

RELIGION

Greater Higher Ground to hold homecoming and grand opening

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bishop John H. Heath, Pastor Janice O. Heath and the entire congregation of Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide Inc., 4175 Moat Drive, will celebrate their homecoming and the grand opening of their new edifice on Sunday, March 3 at 11 a.m. Bishop Heath will speak. At 4 p.m., Apostle Tonya Hunter of Sent One Ministries of Charlotte will speak.

To celebrate the grand opening, a series of events will be held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and each Sunday at 4 p.m. throughout the month of March.

On Sunday, March 10, Apostle Montel McLinnahan of Breath of Life Ministry of Lumberton will speak, while Bishop Derrick Kelly of New Faith Full Gospel

Baptist Church of Lexington will speak at the church on Wednesday, March 13.

Here are the full list of speakers:

- Sunday, March 17, Pastor Marshall Wells of Divine Faith Holiness Church of Martinsville, Va.

- Wednesday, March 20, Pastor Charles Briggs of Greater Restoration Ministry of Greensboro

- Sunday, March 24 at 11 a.m., Minister Jerry Arnette, and at 4 p.m., Bishop Mariam Hickman of Word of Life Pentecostal Church of Christ of Greensboro.

- Wednesday, March 27, Apostle Wallace Gaither of True Temple Holiness Church.

For more information, call the church's administrative offices at 336-725-1125.



Bishop and Pastor Heath

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McLinnahan

CALENDAR

March 2

CWU-Greensboro hosts Day of Prayer

Church Women United-Greensboro unit will present a Day of Prayer at on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at Hinshaw United Methodist Church, 4501 High Point Rd. in Greensboro. The theme is, "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me." Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Greensboro Urban Ministries.

Goler hosts Everybody's Birthday

The Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, 1435 East Fourth St., will host its Annual Everybody's Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 2 at 3 p.m. Call 336-723-2325 for more information. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the host pastor.



Ruff

March 3

Fresh Fire hosts initial sermon

Fresh Fire Worship Center, 4306-A Kernersville Rd., presents the initial sermon of Shamsudin Hakim on Sunday, Mar. 3 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call 336-833-4208 for more information. Phillip McCloud Sr. is the host pastor.

"Oh, Freedom: Araminta's Story" at UUFWS

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Rd., will hear Rev. Lisa Schwartz and the choir present "Oh, Freedom: Araminta's Story" at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 3. Ana Quintera will talk about "Cultural Programs in Spain" at the 9 a.m. pre-service forum. Call 336-659-0331 or visit www.uufws.org for more information.

Holy Trinity hosts Appreciation

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy., will host an Appreciation Service for Pastor Richard C. Miller Sr. on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. in honor of his birthday on March 4. Guests will be Apostle Faye Duncan-Thomas and Pneuma Pentecostal Church of Deliverance, 200 Kern St. in Thomasville. The host pastors are Richard C. and Ernestine Miller. Call 336-784-9347 for more information.

First Baptist to host concert

The Women's Service Council of First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave., will present its "Say It with Music Concert" on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This year's featured performance will be by the Winston-Salem State University Choir under the direction of D'Walla Simmons-Burke. Call 336-722-5605 for more information.

Beginning March 4

Greater Faith Men's Conference

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1354 N. Trade St., will have its 2013 Men's Conference



Lindsay

Monday-Friday, March 4-8 at 7 p.m. The theme is "Growing Strong Together in God." Guest speakers include Pastor George Steele, Hallelujah Baptist Church, High Point; Minister Clifton Rook, Greater Faith Missionary Church; Pastor Steven Kenan, Chosen Generation Outreach Deliverance Center, High Point; and Pastor Ronnie Walker, Greater New Hope Baptist Church, High Point. On Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m., there will be a gospel concert featuring Kierre Bjorn. On Sunday, March 10 at 4 p.m., Pastor Michael McNair of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Thomasville will be the guest speaker. Call Kerry Lindsay at 336-727-8844 for more information. Pastor Clyde L. Lindsay is host pastor.

March 6

Ash Wednesday Service

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Holiness Church Assembly begins

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This year's first North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District Quarterly Assembly of the Holiness Church of God, Inc. began Feb. 26 at Bethlehem Holiness Church, 701 Barbara Jane Ave., where the host pastor is Overseer Eugene Kirby Jr.

The Assembly will run through March 3. Weeknight sessions are held at 7:30 p.m. A Bible discussion and business meeting will be held on Saturday at noon. The Sunday service starts at 4 p.m.

The theme, "Because of God's favor, our time has come," is based on scripture from Psalms 102:13 - "Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come."

Vice Ruling Elder Floyd Jackson of Beulah Tabernacle Holiness Church opened the Assembly on Tuesday, while Elder James Noble of Miracle Temple Holiness Church of High Point addressed attendees yesterday. This evening, Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier of Mount Calvary Holiness Church will speak. Tomorrow, Bishop James Ijames of Mount Zion Holiness Church of Mocksville will be the speaker. Overseer Kirby will be Sunday's speaker, while Sister Beverly Sally will offer words of inspiration.

The designated church choir and the NCANW District Choir are rendering music each night. The attendance of all members of the NCANW District is requested.



Kirby

Hope for the Future

Devotional Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

Lesson Scripture: Daniel 7:9-14

Lesson Aims: To explain Judah's (and our) need for encouragement; recognize that God is in control of all things; and rejoice because the Son of Man will reign forever and ever.

Background: The book of Daniel can be divided into two sections. Chapters 1-6 recorded court stories and chapters 7-12 focused on God's restoration. Both sections asserted the sovereignty of God. The latter section, known as apocalyptic literature will be our focus for the first three

lessons this quarter. The small but thriving nation of Israel began to crumble during the reign of Solomon (970 -930 BC). Shortly after his death, the kingdom split - Israel (10 tribes) in the north and Judah (two tribes) in the south. Both kingdoms turned their backs on God by living like their neighbors. God sent prophets to warn them about their behavior and His coming Judgment unless they repented.

For the most part, the kings ignored the prophets as they continued a downward spiral of corruption, greed, and apostasy (rebellion against God). A few kings initiated revivals but each was short lived. Judgment came to Israel in 722 BC

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

DCCC students treated to popular spirituals

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The talents of opera performer Cheryse McLeod Lewis highlighted an evening of music and celebration at Davidson County Community College on Feb. 25.

"Then Sings My Soul: Songs and Spirituals from the American Experience" was held as part of DCCC's 50th anniversary celebration.

America's rich musical history was celebrated through the performance of spirituals and popular Broadway songs, including "Ride On Jesus," arranged by R. Nathaniel Dett; "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," arranged by Benjamin Blozan; "Ride On, King Jesus," arranged by Hall Johnson; "Day By Day" from "Godspell;" "Do You Hear the People Sing," from "Les Miserables;" "Climb Every Mountain," from "The Sound of Music;" and "I Have a Dream," arranged and composed by Lee Hoiby.

Lewis, a mezzo-soprano and Greensboro native, received a BFA degree in voice performance from Carnegie Mellon University, a master's in voice performance from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Professional Artist Certificate in opera from the AJ Fletcher Opera Institute.

She has won rave reviews for concerts and recitals with Orchestra Seattle, Gettysburg Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra and the North Carolina Symphony. She has had leading roles, including the title role in "Carmen" at the Capital Opera in Raleigh and the Asheville Lyric Opera.

Lewis was accompanied by Jonathan Emmons, a well-known area freelance collaborative artist, conductor pianist and organist.



Jonathan Emmons poses with Cheryse McLeod Lewis.

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Thousands take part in the 17th Annual Gospel Heritage Praise & Worship Conference in Atlanta earlier this month. The conference, funded by former Gospel Today publisher Dr. Teresa Hairston, was held at Bishop Paul S. Morton Sr.'s Changing A Generation Full Gospel Baptist Church and featured gospel superstars like Bishop Hezekiah Walker, Vashawn Mitchell, William McDowell and Donald Lawrence. Learn more at www.gospelheritage.org.

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