

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Beginning July 7

Greater Hope pastoral anniversary
Greater Hope of Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 414 Mason St., will host its 16th Pastoral Anniversary for Bishop Waddell Cockerham on Sunday, July 7 at 4 p.m. The celebration will continue from Wednesday, July 10 - Friday, July 12. Guest speakers include Pastor Anthony Johnson, New Life Community Church; Elder John Bailey, Fresh Fire Worship Center; Apostle Corey Simmons and Co-Pastor Michelle McCormick. The public is invited to attend. Call 336-749-9595 or 336-986-4586 for more information.



Apostle Wallace Gaither and Evangelist Shirley Gaither

True Temple pastoral anniversary
True Temple Holiness Church of God will celebrate the 37th Pastoral Anniversary of Apostle Wallace Gaither and Evangelist Shirley Gaither each Sunday in July at 4 p.m. Services will be held at Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Akron Drive. The guest speakers include Bishop Tyrone Green, New Hope Holiness Church in Lexington (July 7); Pastor Anthony Wilson, Cathedral of Refuge Deliverance (July 14); Bishop John Heath, Higher Ground Ministries (July 21); and Bishop Joseph Lowery, St. Matthew Apostolic Temple (July 28).

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Morning Star church anniversary
Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Fitch St., will celebrate its 94th Anniversary on Sunday, July 7. Dr. Samuel Cornelius, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, will be the guest preacher at 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend. Call the church office at 336-748-0216 for more information. Dr. Dennis Leach Sr. is the host pastor.

Beginning July 8

St. Stephen's VBS
Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will host its annual Vacation Bible School from Monday July 8 - Friday, July 12 from 6-8 p.m. nightly. This year's theme is "Jesus Family Reunion." There will be classes for all ages, arts and crafts, snacks, skits and prayer. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Hector Sintim is the host priest-in-charge. Call the church office at 336-724-2614 for more information.

Oak Grove youth events
The Youth Department of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3978 Pine Hall Rd. in Walkertown, will host its 17th Annual July Jamboree Youth Revival week from Monday, July 8 - Wednesday, July 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Revivalists will be Minister Kenneth Nash and Evangelist Toni Lowe. The Theme will be "Back to the Basics." The public is invited to attend. The Youth and advi-

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First Waughtown gives kids experience of a lifetime

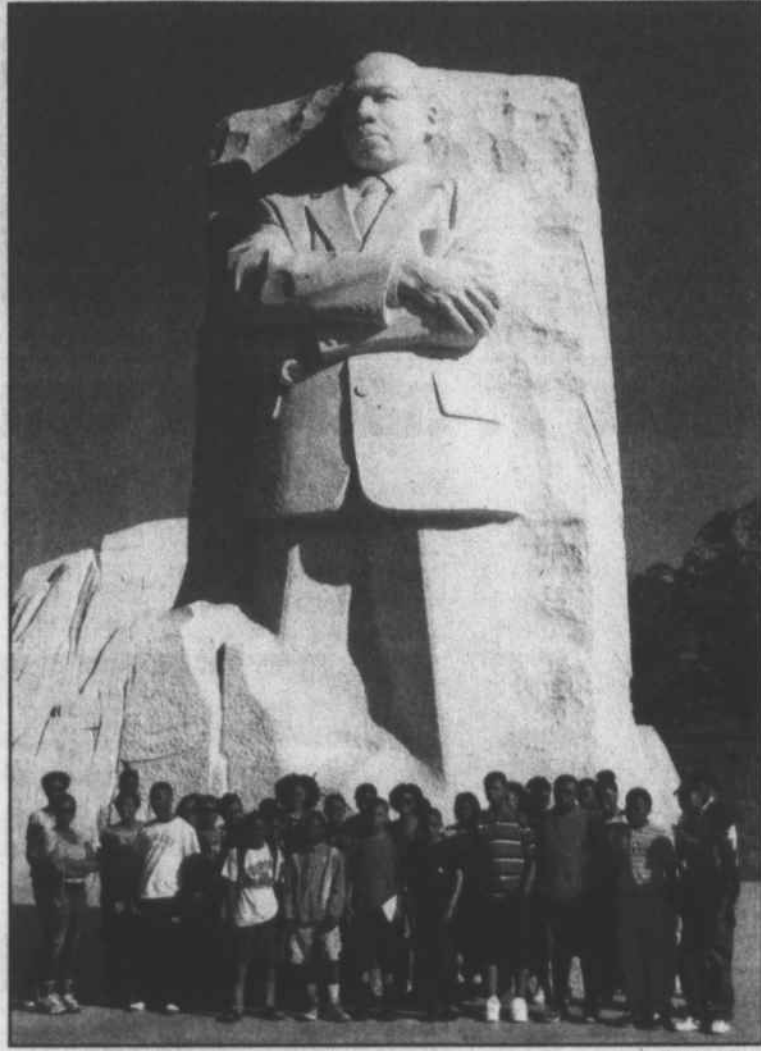
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"This is awesome!" That was the reaction of 32 young people who traveled to Washington, D.C. on June 1 to see the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

Several of the children recapped the experience with June 15 presentations and a discussion at First Waughtown Baptist Church. The trip was funded in part by a \$1,000 grant from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of the North Carolina Department of Administration. First Waughtown received the grant after responding to a request for proposals with a three-phase program to help youth develop a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the life and legacy of Dr. King. Most of the youths who made the trip are members of First Waughtown Baptist. Others are friends from their neighborhoods and the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.

The program included a pre-trip orientation with a video and publications display and introduction of role-play scenarios that encouraged participants to apply Dr. King's principles to situations they face. The second phase - the trip - began with late night role plays and a Civil Rights Movement presentation by Norma Corley, a local educator, community activist, and one of three children who integrated Easton Elementary School in 1958.

After an overnight bus ride, the young people were separat-



The group poses in front of the MLK Memorial.

ed into small groups, each with a chaperone. The groups visited the King Memorial and several other landmarks and attractions. The outing also offered the groups time to share what they saw and learned. Additional activities focusing on Dr. King will be scheduled.

First Waughtown Baptist Church is located at 838 Moravia St. Dennis W. Bishop is senior pastor.



Dr. Samuel Kobia

FORMER WCC LEADER TO SPEAK

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Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1057 Shalimar Drive, invites Winston-Salem and surrounding communities to hear Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, a Methodist Church of Kenya leader and former elected general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC).

Kobia will preach at Emmanuel for Sunday morning worship on July 7 at 10 a.m.

In August 2003, Kobia was elected as general secretary and took up his post in January 2004. Earlier in 2003, he served as director and special representative for Africa of the WCC. From 1999-2002, Kobia directed the WCC Cluster on Issues and Themes and during 2000, spent a sabbatical year as a fellow at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at Harvard Divinity School at Harvard University. From 1993 to 1999, he served as executive director of the WCC's Unit III - Justice, Peace and Creation.

From 1987-1993, Kobia was general secretary of Kenya's National Council of Churches, having previously worked since 1984 as director of church development activities with the NCCK, advising its member churches on the formulation, implementation, management and evaluation of development projects. From 1978 to 1984, Kobia was WCC executive secretary for Urban Rural Mission and served as secretary of the WCC Africa Task Force.

Formally inaugurated in 1948 at its first Assembly in Amsterdam, Netherlands, the WCC brings together most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches.

Union to stage relationships play

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The Union Baptist Church First Friday Summer Series will continue on Friday, July 5 with the stage play "How To Make A Wrong Relationship Right."

Inspired by Union Pastor Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr.'s book "How To Make A Wrong Relationship Right," the play is written by award winning playwright Garrett Davis. It focuses on the emotional roller coaster experienced by three different couples.

The production features Tony nominee Samantha McSwain, Kynya Milam and LaTonya Simms of the national touring play "Mama's Girls." The cast also includes the following members of the Union Players of Union Baptist Church: Darron Wilks, Demetrice Young, Amanda Simmons, Javon Bell, Capiphus Rice, Asia Hargrave, Ashleigh Penn, Cynthia Snipes and Aurelia Johnson. Playwright Davis also directs, produced and stars in the play.

Mack released "How to Make A Wrong Relationship Right" in 2010. The book offers godly meth-



Actresses LaTonya Simms (backrow, left) and Samantha McSwain (backrow, second from left) - here with the cast of Mama's Girls - will star in the new play.

ods on how to make wrong relationships right and right relationships even better.

Performances will be staged on Friday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee performance on Saturday, July 6 at 2 p.m. A donation of \$5 will be taken at the door. The First Friday Summer Series will culminate in August with the presentation of a Liturgical Dance and Mime Festival.

Union Baptist is located at 1200 N. Trade St. For more information, call 336-724-9305 or visit www.unionbaptistwsnc.org.

Singer Zacardi Cortez is back Foundation Laid

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

In 2012, Zacardi Cortez made a big splash with his best-selling debut CD, "Zacardi Cortez: The Introduction" from Worldwide Music Inc.

The album peaked at #2 on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums chart and earned him a Stellar Award nomination. After a brief recording hiatus, Cortez is back in the studio and has recorded a soulful new song that is taking the gospel and urban adult contemporary radio airwaves by storm. The simple but dynamic piano ballad "1 on 1" was sent to radio programmers last week. It's already one of the most added songs at gospel radio, gaining steam on urban stations and just landed in the Top 40 after one week in circulation.

The song anchors the latest installment of Kerry Douglas' best-selling Gospel Mix CD series. The new 30-track set, "Kerry Douglas Presents Gospel Mix VI," releases Aug. 20 and boasts great tracks by Pamela Mann, Ruben Studdard, Ted Winn, James Fortune & FIYA, Bryan Wilson, Earnest Pugh, Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson, Evelyn Turrentine-Agee and a host of up and coming artists.

"The song is about spending one on one time with God," said the Houston native. "We all go through those times when we just have to put everything else aside - turn off the TV, put the video game down, stop taking phone calls - and just concentrate on our relationship. It can be your relationship with your girlfriend, your child or God. We all need that one on one time with the ones we love to let them know that we do love them and that's the real message of the song."

The 27-year-old rising star has been singing all of his life and began his career singing with his family, The Cortez Singers, and recording with his musical godfather, John P. Kee. He first gained notice as the lead on James Fortune & FIYA's 2008 breakthrough hit, "The Blood" and their subsequent #1 smash, "I Believe."

For more information, visit www.zacardicortez.com.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 136

Lesson Scripture: Ezra 3:8-13

Lesson Aims: To summarize the lesson; recognize how God restores; and persevere with thanksgiving to God, no matter the circumstance.



Mildred Peppers

Background: Sacrifices were a key component of Jewish worship. It dated back to the days of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16). The Jews didn't start the practice but were given specifics by God on Mt. Sinai. In Genesis 22, God told them not to sacrifice humans to Him. According to Echoes Adult Teacher's Commentary, there were five basic types of sacrifices (also found in Leviticus), Burnt offerings were given daily where the entire animals were completely consumed on the Altar; Grain offerings were usually fine flour in various forms with olive oil.

The priests got a portion of this; Peace/Fellowship offerings were to express gratitude and obligation to God; the Sin offer-

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