

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

April 13-17, 20

Dedication

Public dedication for the First Waightown Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Complex is scheduled for April 13-17. Weeknight services will begin at 7. The remaining schedule: Thursday - Pastor Philemon Samuels and Goodwill Baptist Church, Arcadia. We will close out on Sunday morning, April 20, with Dennis W. Bishop, pastor of First Waightown Baptist Church.

April 17, 18, 27

Sacrifice of Praise Temple

Sacrifice of Praise Temple, 4655 Brownsboro Road, will sponsor "The Seven Words of Men Around The Cross" on April 17, with Minister Keith Tuttle of Higher Ground of Deliverance Tabernacle; and April 18, with Bishop Nancetta Myers, founder and overseer of Sacrifice of Praise Temple. These services will begin at 7 p.m.

The young adults of Sacrifice of Praise Temple will sponsor a program titled "Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit" on April 27 at 4 p.m. The men's and women's step team will also perform.

April 17-19

Youth conference

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, "A Place of Refuge," will sponsor a youth conference April 17-19 at 7 p.m. The theme is "Is It Worth It? Then Work It!" Free registration. Come join us.

The church is at 651 Akron Drive. Senior pastor is Richard Miller Sr. and co-pastor is Ernestine W. Miller.

Citywide revival

Love Fellowship Deliverance Ministries Church Inc. will host a citywide revival April 17-19 at 7 p.m. at 4198 N. Cherry Street, just below the intersection of Polo Road and Cherry Street, directly across from the prison camp. There will also be guest churches throughout the city, dance teams, choirs, etc. All churches, Christian organizations and friends are welcome to take part in this celebration. We also invite praise teams, dance and/or step teams, choirs, etc. throughout the city to take part. All we ask is that upon arrival you check in with the secretary so that you may be included and not mistakenly overlooked. Bishop Jack E. Nelson is the pastor.

April 18

"Lord, Is It I?"

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will present the play "Lord, Is It I?" on Good Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. The men of Galilee will portray the 12 disciples in this moving drama, which re-creates and brings to life Leonardo da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper." Music for this performance will be provided by the Galilee combined choirs. Rev. Robert L. McGowens Sr. is the pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 575 Martin Luther King Drive. The public is invited.

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ"

The associate ministers of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor "The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ" April 18 at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of the program is to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Rev. Joseph R. Samuels is the pastor.

Judah Praise and Worship Center

On April 18 at 7 p.m., Judah Praise and Worship Center will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ." The ministers and deacons of the church will give the words. Come join us in celebration of this Easter season. The church is at 2411 Urban Street. The pastor is Elder Ricky A. Pouncey. For information, call 721-3290.

Disciples Dinner

New Direction Christian Fellowship invites you to its annual Disciples Dinner on April 18 at 7 p.m. We will enjoy a potluck meal, worship, songs and fellowship commemorating our Savior. The address is 6000 Meadowbrook Mall, Clemmons. For more information contact Frank Ancona at 722-1454.

"Seven Last Words"

Beulah Baptist Church will have a "Seven Last Words" program on Good Friday, April 18, at 9 p.m. until, with midnight breakfast being served immediately after the service. The speakers will be Elder Shannon Jessup of Second New Bethel Baptist Church; Rev. Rick Gray of Rock Hill Baptist Church; Minister Dionne Jones of Higher Hope Ministry; Elder Sandra Moore of Macedonia TVPH Church; Pastor Adam Stewart of Crossroads Church; Elder Debra Thomas of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church; and Rev. Johnny Johnson. There will be a dramatization by Beulah's own Rev. Paul Thombs and musical concert featuring the Wake Forest Gospel Choir and the Beulah Judah Praise Choir. We invite everyone to attend. Call the church at 722-2907 for more information. The church is at 1352 N. Trade Street.

"Seven Last Words"

Come out and be blessed on April 18 at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Baptist Church where associate ministers of the church will render the "Seven Last Words." The church is at 1301 E. Belews Street. Rev. Charles E. Gray is the pastor.

Good Friday service

Stewards Chapel AME Zion Church, 198 Anderson Road in Rural Hall, will hold its Good Friday service on April 18 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Frederick Smalley, pastor of Hickory Grove AME Zion Church of Clemmons, will be the speaker. The Rev. Marcus Farmer is the pastor.

April 18

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship

Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church invites you to worship there April 18 at 6 p.m. for the "Seven Last Words."

The schedule: Word 1 - Pastor Annette Ross, Cappadocia GFB Holiness Church, Polkton, N.C.; Word 2 - Pastor Purvis Morris, Revelation of Faith, Madison, N.C.; Word 3 - Pastor Melvin "Rip" Wilkins, New World Cappadocia Outreach Center, Winston-Salem; Word 4 - Pastor Cecil Bridgeforth, Christian Life Fellowship Baptist Church, Danville; Word 5 - Apostle William Keith Woods, Garden of Faith Assemblies, Charlotte; Word 6 - Bishop Mamie Lee Wilson, Resurrection of Life, Lancaster, S.C.; Word 7 - Rev. Lamont Johnson, Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

The epilogue will be by Apostle Johnson. For more information call the church at 725-2190 or visit www.macedoniaatvph.org. Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson is senior pastor.

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Bethlehem Baptist Church plans installation ceremony for pastor

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Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will install its third pastor on April 20 at 4 p.m.

Bethlehem was organized March 20, 1920, under the leadership of the late Rev. O.S. Hamm, who served until his death in 1947. After Hamm's death, the congregation called Rev. E.L. Clark Sr. who served as pastor from 1947 until his death in August 2000.

After almost three years of being without a shepherd, the officials and membership prayed and searched for a pastor. They were directed by the Holy Spirit to select Rev. Dwight Hash Sr., a product of St. Stephen Baptist Church here in the city. Hash comes to Bethlehem after having pastored Rising Star Baptist Church for the last 15 years.

The Bethlehem family welcomes Hash and his family with open hearts and arms.

Rev. J.R. Samuels of St. Stephen Baptist Church will deliver the installation sermon, and the Guilford Educational Missionary Baptist Association will give all charges. Charles Fletcher, chairman of the board of deacons, will preside.

The public is invited.



Rev. Hash

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will observe Family Day

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On April 20 Pastor Robert L. McGowens Sr. and Galilee Missionary Baptist Church family will observe Family Day. A joint worship service will be held at 9 a.m. with Pastor McGowens bringing the message. The church school will begin at 8 a.m.

Program participants for this service will be families instead of one individual.

Families will also provide music for the worship service. A plaque will be given to the Family of the Year. The plaque was awarded to the Melton family in 2002, with 31 family members in attendance.

Family Day is a kickoff to a month of activities intended to strengthen biological and spiritual families. These activities will culminate with a

family conference scheduled for May 30-31. The theme is "Rediscovering Family."

The public is invited to attend this service, and all family members are encouraged to come and share in the worship service.

Galilee is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. For additional information, contact the church office at 724-3857.

Rev. Ronald Eugene Speas will address men

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The men of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate their 56th annual Men's Day Observance on April 20 at the 11 a.m. worship service. The speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. Ronald Eugene Speas, associate minister of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church.

Speas is a native of Tobaccoville and a graduate of North Forsyth Senior High School. He has served as a North Carolina Highway Patrolman for the past 15 years.

He answered the call to the ministry in March 1992 and preached his trial sermon at Center Grove AME Zion Church, where he grew up. While in the AME Zion Church, he received his exalter's license and local preacher's license.

Later, Speas and his family moved to the Baptist Church, and he was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1993. He evangelized from church to church until he was called to pastor Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Traphill, N.C., from 1994-1998. Upon moving back to Forsyth County, he and his family joined St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. J.R. Samuels.

In January 2000, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro voted him in as pastor, and he served for 18 months.

He is married to Gloria F. Speas, and they have two children.

Others appearing on the program: presiding, Johnny Grooms; Scripture and invo-

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Freedom Baptist will hold revival

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Freedom Baptist Church will hold its spring revival April 21-25. The guest preacher will be Rev. Dennis Bishop.

He is a native of Winston-Salem, born Dec. 29, 1954, to the late Hazel Bishop and the late Wallace Love. He graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School in 1974 and attended Piedmont Bible College.

Bishop is the father of four children, grandfather of two and a "papa" to many children. He accepted the call to preach at the age of 13 and



Rev. Dennis Bishop

has evangelized throughout the East Coast.

He was assistant pastor of Waightown Baptist Church from 1975 through 1980 under Pastor E.L. Grant. He was pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Mocksville from 1980-83.

He was called to pastor Waightown Baptist Church in March 1983 when the late Pastor E.L. Grant retired. Under Bishop's leadership, the church has experienced tremendous spiritual growth and was led to change its name to First Waightown Baptist Church.

Love, Hope & Charity Missionary Circle will celebrate anniversary

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"Living to serve" was the

motto adopted by a group of young women about 23 years ago, and they were committed

to helping their church and community. The group was named the Love, Hope & Charity Missionary Circle of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. On Easter Sunday, April 20, at 4 p.m. the group invites all to come celebrate its 23rd anniversary. Bishop Joseph Lowery and St. Matthew Apostolic Church will render services. Rev. S.J. Cornelius is host pastor.

While none of the original members is left in the group, the spirit of helping others has not faded in the least. Serving is what they do best. Through the years they have been involved in many religious and civic activities.

The public is invited. New Jerusalem is at 1212 N. Dunleith Ave.

Choir will perform 'I'm Going Through'

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The Senior Choir on John Wesley AME Zion Church will present a narrative titled "I'm Going Through" on April 27 at 4 p.m.

Margie Steene McKnight will narrate this afternoon of worship in song. Patricia Stover is president of the choir.

Featured participants for this song service will be Darlene

Kinchen of St. Peter's World Outreach Ministries and Richard Roane Sr. of Union Baptist Church. Also, our own Stephanie Smoot will lend her awesome voice to our soprano section.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is at 1800 E. 25th Street, on the corner of 25th Street and Bowen Boulevard. Rev. James E. Gaskins is the pastor.