

Shekinah Glory Praise Center will celebrate pastoral anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Shekinah Glory Praise Center, 542 N. Trade Street, will celebrate the ninth pastoral anniversary and birthday of Pastor Byron M. Ingram on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. at the church. The public is invited.

Ingram has been saved since April 1980. He started in the ministry of Bishop Alonzo McCloud of Tabernacle of Faith Church, with Pastor Essie McCullough of New Direction Movement Cathedral (formerly JAC Memorial). Under the leadership of McCullough, he was ordained as a deacon. Later, he served as a deacon of Revealed Church of Christ under the leadership of Pastor James Taylor. Currently, Ingram is the pastor of Shekinah Glory Praise Center and has loyally led God's sheep for nine years.

Ingram is married to a dynamic, anointed woman of God, Co-Pastor Cheryl B.

Ingram, who is truly an asset to his ministry. They have been happily married for 21 years. To this union, God added four wonderful sons and adorable grandchildren. Also, they have a host of spiritual children and day-care children.

Pastor Ingram currently works for the city of Winston-Salem. In his spare time, he may be found often reading his Bible and spending time with the Lord, on the basketball court, on the fishing banks (he is a magnificent fisherman) or at the bowling alley (he is a splendid bowler). He is one of the best dressed pastors in Winston-Salem and looks like he has just stepped out of GQ magazine everywhere he goes. He truly loves God and proclaims that "he is not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

For more information, call Tracey Watkins, church secretary, at 771-9937.

Disobedience has consequences

Lesson Scripture: Jonah 1:1-4, 11-17; 2:10

Lesson Aims: to tell the story of Jonah's call and rebellion, to understand that there are consequences for disobedience and to commit to obey Him today.

Background: The book of Jonah comes between Obadiah and Micah. The theme is "God's mercy." This Old Testament book is unique in that it records one prophet's struggle with God ("Richard's Complete Bible Handbook"). Jonah tells his story in third person.

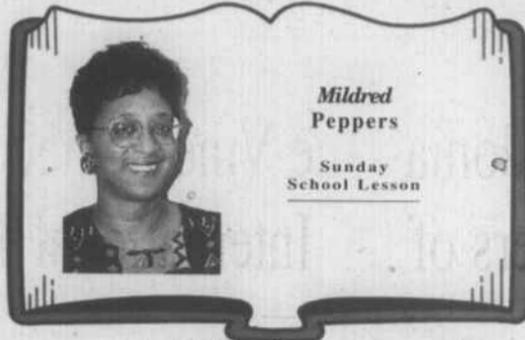
Our first encounter with the prophet is in 2 Kings 14:25. The son of Amittai, he ministered just before and during the early reign of Jeroboam II. The book is straightforward and one can easily step into Jonah's shoes.

Gath-hepher (Gath HE-fer), located three miles northeast of Nazareth, was Jonah's hometown. "The NIV Standard Lesson Commentary" says that his ministry was for the Northern Kingdom, Israel. Assyria at that time wasn't the powerhouse of

wrote a psalm expressing the futility of running from God (Psalm 139:7-10). This statement comes from the "NIV Standard Lesson Commentary."

echoes many passages in Psalms. Those passages are listed in the order of the prayer: 18:4-6; 120:1; 130:1; 142:1; 86:13; 88:1-7; 42:7; 31:22; and 69:1. Obviously, Jonah has nurtured a relationship with God because he is familiar with David's writings. I recommend that you read the entire second chapter. Jonah repents and God's mercy is extended to him once again. The fish spits him out on dry land.

Application: How many times have we rebelled against God? How many times have grace and mercy stepped in after repentance? Some of us have the "Jonah complex." We are so holy and righteous that we don't want God to bless others. Our rebellion, like the prophet's, is rational and deliberate. The all wise and merciful Heavenly Father doesn't think as we do. Amen! He is God of all creation and thus wants to redeem all who choose Him. Let's put our agendas, pride and prejudices aside to do His will. Be obedient today. Take someone to Sunday School.



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

go and "cry out" against Nineveh. Being a good, upstanding Hebrew, he no doubt felt that this task was beneath him. Besides, these people are Gentiles. The prophet decides to flee to Tarshish (a city in southern Spain). He probably wants God's judgment on them because they are Israel's enemy. About 200 years earlier, David

We know the story. He gets on board, the ship sails and a fierce storm arises. Read verses 5-10 to get a feel for the sailors' predicament. They tossed Jonah over the side of the ship. The storm ends. The prophet is swallowed by a great fish.

The second part of the narrative is in the belly of the fish. Jonah's prayer of thanksgiving

New Jerusalem Baptist will present 'Let's Dance'

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New Jerusalem Baptist Church Women of Vision Fellowship will present "Let's Dance" on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. The Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble will present an evening of dance that will fascinate and delight all! This ensemble is committed to educating and enriching the community. In Otesha's quest to keep African culture alive, the group finds performing dance is an important and powerful presentation. Look forward to being entertained as well as educated as they interact with the audience.

Others on program include

Mabel Robinson, Mel Tomlinson and students of the N.C. School of the Arts School of Dance.

In honor of Black History Month, African attire is welcome! This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone - men, women, children, friends, co-workers and others - to fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Transportation is available. For more information, contact Jackie Phinx at (336) 724-2380 or Minister Andrea Walker at (336) 650-0466.

Women of Vision Fellowship meets monthly!

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cussion panel: Sam McMillan, folk artist, entrepreneur for more than 45 years, with James and Ernestine Huff of Huff Art Studio for more than 30 years. Exhibiting artists include Melissa Peterson, Jerry Hanes, Leon Woods and youth artists. Other exhibitors are invited to participate. Call 788-9217 for more information.

Phenomenal Women of Genesis Victory Outreach Center will sponsor prayer breakfast

The Phenomenal Women of Genesis Victory Outreach Center will sponsor Wise Women Who Warfare With Wisdom Wisely Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. The church is at 1882 Old Hollow Road, Walkertown. The phone number is 744-7833.

Feb. 24

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will present "Mirror, Mirror"

The cultural arts department of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will present "Mirror, Mirror" on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. "Mirror, Mirror" is an

African-American biblical parallel featuring dance, singing and drama. The church is at 2721 Manchester Street. For more information, call 722-2624.

Emmanuel Baptist singles ministry will celebrate National Singles Weekend

The singles ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church invites the members, friends and the community to join in the celebration of the anniversary for National Singles Weekend. Join the singles of Emmanuel on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Calvin Runnels of First Calvary Baptist Church. Emmanuel Baptist Church is at 1075 Shalimar Drive. Tina Taylor is the president of the singles ministry.

Best Yet Club of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church will celebrate anniversary

The Best Yet Club of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Mocksville will celebrate its fourth anniversary on Feb. 24 at 3 pm. Guest speaker will be Rev. Otis Robinson, accompanied by members of his congregation at Mt. Sinai AME Zion Church in Advance. Everyone is invited.

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Let's go higher!

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Salutes Black History Month