

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

The Tribulation Tour
Pastor Phillip G. McCloud, Sr. and the members of Fresh Fire Worship Center, 4306-A Kernersville Rd. in Kernersville, will hold its "The Tribulation Tour" from Thursday, Oct. 27 - Sunday, Oct. 30. The Tour is an interactive dramatization walk-through maze depicting the Rapture of the church, the tribulation period and the rise of the Antichrist as seen in the book/movie series "Left Behind." Thursday night (Oct. 27) admission is \$3 with two canned goods per person and \$5 without canned goods. All other nights' admission is \$5 with two canned goods and \$7 without canned goods. For Tour hours, call 336-833-4208.

Beginning Oct. 28

New Jerusalem conference
New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 1212 N. Dunleith Ave., will host a Women's Conference on Friday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Workshop leaders will be Rev. Velma McCloud of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Tabitha Moser and Rolanda Coleman. Dr. Pamela Holder of New Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Greensboro will preach. The host pastor is Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius.



Dr. Cornelius

Family and Friends weekend
Union Chapel Baptist Church, 300 W. 25th St., will have Family and Friends weekend beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 with an evening of praise, fellowship and fun. On Sunday at 11 a.m. all church choirs will sing. The 6 p.m. service will feature the "Union Chapel's Sunday Best" talent competition. Rev. Konnie G. Robinson is the host pastor.

Beginning Oct. 29

Women's conference
The Women's Auxiliary of Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries will hold its 2011 Women's Conference on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ivy Arms Apartments Clubhouse, 1115 East Second St. Registration in advance or at the door is \$15. It will conclude on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. at Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 East 25th St., with Alecia Bailey of Kimberly Park Holiness Church as the guest speaker.

Oct. 29

Food for sale
Rehoboth Temple of Deliverance will have a chicken and fish plate sale on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 824 Rankin St., beginning at 10 a.m.

Bible study class
Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God The Apostle's Faith, 741 Moraiva St., will have a Ministerial Union Bible Study Class on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The pastor is Apostle Lindsey W. Adams Sr.

Oct. 30

Hairston to preach
Minister Steven Hairston will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at Faith Unity Missionary Church on Sunday, Oct. 30. Hairston is a member of St. John CME Church. Faith Unity Missionary



Hairston

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Tickets available for annual father/son breakfast at Mt. Zion

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Laymen's League of Mount Zion Baptist Church will hold its seventh annual NFL (Network, Fellowship and Learn) Father & Son Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m.

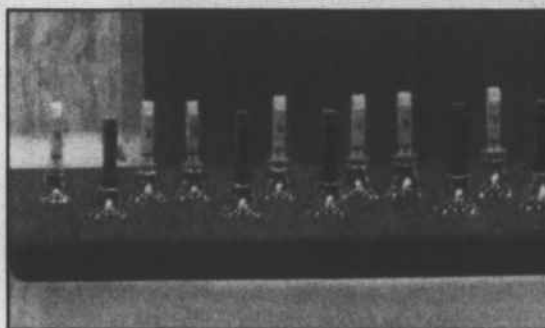
The theme is "Mentoring Young Boys to Become Wise Men" and U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, who has long represented the state's 12th District, will give the keynote address.

Again, the event will bring local fathers, sons, men and boys together for a hearty, southern-style breakfast, but the good food is not the main ingredient of the gathering. The Father & Son Breakfast provides a rich and welcoming atmosphere where men and boys can network and exchange mutual expressions in a nurturing environment and in an atmosphere of brotherly love.

Ernest Squire, a layman at Mount Zion, founded the breakfast.

"I grew up without having that male presence in my home daily," said Squire, who started the breakfast as a way to bring fathers and sons and mentors and their protégés together to explore and discuss ways to improve the quality of life for black families.

Squire strongly believes that black men can make a difference in the lives of young people



Dr. Churn



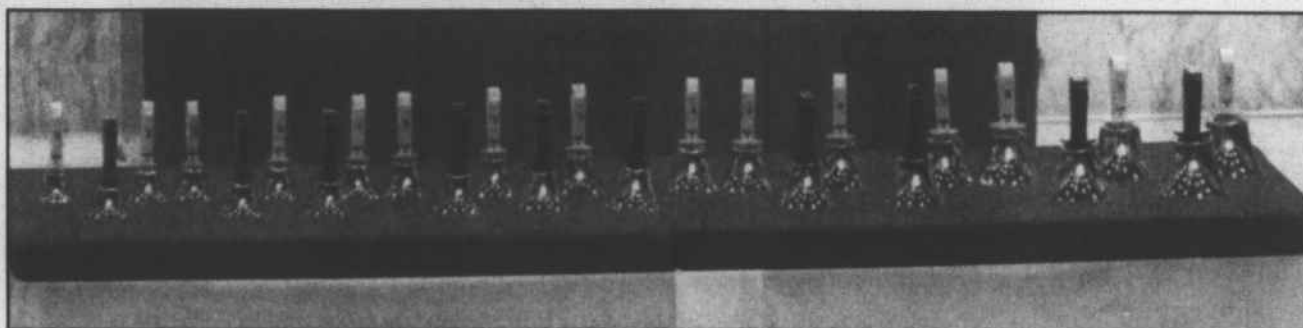
U.S. Rep. Mel Watt waves to the crowd during the recent Winston-Salem State University Homecoming Parade.

and their communities "through love and strong male leadership."

Mount Zion Baptist Church, where Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. is the pastor, is located at 950 File St.

Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased by Friday, Nov. 4.

For tickets or other information, call 336-722-2325.



New choir blessed with new handbells

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Rochelle L. Joyner, director of music at Emmanuel Baptist Church, has created a successful Handbell Choir for the senior women.

The idea began more than a year ago when Joyner asked her colleague, Dr. Linda Parker, associate professor of music at Bennett College, to become the instructor of the program. Parker enthusiastically agreed. The first rehearsal was held on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 with about 10 women. The Handbell Choir made its debut at the church's first Christmas Candlelight



Joyner

Service last year.

Since there was no budget in the place for the program, Joyner asked the congregation to support the program by making donations so that handbells could be purchased. Generous donations were given by EBC members and the Benjamin and Avon Ruffin Family Fund. On Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, several new Malmark 2-octave Handbells were presented to the congregation. Pastor John Mendez delivered a special prayer of dedication at the service.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is located at 1075 Shalimar Drive.

For more information, call the church office at 336-788-7023.

Mack receives Elon alumni honor



Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Union Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. was among 10 outstanding Elon University alumni honored for professional achievements, community service and contributions to Elon at the school's Alumni Association Awards Ceremony.

In recognition of his achievements in the ministry and his important efforts on behalf of those

less fortunate in his community, the Elon Alumni Association presented Dr. Mack, an outstanding member of the Class of 1989, the Service to Church and Society Award on Oct. 22 in Elon's Whitley Auditorium.

The award, presented in the fall during Homecoming Weekend, is one of the most prestigious recognitions bestowed upon Elon graduates by the Alumni Association.

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United Metropolitan to offer after school program

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

United Metropolitan Ministries, Inc. (UMM) will launch a "progressive after-school program" at the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, 450 Metropolitan Drive, on Nov. 1.

UMM is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization established to extend United Metropolitan Baptist Church's reach into the neighboring communities. Its mission is to provide transformative programs, vital resources and encourage strategic partnerships in order to empower people and develop thriving communities in East Winston.

United Metropolitan has long provided summer and school holiday programs for local students. The new after school program will serve children in grades k-5 from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

The program will strive to promote academic excellence and leadership potential in students by developing them into creative and critical thinkers.

Typical afternoons will include academic enrichment, homework assistance and activities such as arts



and crafts, cooking and creative movement. Computer time will be scheduled for academic reinforcement and strengthening technology skills.

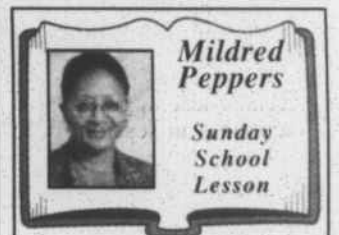
Plans are being developed for a financial literacy curriculum and for group and one-on-one music lessons. Transportation to the program from local schools can be arranged.

UMM officials say that to main-

tain low student-teacher ratios, enrollment in the program will be limited. The cost of the after school program is \$30 per week. Reduced rates may be available for families that participate in school free or reduced lunch programs.

To learn more about the program, go to www.unitedmetropolitan.org or call 336-761-1358.

Living in God's Kingdom



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Lesson Aims: To understand the criteria for becoming a citizen of God's Kingdom; to recognize that the demands cannot be met in one's own power; and to deepen our commitment to Him.

Background: The final five lessons this quarter examine the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The central focus is the relationship between Jesus' teachings and the Mosaic Law. The religious hierarchy of that day portrayed Jesus as a rebellious troublemaker who defied the Law.

Careful study of God's Word reveals that Jesus focused on the Spirit of the Law instead of dotting every "i" and crossing every "t." The exact location of the sermon isn't known.

Scholars aren't sure if these were the words of Jesus directly or a compilation of His teachings. By now, Jesus has been baptized by John the Baptist; tempted by the devil; started His ministry; and chose the first disciples.

Chapter 4 ended with Jesus preaching and healing throughout the region of Galilee. News spread quickly while Jews from every area began to follow Him.

Lesson: "The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five major discourses (sermons) made by Christ in Matthew" (True to Our Native Land). The other four are in chapters 10; 13; 18; 24-25. The first twelve verses of chapter 5 are known as the Beatitudes. Jesus teaches that those who love God will have the right attitudes toward life. Of the twelve verses in this lesson, nine of them begin with the word "Blessed." "The term isn't

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