

RELIGION

McIlwain will address the 51st Youth/Young Adult Day at New Bethel

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Rev. Adrian McIlwain, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Columbia, S.C., will address the 51st annual Youth/Young Adult Day of New Bethel Baptist Church. His choir and some members of his congregation will accompany him. Deanna Posey has been chosen as this year's youth/young adult chairperson. Brian Murrill will serve as acting pastor. This year's theme is "Keeping the Faith Through Turbulent Times."

McIlwain is the youngest of four children of Geraldine McIlwain and the late Rev. William McIlwain. He was blessed to have been brought up in a Christian environment and to have participated in numerous church affiliations and organizations. He was affectionately called "Little Rev" growing up as he followed his father's ministry like his shadow.

At age 17, the tragic death of his father put him through a period of grief that shook the essence of his being. The consolation shown by family members and friends along



Rev. McIlwain

with the spiritual adoption by Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson awakened a call toward

God's will for his life. Several months later, he graduated from Irma High School and was awarded a scholarship to attend North Greenville College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in theology in December 1998. While in college, he spoke at chapel services, worked with Christian Camp Crusades and organized a "testimonial ministry" for students dealing with grief and bereavement.

He is now working on a master's of divinity degree in Christian studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

In addition to pastoring, McIlwain is a personal banker for Bank of America.

More important, he has an earnest passion for the Lord and hopes to be a humble min-



Murrill

ister for God and be a positive asset to his community.

Other youths and young adults

appearing on the program are: Jamaal Horton, Scripture; Sherrod Nichols, prayer; Nicole Piggott, announcements; Cherelle Phelps, recognition of visitors; Deanna Posey, introduction of the theme; Escada Horton, offertory appeal; Jamon Carson, offertory prayer; and Camille Poe, introduction of the speaker. The Youth Choir, the Voices of Praise and a choir from Cornerstone will render music for the occasion.

Deanna Posey is the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. John Posey. She is a junior at Carver High School, where she is an honor roll student and banner girl for the Marching Band. At New Bethel, she is president of the Youth Choir, a member of the youth Sunday school class and a



Posey

member of the junior missionary department.

Brian Murrill is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Benny Murrill. He is a junior at North Forsyth High School. At New Bethel, he is a member of the Youth Council, where he is an active participant on Youth Sundays and a member of the Young Adult Ushers.

Youths and young adults will direct all activities on Youth/Young Adult Day, beginning with the Sunday school hour. They will teach the classes, review the lesson and conduct morning devotion. These people will teach Sunday school classes: Norma Brown, beginners; Diane Piggott, youths; Jaleesa Bartley, Class 1; Stephen Chadwick, Class 2; Cherelle Phelps, Class 3; Kristen Curtis, Class 4; Sharee Posey, Class 5; Antoine Massey, Class 6; Lacy Brown and Jennifer

Leach, Class 7; and Sherrod Nichols, Class 8.

Guests from Cornerstone Baptist Church will join the youths and young adults in fellowship and dinner after the morning services. Parents of youths and young adults along with the Youth Council will provide dinner.

Trustee Daniel Piggott is director of youth activities, who heads the Youth Council. Other council members are: Susie Drayton, co-director; Diane Piggott, secretary, trustee; and Mrs. Joe Bartley, Audrey Brown, Norma Brown, Trustee and Mrs. James Brown, Ruby Cain, Trustee and Mrs. Wesley Curtis, Chris Farabee Sr., Mildred Griffin, Sharon Groom, Dianne Horton, Trustee and Mrs. Charles Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Johnson, Robin Macklin, Belinda McCalop, Ms. Valjean McKinney, Patsy Murrill, Trustee Gerald Pauling, Barbara Phelps, Carol Poe, Jacqueline Posey, Martha Riley, Freda Smith and Mrs. Kennetta Thompson.

Dr. Jerry Drayton is the pastor. The public is invited to attend. New Bethel is at 1016 N. Trade Street.

Saints Home holds 'Hats Off to Spring' showcase

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The United Methodist Women group of Saints Home United Methodist Church invites the public to attend the first annual "Hats Off to Spring" showcase on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at the church, 1390 Thurmond Street.



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Events chairperson Sandra Pennington said, "Guests will be treated to an elegant afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fashion."

Members of the Planning Committee are: Joyce Irby, Annette Thompson, and Ola Sims. United Methodist Women President Queen McKnight serves as ex-officio.

More than 25 women from Winston-Salem and Greensboro will model the latest spring hats that will satisfy traditional and exotic tastes.

Mistress of ceremonies for the event will be WXII TV news anchor Wanda Starke. In addition to the "parade of hats, guests will be able to purchase hats, jewelry, and cosmetics from on-site vendors Barbara Lee, Ameta Jessup, and Sharene Pierce.

A donation of \$10 per person is requested for tickets. The event will conclude with a light supper. For tickets or more information, contact Annette Thompson at 723-0044. John F. Epps is pastor of the church.

Rev. Vernon C. King will speak at revival at Solid Rock M.B. Church

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Rev. Vernon C. King, a highly requested evangelist and nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will preach in a revival at Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church March 11-15 at 7:30 nightly.

Vernon C. King was born Sept. 6, 1960, in Atlanta, Ga. He is the youngest child born to Naomi B. King and the late Rev. A.D. Williams King Sr. From an early age, Vernon C. King was influenced by the example of ministry of his late father, his late grandfather (Daddy King) and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Vernon C. King received a bachelor of arts degree in reli-



Rev. King

gion in 1983 from Morehouse College in Atlanta. From September 1986 to June 1988, he continued his educational pursuit at Emory University's Candler School of Religion, where he concentrated his studies in pastoral care and church administration.

He served as chaplain of Union Corrections, Atlanta (Ga.) Bureau of Corrections, from June 1983 to September

1986. He also served as chaplain of the Georgia Restoration Center from September 1986 to June 1987. From August 1987 to September 1991, he served as pastoral counselor for Southside Psychology Clinic in East Point, Ga. From June 1990 to November 1992, he was the host and producer of the "Coping with Christ" radio talk show.

On April 12, 1987, King was ordained at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. He served as senior pastor of Spirit Creek Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., from 1992-97. He also served as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairmont, N.C., from June 1997 to

December 2000.

He is a highly requested speaker and evangelist throughout the United States. He sings gospel music and became a gospel recording artist when he recorded "The Lord Will Make a Way" on the Sincere record label. He is currently the senior pastor of Saint James Baptist Church in Greensboro.

He is a community activist who serves humanity locally and nationally. He is a member of the Greensboro Pulpit Forum, the Greensboro Ministerial Alliance, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, NAACP, the Augusta Ministers Conference, and the Augustians United, a biracial community

group. He serves on the board of directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. He has served as facilitator for workshops, teaching nonviolent philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Vernon C. King serves as public relations chairman on the General Baptist State Convention Housing Committee and serves as a board member of the Ministers Council of the General Baptist State Convention. He served as the third vice moderator of the Lumber River Association.

Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church is at 3010 Carver School Road. Rev. Charles W. Leak is pastor.

Upcoming Church Events

<p>March 3-10 "Restoration for Women" services will be held It's Time to Make a Change Ministries will present "Restoration for Women" March 3-10. Remaining services will be on March 7 at 7 p.m., Co-Pastor Tassa Cremedy; March 8 at 7 p.m., Pastor Pamela Nelson; March 9 at 7 p.m., Minister Gloria Dykes; March 10 at 11 a.m., Minister Louise Carter; and March 10 at 4 p.m., Elder Shelbia Wiley. It's Time to Make a Change Ministries is at 3758 Ogburn Ave. Elder James Summers Sr. is the pastor. Call 661-2744 or 705-1295 for more information.</p>	<p>petuates a rape culture and how we can find ways to end violence against women in our area. Pizza will be provided by Vincenzo's. March 6-8 True Temple Holiness Church will hold three-night revival. True Temple Holiness Church, 1232 Mint Street, will hold a revival March 6-8 at 7:30 nightly. Apostle D.L. Hunter of Love Cathedral in Jamestown will be the guest speaker. Apostle Wallace Gauthier is the pastor. March 9 Eight congregations will hold a yard/bake sale A yard/bake sale by eight congregations (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, black, white and Hispanic) will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 8-2 at Parkway Presbyterian Church, on Silas Creek Parkway at Yorkshire between Robinhood and County Club roads. Furniture, toys, office equipment, clothes and more will be available. In the fall, the congregations will work together to build a Habitat for Humanity house. Proceeds from the sale will help pay the cost of this house. March 10 Emmanuel Baptist will celebrate S.W. Mack Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Service</p>	<p>Emmanuel Baptist Church will celebrate its annual S.W. Mack Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Service on Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. Dr. Harold S. Martin Sr., chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, will be the guest speaker. The S.W. Mack Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established as a living memorial to the former pastor of 32 years, the late Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Sr. The church is at 1075 Shalimar Drive. Rev. Dr. John Mendez is pastor. Forsyth County United Usher Board will meet The monthly meeting of the Forsyth County United Usher Board will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church on March 10 at 3 p.m. All ushers are invited to attend. For further information, contact Rodney McCormick at 788-1664. Mt. Sinai AME Zion will hold Friends and Family Day "Touched By An Angel! Who's Angel Are You?" - Friends and Family Day will be held Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Sinai AME Zion Church. Join us for a day of praise and good fellowship. Our speaker will be Sister Andrea Adams, associate pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C. Rev. Bernard Adams is pastor. Dinner will be served after the morning service. For more information, call (336) 998-6231.</p>	<p>The church is at 488 Peoples Creek Road in Advance. Dr. Otis B. Robinson Sr. is the pastor. March 11-29 Mount Zion Baptist will sponsor arts-centered intersession program Mount Zion Baptist Church will sponsor an arts-centered intersession program for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County year-round students. The program will run March 11-29 and will operate from the church, 905 File Street. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The program will provide a wonderful mix of spiritual, educational and recreational activities, in addition to classes to build arts, reading and mathematics skills. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are included in the fee. Government vouchers are accepted. Early enrollment is encouraged, as the number of spaces is limited. For an application and additional information, call the church office, 722-2325, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Dr. Gladys W. Bray, the program's director, at 723-5758. March 16 Kernersville church will present Men's Empowerment Conference 2002 Pastor Dr. A.T. Griffey III and the Pentecostal Lighthouse</p>	<p>Church will present Men's Empowerment Conference 2002, God's Good Men, on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m. Rev. John C. Parks, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the guest speaker for the conference. Registration is free and will start at 8 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. Pentecostal Lighthouse Church is at 317 Jefferson Street in Kernersville. For more information, call the church at (336) 992-0011. Other Pentecostal Lighthouse Church is celebrating dedication of new sanctuary</p>	<p>Dr. A. Thomas Griffey III and the members of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, 317 Jefferson Street in Kernersville, invite you to come share with them as they celebrate the dedication of their new sanctuary during March. The services will be held every Sunday at 6 p.m. To get to Pentecostal Lighthouse Church from Winston-Salem, follow I-40 East to Hwy. 66 (exit). Make a left turn off of the ramp. Go through two stoplights and make the next right onto Paddison Street (beside Parts Plus store). Keep straight to end of street. Church is on the left. For more information, call (336) 922-0011.</p>
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