

CALENDAR

This Week

True Gospel Holiness Church – The church, located at 537 Collins Road, will hold a gospel singing service **Sunday, Nov. 18**, at 6 p.m. Featured singer will be Paul Whitfield. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact church pastor Marvin Brown at 706-886-9904.

Women of Excellence Full Gospel Ministry – The ministry will conduct a clothes drive to gather new and used clothing to assisted residents in need. The free clothes give away will be held **Saturday, Nov. 17**, from noon to 2 p.m. at 490 Addington Drive in Toccoa. For more information, contact the ministry at woefgm@gmail.com. The ministry will also hold its Harvest House Box of Love meal drive on Saturday, Nov. 17, from noon to 3 p.m. The box contains turkey or whole chicken, canned goods for a family of five, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy mix, sweet potato pie or cake mix, Kool-Aid or tea with sugar. “We show our thanks to God by sharing a shopping bag full of love,” said ministry founder and senior pastor Leonora Wells.

Upcoming

Christmas season – There will be an after Thanksgiving/pre-Christmas dinner distributed in the Toccoa community at 100 Lily Lane on **Sunday, Dec. 2** beginning at 1 p.m. Free meals will be delivered to the sick and shut-ins age 60-over and those who have no transportation. Call for pickup one week prior to the event. Call Natalie at 706-244-0944 or Sentrea at 706-491-7954. Among the food items available will be ribs, grilled Jack Daniel turkey, grilled teriyaki turkey, Italian turkey, grilled barbeque chicken, smoked maple ham, peach honey ham, scuppernong ham and blackberry ham.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church – The church will host the two-day Soul Bowl Revival **Nov. 26-27** with services beginning at 7 p.m.

Trinity CME Church – The church will celebrate Men’s Day on **Sunday, Nov. 25**, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Brad Goss of Melvin Hill CME Church in Carnesville. The Ellis Chapel CME Church Male Chorus will perform special music. Refreshments will be served after the service. Church pastor is the Rev. Montavious Brinson.



Church spotlight – St. Mary’s

St Mary’s Catholic Church, a church belonging to the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, began its humble beginnings in the 1940’s. Several Catholics gathered in private homes in Toccoa-Stephens County and a priest from Gainesville traveled the ‘distance’ on Sundays for Mass. Later, Mass was held in the American Legion Hall and the Albemarle Hotel. In 1954, the first church building was built on Rothell Road off Big A Road. The present church, located at 231 Rothell Road Extension, was dedicated in 1991. Today, Mass times are Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Religious instruction for children is offered Sunday mornings. Contact the church at 706 886-2819; www.stmarystoccoa.org; or Facebook @ StMary’sToccoa to learn more about St Mary’s and its various ministries.

Ministry to distribute Thanksgiving meals

The Love Him Love Them Ministry in Lavonia is reaching out to people to help the ministry with its annual dinner.

“We are in the need for volunteers to help organize requests, prepare and deliver the food and then clean up at the end of the day,” said Macarena Poole

of the ministry. This year the ministry will deliver meals some 2,000 to homeless and homebound individuals in Franklin, Stephens and Hart counties.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boyd Outz

Family Learning Center 84 Hartwell Road in Lavonia.

“If you cannot donate your time, perhaps you could purchase food, donate food, cook food, donate goods such as blankets, towels, coats, jackets and household items,” Poole said.

The ministry will make deliveries on Thanksgiving Day.

If you donate funds a \$20 donation means a meal for one; a \$50 donation means a family meal, a \$100 donation gives a family a meal and additional groceries.

A \$250 donation pro-

vides a family Thanksgiving meal, extra groceries and other necessities.

A \$500 donation would provide a family Thanksgiving meal/ groceries, household goods and other costs for a family of four.

A \$1,000 to \$2,000 donation will provide all of the

above plus extra money for utility payments and rent.

All contributions are tax-deductible

You can donate online @ www.LoveHIM-LoveThem.org

For more information, contact Poole at 864-353-6444.

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NEWS STORIES

CHRISTMAS FEST ON FOR DECEMBER 4-5
Main Street Toccoa will sponsor the sixth annual Christmas Fest and Festival of Trees Dec. 4-5 in downtown Toccoa.

COYOTES NOW COMMON IN STEPHENS COUNTY
Residents on Oak Valley Road report hearing their skin-crawl inducing yips and yowls on a regular basis.
By Tom Law

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