

VBS Youth Support Stride with Pride

Vacation Bible School youth from Bethel, New Hope and Long Pine United Methodist Churches adopted the local "Stride with Pride" program as a mission project this year. Throughout their VBS week, the 25 caring youth collected shoes and monetary donations for the local program that provides new tennis shoes for needy school-aged youth.

Recently representative youth of the three churches, along with their pastor, Rev. Stephen Shytle, presented their VBS collections to Stride With Pride Director Landric Reid. Pastor Shytle explained that their VBS focus was on being a good neighbor to everyone by treating others as you would want them to treat you. He stated that these southern Anson County youth were especially interested in helping other Anson County children in need.

The youth presented a large tub filled with 20 pairs of new tennis shoes, along with a total of \$204 in cash contributions to purchase additional shoes and sizes as needed. Director Reid expressed sincere appreciation for all that the youth had done, emphasizing how wonderful it was for them to help other children. "You and your churches have really helped us a lot," Reid said. "We will be able to help many young people because of your Christian love and caring spirit."

Three VBS teen



Vacation Bible School youth from Bethel, New Hope, and Long Pine United Methodist Churches collected 20 pairs of new tennis shoes and \$204 for the local "Stride with Pride" program. Youth representatives presented their VBS collections to Stride with Pride Director Landric Reid in August.

Shown above in the back row from left are Toni Napier, Hailey Napier, Landric Reid, Stephen Shytle and Jackson Poulcott. In the front row, hugging a pair of the donated shoes, is enthusiastic VBS participant Charley Williamson.

leaders were on hand for the presentation. "We were glad that we could help other youth have a new pair of tennis shoes to start the school year," stated Jackson Poulcott. "Every student should have shoes that fit, are comfortable, and make them feel proud," added Toni Napier. "It is important for students to feel good about themselves," explained Hailey Napier. And young 8-year-old VBS participant Charley Williamson summed it up with, "It helps you feel good so you can do good in school."

Reid and Stride with Pride have been involved with the Back to School with Pride program. That event provides Anson students with needed school supplies. If you would like to contribute or learn more about this effort you can contact Reid at trooperone@live.com or 704-695-7771.

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Blood Drive is September 9 at Anson Community Hospital

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, September 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Anson Community Hospital. There is currently a regional blood shortage so the CBCC is calling on the public to donate blood as soon as possible. All blood types are needed immediately.

Call 704-972-4700 or visit www.carolinadonor.org to make an appointment today. Please note the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

Woodmen of the World September 11 Ceremony

The Woodmen of the World will hold a ceremony in honor and remembrance on Wednesday, September 11. This event will honor all military personnel, firemen and police officers involved in the tragedy that took place in New York City on that date.

The public is invited to come to the WOW Lodge on Highway 74 West for the ceremony which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 704-272-9243.

Reunion Meeting for Classes of 1968-70

The 2014 Class Reunion Meeting for the Classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 6 p.m. in LadyBug Restaurant. Classmates are urged to please be present for important business.

Parents Can Help Preschool Children who Stutter

Why is my child stuttering? Will he outgrow it? Does she need professional therapy? Did I cause his stuttering? How can I help?

Information for parents about children and stuttering is now available in a new 16-minute video titled, *7 Tips for Talking with the Child Who Stutters*. It can be found at www.youtube.com/user/stutteringfdn. In the video four speech-language experts talk about how to promote easier talking as they interact with their preschool-age children. The professionals offer simple tips that parents can begin to use immediately.

"The so-called 'wait and see' approach, advocated by some, is a bitter pill for a parent to swallow when they find their child struggling to speak," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Parents often think it is their fault and wonder what they have done wrong. This should help ease their fears while focusing their efforts on doing things that will help the child right away."

The video features some of the world's leading hands-on therapists working with preschool children who stutter. Some books and DVDs produced by the 66-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free on the Foundation's website under the resources tab and on YouTube. Contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, email info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarmudez.org (Spanish site).

VFW/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The James D. Henderson VFW/Ladies Auxiliary Post 10403 will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Hampton B. Allen Library. All Veterans of Foreign Wars are invited.

For more information call Post Commander James Bennett at 704-694-2090.

Alumni Enjoy Reunion Picnic

On August 10 classmates from the former West Deep Creek School got together for a picnic on the lawn. The event was well attended and guests enjoyed seeing old school mates and making new friends. Several prizes were given away. Winners were Val Smith, Kelvin Little and Kimberly Harrison.

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