

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Bethlehem revival

Fall Revival Services begin today (Thursday, Oct. 9) at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1711 North Claremont Ave. Rev. Dennis Bishop of First Waughtown Baptist will speak. The Thursday, Oct. 16 Renewal



Dykes

Service speaker will be Rev. Omar Dykes of St. John CME Church. On Thursday, Oct. 23, Dr. James Linville of Piney Grove Baptist Church will speak. All services start at 7 p.m. Rev. Dwight Hash is the host pastor.

Beginning Oct. 10

Women's Weekend

The Women of Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 101 N. Dunleith Ave., will hold Women's Weekend from Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 12. At the 11 a.m. service on Oct. 12, Rev. Dr. Juanita Bowman Tatum, Pastor Emerita of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Pinnacle, will speak. The host pastor is the Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones.

Family Weekend

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 495 NW Crawford Place, will have Family Weekend beginning Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. with guest speaker Co-Pastor Denise Marshall of Full Deliverance Outreach Center of Lexington. Fish plates will also be on sale for \$7 starting at 6 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m., Pastor Michael Marshall of Full Deliverance Outreach Center will speak.

Oct. 10

Food for sale

Hanes Memorial CME Church, 819 N. Highland Ave., will have a pre-Homecoming plate sale on Friday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Plates are \$7 and desserts are \$1.25. Sandwiches are \$4. There is a choice of fish, chicken or pork chops and sides of baked beans, potato salad, cabbage or cole slaw. Call 336-724-7151 or email hanesmemorialcme@aol.com for more information.

Oct. 11

Food for sale

St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 1840 Butler St., is having a fish fry and spaghetti dinner sale on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fish dinners will be \$7; fish sandwiches will be \$4; and spaghetti dinners will be \$6.

Grief Care session

The next St. Paul United Methodist Church Grief Care Ministry session, "Stuck In Grief," will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. at the church, 2400 Dellbrook Road. This is a special seminar and support group for people experiencing grief due to the death of someone close. Sessions are free. The seminar features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. For further information, call 336-723-4531.

Beginning Oct. 12

John Wesley revival

John Wesley AME Zion, 1800 NE 25th St., will hold its revival starting Sunday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. with guests Rev. Johnny L. Ruff and Goler Metropolitan family.

Weekly services

will be held Oct. 13 - 17 at 7 p.m. The following will speak: Monday and Tuesday, Rev. Dairl Scott Sr. of New Hope A.M.E. Zion; Wednesday, Sister Shelia Stephenson Lipscomb of Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion; Thursday, Rev. Dairl L. Scott Jr. of Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion; and Friday, Rev.



Ruff

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Wright and Boesak helping Emmanuel mark anniversary

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, is marking its Centennial this month.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the congregation and community will hear from Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright at a 100th anniversary banquet that will be held at 6 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church at 435 Keating Drive.

In 2008, Wright became pastor emeritus of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ, where he served for 36 years. President Obama and the First Family were once members of Trinity United Church of Christ.

Through a combination of his studies of West African music and Judeo-Christian thought, Wright has created ministries to address the needs of the community to enrich the lives and faith of his congregants. Wright is a co-founder of the Samuel



Boesak



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DeWitt Proctor Pastors Conference and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Virginia Union University, The Kwame Nkrumah Academy and the Samuel

DeWitt Proctor Conference. In addition, he also co-founded the Center for African American Theological Studies in Chicago (CAATS).

At the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Oct. 19, Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak will speak. He is the Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice and Reconciliation Studies at Butler University and the Christian Theological Seminary.

A native of South Africa, he is a tireless advocate for social justice. Since gaining international acclaim for his doctoral dissertation, "Farewell to Innocence," nearly four decades ago, Rev. Boesak has emerged as one of the world's preeminent authorities on liberation theology. A prolific writer, Rev. Boesak has authored 17 books, and edited or co-edited four, in addition to publishing numerous articles on theology and politics.

In 1914, when it was founded, Emmanuel held services in a rented house in the 1300 block of Excelsior St. It has had many powerful leaders over the years, including its current pastor, Dr. John Mendez. Ironically, Mendez and his wife, Sarah, are celebrating their 31st anniversary this month as Emmanuel's First Family.



Christian concert coming to downtown

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Chapel at Clemmons is sponsoring "A Night Of Worship" on Saturday, Oct. 18 in Winston Square Park, which is adjacent to the Sawtooth School on Marshall Street.

The evening of music and praise will start at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. It is free and open to all. Organizers say prizes will also be given.

"Our world is full of negativity. We are fed daily with things that make us believe there is no hope out here. I guess that's what we are trying to bring, hope that is," Pastor Skip Strout of The Chapel at Clemmons said of the motivation behind the event.

Christian rapper Rare of Breed and the Brad Ratledge Band will headline. Lenville Soward, God's Chosen Few and Music-A1 are also slated to perform.

"There will be something



Rare of Breed

for everyone", added Strout. The music will begin at 6 p.m. Prizes will be given away between sets to help keep the attention of all the kids, who otherwise would be throwing SpiderMan figurines into the waterfall behind the stage.

For more information about this event, call The Chapel at Clemmons at 336-682-9915 or email westrout2@gmail.com.

Cook celebrated on seventh anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The congregation of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 5000 Noble St., celebrated the seventh anniversary of Pastor James E. Cook with several services from Thursday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Activities started with an appreciation service and fellowship meal sponsored by the Worship Ministry.

The Temple Singers and Dance Ministry showed appreciation to the Pastor through song and dance. Several members shared their love and appreciation for the Pastor as well.

On Friday, Sept. 27, the Youth Ministry hosted a bowling and pizza outing, where the pastor and First Family were the special guests. As is the custom at St. Stephen, the ladies of the church celebrated First Lady Erica L. Cook with the First Lady's Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Minister Evenda Clark, First Lady of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., was the guest speaker. The Youth Dance Ministry performed, and Marsha Davis, Gail Couthen, Beverly Smith and Sierra Davis enacted Pearl Cleage's poem "We Speak Your Names."

Dr. David L. Chapman, executive minister of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, delivered the morning message on Sept. 28. At 4 p.m., Pastor Sylvia M. Ball, senior pastor of Sweet Union Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., delivered a powerful message. She was accompanied by the choirs and congregation of Sweet Union. Deacon Emeritus Lawrence Rucker also spoke a few words of encouragement to the pastor.



Cook

Deacon Union anniversary is Oct. 25

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministries will celebrate its 74th anniversary with a banquet on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church, where the pastor is Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones.

The Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministries was first organized in 1940 as the Deacon Union. It later changed its name to the City-Wide Baptist Deacon. As the union expanded beyond the city limits, it became the Forsyth County Deacon Union. Leaders then renamed it the Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministries.

The first president of the organization was P. L. Parker; Roy Fair, William Gwynn, William O. Harris, Howard Harrell, Cary McMillan and Evelena R. Clayborn (the current president) have also led the organization.



Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministries members.