

# ROCK HILL

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## SOUTH CAROLINA

### Interfaith Prayer Breakfast to be Held in Observance of MLK Holiday

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Rock Hill/York County MLK Task Force, in conjunction with the Committee on Human Relations and the No Room for Racism Committee, will host the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Dave Lyle Boulevard and Hood Center Drive.

The theme for the event will be "Making the Dream a Reality," with music provided by the Rock Hill Ecumenical Chorale and the Plair Ensemble. The guest speaker will be James C. Hunt, president of the National League of Cities.

Tickets may be purchased for \$10 each at the City Management Office at City Hall, 155 Johnston Street. Table sponsorships are available starting at \$150 each and include seating for eight people.

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Dream Keeper Award**. This award recognizes exemplary displays of committed service to the tenets of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the

ultimate dreamer. The ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence and unselfish service must be demonstrated voluntarily by the nominee on behalf of his or her community and fellow citizens.

For more information about prayer breakfast tickets and table sponsorships and to receive an application for the Dream Keeper Award, please contact Diane Wells at **803/329-7284**.



From left, guest speaker Representative James E. Clyburn, Representative John Spratt, Mayor Doug Echols and City Manager Carey Smith recite the Pledge of Allegiance at last year's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.

### RHPD to Host Annual Charity Ball

#### Important Numbers

##### for 24-Hour Automated Service

**803/329-5555** Outage Reporting  
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##### Other Important Numbers

**803/325-2500** Customer Service  
 Requests  
**803/329-5610** City-Maintained  
 Road Pothole Reporting  
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 Road Pothole Reporting

The Rock Hill Police Department has started planning for the 2007 Worthy Boys & Girls Camp and needs your help. The RHPD will be hosting its annual Police Charity Ball, the primary camp fund-raiser, on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Hill Country Club. The 2007 Police Charity Ball theme is "Moonlight Extravaganza: A Black & White Affair." The event is semi-formal; tickets are available for \$60 per person by calling **803/329-5583** or **803/329-5541**.

All the proceeds from the Police Charity Ball are donated to the Worthy Boys & Girls Camp to help with operating costs. In the past, many area businesses



Campers enjoy the outdoors in their paddle boats at the Worthy Boys & Girls Camp.

and organizations have participated in this event by making financial contributions, purchasing tickets for the ball or sponsoring a table.

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# Special Event to Recognize Friendship Nine Protesters and Civil Rights Efforts in Rock Hill

The City of Rock Hill, in conjunction with York County's Culture & Heritage Museums, will host a special dedication ceremony Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Realtors Building (formerly the McCrory Building) in downtown Rock Hill. The event will include entertainment and special guests, along with the unveiling of a historical marker.

The event will commemorate the McCrory Civil Rights Sit-in, which occurred there January 31, 1961. Students from Rock Hill's all-black Friendship College staged a sit-in at the McCrory's Variety Store lunch counter. They sat at the lunch counter in McCrory's on Main Street, were asked to leave, and refused twice. The police were contacted and hauled the group to city jail. The judge found 10 students guilty and issued a fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail. Nine of them refused to pay the fine, becoming the country's first sit-in protestors to be sent to prison. They became nationally famous as "The Friendship Nine."

The group included: Robert McCullough, John Gaines, Thomas Gaither, Clarence Graham, W.T. "Dub" Massey, Willie McCleod, James Wells, David Williamson Jr. and Mack Workman.

For more information about this special event recognizing the bravery and conviction of the Friendship Nine, please contact Mary Lynn Norton at **803/684-3948** or Diane Wells at **803/329-7284**.



Many sit-ins were staged at the McCrory's Variety Store lunch counter, including the original February 1960 sit-in (pictured) and the famous Friendship Nine sit-in of January 1961.

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From donations received last year, five one-week sessions were held, and approximately 166 youth attended the camp. The campers ate three hot meals a day, visited Paramount's Carowinds water park, went swimming at a local pool and participated in valuable team-building exercises and many other activities.

The camp is staffed by police officers and volunteer community leaders who help build self-esteem in the children who attend the camp. This is often the only positive attention many of these children receive during the summer. The camp's operations are run strictly

with donated funds, allowing campers to attend for free.

The Police Charity Ball sells out each year, so don't wait to order your tickets! For more information about the ball or the Worthy Boys & Girls Camp, contact Sgt. Brad Redfearn at **803/329-5541**.



Campers at the Worthy Boys & Girls Camp prepare to raise the flag.

