

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now Food Box Giveaway/Prayer Conference

Today (Aug. 20), at noon through 2 p.m., there will be a Food Box Giveaway at 2058 Dellabrook Road and later that evening the Prophetic Prayer Conference begins 7 p.m. at Greater Tabernacle Worship Center. The Prophetic Prayer Conference will continue on Friday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 22, the Prophetic Prayer Conference will close out with a Prayer Breakfast. Host pastor is Apostle BJ McCloud. For additional information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.

Revival on the Lawn

Nehemiah Worship Center, located at 4873 Phelps Dr. will continue its "Revival on the Lawn" today (Aug. 20) and tomorrow (Aug. 21) at 7 p.m. Honorable Konnie G. Robinson, senior pastor of Union Chapel Baptist Church, will be the revivalist. The public is invited to attend. Transportation will be provided. Paul P. Thombs is senior pastor of NWC. For more information, call 336-712-7408.

Aug. 22 Back to School Jam

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will host its annual Back to School Jam & School Supply Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. Supplies will be available for grades K-12. There will be a drawing for \$50 to be applied to a student's school lunch account. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the host pastor. For more information, contact the church at 336-721-1959.

Youth conference

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center and Rich Community Development Corporation located at 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy. will sponsor a one-day youth conference on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This year theme is "As He Works, Watch Me Work" (Phil. 2:12-13). The youth will have events like a Spelling Bee contest, 106&Park-Gospel edition, Let's Make a Deal show, lunch and more. The Youth on Fleek for Christ Sunday services will include a Talk Show, games and free school supplies. For more information, call 336-784-9347.

Prayer walk

River to the Nations Ministries will have the North Hamilton Street prayer walk on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in High Point. The meeting will be at the corner of North Hamilton Street and High Avenue. Parking should be close to the starting point. For more information, call 336-377-2750.

Beginning Aug. 22 Church Homecoming

First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave., will be having its annual homecoming on Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23. The theme this year will be "Building God's Community One Disciple at a Time." Dr. Darryl W. Aaron is the senior pastor. For more information, call 336-722-5605.

Beginning Aug. 23 Pastoral anniversary

Greater Faith Holy Temple In God's Hand Ministry, 4698 Indiana Ave., is celebrating Pastor Apostle Arturo Z. Kinzer Sr. and Co-Pastor Evangelist Betty J. Kinzer's 15th pastoral anniversary. On Sunday, Aug. 23, Bishop Jeff Lucas, New Light Worship Center, will be the guest speaker and on Sunday, Aug. 30, Bishop Verna France, Bible Way True Holiness Church, will be the guest speaker. Services will start at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 336-391-7205

Homecoming/revival

Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1716 Richard Allen Lane (formerly Trade Street), will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 3 pm. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dennis Bishop, pastor of First Waightown Baptist Church. Revival will be held Aug. 24 - 28 at 7 p.m. nightly. Bishop Claude Turner of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will be the guest preacher for the week. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 336-722-0010.

Aug. 23 Healing and deliverance

Bishop Marvin, Pastor Clara Cremedy and Vessels of Honor Church Ministries, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will be having their Healing and Deliverance service on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. Elder Lynn Roseboro will be the speaker of the 4 p.m. service. For more information or transportation, contact Pastor Cremedy at 336-624-9351 or email claracremedy@yahoo.com.

Choir anniversary

New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) Male Chorus will celebrate its 18th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3:30 p.m. The guest choir will be The Male Chorus from Brooks Temple Methodist Church. In addition, the NBWC "Angels of Mercy" dance ministry will perform. The theme is "A New Beginning and a New Start." Everyone is invited to attend. Dr. James L.E. Hunt is pastor of NBWC, 1033 New Birth Dr., East

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Emmanuel Baptist Church to celebrate African roots

BY FELECIA PIGGOTT-LONG, PH. D.
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

During the weekend of Aug. 28-30, Emmanuel Baptist Church will hold a Maafa, which means "to commemorate, educate and celebrate a spiritual journey of hope and healing as we confront a long history of horror endured by millions of men, women and children throughout the African Diaspora. The history that describes the profound impact and lasting effects of trauma is known as 'The Middle Passage.'"

The purpose statement for the observance of the Maafa celebration is "The Way Out is Back Through." This thought implies that many people seek to experience spiritual healing from the trauma that their enslaved ancestors experienced.

Maafa allows participants to participate in collective spiritual empowerment because of the support and encouragement received on this journey toward wholeness and hope.

The events will include African food, a step show, spoken-word poetry, a drama, a march and send-off ceremony, a continental breakfast, workshop on the historical events regarding securing voting rights and desegregation in Selma, Alabama, a prayer meeting and a special worship service.

The keynote speaker for the worship service on Sunday, Aug. 30, will be the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III, dean and professor of religion and culture at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C.



Pollard

On Friday night, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m. "The Taste of Africa" will allow guests to sample various dishes from Diasporan countries, such as Jamaica, Nigeria, Kenya, etc. Following the dinner, guests will experience the drama "When Courage Becomes Contagious: Remembering Selma Then and Now" by Felecia Piggott-Long. Piggott-Long and Seneca Davidson are directing this production.

Performers include Damien Anderson, Genieve Brayboy, Clinton Brim, the Rev. Annie Dalton, Nancy Dodd, Helen Durr, Carolyn Jones, Trevon Jones, James Jordon, James Leach, Reynita McMillan, Trudy Noland, Asha Piggott, Glenda Roseborough, Mark Samuel, Everette Shaw, Trudy Smart, Bernice Whitley, Joyce Vaughan and other volunteers.

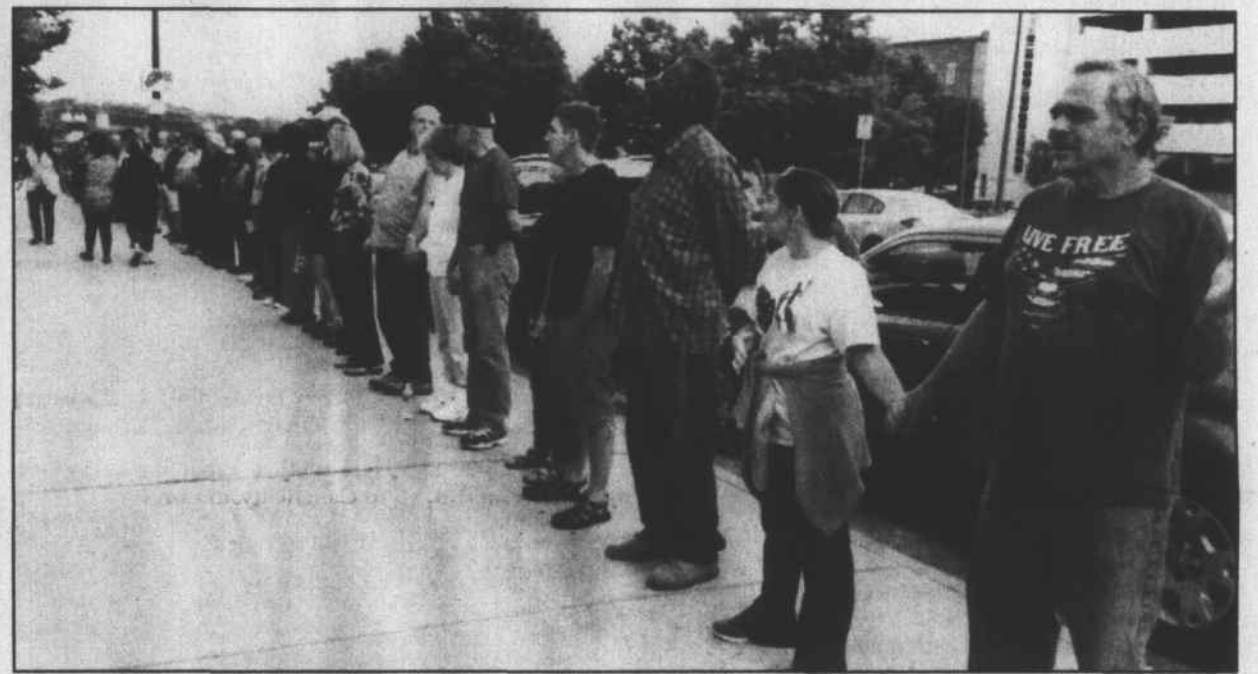
On Saturday, Aug. 29, at 8 a.m., church members and participants from the community are invited to march from Emmanuel Baptist Church to Salem Lake for a "Send Off Ceremony."

"This will be an opportunity to acknowledge our ancestors who have paved the way for us," said Nancy Dodd, the chairwoman of the Maafa committee.

From 9 to 9:45 a.m., a continental breakfast will be served at Emmanuel for all participants. From 10 a.m. to noon, a workshop will be held on the topic "Selma Then and Now." Teens from the Emmanuel debate team will present poetry and speeches portraying the many individuals who are a part of the Selma legacy. At 5 p.m., many churches will come together for a prayer meeting, which will include songs, prayers and testimonies.

The pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church is the Rev. Dr. John Mendez.

All events are free and open to the public.



Volunteers gathered around the Forsyth County Jail to pray in a previous year.

Prison prayer group seeks participants in September event

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On Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., members of the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries will gather around the Forsyth County Jail, 201 N. Church St. in downtown Winston Salem, to form a human prayer circle.

The group will pray for the inmates, officers and staff, families affected by crime and violence, and

for the reduction of crime in the community.

The next day, about 100 approved jail volunteers will go into the housing units of the jail and hold a half-day retreat with the men and women.

The theme this year is on "Overcoming Guilt and Shame." "In years past, we've had as many as 100-plus inmates give their lives to the

Lord during this retreat. We are praying for the same or better this year," a statement from the group says.

Anyone planning to bring a group to pray from 6 to 6:30 p.m. around the jail on Sept. 25 is asked to call Claudette at 336-759-0063 and let her know how many will be coming. She will assign your group a location to gather and pray.

Reynolds graduate receives Mt. Moriah Outreach Center scholarship award

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On Aug. 9, Mt. Moriah Outreach Center (MMOC), 317 Jefferson Street in Kernersville, presented the 2015 Deacon David McQueen Scholarship Award. Bishop Todd Fulton is the pastor. The scholarship fund is named in honor of Deacon

Emeritus David McQueen.

The scholarship of \$1,000 and a laptop computer is presented to MMOC graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education who have maintained at least a 2.8 GPA (grade point average) and are active in church service.

In 2015, Emerci Jones completed the requirements to receive the 2015

Deacon David McQueen Scholarship Award. Emerci Jones is the daughter of Deacon Terrell and Marcia Robinson. She is a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, where she maintained a 3.95 GPA.

Emerci is a member of the

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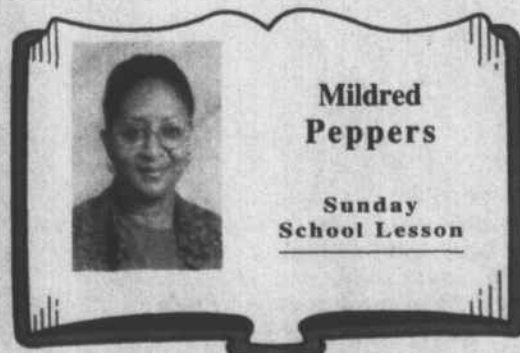
Ritual or Justice and Mercy?

Lesson Scripture:
Zechariah 7:1-14

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Recognize the pitfalls of rituals
- Remember that God does what He says
- Recommit to obedience to God's standards

Background: Zechariah and Haggai were postexilic prophets whose ministries were directed to the first group of returnees from Babylon in 538 BC. They were responsible for rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. Instead they concentrated on rebuilding private homes. When the wealthy returned, they were confronted with poor Jews who never left Judah and a sizable non-Jewish population. Due to their disobe-



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Sunday School Lesson

dience, God caused a drought so the harvest wasn't good (Haggai 1:9-11). Zechariah cautioned them not to repeat what their ancestors had done - ignoring God and practicing injustice. After all that's what got them (Israel and Judah) in their current predicament! Obedience to God and practicing justice towards the poor and foreigners were mandatory. See Exodus 22:21-22; Leviticus 19:34-35; and Deuteronomy 10:18-19.

Lesson: Sixty years of exile have passed when King Darius allows the first group of Jews to return to Judah. They got sidetracked on their task but continued to fast during the fifth and seventh months annually during their

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