

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Greater St. Luke anniversaries
Greater St. Luke Church of the Apostolic Faith, 3796 South Main St., is celebrating the 11th anniversaries of Elder S. E. Beal and the church through Nov. 17. Guest pastors and churches will be on hand throughout the week of Nov. 14-16; services start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's service starts at 11 a.m. For questions, call 336-788-4381.

True Temple dedication
True Temple Outreach Ministry, formerly True Temple Holiness Church, will host dedication events at its new location, 1415 S. Main St., starting today (Nov. 14) at 7 p.m. with Pastor Phillip McCloud and congregants from Fresh Fire Worship Center. Bishop Melvin



The Gaithers

Wilkins Jr. will speak on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.; several musical acts will perform on Saturday at 5 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m., Pastor Michael Ellerbe and congregants from New Beginnings Full Gospel Church will be the guests. The hosts pastors are Revs. Apostle Wallace Gaither and Evangelist Shirley Gaither. Call 336-972-0447 for more information.

Men's Week

The United Men of United Metropolitan Baptist Church, 350 Metropolitan Way, is celebrating Men's Week through Sunday, Nov. 17. On Friday, Feb. 15, Rev. James Rowdy will speak at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Septuagenarian Recognition Breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. with guest speaker Jail and Prison Ministries Chaplain Rodney Stilwell.

Nov. 15

Prayer encounter

Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will host the "Breaking Every Chain" prayer encounter on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The Praise Team Ministry will perform, and Rev. Candy York of St. Peter's World Outreach Center will speak. Also, the church has changed the start time of its services. The Word Ablaze Bible Study is now held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Intercessory prayer is on Saturday at 8 a.m. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. Bishop Marvin Cremedy is the host pastor. For more information, call 336-624-9351 or e-mail claracremedy@yahoo.com.

Nov. 16

Thanksgiving dinner

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The dinner is for all local residents in need of a good meal. The dinner is free and everyone is invited to attend. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez is the host pastor. For more information, call the church office at 336-788-7023 or visit www.emmanuelbaptistws.com.



Mendez

Women's conference

Ordered by God Outreach Center, which is led by Prophetess D. Patterson, will present the "Are You A Woman Of Change?" women's conference in the conference room of Sunrise Towers, 801 N. Martin Luther King Jr Drive, on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1-6 p.m. Call Prophetess Patterson at 336-986-7725 for more information.

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Southside Photo

Southside Baptist Church hosted the recent unity event.

CHURCHES SHOW UNITY AT SOUTHSIDE SERVICE

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

About 300 people attended a special cross-cultural and bilingual worship service on Sunday Nov. 3 on the city's South side. Churches from around Winston-Salem and surrounding communities gathered together for "A Time For Giving Thanks."

Worshippers enjoyed devotional time, inspirational singing and personal testimonies, including those of various congregational leaders. In addition to the host church, Southside Baptist, members and leaders of Ambassador Cathedral, Boxwood Missionary Baptist (Mocksville), Clemmons First Baptist, Country Village Retirement Community, Evangelical Pentecostal and Greater Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist (Mocksville) took part in the service, which aimed to show unity in a time when there is so much division in the world. Organizers wanted to show that the religious community can break down historical hurdles, cultural differences and linguistic



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barriers to unite for the common purpose of worship.

Elder P. Sprinkle of Ambassador Cathedral, Rev. B. Melton of Boxwood, Joye Oliver of Country Village, Pastor D. Fuentes of Evangelical Pentecostal, Evangelist S. Campbell of Greater Mount Moriah and Rev. Dan Musser of Southside Baptist spoke.

A fellowship dinner was held after the service. Southside Baptist Church, 401 E. Sprague St., will host a third anniversary celebration for its Men's Choir at 3 p.m.



Showcase of Praise

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"Celebration of Gospel," a musical extravaganza featuring artists from throughout the Triad, will be held tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 15) at 10 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive. Willie Mason and Friends, who are among the performers, is hosting the event along with Galilee and Pastor Dr. Nathan E. Scovens. Other performers will include Sir Jerry Sadler (above) and the Sounds of Pentecost, Bethany Heath (right), the Anointed High Praisers of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Paul Scott and mime artist Shauna "Silentpraise" Greene. The event is free; however, a free-will offering will be taken.



TCJ Photo

Young motivational speaker Theodis Chunn will be among the presenters at this weekend's conference.

Noted speakers to headline conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bishop Sherwood T. Davis Sr. and Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 495 Northwest Crawford Place, will hold their 2013 Men's & Women's Conference on Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17. The free conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday with registration and a continental breakfast. Conference sessions and workshops will start at 10 a.m. They will be led by dynamic speakers, includ-



Simmons

ing Winston-Salem State University's Dr. Soncerey Montgomery, Minister Keith

Vereen of Providence Baptist Church and Theodis Chunn of TCJ Motivations, Inc. Lunch will be served after the sessions.

The conference will conclude on Sunday after the 11 a.m. service, which will feature Dr. Pamela Simmons of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

For more information, call Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at 336-725-9623 or LaKrista Page at 336-972-5356.

Hart to keynote Women's Day service

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

"Women of God, Working Together with One Mind and One Spirit" is the theme of this year's Women's Day celebration at Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E. Fourth St.

It will begin on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 4:30 pm with a concert featuring the First Calvary Baptist Church Voices of Unity under the direction of Ken Causser. Rev. Beverly Alexander will serve as the mistress of ceremonies. A special presentation will be made to a local domestic violence shelter during the service.

The observance will continue during the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 17, when Rev. Danissa C. Hart, associate pastor and first lady of Chapel Hill A.M.E. Zion Church in North Wilkesboro, will speak.

A native of Pineville and the daughter of the Rev. Osie Culp and the late Rev. Monroe Culp, Hart is a graduate of South Mecklenburg High School, Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte and the Faith Bible Institute in Monroe, La.

For 18 years, she has performed and ministered through dance and drama throughout the Carolinas. Hart has served as president of the Ministers' Spouses and Widow(er)s Fellowship and is currently the vice president of the Fellowship. A phlebotomist at Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte, Hart is married to Pastor Elston C. Hart Sr. They are the proud parents of three children, Paisley, 21; Elston Jr., 16; and Eldan, 14. Music for the event will be provided by the Women's Day Choir under the direction of Julie Hunter. The Women's Day captains are Shirley Carson, Arnetia Copeland, Margretta Brown-Davis, Carol Henry and Jamesine Ruff; the co-chairpersons are Stella Davis and Lillie Stevenson. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor.



Rev. Hart

First Steps of Freedom

Devotional Reading: Galatians 5:13-23

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 14:21-30

Lesson Aims: To recognize how God makes a way in crisis situations, to better understand God's freedom and to witness to His deliverance in any situation.

Background: From the beginning, God gave humanity "choice." Made lower than angels but higher than animals (Psalm 8:4-6), humans were designed to be stewards of creation and to worship the mighty God. If He had wanted robots, He would have made us that way! God wanted us to consciously choose Him above all others. Each time humans found themselves in crisis situations, they cried out to Him for deliverance because nothing else worked.

They had to learn this through trial and error. God molded Israel to be a model for other nations. The freedom of choice continued to be with them during this process. At times, they chose wisely; at other times, they didn't. Through it all, God remained with them directing or redirecting, chastising or delivering in love and mercy.

Enslaved in Egypt for many years, God sent Moses to lead His people to freedom. He grew up in pharaoh's palace; at 40, he fled to the land of Midian then became a shepherd and encountered God at 80 years old. His preparation was complete, so he returned to Egypt. Aaron, his brother spoke with the elders and gave signs about God's plan. They bowed to worship God.

The power struggle that ensued was not between Moses and pharaoh, but between God (Yahweh) and the superpower, Egypt

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