

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Questions about Catholicism

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic and have questions, Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 1625 East 12th St., will be holding an inquiry session on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 336-725-9200.

Kingdom conference

Pastor Alvin E. Carlisle and Exodus United Baptist Church, 2000 Wilbur St., is hosting their Kingdom Advancement Conference



Lowery

from Sept. 24 - 26 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Pastor Kedrick Lowery of Grace Church of Durham will speak tonight, and Bishop Stephens Williams of Goodwill Baptist will speak tomorrow (Sept. 26). For more information, call the church at 336-650-1002.

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Beginning Sept. 27

Christian Convocation

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will host its annual Christian Convocation on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon and Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. On Saturday, workshops facilitated by Dr. Tokunbo A. Adelekan, pastor of Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be held. Adelekan will also deliver the sermon at the Sunday morning worship service. All events are free and the public is invited to attend. Rev. Dr. John Mendez is the senior pastor of Emmanuel. For more information, go to www.emmanuelbaptistws.com.

Sept. 27

Dinners for sale

St. James AME Church, 1501 Patterson Ave., will sell chicken drummette dinners on Saturday, Sept. 27 beginning at 11 a.m. The \$7 dinners include chicken, corn on the cob, salad, dessert and a drink.

Holy Trinity events

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will have its yard sale and Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Sept. 27 beginning at 7 a.m. For table rentals, call 336-784-9347.

Women's conference

Miracle Temple Deliverance Church, 2930 Prescott Drive, will sponsor the Women of Excellence Conference on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The registration fee is \$10. For more information, contact Prophetess Patricia D. Spates at 336-577-9342 or pdspates7@yahoo.com.

Beginning Sept. 28

Center Grove Homecoming/Revival

Center Grove AME Zion Church, 7001 Zion Church Rd. in Tobaccoville, will hold its Homecoming/ Fall Revival beginning on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m., when its pastor, Rev. Louis Hunter Jr., will speak. Lunch will follow. At the 3 p.m. afternoon service, Dr. Lenton D. Rhodes and members of Lebanon AME Zion Church of Elizabeth City will be the guests. Revival services will be held from Monday Sept. 29 through Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. The nightly speakers in order are: Rev. Gloria Thomas of John Wesley AME Zion Church; Rev. Dairl Scott Jr. of Union Chapel AME Zion Church; Rev. Dairl



Scott Jr.

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Residents urged to fight hunger

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina and its partner agencies were honored with a proclamation signed by Mayor Allen Joines on Sept. 1. The mayor proclaimed September as "Hunger Action Month" and presented the proclamation to Deacon James Paul of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist during a recent City Council meeting. Paul accepted on behalf of Second Harvest and the New Jerusalem Food Pantry, one of the Food Bank's partner agencies.

"I am very proud to accept this proclamation on behalf of Second Harvest and all its partners," Paul said. "Our efforts are truly labors of love."

The proclamation acknowledges that hunger and poverty are public health issues of critical concern here in Winston-Salem and throughout the nation



Deacon Paul accepts the proclamation from Mayor Joines.

and that inadequate nutrition diminishes the capacity of children to learn, exacerbates health conditions among seniors and others and saps the strength of working families. One in six residents of North Carolina is food insecure and the problem of hunger is even more significant among children.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina is the Feeding America affiliate that, along with its partner programs, is committed to engaging community members and organizations in addressing the problem of hunger and providing resources to meet the needs of local residents.

New Jerusalem's Food Pantry is a prime example and effective source in feeding the community.

The mayor's proclamation ended by calling upon Winston-Salem citizens to support the work of Second Harvest Food Bank and its partners.

Greater Higher Ground hosting annual Holy Convocation

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Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide, Inc. is hosting its 2014 Holy Convocation, under the apostolic anointing of Chief Apostle Dr. John H. Heath and Pastor and First Lady Janice Heath.

The Convocation began on Sunday, Sept. 21 and will run through Sunday, Sept. 28. This year's theme is "The Church Living Under Apostolic Authority," from Hebrews 13:17.

Bishop Kevin Shouse Calvary Covenant Fellowship Church of High Point spoke at the Convocation's opening ceremonies on Sunday. Nightly 7 p.m. services are being held from Wednesday, Sept. 24 through Friday, Sept. 26. Apostle J.Q. Lockett of Grace Church of Stone Mountain, Ga. spoke last night. Tonight, Bishop Freddie B. Marshall of Greater Church of Deliverance will speak tonight. Tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 26) Bishop Kenneth Yelverton of Temple of Refuge International Fellowship of Charlotte will speak. Chief Apostle Heath will close the event on Sunday at 11 a.m.



Yelverton



Chief Apostle Dr. John H. Heath leads Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide, Inc.

A Consecration service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. Bishop Randy Shields of Miracle Temple Apostolic Church will bring forth the Word and usher in the higher ranks of God's army. Noonday workshops will take place today and Friday with Apostle Andrea U. Weeks. There are also dynam-

ic choirs and motivational speakers throughout the week.

All services will take place at the Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide, 4175 Moat Drive. For more info, call the church's Administrative Office at 336-725-1125.



'Chit Chat' breakfast is Saturday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Women's Ministry of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 North Patterson Ave., will host its Second Annual Chit Chat & All That Sistas' Breakfast & Table Talk on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon at the Goler Enrichment Center next to the church.

This spirit-filled event is designed to help motivate and empower women to create new spiritual perspectives when facing issues that beset them on a daily basis. This year's theme, "Moving Beyond Our Mountains," will expound upon techniques women can use while feeling stuck "between a rock and a hard place" and are unable to cope. Table topics will include "50 Shades of Grey," "Dancing To The Beat of A Different Drum," "Social Butterflies" and more.

Rev. Lucille Mechelle Myers will speak. She is an ordained Elder in the African American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and an alumna of Hood Theological Seminary, where she earned

the Master of Divinity and a Theological Studies Degree. She is pursuing a post master's Theology of Ministry degree at the Emory University Candler Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Myers is currently VP of the Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association in Salisbury. She has served as the ecumenical coordinator to the N.C. Council of Churches for the Eastern NC Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church and special assistant and liturgist to Bishop Richard K. Thompson for the South African, Zimbabwe & Swaziland Annual Conference.

Her pastorates have included Wesley Chapel AME Zion Church in Lillington and New England AME Zion Church in Sanford. Myers is the president and founder of the Lucille M. McSwain Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on literacy and depression.

Those who know her best call her "Lady Lemonade" because she takes life's lemons and makes lemonade. Myers is married to Rufus J. Myers.

Rev. George C. Banks is the pastor of Goler Memorial.



Myers

Anniversary service planned for Williams

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

CHRIST Community Outreach Ministries, 615 Coliseum Drive, will be celebrating the First Pastoral Anniversary of Co-Pastor Reverend Wanda Jean Holmes Williams on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m.

A native of Winston-Salem, Williams graduated from Livingstone College with a degree in education. Williams received her calling from the Lord in 1998 to preach. After being ordained a deacon in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church in 2001, she completed the Bishop School for Ministers and received a Certificate of Theology from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. She is currently enrolled in online courses with Ames International School of Ministry in Fort Myers, Fla.

Williams is the co-pastor of CHRIST Community Outreach Ministries, where her husband, Rev. Nathaniel P.J. Williams Jr., is the pastor. She previously served as an associate pastor for Faith Unity Missionary Church for almost six years. Prior to that, Williams was a local minister at St. John CME Church, where she was a member of the Board of Ministers, the Stewardess Board, the Outreach Ministry, the Food Bank Ministry, the minister for the Liturgical Dance Ministries, a Sunday School teacher and a class leader. She also has two ministries at R.J. Reynolds High School - Young Ladies of Virtue and Young Men of Standard.

The Williamses have been married for 35 years. They have two children, Nathaniel P. J. (La'Rhonda) Williams III and Brittany Marie Williams; a grandson, Nathaniel P.J. Williams IV, and a granddaughter, Marianna Lanae V. Williams.



The Williamses