



Attendees listen during the initial meeting of the Dr. Larry Fields Community Advisory Board on Public Education.

## Grassroots education group will meet Monday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The third monthly meeting of the Dr. Larry Fields Community Advisory Board on Public Education, co-convened by Dr. Virginia K. Newell and Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley, will take place at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, 115 Dellabrook Road, on Monday, June 29 at 6 p.m. The meeting will end at or before 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come, work, organize, and struggle for all children in general, and African-American and poor students in particular.

In a few short months, the organiza-

tion has accomplished several things, including giving four presentations to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and meeting with school system Superintendent Dr. Donald Martin, during which he agreed to consider the group's six-point agenda and agreed to have his staff look into the agenda. The group has also made eight presentations to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board.

The following are among the agenda items for the June 29 meeting: 1) recruit, discuss, debate and finally decide (or re-decide) on the group's

official name; 2) discuss, debate and decide on a strategy to accomplish the six-point agenda; 3) hear a 30-minute presentation from Dr. Willette Nash, the school system's multicultural infusion specialist; 4) hear a 15-minute presentation from Lissa Harris, who has headed a Title-I support group in Greensboro for several years; 5) elect an executive committee; 6) discuss an idea for a summer academy at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy for 2010.

For further information, contact Dr. Newell at 336-722-4606 or Dr. Eversley at 336-995-8774.

## Local young men complete Air Force basic military training

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Air Force Airmen Jordan T. Jones, Zachery R. Gooch and Michael H. Lackovic have graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airmen completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Jones is the son of Erica Jones of Kernersville and a 2008 graduate of East Forsyth



Jones



Gooch



Lackovic

High School. Gooch is the son of Donald Gooch of

Kernersville and a 2006 graduate of Glenn High School. Lackovic is the son of Connie

and Michael Lackovic of Kernersville and a 2007 graduate of East Forsyth.

### Lesson

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straw" incident. Moses went back to God (in prayer) to get clarity. God told him to go back to Pharaoh and say: "Let My People Go." God even went so far as to tell His messenger how the people were to leave Egypt. God kept His Promises to Moses. The ten plagues came (chapters 7-11) forcing the leader to free the Israelite people. They celebrated the first Passover in chapter 12, during that last plague. Some two million people were led out of bondage headed toward the Red Sea and their Promised Land (Canaan). They carried all that they had, for there was no turning back (!!!). They were guided by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night.

**Lesson:** Moving two million people is no easy task nor is it very fast. God also tells Moses exactly

where to camp. Pharaoh has a change of heart and decides to retrieve his workforce. Rounding up all of his chariots, horsemen, and troops they head out after them. Needless to say, when the Israelites see the approaching Egyptians they turn to Moses. He attempts to calm their fears by encouraging them to watch God's deliverance as they stand still. They're in the desert with mountains on both sides facing the Red Sea with the Egyptians at their backs. Things appear grave as they cry out to Moses. God wants to know why, since He's given them all that they need. His response seems a bit harsh but God wants them to have faith in His mighty power. He's kept His Promises before. The instructions to Moses are strange yet very simple: "Raise your staff and stretch out your hand." Even Moses is beginning to realize and appreciate God's power. The sea opens up!!

The other amazing phenomena is the pillar of cloud now stands between the Israelites and the Egyptians. The sea bed is dry as they cross over all night long while the enemies don't have a clue. Once they realize what is taking place, they are in hot pursuit. God stirs confusion amongst the Egyptians as the wheels of the chariots come off. The pursuers get scared as the God of the Israelites gives the next set of instructions. As daybreak comes, the sea walls collapse and Pharaoh's army is drowned! Now God's Chosen People witnessed their deliverance and begin to fear (revere) the Lord (14:31).

**Application:** The Lord God Almighty said it, and it is so! What more can you ask for? The deliverance is joyous, but the people are kicking and screaming the whole time! Guess what? It doesn't stop there. God "with His Good Self" (Mrs.

Elizabeth Young) continues to deliver us from our pharaohs in the midst of our doubts, complaints and fears. What did they do to contribute to their freedom? As God delivers them from the enemy, they stood still. This is not literal. Preparations were made; they followed Moses' instruction for the Passover. When the freedom decree is issued, they packed their belongings to head out of bondage. God doesn't advocate sitting on a stump! At some point we are/were captive to some physical, emotional, financial or spiritual bondage. God calls us out of all of them, delivering us over and over. The next time trouble of any kind comes in your life. Remember that God delivers. Not only remember His past deeds, but recognize His eternal power and live your faith. Stop complaining and don't panic. You know Who is in charge!!

### Union

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time Christian ministry. Based upon this knowledge, the Apex School of Theology at Union Baptist Church will confer a Bachelor of Theology Degree (B.T.H.); the Master of Divinity Degree; and in the future, the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Apex School of Theology at Union Baptist Church will graduate students who are educated via academic classes, training sessions, and field experiences. The Union campus will employ degreed faculty who possess exceptional teaching skills, academic

pross, and a strong passion for advancing God's kingdom through teaching. The program will rely on local resources available at Winston-Salem State, Wake Forest University, NC A&T, UNC Greensboro, Salem College and other schools.

Apex School of Theology is the outgrowth of Apex First Baptist Church and the vision of Dr. Joseph E. Perkins, pastor of the church and president of the College. The fall semester will begin August 17. Registration applications

may be picked-up from Union Baptist Church or students may register online at [www.apexsot.edu](http://www.apexsot.edu). Union Baptist Church is located at 1200 N. Trade St.

For more information, call 336-724-9305, ext. 230.

## Cousin to speak at Men's Day event

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. James AME Church will hold its annual Men's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 28. The theme for the worship experiences will be "Men of God; Raising Up a Ministry of Total Excellence."



Cousin


The speaker for the morning worship experience will be the Rev. Steven L. Lyons, pastor of St. James A.M.E. The Men's Day celebration will continue with a 4 p.m. afternoon service with the Rev. Philip R. Cousin of St. Joseph AME Church, of Durham.

Cousin received his early education in the Durham County School System in North Carolina. He later earned an A.B. Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a double major in religion and philosophy. He received a Master of Divinity Degree from the Duke University Divinity School. He has also received certification in Clinical Pastoral Education from Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Cousin has pastored congregations in Cary, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem and Washington, D.C., and has actively served on many boards and committees of the A.M.E. Church.

St. James AME Church is located at 1501 North Patterson Ave. in Winston-Salem.

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