

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Goler's 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 Patterson Avenue, will hold its annual 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal Services from Jan. 1 - 21. This year's theme is "Reconnecting the Family Back to God through the Ministry of Reconciliation." Monday through Friday worship services begin at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday services begin at 4 p.m. Extraordinary ministers from Winston-Salem, Mooresville, Raleigh and the surrounding community will preach during the event. The Rev. Dairl Scott and Union Chapel AME Zion Church will kick-off the services on Jan. 1-2. The Rev. Donald E. McCoy and Faith UM- St. Paul Church of Mooresville will be the guests on Jan. 3. The host pastor is Dr. Seth O. Lartey. For more information, call 336-724-9489.

Kingdom Building Summit

Holy Trinity FGB Church, 651 Akron Drive, will host a Kingdom Building Summit 2011 from Jan. 3-7, featuring guest speaker Pastor Richard Miller. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 336-744-9293.

Jan. 8

Praise and worship celebration

The Community Fellowship Mass Choir will host a "Celebration of Praise and Worship" on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at Saint Matthew Apostolic Church, 3640 New Walkertown Rd., where Bishop Joseph P. Lowery is pastor.

Jan. 9

Consecration and Dedication service

Holy Trinity FGBC, 651 Akron Drive, will have a Consecration and Dedication service on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m. The guest pastor will be Prophet Clifton Sawyer of Cornerstone Baptist church of Greensboro. For information, contact the church office at 336-744-9293.

Installation services

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1354 North Trade St., will have installation services for Pastor Clyde L. Lindsay on Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. Nelson McCall of New Beginning will officiate. Call 336-727-8844 for more information.



Rev. Lindsay

Jan. 15

Tickets available for Winter Wonderland Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Wonderland Ball, sponsored by the Wedding Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church. This event will be on Jan. 15 from 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom at the Quality Inn and Suites Hotel, 2008 South Hawthorne Rd. Entertainment will be provided by Sandra Crenshaw and the Crenshaw Band. Tickets are \$20 or \$35 for a couple. For more information, contact Dana Powers at 336-473-6829.

Jan. 16

Family and Friends Day

St. James AME Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will celebrate Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Jan. 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Deacon James W. Lomax Jr. facilitating the Sunday School lesson. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Pastor Steven L. Lyons.

Jan. 22

Grand opening events

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Muhammad Mosque to host Unity Weekend



Student Minister Nuri Muhammad speaks at a recent event.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Muhammad Mosque of Winston-Salem will host its 6th Annual Islamic Unity Dinner on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Carl Russell Recreation Center, 3521 Carver School Road.

This year's keynote address will be given by Student Minister Nuri Muhammad of Mosque #74 of Indianapolis, Ind. Nuri Muhammad is the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan's representative in Indiana. He has delivered lectures throughout the country and around the world on Minister Farrakhan's behalf and is excited to deliver a divine message to the city of



Minister Mikal Muhammad

Winston-Salem, according to Student Minister Mikal Muhammad, the Winston-Salem Representative of Minister Farrakhan and the

Nation of Islam.

Unity Weekend will start with an interfaith marriage/singles seminar on Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Anderson Center from 11 - 8 p.m.

"The seminar will consist of panelists from various religious organizations," said Mikal Muhammad. "(It) will offer diverse, rich and resourceful resolutions and guidance for married and single relationships."

Admission to the dinner is a \$15 donation.

For more information and/or to learn about vending opportunities, call 336-354-8277.



Submitted Photo

Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard admires a bust of himself that was recently unveiled at the Church of God in Christ's State Temple in Wendell.

COGIC leaders surprise Bishop with bust

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard planned a special service and luncheon to thank his parishioners and pastors in the Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ last month, but he was stunned and surprised when church leaders and dignitaries honored his vision and leadership by unveiling a historic bust of Woolard at the COGIC State Temple in Wendell.

He could not believe all the

fanfare and celebration geared towards his years of service, which included a City of Wendell official resolution proclaiming Saturday, Dec. 4 as "Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard Day." COGIC parishioners, family, and friends were joined by Wendell Mayor J. Harold Broadwell II; First Vice Chairman of the COGIC Board of Bishops &



Watson

Jurisdictional Prelate of Texas Northwest Bishop William H. Watson; and Zebulon realtor/broker William Parrish.

Speechless, stunned and shaking his head in disbelief, Woolard was surrounded by beautiful red poinsettias in the State Temple's lobby, which was designed by Barbara Wilkerson, owner & operator of Now & Then

Designs, Inc. of Greenville, with custom carpentry work by Vance Averette of Averette Builders of Farmville. The \$3-million-plus COGIC State Temple sits on 48.5 acres of land equipped with a large sanctuary, fellowship hall, a full-service kitchen, classrooms and other amenities. COGIC members from various districts within the Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction regularly come to the facility in Wendell throughout the

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Members of the church's dance ministry.

Holy Trinity Dance Ministry stages a memorable concert

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church hosted its bi-annual dance concert on Dec. 19. The program - entitled "Has God Done Anything For You" - featured the Majestic (adults), MIME Ministry (A&A) Anointed & Appointed (for high school students), (ABC) Anointed By Christ (for middle schoolers), (JAM) Jesus And Me (for elementary school students) and POST

Dancers (youth/hip-hop) dance groups.

Min. Joseph A. Miller Sr. served as the master of ceremonies. The program opened after Lisa Page Brooks sang "God is Good."

After dancers performed the first half of the show, additional songs were performed and door prizes were presented.

The second half of the concert brought all the dance groups together as they performed to popular songs such as VaShawn Mitchell's "Nobody Greater."

ALWAYS KEEP HIM FIRST

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 45:18-24a

Lesson Aims: To recognize God's traits; to appreciate His faithfulness; and to keep Him first in our lives.

Background: Isaiah's prophecy came about 200 years before the actual events. Chapter 44 presented the foolishness of idol worship to the Chosen. Their behavior had gotten them in this fix (the Judgment). On the heels of this revelation, God declares that Cyrus, the Persian, will be used as their deliverer. He will be responsible for their return to the beloved city, Jerusalem. Even though he is not a believer, God will use him. If you think about it, he was commissioned before his birth. The Babylonians will bring God's Judgment and the Persians will restore them. The remainder of the chapter continued to stress the point that God is God all by Himself. Who can question God's wisdom? The potsherds (pieces of broken clay) and children can't tell the potter or parents what to do. He is God all by Himself!

Lesson: Isaiah presents God as the unique sovereign over creation. People don't have to acknowledge Him to make it so! He just is! His uniqueness is found in every-

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Sunday School Lesson