

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Substance abuse help
House of Faith Community Outreach Center, 1384 West Sedgefield Drive, is now offering substance abuse services to the community facilitated by a certified substance abuse specialist. Call 336-986-7725 for more information.

Fine Arts Camp
Covenant Presbyterian Church will host a Fine Arts Camp for grades 5-12 from Monday, July 6 - Thursday, Aug. 13 (on Mondays - Thursdays only). The camp, which will offer piano, voice, strings, drawing/painting and photography, will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 3627 Konnoak Drive. There are no fees for the camp, and lunch will be provided. Call 336-788-7511 for more information.

Free lunch program for kids
Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson and the Macedonia Worship Center, 500 Kinard Drive, will sponsor a free summer lunch program for children 18 and under in July. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday from noon - 1 p.m. Registration is preferred by calling the church office at 336-725-2190.

Summer program
New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, is having its first Summer Enrichment Program through July 29. It consists of academic and social skills. Students who need help and/or enrichment in these areas are welcome to participate. The Rev. Louis Hunter Jr. is pastor of New Hope. For further information, call 336-945-9083 or 336-407-9533

Missionary Baptist General Session
The High Point Educational & Missionary Baptist Association will have its 15th General Session, July 19 - 24. The 4 p.m. opening session guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. James E. Richardson, Afro American coordinator/coach for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Daily sessions will start at 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 1212 N. Dunleith Ave.

VBS
Greater Saint Matthews Baptist Church, 149 N. Wheeler St., will hold Vacation Bible School; July 22-24 from 6 - 8 p.m., nightly. The theme is "Every Which Way But Lost."

July 24

Scholarships to be awarded
The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity is awarding its Martin Luther King Jr. Seed Scholarships on Friday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Six students will receive \$1,000 awards.

Beginning July 24

Conference for women
Women's Conference 2009 - hosted by Pastor Alice Carlisle and the women's department of A Resting Place Church - will be held on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. The Friday night (7:30 p.m.) guest speaker will be Co-Pastor V. Rochelle Richardson of Restoration Christian Fellowship. This is also pink and white night. On Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m., there will be a prayer breakfast followed by 9:30 a.m. speaker, Prophetess Cassandra Downy of St. Matthews Church of Deliverance of Salisbury. Other speakers include Carlisle and Evangelist Mechelle Hayes of Grace Chapel. The church is located at 1674-C Lowery St. behind WSSU. The public is invited to attend.

July 25

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Tri-State Convention to convene



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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Beginnings Christian Church, 2920 Greenway Ave., will host the 59th Annual Session of the Tri-State Evangelistic Association and its Auxiliaries Convention, July 30 - Aug. 2. The convention headquarters will be at Carver Road Christian Church, 3200 Carver Road.

Dr. Nelson S. McCall is host minister and president of Tri-State; Mary Spencer is the president of the Missionary Auxiliary; and Averee Galloway is director of Children/Youth/Young Adults Auxiliary.

The Tri-State Evangelistic Association was organized in 1950. From its

early existence, it has moved among the three states for which it was named: Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. Carolina Christian College (formerly Winston-Salem Bible College) is an integral part of the Tri-State Evangelistic Association. Most of the ministers are a product of the college.



Fermin Bocanegra

Festival encourages religious harmony

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Kernerville's Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana will host the Peace Cup Festival on Sunday, July 26 from 2 - 8 p.m.

The interfaith festival includes the Second Annual Peace Cup Games, which will pit different interfaith ministries against each other in matches of soccer, volleyball and tug of war. The festival also includes a Parents-of-Excellence Awards Ceremony, live music, kids activities, raffles, prizes, food and fellowship.

From 1987 through 1989 Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana Pastor Fermin Bocanegra, inspired by Romans 12:5 "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others," held the "Friendship Games" in an effort to bring harmony and unity among different Hispanic churches. His continuing vision of unifying the body of Christ inspired him to build a place where people can come together to play, have fun and fellowship.

According to Pastor Bocanegra, the festival, "is a dream-come-true." Bocanegra said the guiding principle of the event is that all believers are one family.

Last year, the first Peace Cup Festival was initiated and six religious groups, including Christians, Muslims and Jews attended.

Admission is \$3 for those 10-years-old and up. Admission includes a meal. The church is at 177 Clay Flynt Road in Kernersville. Call 336-996-4444 for more information.

'Healing' theme of women's celebration

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Women will celebrate healing in a time of change on Sunday, July 26th, at Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1001 East Washington St. in Greensboro.

The 11 a.m. speaker is Supervisor Vi Curtis Little of the Greater Deliverance Church of God in Christ in Washington, D.C. The 5 p.m. speaker is Elder Linda Cohen of the New Covenant United Holy Church of Burlington.

A special women's choir will provide inspirational music for both services. The public is invited to attend.

The 2009 Wells Memorial Women's Conference theme is "God's Healing in a Time of Change: Beauty, Joy & Praise." Dr. Herman G. Platt is pastor and First Lady Regina Platt is the conference president. For more information, call 336-272-6564.

The Rev. Hal T. Ley Hayek will serve as dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Maryland in Baltimore.



ST. ANNE'S TO SAY GOODBYE TO RECTOR

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. Anne's Episcopal Church will celebrate the eight years of ministry of its rector, the Rev. Hal T. Ley Hayek, on Sunday, July 26. Rev. Hayek has accepted the call to be dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Maryland in Baltimore.

Leave-taking rites for the Rev. Hayek and his family will be celebrated at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services with the Rt. Rev. Alfred C. "Chip" Marble Jr., assisting bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, officiating.

A special Evening Prayer service to celebrate Rev. Hayek's shared ministry with the Winston-Salem community will be held at 5 p.m. The Rev. Darryl W. Aaron, pastor of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue, will be the guest preacher. A reception will be held following the service. The Winston-Salem community is cordially invited to share in this celebration of ministry.

St. Anne's is located at 2690 Fairlawn Drive. For more information, call 336-768-0174.



Aaron

Use What God Gives You

Lesson Scripture: Leviticus 25: 8-21, 23-24

Lesson Aims: To understand what it means to be a nation; to appreciate the features of Jubilee; and to become better stewards of what's been given to us.

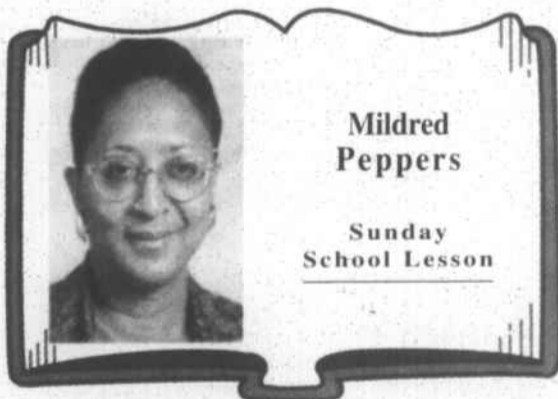
Background: Webster defines nation, as "a stable historically developed community of people with a territory, economic life, distinctive culture and language in common." From the days of Abram (Abraham) to this quarter's lessons, God has shaped Israel for nationhood. The Almighty God singles them out (we don't know why) as special and seals that Call with the Promise; "I'll be your God". Beginning with their Exodus out of Egypt, He instructs them on nationhood. Their stability is based on Yahweh (God) speaking through Moses, Joshua, the Judges, the

Prophets and, ultimately kings on where to go; what to do, and how to do." Israel traces her heritage back to their patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

Every generation is taught this, even today. Their territory is Canaan, The Promised Land that they are on their way to reclaim. Don't forget that they've been in Egypt for 430 years (Exodus 12:40-41). An agrarian society based on fairness will be established once they control their land. For now, as they wander, God feeds them daily and even honors special requests (Exodus 16). Their culture and language are distinctive among all of their neighbors. They worship the One and

Only God who visits them in the Tabernacle. He guides, protects and provides for them in every aspect of their lives. As Moses continues to instruct them, they learn the

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Events will honor retiring Stevenson

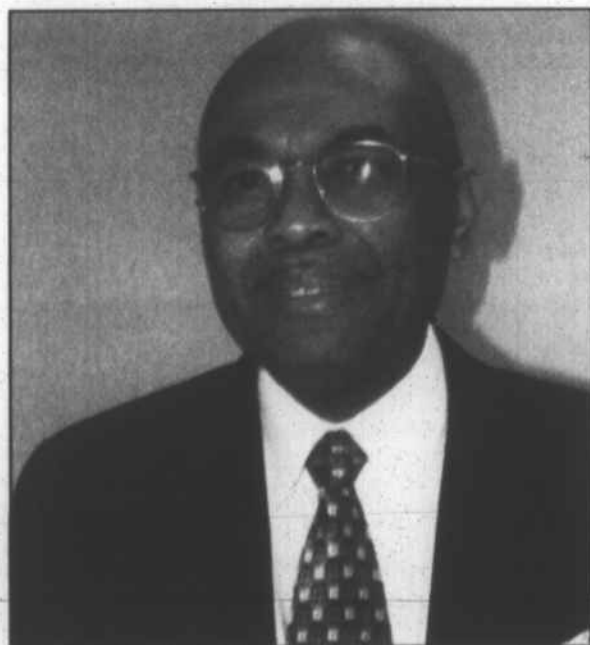
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Dr. Samuel Stevenson, who has led Grace Presbyterian Church for 19 years, will retire at the end of August 2009.

Grace will celebrate his excellent leadership on Aug. 16. Stevenson will preach his last sermon on this day at the 11 a.m. worship service. A Farewell Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Embassy Suites will follow later that day at 4 p.m. Tickets for this occasion are \$40 and may be purchased by contacting the church office at 336-767 - 7530. The deadline for buying tickets is Sunday, Aug. 2.

Stevenson has been a strong community advocate for Winston-Salem who has worked tirelessly to improve the bond between Christians and other faith communities. He has labored in the Minister's Conference of Winston Salem and Vicinity; CHANGE, the Salem Presbytery and many other organizations.

Under his leadership, Grace celebrated its centennial year in 2007 and refocused its efforts on evangelism. These community outreach efforts include the Grace Ibrahim Tutorial Program; the Carver School Road Network for Better Education; a specialized youth ministry for disadvantaged youth from the community; and a revitalized ministry of music, along with many others.



Dr. Samuel Stevenson will soon retire.