

Pastor Donnie McClurkin on August 6 and Pastor Bryn Waddell on August 7

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center is hosting their 2015 Conference on Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7. The Founders Day Celebration will take place on Thursday with Pastor Donnie McClurkin of Perfecting Faith Church in Freeport, New York at 6:30 p.m. On Friday Pastor Bryn Waddell will appear at 6:30 p.m. Waddell is from City Revival Church and is the former praise and worship leader of The Ramp Worship Band with Pastor Karen Wheaton. Doors will open both nights at 5 p.m.

McClurkin (born November 9, 1959) is an American gospel singer and minister. He has won three Grammy Awards, ten Stellar Awards, two BET Awards, two Soul Train Awards, a Dove Award and a NAACP Image Award. He is one of the top selling gospel music artists, selling over 10 million albums worldwide. McClurkin served as an assistant to Pastor Marvin L. Winans at Perfecting Church in Detroit, Michigan for over a decade. He was ordained and sent out by Pastor Winans in 2001 to establish Perfecting Faith Church (PFC) in Freeport, New York. The church was established with approximately two hundred members, and has grown to nearly 3,000 members since its inception.

Waddell is a pastor, singer and worship leader with a heart for revival. His ministry is built on three pillars: presence, people, and purpose. Through word or song, it is his desire that people would have an authentic encounter with God.

Videos of both men are available on youtube.com. Registration is \$25, and runs until Saturday, August 1. You can register online at www.harvestmin.com or call 704-695-2879. Registration is limited to the first 450 guests so register today.

Carolinas HealthCare System Announces

Commitment to Antibiotic Stewardship at White House Forum

The System is among a select group invited to contribute to larger, national conversation on combating antibiotic-resistant bacteria

In June Carolinas HealthCare System joined an invited group of organizations, companies and associations at the White House Forum on Antibiotic Stewardship and committed to making additional changes over the next five years to slow the emergence and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The Forum challenged top leaders from healthcare, diagnostics and food industries, among others, to leverage their expertise and resources to more aggressively combat these bacteria at the national level.

"Carolinas HealthCare System is excited to contribute to this larger conversation on preventing and combating the overuse of antibiotics, both in healthcare and other settings," said James C. Hunter, MD, chief medical officer for the System, who attended the Forum. "We are proud of the work we are already doing in this area and applaud the White House for placing additional emphasis on this important topic."

Since 2009, Carolinas HealthCare System has actively worked to reduce the overuse of antibiotics, one of the primary causes of antibiotic resistance. Efforts are led by the System's Antimicrobial Support Network (ASN), which last year was supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Leading Edge Advance Practice Topics contract. The ASN is a six-hospital stewardship program that helps healthcare providers make better decisions for the selection, dosage and duration of antimicrobial treatments for patients.

To decrease antibiotic use across the organization, Carolinas HealthCare System committed to expanding its ASN to include 13 inpatient and rehabilitation facilities by end of year. It also committed to spreading stewardship support, over the next several years, across the System's 900 care locations through a state-of-the-art ASN - this network would build upon and include already existing ASNs at Cone Health in North Carolina, and AnMed Health and Roper St. Francis Healthcare in South Carolina.

More specifically, its efforts will include:

- Implementing stewardship programs in all System inpatient locations within three years, including a requirement for antibiotic use reporting;
- Developing and implementing stewardship programs for skilled nursing facilities and ambulatory (outpatient) care practices over five years, including development of antibiotic use reporting;
- Incorporating antibiotic indicators and appropriate duration of therapy within the System's electronic medical records; and
- Developing disease specific care pathways that provide best practices for antibiotic prescribing.

Stewardship programs improve patient outcomes and reduce rates of hospital-acquired and other infections. They also decrease patient length of stay and rates of antimicrobial use. Hospitals currently in the Carolinas HealthCare System ASN continue seeing patient outcome and cost improvements from more diligent use of antibiotics. To date they have decreased their use of antibiotics by 20 to 30 percent, keeping patients on antibiotics fewer days and reducing cost of antimicrobials by more than 12 percent.

Over the past year, White House Administration has taken important steps to address the threat of antibiotic resistance. In September 2014, President Obama issued an executive order on this topic and, in March 2015, the Administration released the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria, which outlines "a whole-of-government approach over the next five years targeted at addressing this threat."

Stride with Pride Tennis Shoe Drive Kicks Off

Event named in honor of Shaundasia T. Smith this year. Donations sought from the community.

The annual Stride with Pride Tennis Shoe Drive has been renamed in memory of Shaundasia T. Smith. Shaundasia, the granddaughter of Stride with Pride founder, Sheriff Landric Reid, died on March 29, 2015. "Shaundasia was always involved with the shoe drive," said Sheriff Reid. "She will be missed throughout the community."

Collections of shoes and donations have begun, and will run through August 16. Through the generous contributions of the community Stride with Pride was able to give away over 300 pairs of tennis shoes to underprivileged youth of all diversities last year. However, the need in Anson County is so great that their goal this year is to put a smile on at least 350 faces! These new tennis shoes will benefit children from kindergarten through 12 grade, and all sizes are needed.

Joining in the effort again with Sheriff Reid is Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service in Wadesboro. Together, Patti and Sheriff Reid will be working to collect donations of new shoes and monetary contributions from area supporters. They hope that you will consider joining them in this important effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year.

"Though your generosity we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year," Patti said. "Collections are going on now through August 16. We hope you will consider joining us to help our local children."

Stride with Pride will be a part of the Back to School with Pride event to be held on Saturday, August 15 at Hatcher Park in Lilesville. At that event hundreds of area students will be provided with free school supplies.

For more information or to make a contribution to Stride with Pride, please contact Patti Poulcott at 704-694-8386 or email ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com.

Anson High School Volleyball Tryouts

Anson High School will be conducting Volleyball Team (JV & Varsity) try-outs for the upcoming 2015 season on Thursday and Friday, July 30 and July 31. from 2 to 5 p.m. at the AHS gymnasium. Prospective players must have a current physical in order to participate in the volleyball try-outs.

Refer any questions to Coach Celeste Dutton or Coach Patty Livingston through the main office at 704-694-9301 or by email at dutton.celeste@anson.k12.nc.us or livingston.patty@anson.k12.nc.us.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held Tuesday, July 28 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

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