

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

Oct. 24 and 25

Men's Discipleship Conference

Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 Country Club Road, will host a Men's Discipleship Conference - Eternal Impact: Investing in the Lives of Men - with author and speaker Phil Downer, president, Discipleship Network of America, in the church sanctuary on Oct. 24 and 25.

Downer, a Vietnam veteran and former trial attorney, has authored "Eternal Impact: Investing in the Lives of Men," "A Father's Reward: Raising Your Children to Walk in the Truth," "Unlimited Partnership: Building Intimacy & Teamwork Into Your Marriage," and other books. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$20. Register online at www.calvarybaptistchurch.org. Contact Tricia Kube at 714-5424 for additional information.

Oct. 24 and 26

Anniversary

Friendship Baptist Church will observe its 89th church anniversary in a two-day celebration on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The focus of the celebration will be the homecoming of family and friends at all services. An important aspect of the anniversary is the planning of a memorial walkway on the site of the former church building. This walkway will serve as a permanent reminder of thanksgiving for the hard work of founding and present members. All surviving families of deceased members, all former members, friends and the general public are invited. The church is at 1317 N. Cherry Street. For more information call 723-6105 or 784-7889.

Oct. 25

Bake and Yard Sale Love Festival

The Missionary Society and Usher Board of New Birth Worship Center in East Bend will sponsor a Bake and Yard Sale Love Festival honoring Tabitha Dobson on Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. She is a single mother who is undergoing dialysis for a kidney transplant. All proceeds will go toward her medical expenses. New Birth Worship Center is at 1033 Newbirth Drive (off Highway 67), East Bend. If you have any questions, contact Eliza Myers at 699-3583, Katie Glenn at 699-8388, or call the church at 699-3583.

Oct. 26

Forsyth County Missionary Union

The Forsyth County Missionary Union will meet Oct. 26 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 E. 12th Street, at 3 p.m. The business session will include the annual reports. The young adult and youth departments will meet at Shiloh Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. We encourage all missionaries to attend and we welcome our pastors and ministers.

Building fund service

A building fund service sponsored by Ministries of Truth Brotherhood Ministry will be held Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Robert Whitt of Statesville. Everyone is invited. The church is at 145 Alice Street.

Anniversary

The New Birth Worship Center Usher Board will celebrate its annual anniversary on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. Rev. Jamie Grant from New Patterson Grove Faith Church will speak. Everyone is welcome to attend. New Birth Worship Center is at 1033 Newbirth Drive (off Highway 67) in East Bend. For information call Katie Glenn at 699-8388 or the church at 699-3583.

Anniversary

The ushers and nurses ministry of Piney Grove Baptist Church will observe their anniversary on Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius and members of New Jerusalem Baptist Church will be the guests. Piney Grove Baptist Church is at 4715 Indiana Ave.

Anniversary

New Unity Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will celebrate its 18th anniversary on Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. Dr. Donald Salley, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church, and congregation will be the guests. Everyone is invited. New Unity is at 2946 Ivy Ave.

Oct. 31

Hallelujah Night

Beulah Baptist Church will host its annual Hallelujah Night Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Costume theme: biblical characters. There will be games, prizes, hot dogs, a costume contest, fun and lots of candy. All children are invited. The church is at 1352 N. Trade Street. For more information call the church at 722-2907.

Nov. 1

Casting the vision

All Nations Worship Center, a new church, will have a citywide vision service on Nov. 1 at Parkland High School from 6-8 p.m. Pastor Robert Staton invites everyone to come and become a part of the dream, vision, and reality for this multiracial, multicultural, international ministry. Come and share your God-given talents in areas of ministry, including worship, music and drama. All are welcome.

Nov. 2

"Joyful Praise" Part II

The Youth Ensemble of Union Chapel Baptist Church will be the featured choir for Part II of "Joyful Praise," a three-part musical series presented by the church's music ministry. Part II is set for Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. at the church, 300 W. 25th Street.

The Inspirational Choir will sing the third and final phase of "Joyful Praise" on Dec. 21.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 748-8644.

Nov. 8

Book/yard sale

Winston-Salem Bible College will have a huge book/yard sale on Nov. 8 beginning at 8 a.m. For information, call 744-0900.

Nov. 9-11

Bus trip to TBN in Florida

A bus will be going to the Trinity Broadcast Network

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Galilee holds singles conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Galilee Missionary Baptist Church singles ministry, under the leadership of dynamic Pastor Robert E. Lee McGowens Sr., celebrated its first singles conference on Oct. 4.

Inspirational Sylvia B. Gwyn presided. The conference theme was "The Total Person."

Galilee's Singles Praise Team opened with a melody of songs directed by Mary Stevenson. This also included a solo, "Safe in His Arms" by Evelyn Wilson. Her beautiful voice set the tone for a Spirit-filled day. Members Patricia Stover and C.J. Hart completed the Praise Team.

The highly esteemed Rev. Dr. Sir Walter L. Mack Jr., a mighty man of God and visionary of Union Baptist Church, was the keynote speaker. His min-



Ivan Robinson, left, conducts "The Strong, Healthy Temple" workshop.



Rev. Conita Hunt conducts the "Single Again" workshop.

istries center on dynamic worship, evangelism, community involvement and outreach. His powerful sermon, "God Can Flip the Script" and scriptural reference (Acts 26:26) inspired all attendees. During his sermon, he mentioned white slave masters messing up when they let the slaves go down by the river. "That's all the time they needed to get before the King. The King validates you. You don't have to depend on some man or woman to make you somebody. You may not have someone on your arm on the outside, but if you got Jesus on the inside, the Lord will bless you."

Mack received a standing ovation. All singles departed with a feeling of serenity, knowing that "God Can Flip the Script."

The conference included four workshops. The Spirit-filled Rev. Jo Ann Belfield conducted "Single Parenting." As a single parent, full-time student and a

career woman, Belfield said that she had faced many challenges, but not any that God did not see her through and deliver her out of. She was an inspiration to all single parents.

Ivan Robinson, R.N., B.S.N., conducted "The Strong, Healthy Temple." He is a co-founder of RHC & Allied Health Associate & Allied Nurses.Com, a team of physicians who provide a full range of health-care services and a nurse staffing company. Each attendee left the session viewing his or her body as a temple and with a wealth of information on how to take better care of that temple.

Rev. Conita Hunt and Minister Herbert Faison shared in leading the "Single Again" workshop. Rev. "Sister CO," as Hunt is often called, is an outstanding woman servant of God. She truly believes in being obedient to the Holy Spirit and doesn't mind

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Austin will preach initial sermon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Junior Deacon Brandon Mitchell Austin will preach his initial sermon Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. The Youth Choir, Young Adult Ensemble and GMBC Youth Inspiration Choir will render the music.

Austin is an active member of Galilee. He is a percussionist for the Youth Inspirational Mass Choir and assists as needed with other choirs in the church. He is a member of the Young Adult Ensemble and the Young Adult Ushers Ministry.

He gave his life to Christ on June 15, 2000, during the spring revival with Pastor Ronnie Williams. As a young man he fully understands the seriousness and the importance of

his walk with the Lord and believes that God called him into the ministry. He desires to become a youth minister.

He said: "I want to help kids the way I have been helped. I know that young people may fall, but I also know that we can get up."

He gives credit to Pastor Robert McGowens, Minister Waymon Monroe Jr., Minister Roy Dennis, Minister Beverly Alexander and Deacon John Tyson for their love, help, and inspiration in his spiritual journey.

Austin is the son of Alfred and Crystal Crump and Robert and Nancy Austin. He has one brother, Clayton Reynolds; two stepbrothers, Denard Crump and Jamal Blackwell; and a stepsister, Shafae Black-

well.

Austin is a 2003 graduate of East Forsyth High School. During his tenure at East Forsyth he played both varsity and junior varsity football. He was captain of the football team during his senior year. He was a senior dean, which allowed him to make decisions that affected his entire senior class. He also worked in the school office during his senior year. He consistently made the dean's list, maintaining a 3.0 to a 3.5 grade point average. During the summer of 2003, he served as a camp counselor at First Assembly Christian Church. He is currently a student at N.C. A&T State University, majoring in computer technology.

Galilee Missionary Baptist



Brandon Austin

Church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Robert L. McGowens Sr. is the pastor. The public is invited to attend this service.

St. James to hold Family and Friends Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Mary F. Peterson and her congregation at St. James AME Church will celebrate their annual Family and Friends Day on Oct. 26. Family and friends are expected to attend as far south as Charleston, S.C.; as far north as Baltimore, Md.; as far east as Greenville, N.C.; and as far west as Asheville, N.C.

The Sunday school department and the young people's department will serve as hostesses from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the family and friends reunion in the educational building of the church. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Deacon James Lomax, superintendent of Sunday school at Union Baptist Church, will be in charge of the combined Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m. The theme is "It's a Family Affair."

The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton, who is the Jessie Ball DuPont assistant professor of homiletics and biblical studies at the Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem. He graduated in 1991 from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in religious



Dr. Brad R. Braxton

studies. In 1991 Braxton was awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, and he earned a master of philosophy degree in New Testament studies at Oxford University in 1993. He completed his Ph.D. in New Testament studies at Emory University in 1999, where he was a George W. Woodruff Fellow.

He is the author of two books: "The Tyranny of Resolution: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24" and "No Longer Slaves: Galatians and African-American Experience." Braxton is writing his third book, "Preaching

Paul."

Braxton will be available to sign copies of his book after the morning service.

He is married to the former Lazetta Rainey.

Other personalities on the program include the Rev. Oscar

Pilson from St. Paul United Methodist Church; Vivian H. Burke, mayor pro tempore; Dr. Nigel Alston; and the Rev. Mary F. Peterson.

The public is invited to attend. The church is at 1501 N. Patterson Ave.

St. Paul United Methodist will sponsor homecoming, revival

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. Paul United Methodist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming and revival services. The homecoming celebration will take place during the 11 a.m. worship service Oct. 26. Pastor Donald Jenkins will deliver the message, and the Inspirational Choir will provide the music. A homecoming dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.

Revival services will begin Oct. 27 and conclude Oct. 29. Services will begin at 7 p.m.

The revival preacher will be the Rev. Walter L. Kimbrough, senior pastor of Cascade United Methodist

Church, Atlanta, Ga. For more than 25 years, Kimbrough's

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Rev. Kimbrough