a Purpose we want to continue informing you of what we represent.

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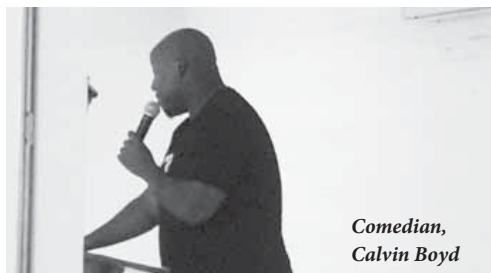
As the Youth Pastor, I am here to help guide the Spirituality of your children. That's not an easy duty, but it does go smoother when I know I have the support of all parents as well as guardians, families, and friends. That is why your participation is so important. Not just because of the need for chaperones or assistants, but also for the growth and encouragement of your child. Your aid is necessary thru participation, prayers, and contributions (financial and resource-wise). If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to talk with me so we can come to a consensus of how to help your children. With your help, the Youth Ministry will continue to flourish and be there to support you in building your child's Love of God.

• Please let us know HOW you can help. Can you give Hands-On Volunteer support? Can you give Supplies and/or Resource support? Maybe can you give Prayer support? Whatever it is we will be so grateful and prove that we are a church **UNITED TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST!**

God bless,

Rev. Montrel R. Caldwell, Sr.

Youth Pastor



Comedian,  
Calvin Boyd



## About United's People...



### Rev. Montrell Caldwell Appreciation Day

On July 24, 2016 United honored Rev. Montrell

Caldwell with "Rev. Caldwell" Sunday. Rev. Caldwell, United's Youth Pastor, has served our members for almost 15 years. Rev. Caldwell delivered the morning message and as also, sang the church's heart happy. Rev. Caldwell, thank you for the support and service to the members of United!



### Dec. John Graham Receives Emeritus Honor

On November 6, 2016 Dec. John Graham received

the honorable title of Deacon Emeritus. Dec. Graham has served the members of United for countless years, through his prayers, teaching, leadership and dedicated service. Rev. Freeman presented Dec. Graham with a plaque of appreciation. Dec. Graham, thank you for your unwavering service to United!



### Minister Tony Gillion Honored for Service

Sunday after Sunday he ushers members of United into

the presence of the Lord through the songs that God has laid upon his heart to share. On November 27, 2016, Rev. Freeman, along with the members of United honored Minister of Music Tony Gillion for his 15 years of service to our church! Rev. Freeman presented Min. Gillion with a plaque of appreciation for his leadership directing United's Music and Arts Ministry. Min. Gillion, thank you for your service!



### Rev. Hattie Easterling Appreciation Day

On December 13, 2016 United honored Rev. Hattie Easterling

for "Rev. Easterling Appreciation" Sunday. Rev. Easterling, assistant to the pastor delivered the 7:27 service message. Evangelist Melissa Cauthen was the guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Easterling received well wishes from United's members and friends! Rev. Easterling, thank you for your faithful prayers and support to the members of United!



### Bro. William Jennings Trustee Retirement

In September 2016 United recognized Bro. William Jennings

for his numerous years of service as a member of the trustee board. Rev. Freeman presented Bro. Jennings with a plaque for his service. Bro. Jennings, thank you for sharing your gifts and talents for the operations of United!

### UIBC Rocked the Vote!

The African American church has always been at the forefront of civic responsibility and duty. During the 2016, Election, members of United continued that legacy. Through various activities, such as voter registration, polling and "Souls to the Polls", United's members assisted with getting Greensboro citizens registered and out to vote! Sis. Cheryl Porter stated that she was proud of United's participation. It is the hope of Sis. Porter that with more time and organization United can broaden the interest and participation of younger members. Thank you to Deacon Hines and the entire Souls to the Polls committee.

## Patricia Mayse - United's 2016-2017 Woman of the Year!!!



Sis. Patricia Mayse, affectionately known as Trish, has been a member of United since 2000. Sis. Mayse wanted to be the

Woman of the Year because she felt it was time to step up and become more involved in church work and ministry by getting to know more people and people getting to know her on a different level.

Prior to a serious illness, Sis. Mayse faithfully served in the United Voices of Praise Choir (held the President & Vice-President roles), Praise Team, Youth Choir Advisor and Missionary Ministry. She is also a member of Ward #7.

Sis. Mayse is originally from Ellenboro, NC. She graduated from East Rutherford High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Isothermal Community College in Business Computer Programming. Sis. Mayse is employed with O'Reilly's Ozark Automotive Distribution Center of Greensboro where she works in Customer Service.

Sis. Mayse has two daughters: LaToya Mayse and Jamilla Tillman. She has been blessed with 6 grandchildren (4 granddaughters and 2 grandsons) of ages that range from 16 - 3 years old. Her hobbies are: singing, gardening, sewing, reading, working with her hands (she likes to tear down and put things back together) and performs mechanical maintenance on her vehicle.

Sis. Mayse shares her testimony of the Lord's Grace and Mercy of how she was healed and delivered from a stroke back in 2015.

## Houston Lytch - United's 2016-2017 Man of the Year!!!



Bro. Lytch has been a member of United since 1991. Bro. Lytch wanted to be the Man of the Year because he felt it

would be an honor to represent United. Bro. Lytch had the church parking lot lines re-painted back in the Fall with no expense to the church as his Man of the Year project.

Bro. Lytch serves in the following ministries: Trustee Board, Usher Board, as church special events grill master, Men's Ministry and is a member of Ward #7.

Bro. Lytch is originally from Laurinburg, NC. He graduated from Scotland High School of Laurinburg. Bro. Lytch has been employed with Apac Carolina of Greensboro for 45 years. He is currently a Senior Sales Manager.

Bro. Lytch has been married to Sis. Helen Lytch for 19 years. He has been blessed with 3 children. (Houston Jr, Laquisha & Joy) and 2 grandchildren (Breaya & Cameron).

Bro. Lytch's hobbies are re-storing old vintage cars, gardening, grilling and enjoying the greater outdoors.

## 21st Pastoral Anniversary



United celebrated the 21st Pastoral Anniversary for our very own Rev. Dr. Johnny R. Freeman on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

The guest speaker was Dr. Ronnie Williams, Pastor of Generostee Baptist Church from Starr, South Carolina who brought the word for both services.

"I'm Still Standing", bible verse from Mark 4:35-41 truly set off the day at the 7:27am early service.

The 11:00am message "The Crooked Made Straight", bible verse from Luke 13:11-17 was delivered following a praise dance collaboration from the Women of Worship & VIP Mime teams.✝



## Missionaries on the "Battlefield for the Lord"

The Missionary Ministry is on the "Battlefield for the Lord" by untiringly giving back to the community and working service projects to touch lives outside the walls of United in the following manner:

- Donated sleeping bags and blankets to the homeless
- Donated toiletries and blankets to the Interactive Resource Center, Center of Hope, and various Nursing Homes
- Collect/donate food to the Urban Ministry:

**February** – Peanut Butter

**March** – Oatmeal

**April** – Canned Fruit

**May**- Boxed Mac & Cheese

**June** – Apple Sauce

**July** – Rice

**August** – Canned Vegetables

**September** – Canned Meat

- Serve lunch at the Urban Ministry every 5th Saturdays

• Supported the Pillowcase Dress Lott Carey Foreign Missions Project

• Wrapped Christmas gifts at the IRC for children in need

• Supports other churches' Missions Day and related projects

• Helped feed homeless downtown Greensboro City Park

• Thanksgiving, Christmas projects & pantry - provide food and gifts to families in need

United, thank you for your on-going support and donations to the Interactive Resource Center (IRC) and to the Urban Ministry. Your support has helped us to meet our goal of touching lives outside of the walls of United.

*Missions Day 2017 has been postponed to June 11, 2017 due to inclement weather on January 8, 2017. On, January 29, 2017, the Missionary Ministry presented Sis. Hanan Barrett, (Ministry President) with the Mary Elizabeth (Widdie) Le'Gette Award for her leadership, commitment, dedication and passion for missions work ☩*

## Revival & the 86th Homecoming at United

### Revival

With the pews dusted and the floors shined, the atmosphere at the church was of expectancy! Returning to Greensboro and to United was Rev Lee Cooper, Oklahoma City, OK, as Revivalist. Each evening beginning October 17th through the 19th, spirit filled messages were delivered. The Revival message on the first evening was titled "The Truth of the Great Commission", Matthew 29:18-20 was the scriptural basis. The remaining nights just went higher and higher in the Lord with the messages titled "What Your Reason for Rejoicing" on Tuesday evening and "Maximize Your Encounter with Jesus" on the final evening. A high time was had!

### Homecoming

United extended a warm welcome to Rev. Jeremiah Tillman, First Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA, who preached both Worship Services on Homecoming Sunday, October 23, 2016. With boldness and power, the message "Trusting God's Guidance" was delivered. Scriptural basis was Proverbs 3:5-6. ☩



## The Rowan Baptist Association Celebrated 150 Years of Service

The year 2016 saw the culmination of just about a year of planning for the Sesquicentennial, that is 150 years, Celebration of the Rowan Baptist Association (RBA), the oldest and one of the largest association of churches in the state of North Carolina.

From a powerful musical kick-off Sunday afternoon July 17th with Pastor Rev. Gregory Drumwright, (Pastor of The Citadel of Praise, Greensboro, NC) and his choirs. Inspiration by Willie Mason &

Friends set the celebratory tone before the congregation was taken to another level in musical praise led by Grammy Award Winning Gospel Artist, Beverly Crawford. All in attendance were on their feet during most of the Kick-off Concert.

Still feasting off Sunday's concert, the RBA came together at the Downtown Marriott in Winston-Salem for a Black-Tie Event Monday, July 18th; the space was at full capacity!

# United's Girl Scouts

Tuesday evening, July 19th, the preacher of the hour was Rev. J. Vincent Terry, the 2nd Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention and Pastor of Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. United's very own Praise Team helped to usher in the presence of the Lord through song ministry. Rev. Jasper Williams, Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, delivered the message on Wednesday evening, July 20th. He was described as "The HOOPoligist himself" by RBA Executive Secretary Rev. Frank Thomas.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration ended Thursday evening July 20th with the Moderator's Address and Ordination Service. The Rowan Baptist Association is led by Moderator Rev. Michael Long. All morning sessions, classes and evening Services were held at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. There were activities for everyone that had desire: the older saints, the younger saints, the musically inclined as well as musically talented, and the spiritual seekers. The Rowan Baptist Association, the 150th Year, Sesquicentennial Celebration, had it all! ✝



## WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS...



United's Girl Scout troop saw growth in size with the addition of seven new members! Praise the Lord! The opportunity to encourage young ladies, to pour positively in their lives, and to enable them to realize that they can positively impact not only their our own lives, but positively their communities, and the importance of building a relationship with God.

## Big Sweep Greensboro

The Girl Scouts kicked off the season with working in collaboration with the Big Sweep Greensboro Event in September. The Scouts picked up liter along Pastor Anderson Way and Washington Streets. The garbage was taken to the drop off site at the Greensboro Beautiful Office on Fourth Street where participates were provided pizza and cold can drinks.

## Camping Girl Scout Camp at Keyauwee

Oct 21st through the 23rd came in with the Scouts camping. Team building, exploring, and challenging experiences were held by the young ladies and the moms that accompanied them. There were no

lions, tigers, or bears; just snake skins! Oh my!

## The Scouts' Christmas Giff

The Scouts were excited about putting up the Nativity Christmas Tree again this year in the upper lobby. After completing their task, a pizza break was in order. The Scouts look forward to Christmas gifting to the church each year.

## Girl Scout Ceremonies

The Girl Scouts held their annual ceremonies on Saturday morning January 27th as parents, grandparents, and family members looked on. There was investiture of the new scouts, six of them, and rededication of scout leaders, parent members, and young scouts. Bridging ceremony recognized scouts were:

### *Daisey to Brownie Scout*

- *Kyndall McCain*

### *Junior to Cadette Scout - Madisyn McCain and Tatianna Terry*

A special recognition was awarded Cadette Kallie James. In her absence during ceremony, Kallie was awarded the status of Patrol Leader. Her leadership skills, commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, determination and her passion for helping the younger scouts earned her this distinguished award, one of only two ever awarded by the Troop. Congratulations Kallie!

What's next? The Scouts are looking forward to ceremonies, planning a road trip, community projects, more camping, working towards badges and awards, crafts, and of course, Girl Scouts' Cookies Time! Yum! ✝

# Women of the Bible

## Like You've Never Seen Them Before

Saturday, November 19, 2016 proved to be a day at United that will forever be remembered. The Women's Fellowship Ministry presented a Fashion & Comedy Show like none other. "Women of the Bible – Like You've Never Seen Them Before". The evening began with creative light hors d'oeuvres, then the Fashion Show, and ended with a Comedy Show.

Women of United  
**(Bible Women-Now & Then)**  
were enacted by the following:

Daleeia Tucker and  
First Lady Felicia Freeman  
~ *(Eve...Faithfulness/Fellowship)*;  
Tanya Roberts  
~ *(Sarah...Promises/Destiny)*;  
Val McMillian  
~ *(Job's Wife...Pruning/Testing)*;  
Liz Leak  
~ *(Vashti...Sovereign Will)*;  
Monica Glover  
~ *(Jezebel...AntiChrist)*;  
Rosalyn Posey  
~ *(Ruth...Plan/Favor)*;  
Lalani Bullock  
~ *(Women Destroy)*;  
Armeniqua Wallace  
~ *(Abigail...Vindication/  
Deliverance)*; Quanesha Bennett  
~ *(Hannah...Delight/Deliverance)*;  
Barbara Henry  
~ *(Martha...Availability)*;  
Rev. Lakisha Tucker  
~ *(Miriam...Grace/Mercy)*;  
Sandra Weaks  
~ *(Indebted Women...  
Challenges/Provisions)*;  
Rev. Lakisha Tucker  
~ *(Miriam's Dance...Worth/Honor)*

Kierrah Anderson performed an unforgettable praise dance. The fashion show resumed with the Women of the Bible Now. Gospel Comedian Calvin Boyd brought the evening to a close with laughter throughout the audience.

The Youth of United could have been elsewhere on a Saturday evening, but chose to serve as hostesses and hosts to the Fashion Show. Many thanks to: Jelani Boone, Aleina Randleman, Olivia Roberts, Deleia Tucker, Ella Tucker and Jada Wallace as hostesses. Desmond Freeman, Larry McMillian, Nathaniel Rivers, Garrett Roberts and Jordan Wallace served as hosts.

Extra Special Thanks  
to the following:

- First Lady Felicia Freeman  
*(Writer/Creator/Visionary)*;
- Donita Leggett & Cheryl Porter  
*(Logistical Managers)*;
- Selma Pinnix, Alice Rivers, Donita Leggett and Cephas Williams  
*(Set Designers)*;
- Tanya Roberts - Itsp Creative  
*(Graphic Designer)*;
- Dale Glenn & Monica Glover  
*(Food Committee)*;
- Shauna Pinnix *(Chef)*;
- Tokwase Bullock - I am Bella Photography *(Photographer)*;
- James Weaks *(Music Arranger)*;
- Taunya Monroe - Mary Kay Cosmetics *(Makeup Artist)* and
- Bridget Patterson-Gibbs - SewWhat *(Fashion Designer)*. ✝

## Music & Arts Ministry Four Seasons Mall Concert

The Music & Arts Ministry presented its 9th Christmas Mall Concert on December 22, 2016 at the Four Seasons Town Centre. There was a full house in the Pavilion Stadium. The wonderful sounds of Christmas attracted shoppers to stop, listen and see, from all three levels, what United was making a fuss about as the real reason of the season, Jesus Christ, was shared. Ministry was delivered through song, dance, mime interpretation and rap. It was evident that the Music & Arts Ministry touched the lives and hearts by the audience's response and participation of singing along with the choirs, swaying to the music and sharing of bright smiling faces. Pastor Freeman concluded the concert with the song "Emmanuel" along with several key modulations. ✝





## GOD'S Plan of Salvation

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

**Receive the Salvation of the Lord for You Cannot Save Yourself.**

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man it not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no

man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### Jesus Provided Salvation

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### Accept Jesus By Faith Today

**Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. †

## You're Invited!

We the family of United would like to extend to you an open invitation to join us in fellowship or become a part of our family.

*We're a body of Christ growing spiritually day by day,  
"Expanding our ministry &  
Extending Ourselves."*

**Join us Sunday Mornings for our**

- 7:27 am Worship Service,
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - 11 am Worship Services.
- 5th Sundays**
- Sunday School 8:30 am
  - Unity Service at 10 am †



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