



The Youth Ensemble of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Mount Zion Baptist Church ensemble celebrates 22 years

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On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Youth Ensemble of Mount Zion Baptist Church will be celebrating its 22nd Anniversary at a unique worship experience at 4 p.m. An original musical play, "Come on People" written by Naima Henderson, a certified social worker and member of the church, will be presented. The play will highlight problems faced by today's teenagers and the power of faith to heal their hurts. The staging is by Janice Price.

Special music will be provided by the Winston-Salem State University Inspirational Voices and the Inspirational Choir of Mount Zion Baptist Church. The Youth Ensemble is under the direction of the Rev. Kevin Scott. With the assistance of Shirley Churn, organizer and supervisor, and Nja Franklin, president.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The pastor is Dr. Serenus Churn. The church is at the corner of Martin Luther King and File Street.



Shirley Churn

Hayworth-Miller's Caudle joins CDS

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Carolina Donor Services, the area's non-profit organ and tissue donation agency, has hired Dorman Caudle as its first full-time Funeral Home Liaison. Caudle will be responsible for assisting funeral homes with the organ and tissue donation process in CDS' 78 county service region. The funeral home liaison position sprang from the need to formalize relationships with funeral homes within CDS' service area. This role was created to provide a contact for funeral homes that is familiar with their processes and can respond



Caudle

to questions and concerns. Like funeral homes, it is CDS' mission to ensure that families are able to grieve in a peaceful and non-disruptive manner. Building strong relationships with funeral homes is a positive step in serving these families better.

Caudle served as a licensed funeral director at Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home in Winston-Salem for more than 14 years. He became familiar with families who donated "The Gift of Life" while acting as donor services liaison in all four of Hayworth-Miller's locations. Caudle is a current Policy Board Member of the National Funeral Directors Association and served on the board of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association (2000-2007) including positions as secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president.

Caudle began his new role as Funeral Home Liaison

Coordinator in October. He is based in CDS' Durham office and travels throughout the service region to meet with funeral homes.

Carolina Donor Services is the federally-designated, not-for-profit organ and tissue donation organization serving 6.1

million people in 79 counties of North Carolina and Danville, Virginia.

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God is calling

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1:8-23

Lesson Aims: to describe Zechariah's encounter with the angel, Gabriel, to recognize that consistency in prayer is important, and to believe what God tells you.

Background: For the winter quarter, our theme is "God's Call to the Christian Community." Our study focuses on the Gospel of Luke.

December examines God's Call in Christ. January opens us up to the inspiration of the Call and February will close out with our response to the Call. To sum things up, the winter quarter requires the church (individuals and corporate) to live out its purpose. During biblical times, God used angels and visions to direct people. Even so, the people were ordinary just like us! You see He takes ordinary people doing ordinary things and creates extraordinary outcomes. He calls each of us for a purpose. When we recognize this, life is no longer simply ordinary. There are several aspects of God's Call that we must remember. First, He continues to call us, some more dramatic than others for His purpose. One call is just as important as another! Secondly, He calls individuals who are already in motion. Finally, His call, however overwhelming, should bring joy to the life of the believer. This doesn't exempt one from the highs and lows of life yet through it all there will be a peace that confounds the world. God is calling. Do you hear Him?

The Gospel of Luke is the longest book in the New Testament. Penned by a Gentile (non Jew) physician (Colossians 4:14), he gives an orderly historical account of Jesus' life and ministry to Theophilus (thee AH fuh luss), a ranking Roman official. Both books, Luke and Acts are addressed to him. An associate of Paul's, Luke wrote this Gospel around A.D. 58 while the apostle was imprisoned in Caesarea. Luke stressed four points: the Gospel is for everyone; the humanity of Jesus; the importance of prayer; and the work of the Holy Spirit. He

also gave priority to women. Luke the third of the Synoptic Gospels (very similar) gave more details than Matthew and Mark. Based on current knowledge, he is the only Gentile contributor to the New Testament.

Lesson: The Gospel opens with an account of the prediction of the birth of the forerunner of Christ. Once again a couple (Zechariah and Elizabeth) prayed to God for a son. It appears that their prayer will not be answered. Zechariah and his wife are descendants of Aaron (priestly class). Both are upright and blameless (solid character) according to Scripture. While serving in the Temple on his rotation, Zechariah is chosen by Lot to burn incense. This alone is a great honor that happens once in a lifetime. This is the pinnacle moment in any priest's career. This ordinary old man completing his ordinary rotation (still sacred) is about to hear from God! As the worshipers prayed, Zechariah burns the incense at the door of the Holy

of Holies and suddenly an angel appears to him. He is gripped with fear, the angel calms him down, acknowledges their prayers, and then delivers the news. It has been 400 years since God spoke to His people and now the priest finds out that his son will prepare the way for God's Son. This child whose name will be John (God is gracious) is to be a Nazarite filled with the Holy Spirit at birth. In the spirit of Elijah, he will lead

the people back to God. Zechariah doubts what he has just heard! Because of that, the angel tells him that he will be speechless until everything is fulfilled. This silence is due to his unbelief. He takes too long in the Temple. When

he comes out, he can't speak. The people realize that he has had an encounter with God. His two weeks of service comes to an end, and he returns home to Elizabeth.

Application: When we get astounding news, we are dumbfounded. A friend of mine always says, "consider the source." With that being the case, an angel delivering a message from God makes my knees weak. However, there is nothing too hard for God! How can we be faithful and doubt? God doesn't lie; He keeps His Word. There is no room for doubt. The challenge for believers is to be faithful no matter what! Zechariah's faith wavered; so does ours, but does our faith grow as God keeps His Word to us? We are ordinary people but when in His Will we become something else. We don't have to be rich, famous, attractive, or powerful to be used by the Almighty! He is calling, do you hear Him? Do you act like you believe?



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