

RELIGION

GCACC hosting events for both women and girls

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Women of Purpose Ministry (WOP) at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, 5095 Lansing Drive, will host its 16th annual women's conference from June 20-22. The theme is "The Year of Recapturing Passion and Excellence."

The conference kicks off with a Noonday Service on Wednesday, June 20. It will feature Pastor Audrey McCarter Hedgepeth of the Greater Love Christian Community Church of Rocky Mount. The Wednesday evening service begins at 7 p.m. and will feature Prophetess Janet Floyd of New Beginnings Worship Center of Monroe, La.

An intercessory prayer service will be led by Elder Paulette Walker on June 21 starting at 6:15 p.m. The preacher for the 7 p.m. worship experience will be GCACC Senior Pastor Bishop Sheldon McCarter. There is a full schedule of services on Friday, June 22. The Morning Glory service begins at 10 a.m. with Pastor Linda Grady of the Potter's House Ministries of Greensboro. She will be followed by GCACC Co-pastor Joyce McCarter, founder of the WOP Ministry and Women's Conference. Lady Leah McNair of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Thomasville will preach at the afternoon service. At 6:15 pm, Elder Kendra Davis will be the lecturer. Dr. T. L. Penny, founder and senior pastor of the Shubach Deliverance World Ministries of Sumter, S.C., will close the conference at the 7 p.m. service. The guest psalmist for both the Thursday and Friday night sessions will be Isaac Caree.

The Daughters of Purpose (DOP) Conference for young ladies ages 12-18 will be held in conjunction with the women's conference, under the theme "There is Nothing Wrong With You." On Wednesday, June 20, conference attendees will fellowship with the women at the opening session of the WOP Conference. Their own sessions start on June 21 at 7 p.m. with an All White Purity Party, featuring special guest recording artists Erin Daneel of Boston, Mass. and Necie B of Shreveport, La..

On Friday, June 22, morning sessions will be hosted by Conference Leader Alana McCarter and Ariana Pierce, founder of Detroit's Superstar-Nail Lacquer. The young ladies will end their conference with the "P3" (pjs, popcorn and purpose) sleepover, which will include a variety of giveaways. The young lady who brings the most guests will receive a free iPad 3. There is no registration fee for either the WOP or DOP conferences.



Joyce McCarter



Alana McCarter

For further information and/or free transportation to either conference, contact the church at 336-661-0226.

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Appreciation Services

Annual Appreciation Services for Pastor Apostle Lindsey W. Adams Sr. of Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God The Apostle's Faith, Inc., 741 Moravia St., will be held June 13 - June 17. The weekday services are at 7 p.m. Saturday's service is at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday's events begin at 10 a.m. Various Born Again Free Church choirs will sing and church elders and ministers will bring forth the Word.

New Unity Revival

New Unity Missionary Baptist Church is holding its Annual Spring Revival from June 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Rev. James Linville, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, will be the speaker. Rev. Paul P. Thombs is the host pastor. The church is located at 2946 Ivy Ave. Call 336-721-1199 or email newunity2946@aol.com for more information.

Friendship VBS

Friendship Baptist Church, 1317 N. Cherry St., is hosting Vacation Bible School from June 11 - 15 from 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Classes are for all ages. The theme is "Fishin' on a Mission with Jesus." There will be crafts, food, music, fun and Bible Study each night. Rev. Stacy L. Frazier is the host pastor.

Red Bank Revival

Red Bank Baptist Church will hold its last Revival service tonight at 7 p.m. The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Nathan Scovens. Red Bank is located at 6405 Red Bank Road in Germantown. The chairpersons for the program are Deacon Lance and Sister Tawanna Bennett. The Pastor is Rev. James R. Clyburn Sr. Everyone is invited to attend.

Morning Star VBS

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Fitch St., is holding Vacation Bible School through Friday, June 15 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. There are classes for everyone, including adults. For more information, contact the church office at 748-0265. Rev. Dennis Leach Sr. is the host pastor.

Goler Metropolitan VBS

Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church is holding its "Fishin' on a Mission With Jesus" Vacation Bible School from June 11-15. Classes will be held each night from 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. There are classes for all ages - preschool through adults. The church is located at 1435 E. Fourth St. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff serves as the pastor. For more information, contact the church office at 336-723-2325.

Camp

The Discovery Zone Summer Enrichment Camp is being held at Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 E. 25th St., from June 11- August 10 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuition is \$60 per child per week and covers weekly activities, lunch, snacks and most outings. To register, call 336-995-3516 or 336-725-9996.

Youth Revival

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1354 N. Trade St., is hosting its annual Youth Revival from June 12-15 at 7 p.m. nightly. The public is invited to come and support the youth. For further information, contact First Lady Claudette Lindsay at 336-727-8844. Pastor Clyde L. Lindsay is the host pastor.

Beginning June 15

Goodwill Men's Conference. Goodwill Baptist Church, in the Arcadia Community at 541 Goodwill Road in Clemmons, is hosting a Men's Conference. On Friday, June

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AN INFORMATIVE GATHERING



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Elder Harry and Mother Jeanette Richardson Millner hosted "Awareness of Cancer and Diabetes" on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at their church, St. John Apostle Church, 1131 E. 21st St. Two guest speakers were on hand: Dr. Goldie Wells and Helen Martin. Those attending received enriching and resourceful information. The topics are important to the Millners. Both have had a history of cancer and diabetes in their families.

Galilee launching innovative youth program

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Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive, will host its first "Nurturing the Leader Within Youth Summer Leadership Academy" from June 25 - Aug. 10 for students in grades six through 12.

The Academy is designed to provide middle and high school students with opportunities and experiences that foster leadership development, critical thinking, youth empowerment and self-reflection.

The seven-week program is aimed at promoting personal and social development as well as cultural literacy and global consciousness. Organizers say they hope to develop and enhance leadership skills and attitudes that empower youth to both lead and serve.

The program will be held Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., with a culminating program on Saturday, Aug. 11. Lunch and two snacks will be served daily. The weekly Academy fee is \$80 per week. The registration deadline is June 22. Interested participants are encouraged to attend the parent/student orientation on Saturday, June 16.

Call 336-724-3857 for more information.



God's Mercy



Devotional Reading: Genesis 1:26-31

Lesson Scripture: Leviticus 25:8-12, 25, 35-36, 39-40, 47-48, 55

Lesson Aims: To recognize that God established a way to restore the social and economic injustices that His followers would embrace; to appreciate God's love for humanity; and to examine our behaviors to determine if we measure up to God's standard.

Background: When God created the earth, He gave it air, water, vegetation and animals of all kinds. His crowning act was the creation of humanity, who was lower than the angels and higher than animals. Given the responsibility to act as God's agent on earth, humans were "to bring creation to its fullest potential as an act of praise to the glory of God" (NIV Study Bible). This responsibility has been dubbed stewardship. It encompassed the idea of caring for or managing while the owner is away. They were not to exploit, waste or harm creation in any way. As Moses continued to instruct the Israelites on holy living, he taught them about the Year of Jubilee that was to be established once they got to the Promised Land (25:1-2).

God also instituted the Sabbath on the seventh day of creation for rest and made it holy (Gen 2:2-3). The day was/is

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Johannes Christian, NFL's Smith taking part in Union events

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Union Baptist Church will hold a Men's Conference and Father's Day Celebration from June 16-17.

The Conference will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. The day has been designed to provide an outlet for men to gather and discuss challenges among themselves. The day will be facilitated by professional workshop leaders. Topics will include "The Christian Gentlemen's Club Hour: God's Plan for Sex and Intimacy," hosted by Union Pastor Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr.; "When a Man Recovers What He Has Lost," conducted by Pastor Kenny Moore of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church of Stoneville; and "Getting It Off My Chest- A Panel Discussion About the Trials, Temptations and Triumphs of Being a Man in America."

A conference session for young males between the ages of 10-17 will feature a presentation by the Detroit Lions' Alphonso Smith. Dr. Johannes Christian, a scholar and pastor of The Adoration and Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio; a rap/spoken word/dance showcase; and preaching by Stephen Stover are also among the events for the youth.

The conference will conclude with preaching and singing from Pastor Darryl Napper of Living Water Baptist Church in High Point and the Oak Ridge Baptist Church Male Chorus.

Dr. Johannes J. Christian will also speak at the June 17 Father's Day Celebration at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. In his book "The Face of Forgiveness," Dr. Christian talks about how his life changed when a rock crashed through his car's windshield and nearly shattered every bone in his face. He was left permanently blind by the event.

The events are free and open to the public. Union Baptist Church is located at 1200 N. Trade St.

Call the church office at 336-724-9305 for more information.



Dr. Johannes Christian



Smith

Youth hoping to rake in cash with dinner theater show

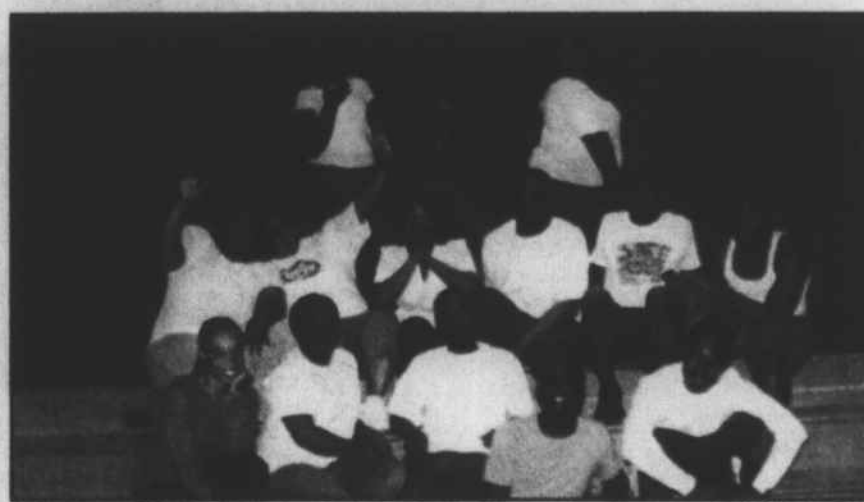
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The Youth and Young Adult Department of Saint John CME Church will present the dinner theater production "Sunday Morning" on June 15 and June 16 in the auditorium of Kimberley Park Elementary School, 1701 N. Cherry St.

A homemade buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the play, which is written and directed by Tika Payne Stephens. Filled with comedy, drama and seat-grabbing excitement, "Sunday Morning" shows that one does not have to be in a church to "have a Sunday Morning experience."

"The youth and young adults of Saint John CME are so talented," said Dr. Edward Thomas, pastor of St John CME. "They have written music scores, song lyrics and now a stage production. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to serve and mentor each of them."

Proceeds for the event will help the youth of the church attend a conference in Florida later this summer, according to Sally Ledbetter, director of the



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Performers (front row, from left) Amanda Perry, Kyla Howard, Joseph Howard, Dimonte King, Tim Payne, (second row) Lantonya Ealey, Patricia Payne, Letika Stephens, Tim Payne Jr., Sterling Jones, Jemonta Danzy, (back row) Armani Sullivan, Chelsea King and Shannon Payne.

Board of Christian Education. This is just the latest of several fundraisers the youth have held under the leadership of President Chris Stephens and VP President Diamond Cotton.

Tickets to the event are \$25. A dis-

count of \$25 will be given to groups that purchase a table of six.
For tickets and/or more information, contact the church office at 336-725-3968.