

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Sept. 2-7

Hickory Grove AME Zion Church holding fall revival

Hickory Grove AME Zion Church, 3791 Harper Road in Clemmons, is holding its fall revival Sept. 2-7. The theme is "Whatever You Want God's Got It." Weekly services (prayer and praise at 7 p.m.) and revival message at 7:30 p.m.) include: Thursday - Rev. Terry Young, Morning Star Baptist, Burlington; Friday - Bishop Vander D. Percell, Sanctuary of Deliverance, Greensboro.

Sept. 8

New Birth to sponsor College Day and Health Fair

New Birth Worship Center's Christian Education Department, Scholarship Committee and Missionary Society will sponsor the first annual College Day and Health Fair on Sept. 8 from noon until 3 p.m. Middle and high school students are encouraged to attend. The College Day will allow parents and students to meet with representatives from some of North Carolina's most prestigious colleges and universities. Special emphasis will be placed on high school juniors and seniors. In addition, there will be a health fair for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend. Dr. James E. Hunt is the pastor. The church is at 9619 N.C. Hwy. 67 in East Bend. For directions or any questions, call Carolyn Phillips at (336) 922-2692 or B.J. Moore at (336) 752-2395.

Let the righteous come together and cry out

The Bible says that when the righteous cry out, the ears of the Lord are open to their cries. Let the righteous come together and cry out; now! Intercessors, pastors, prayer warriors, and all members of the Body of Christ who have a heart for the things of God and desire to see God's will for our churches, our city and surrounding areas, meet at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. at 1075 Shalimar Drive. The intercessory prayer ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church is sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Rev. Glenda Dillard at 778-2914 or Rev. Waltena Robinson at 767-0257.

Sept. 9

Fall Kick-off at Center Grove Baptist Church

Center Grove Baptist Church, 8200 Center Grove Church Road, Clemmons, will sponsor a dinner on the grounds on Sept. 9 after the second service. Service times will be 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Come hungry - plenty of home cooked food, games for all ages, casual dress. Bring friends and relatives. There will be a great music program after lunch. No p.m. services will be held on this date.

The location is on the corner of Lassaster and Center Grove Church Road. Call 766-5727 for directions. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Senior Usher Board to celebrate anniversary

The Senior Usher Board of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 795 Northwest Crawford Place, Winston-Salem, will celebrate its 81st anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 4 p.m. Special guests will be Rev. A.T. Griffey III and congregation of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church of Winston-Salem Inc. The public is invited.

Sept. 9-14

Steward's Chapel AME Zion to hold annual revival

Steward's Chapel AME Zion Church, 198 Anderson Road in Rural Hall, will hold its annual revival Sept. 9-14. The Rev. Beverly

McMillian will deliver the 11 a.m. message. Dinner will be served on the lawn after worship service. The special guests for the 4 p.m. service will be the Rev. Dairl Scott Choir and congregation of St. John AME Zion Church in Thomasville, and on Monday night the Rev. Dairl Scott will be the 7:30 p.m. guest speaker. On Tuesday night, the Rev. Ronald Perry, associate pastor of St. James and Saints Home United Methodist, will be the guest speaker. On Wednesday and Thursday, the Rev. George Erwin of Center Grove AME Zion Church of Tobaccoville and choir and congregation will be the guests. On Friday night, Rev. Ronald Perry will be the guest speaker for the close-out for the revival.

Sept. 10-12

Fall revival of Antioch Baptist Church

The Fall Revival of Antioch Baptist Church, 5061 Lansing Drive, will be held Sept. 10, 11 and 12 nightly at 7:30. The evangelist for the three nights will be Dr. A.T. Griffey, pastor of Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist of Winston-Salem.

Sept. 14-16

Abundant Life Christian Ministries church and pastor's anniversary

We, the Abundant Life Christian Ministries family, would like to invite you to our eighth church and pastor's anniversary. Services will be held on Sept. 14, 15 and 16. Please come and celebrate with us on the date that will accommodate your schedule.

Our schedule is as follows: Friday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Pastor Waddell Cockerham Sr., Pleasant Abyssinia Baptist Church; Saturday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m., Pastor Aldine Ingram Jr., Steadfast Life Changing Ministry; Sunday, Sept. 16, at 11:15 a.m., Evangelist Scott Ferguson, Rolling Roads Church of the Nazarene; Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Bishop Charles Johnson, Mount Nebo Holiness Church.

Sept. 16

WSSU chancellor to speak at Grace Presbyterian

Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr., chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, will be the featured speaker at Grace Presbyterian Church for National Presbyterian Higher Education Sunday on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Usher Board anniversary

New Unity Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Usher Board anniversary Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. Guests are Pastor Ardeal Roseboro and First Samuel Grove Primitive Baptist Church of Ararat, Va. Host pastor will be Pastor Gabriel Gordon.

New Unity Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2946 Ivy Ave. in Winston-Salem. The public is invited.

New Faith Chapel Holiness to host women's convention

New Faith Chapel Holiness Church will host its women's convention on Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. Pastor Ella Speaks of Speaks Chapel Holy Church of God in Yadkinville will be the guest speaker. Bishop Lawrence S. Tate is general overseer and founder. For more information, call the church at (336) 784-7699.

Marvin United Methodist to celebrate homecoming

Homecoming - a service of celebration and dedication will be held Sept. 16 at Marvin United Methodist Church, 4401 Indiana Ave., Winston-Salem. Come and join us as we celebrate our history and evolution into the church we are today. Schedule of events: Sun- See Religion Calendar on B6

Young Life Urban to sponsor golf tournament Sept. 12 at Winston Lake

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Second Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored by Young Life Urban, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Winston Lake Golf Course. A shotgun start will begin at 1:30 p.m. Registration will begin at noon. A rain date is set for Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Golfers may sign up by calling the Young Life office at 725-1750 or the Fall Classic chairperson, Garland Wallace Sr., at 748-0738. The tournament is an annual fund-raiser to support the Summer Educational Enrichment Program, Mentor Moms, Club and Urban Camp. The Summer Educational



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Enrichment Program provides educational resources in math, language arts, communication and social skills for middle school students. More than 500 middle schoolers have successfully moved to the next grade level by completing the four-to-five-week program during the past five years. The program serves students who have failed their end-of-grade tests or one or more subjects.

Mentor Moms reaches out to teen-age mothers by using Christian women as mentors. The women and the new mothers meet to discuss their concerns, seek advice on difficult issues and receive support during a difficult time in the lives of the teen-age mothers.

Club involves high school youths. High school students meet weekly in spirited discussions and games. The youths express themselves in a variety of ways. Leaders help them to focus upon Christ and the life-changing avenue of a saved life.

Urban Camp is a week of entertaining activities as well as inspirational messages to draw

youths to accept Jesus Christ or to renew their commitment to Him.

The urban arm of Young Life was initiated in 1995 to reach inner-city youths. Rev. Garland "Mickey" Wallace Jr. was named its director. Young Life is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian outreach ministry designed to reach high school folks with the message of Jesus Christ as well as to strengthen the commitment of those already active in church. Young Life's method is "relational evangelism," adults going where high school people are (on their turf) and building relationships with them.

Marriage conference: 'It's A Mutual Thing'

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A marriage conference will be held on Sept. 13 and 14 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Rev. John C. Parks, pastor, will be the speaker. Other guest speakers will include Rev. and Evangelist Johnson from Lexington, N.C. All married couples are invited to attend.

John and Celestine Evans are chairs of the marriage ministry. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, is "a church striving to make a difference."



John and Celestine Evans

Beulah Baptist to celebrate Pastor Ford's anniversary

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Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate the anniversary of Pastor L. Bruce Ford on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 4 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Philemon Samuels of Goodwill Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and praise the Lord with us.

The church is at 1352 N. Trade Street in Winston-Salem.



Rev. and Mrs. Ford

Our faith must kick in to remove fear



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27; 14:14-21

Lesson Aims: to describe Jesus' power over nature, to appreciate that Jesus cares, and to commit to trusting and depending on Him.

Background: As mentioned last week, the lessons this month center on miracles performed by Jesus. Studying the Gospels, we can see several types of them. The NIV Standard Commentary suggests the following: The miracles of nature are performed on objects with no sense of hearing. Yet they obey. Miracles with people involve His healing abilities and His power to restore life. The miracles with demons not only demonstrate His power and dominion but also teach us that the devil recognizes Him. Needless to say, He is more powerful than the evil one. The fourth type

of miracle is that of knowledge. He knew what people were thinking! All of them demonstrate the power and glory of Jesus and thus lead us to believe in Him.

Jesus constantly taught His disciples the principles of the kingdom. Our lesson today was probably toward the middle of His ministry. He became a very popular person, drawing crowds to witness any miracles and to absorb His teachings.

Lesson: The miracles for today are two separate incidents. Both exemplify Jesus responding to human needs - fear and hunger. After an exhausting day (Matthew 8), Jesus needs to rest. A glimpse of His humanity suggests that "doing good deeds wears you down." Rest is needed; don't feel guilty! Going to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, where there are fewer people, hints at the possibility of some much-needed rest. Once on the boat, Jesus falls asleep and a storm comes out of nowhere. A few of the disciples are trained fishermen, so they are familiar with sudden storms. However, this storm is a lot worse than any

they have seen. They do all that they know to keep the boat afloat.

Nothing works. Fear strikes! They go to Jesus for help. He awakes, questions their fear and speaks to the wind and the waves. Immediately, the storm calms and the disciples marvel at His power.

Jesus' ministry continues. More miracles occur. Matthew becomes a disciple and He answers the Pharisees. The 12 are sent out to drive out evil spirits and to heal the sick. They are taught the cost of discipleship. John the Baptist hears about His ministry and sends some followers to ask, "Are you the one?" Jesus eulogizes him and continues to teach. The Pharisees don't hesitate to search for ways to discredit Him. Chapter 14 opens with the account of John the Baptist's death.

Hearing about John's death, Jesus withdraws by boat to a place of solitude. The crowd follows Him. Upon reaching the other side, Jesus has compassion for the people and begins to heal them. Evening approaches and the disciples want Him to send the crowd away to find food.

Jesus disturbs them by giving them the responsibility of feeding the crowd.

They have five loaves and two fish! They bring these to Jesus. The people are told to sit on the ground. Jesus gives thanks to God and breaks the bread. The disciples share the bread and the fish with the crowd. Once everyone is full there are 12 basketfuls remaining.

Application: Each and every one of us is needy. While our needs are different, each one of them is just as important as the other. In life some pain and suffering will come to us all. At times it may seem overwhelming. Our faith must kick in to remove the fear. As we witness His power either by studying the Word or by observing life, our confidence in Christ should grow. His life is greater than any other power and His resources are abundant! There is nothing that He can't do. He is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent all at the same time.

Go to Sunday school this Sunday to hear more and to share what this awesome Savior does!

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