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In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute

- Thurgood Marshall

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# Guilford Gazette

## Tyrone Jones: Man With A Vision First Baptist Church of Guilford



Pastor Jones of the First Baptist Church of Guilford in a relaxed mode at the church's Conway Center on Oakland Mills Road.

Tyrone P. Jones, IV, pastor of First Baptist Church of Guilford, comes to the job with all of the high powered credentials one would expect from the leader of a large congregation, but he comes to the Guilford community as a humble man, preparing to reach those inside and outside the walls of the building that they will one day occupy.

In a recent interview with Pastor Jones, we met at the church's Conway Center, a small house across the street from the worship center on Oakland Mills Road in Guilford. Although the slow pace of the building program has been in the news for a while, we decided to side step the real estate issues and deal with his vision.

Pastor Jones took over the ministry in Guilford after the former pastor, John Wright, died in January 2010.

Pastor Jones is still living in Bridgeport, Connecticut with his family until the end of school. He and his wife Elizabeth Jones have two children still in school, a son 10 years old, and a daughter, 7.

Although new to the Columbia area, Pastor Jones is not new to the DC metropolitan area. He attended undergraduate school at Howard University, intent on becoming a lawyer.

After volunteering to help at-risk youth in Washington, DC, Pastor Jones decided to help people in a more direct way, through ministry. He was ordained in 2001 at Isle

of Patmos Baptist Church in D.C.

After ordination, says Pastor Jones, "my call took me north to Messiah Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. It's a great church, with great people." He brings the same positive sentiment to Guilford. "I can't wait to see what unfolds. I see great potential with First Baptist. We won't be a church that hides behind four walls."

When asked why he came to First Baptist, he said, "I saw some people who needed help. Evangelism and outreach attracted me. I believe the same as Dr. Wright. I will be fighting for equality; fighting for marginalized people."

He said, "I also want to reach out to the community. Columbia is a diverse area. We must not only minister to African Americans, but also to all racial and ethnic groups." Pastor Jones pointed to his history at Messiah Baptist where the congregation became racially mixed.

When asked if he thought his congregation was ready to help implement his vision, he said, "I think that the one thing is that we have to re-energize the people. We want to re-energize the base."

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# The Publisher's Notes

This was PTA week for Patuxent Valley Middle School and Guilford Elementary. I had the opportunity to visit with both groups and share my vision for Guilford and the surrounding area. Both groups were receptive and warm.

What I recognized most about these groups was that they have members that are seriously dedicated to the welfare of children. There is not much glory involved with PTA work, but there is certainly a sense of camaraderie there. That's important because the active PTA members are volunteering hours that they just do not have. It's a great place to meet some very cool people from your community. That is quite a reward in itself.

In surveying the two groups I found stay-at-home moms and moms that juggle home and an outside job. I found a dad who not only desires to serve locally, but also is scheduled to be a PTA delegate to the County PTA. The groups were resplendent with racial diversity - Black, White, Asian, and Hispanic. What a model of cooperation it was.

Where do these people find the time? Many of them also squeeze in kid activity time – attending baseball and soccer games, dance recitals and cheerleading.

Sure, there are the end-of-the year awards where hard working volunteers get recognized for good work. But, we need to know who these PTA heroes are. We ought to celebrate them for helping our kids and our schools. The steps they take help create a better Guilford, a better Savage, a better Jessup, and a better Kings Contrivance.

In an upcoming issue, I would like to run an honor roll to introduce our active PTA members to our community.

*Ricardo L. Whitaker*

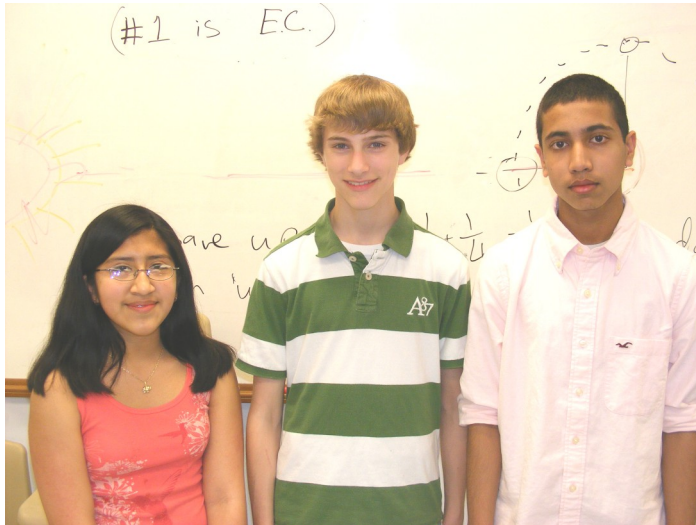
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# Lake Elkhorn MESA Team Takes First Place in State Championship



The Lake Elkhorn Eagles from the four other MESA regions in Maryland. They will have the honor to represent all Maryland middle schools at the national completion in Seattle Washington, June 21-24. Check out the competition held at [www.GuilfordGazette.com](http://www.GuilfordGazette.com) for links to pictures and video. Lucero Espinal, Alec Boyd, and Debjit Biswas (all 8<sup>th</sup> graders) competed against the winning middle schools

## Summer Camps

### Capitol Debate Summer 2012 Camps

Capitol Debate, a business partner with HCPSS will be hosting Summer Camps in debate, public speaking, mock trial and leadership from July 31- Aug 10 at Loyola University in Columbia. For more details/times and to apply, go to [www.capitoldebate.com](http://www.capitoldebate.com) Contact: Ronald Bratt, 410-630-1345

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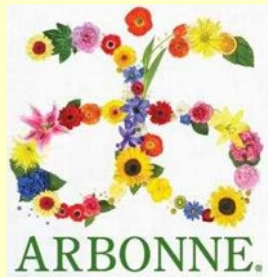
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# Guilford Elementary Field Day Huge Success



The Guilford Elementary School held its annual Field Day this week. Teachers, administrators and volunteers spent the entire school day with students, enjoying beautiful weather while playing fun, competitive games. Every student from kindergarten through fifth grade played

games, joining in on the fun. Games included jump rope, football relays, racing events, obstacle courses, kickball, and much more. Pictured are some of the children participating in the fun activities.



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**End-Of-School youth dance** - Sat., June 2, from 7-10 p.m Tickets are available at the door for \$10 per person with a maximum of 200 tickets sold. Food and beverages will be for sale. A "no exceptions" policy on appropriate behavior and dress code for youth dances. Strict adult sign-in/sign-out procedure. For more information, call 410-761-6633 (select option 5), or go to [www.ElkridgeVFD.org](http://www.ElkridgeVFD.org). For ages 9-15 at Elkridge VFD.

## New Pastor from Page I

Pastor Jones did not miss a beat when asked about his implementation plan. He talked about planning strategies, and then executing goals one check mark at a time. He wants to get in the building, showcase his plan to the community, and make Christ the event every Sunday. "I believe in preaching and teaching the Word in excellence," he said.

"I want to create a place where people come to experience God. We got to get out and let people know that we are here." Pastor Jones seems to be making demonstrating the love of God a critical fac-

tor in his ministry. He said, "I want to touch the people and feel the community; reach saved and unsaved and let them know we are ready for business."

As we concluded the interview Pastor Jones was given an opportunity to express anything else he wanted the readers to know. He said that he wanted to use a quote from a friend. He said, "I came from Messiah Baptist Church, but I am not the Messiah. One person can't change everything."

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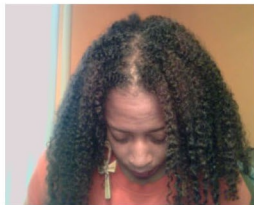
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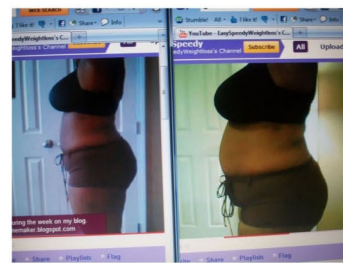
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