

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Vacation Bible School

The Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church will continue its Vacation Bible School today (Aug. 6) and tomorrow (Aug. 7) from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on 1435 E. Fourth St. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. The theme is "Jesus...the true Superhero". For more information contact Annette Wilson at 336-725-6638.

Homecoming and Revival

Bethania AME Zion Church, 21020 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd., will continue its annual Homecoming and Revival Services today (Aug. 6) and tomorrow (Aug. 7). The services will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited. For more information call 336-924-1706.

27th annual convention

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., will continue their 27th annual convention today (Aug. 6) through Aug. 9. The theme is "Keeping it Real," Empowered to Serve (Mathew 16:26). Bishop Claude C. Turner is founder, pastor and teacher. For more information call 336-744-2700.

Vacation Summer School

The Love Community Development Corporation will continue its Vacation Summer Camp today (Aug. 6) and tomorrow (Aug. 7), 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 3980 N. Liberty St. The theme is "Gotta Move (Keepin' in Step with the Spirit)". For more information, call 336-306-8119.

N.C. Church of God of Prophecy Convention

The Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Av. Dr. SE, will be the place where the Church of God of Prophecy's biennial State Convention will continue today (Aug. 6) until Aug. 9. The conference will help feed needy families and individuals by forwarding canned goods donated by conference attendees to Hickory area organizations. A business and community expo will be held. For more information call Tracey Haire at 336-454-4118.

Beginning Aug. 7

Youth Summit

The Youth Ministry of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., invites all youth to Youth Summit 2K15, Aug. 7-9. The summit will highlight relevant speakers: The Rev. David Reaves of Ebenezer Baptist Church (Burlington), Cameron Hodge (Greensboro) and Evangelist Lashea Mack of Wells Memorial COGIC (Greensboro). All sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the church office at msfgdc@bellsouth.net or 336-722-2624. The Rev. Yvonne H. Hines is the Senior Pastor.

Beginning Aug. 8

Church anniversary

Shiloh Baptist Church continues its 123rd church anniversary with an annual picnic at Miller Park on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. Activities will be held on Sunday, Aug. 9 at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Pastor Paul Lowe Jr., will deliver the message at both sessions. For more information, call 336-724-9263.

Aug. 8

Griefshare support group

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, will hold the GriefShare support group on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the church conference room. The topic for this session is "Why." All persons who are experiencing grief due to the loss of someone close are invited to attend. Sessions are free, non-denominational, with biblical teachings on grief and recovery topics. GriefShare is designed to give encouragement and support, providing tools for a person to use on their journey from "mourning to joy." For further information, call 336-723-4531 or 336-722-5517.

Youth Conference

Whole Man Ministries Church presents Youth Conference 2015: "Everyday Matters ... Walking in the Light," on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Whole Man Ministries Church, 3916 Old Lexington Road. There will be music, poetry dance and the Word of God presented by Prophet C. D. Faison of Word Power and Deliverance Ministries of Goldsboro. Also there will be new clothes from Wrangler to give to students for back to school. For more information call 336-972-4428.

Aug. 9

Choir anniversary

Minister of music Ken Norman and the Williams Memorial CME Male Choir of High Point will have their choir anniversary with a concert on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 4 p.m. at Diggs Memorial on 125 N. Graham Ave. Community male choirs are welcomed to come and participate. For more information contact Pastor Williams at 919-394-6180.

Spontaneous sermon

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. Lisa Schwartz present "The Question Box: A Spontaneous Sermon" at 10:30 a.m. At the Forum at 9 a.m., Stan and Sara Nutter will present a travelogue on their trip to Cuba with Code Pink. For more information, go to www.uufws.org.

Beginning Aug. 9

Lott Carey Annual Session

The Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community will host its 118th annual session at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center, 3121 Gate City

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BB&T Ballpark to host inaugural Christian Awakening Music Festival

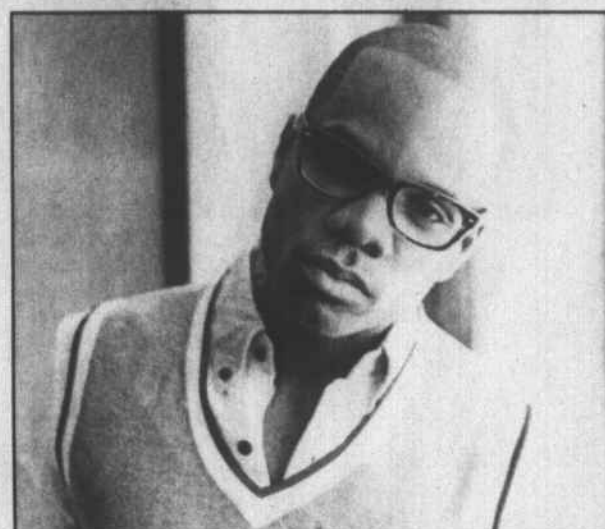
Kirk Franklin, MercyMe and Jeremy Camp to headline two-day event

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Downtown Winston-Salem's BB&T Ballpark, home of the Winston-Salem Dash baseball team, will be the site of the inaugural "Awakening Music Festival: Sing Your Heart, Loudly."

The two-day Awakening Music Festival will feature a diverse line-up of Christian music performers co-headlined by Kirk Franklin and MercyMe on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 4 to 10 p.m. Jeremy Camp will headline Awakening on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2 to 8 p.m.

"For some time, we've explored having concerts and other events at BB&T Ballpark during baseball's off-season," Winston-Salem Dash President Geoff Lassiter said. "A great deal of research and due diligence about regional audiences led us to the conclusion that there is a significant consumer demand for a world-class Christian music festival. We're incredibly proud to have three of Christian music's leading performers — Kirk Franklin, MercyMe and Jeremy Camp — as headliners for this year's festival."



Kirk Franklin

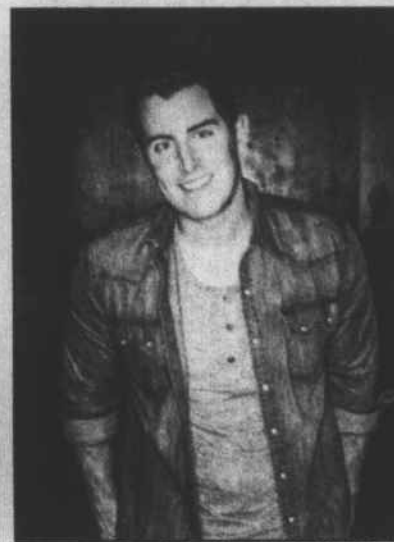
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MercyMe

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Jeremy Camp

Photo submitted by Awakening Music Festival

Friendship Baptist member named Female Student of the Year

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Summer Conservatory of The Salvation Army Academy of Music & Arts, in partnership with the Winston-Salem Symphony, presented its Graduation Concert on Friday, July 31, at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive, in Winston-Salem.

Special guests the Voices of Galilee also performed.

Niah Brooks, 13, a member of Friendship Baptist Church, was named Female Student of the Year at the graduation. She will be able to attend the Conservatory for free next year. She attends school in Walkertown. Her parent is Keena McMillan.

Niah performed on the piano and was a lead singer during the concert.

The Summer Conservatory is an intensive seven-week music day camp that takes place daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students in the program learn to play a brass instrument (trumpet, horn, baritone, or tuba) and get to learn a second instrument of their choice depending on

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Photos by Donna Rogers

Niah Brooks sings "Joyful, Joyful" with the Advanced Chorus during the Graduate Concert for the Summer Conservatory of The Salvation Army Academy of Music & Arts.



Winston-Salem Area Commander Maj. James Allison declared all the students graduates at the end of the Graduate Concert on Friday, July 31.

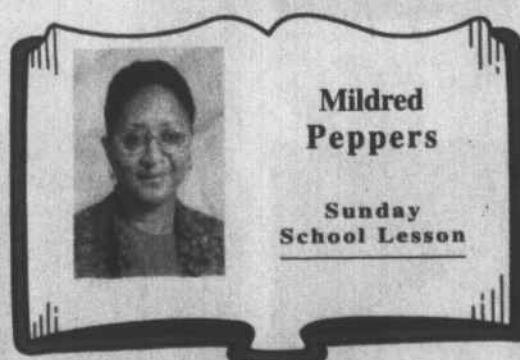
It's Your Choice

Lesson Scripture:
Jeremiah 7:1-15

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Recognize the God holds the individual and the leaders accountable.
- Repent from evil and resolve to do better.
- Rejoice that God always gives us hope.

Background: Israel, the Northern Kingdom, was crushed by the Assyrians in 722 BC. Many prophets from God warned them to repent but the warnings fell on deaf ears. At the same time, God sent prophets to Judah, the Southern Kingdom, with the same message. The prophets spoke to the kings, priests, judges, and false prophets because they were responsible for the masses. Now don't get too comfortable because the mes-



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

sage applied to the people as well. God gave humanity a brain and a heart to be used in all situations! Previous lessons this quarter delved into the specific sins of the people. Jeremiah's prophecy began sometime between 640-609 BC and lasted beyond Judah's fall in 586 BC. Often called "the weeping prophet" he expressed his sorrow publicly over Judah's actions and her fate. They must turn from evil or be captured by Babylon. Jeremiah's sermon today was given during one of the Jewish festivals where the people traveled to Jerusalem to worship in the Temple.

Lesson: The Babylonians attack Judah the first time in

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