

# Holiness Church of God holds 98th General Assembly

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The assembling of the 98th General Assembly of the Holiness Church of God Inc., with General Bishop Arnie Hunter Joyce presiding, will convene Monday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Assembly will gather at Kimberly Park Holiness Church, 1640 S.M. Caesar Drive, where Elder Robert R. Edmond Jr. is the host pastor. First Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice, Second Vice-Bishop James Ijames and the Elders Board of the Holiness Church of God Inc. will assist Joyce. The selected theme is Exodus 14:14; "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

The opening session begins on Monday at 10 a.m. with the convening of the Elder Board with Joyce presiding. At 2 p.m., the Elder Board will meet again with the secretaries to receive all designated reports. A recess immediately follows this session and the evening service begins at 7:30 p.m., with Overseer Angeline delivering the message.

Tuesday, there will be a workshop at 10:30 a.m. conducted by Prophetess Arlene Buford. At noon, the keynote speaker is Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier; 2 p.m., Overseer Izaliar Dalton; and 7:30 p.m., Overseer Eugene Paramore.

Wednesday there will be a meeting with all pastors and ordained ministers at 10 a.m. In addition, there will be a "Worship Church Workshop" with Elder Robert R. Edmond, host pastor. At 11:30 a.m.,

2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., respectively, the keynote speakers are Ruling Elder Carolyn Lazenby, Ruling Elder Andrew Montgomery and Overseer Jonathan Shuler.

Thursday, the 'Rules and Regulations' meeting begins at 10 a.m. The messages for the day will be delivered at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The speakers for the sessions are Ruling Elder Noah Bullard, Overseer Eugene Kirby and second Second Vice-Bishop James Ijames.

Friday, at 10 a.m. is the 'Ordination Committee' meeting. The services for the day are at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Respective speakers are Ruling Elder Tyrone Rice, Overseer David Terry, and First Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice. The evening will conclude with presentation of awards.

Saturday, Oct. 3, there will be an 'Ordination Service' followed by an "Altar Service" at 9:30 a.m. and a series of sermonettes given by Minister Alford (Central District), Elder Clemmons (NANW District), and Elder Anthony Bell (VA& WV District).

The 98th assembly will close out on Sunday, Oct. 4, with Joyce delivering the final message at 10 a.m.

The General Assembly choir will provide the music for all services. The general public is welcomed to come and hear the 'Word.'



General Bishop Joyce

# Senior Choir at Mars Hill celebrates 78th anniversary

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Mars Hill Baptist Church's Senior Choir will celebrate 78 years of "Reaching the Masses through Music and Worship" on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m., at the church, at 1331 E. Fourth St. Dr. Leonzo Lynch, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Charlotte, is the featured speaker.

Lynch answered the call to preach in 1981. He began his pastoral leadership in 1984 in Mt. Olive, N.C., and since that time has spread the gospel of Christ throughout the nation. He is married to Nicole Williams Lynch.

Lynch obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of

Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School and a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.

Lynch has held multiple leadership positions with the

General Baptist State Convention (GBSC). He is the current GBSC vice president at-large and chairperson of the General Board. As a teaching preacher, the National Baptist Convention USA uses his talents as an instructor during the Congress of Christian Education.

Deacon Ishman Woodard is choir president. The Rev. Larry Smith is pastor.



Dr. Leonzo Lynch

## Goler

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Originally the choir started with nine members of the congregation, have had as many as 30 members and currently has 16 active members including, president Donna Harper, Alexandra Barnes said she joined the choir because "I just felt so welcomed from the friendship and fellowship that I just stayed."

Vernita Oaks added, "I love this choir, I love going to the prisons and singing, I love expressing my feelings because I love God."

The choir starting singing at the jail on Cherry Street, but now pro-

vides services at prisons throughout the state of North Carolina and remains the only A.M.E. Zion choir dedicated to this ministry. The choir also aids the inmates with supplies, such as reading glasses and toiletries, when they visit.

Mistress of Ceremonies Lori Hill, started things off with an energetic praise and worship that excited the entire crowd and set the tone for what was to come from the choirs.

The history of the Prison Ministry Choir was provided by Melissa Sutton, who then presented Donna Harper with a gift for her years of serving as president.

The Prison Ministry Choir then took the stage and delighted the

crowd with a number of selections, and was joined by Hill for the song "Intentional" that got everyone in the crowd on their feet.

Following the Prison Ministry Choir was the First Baptist Church Gospel Choir, who sang a number of hymns, and finally the gospel group Just Sangin ended the performances for the day with two selections.

Pastor George Banks concluded the evening with thanks to all of the choirs and to those who attended then instead of a traditional benediction, he asked those who were struggling with anything in their lives to come to the front and held an altar call and blessed everyone with a prayer.

## Heaths

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\*Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m., Bishop Sir Walter Mack, Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem,

\*Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., Bishop Kevin Shouse, Calvary Covenant Fellowship, High Point

\*Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26 at noon, Apostle Andria Weeks, Greater Works Ministries, West End

\*Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., Bishop Terry Maskell, Mt. Sinai World Outreach, Spartanburg, S.C.

\*Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., Dr Kedrick Lowery, Grace Church of Durham, Durham

"Please join us as we celebrate the legacy of this great man, Apostle John H. Heath, and the present-day anointing of Senior Pastor Janice O. Heath, the spirit filled and anointed founders of this Reformation," the church said in a statement. "Come one, come all, and experience a little bit of heaven right here on earth. Lord, plant our feet on higher ground."

For more information, call the Administrative Office at 336-725-1125. Pastor Janice O. Heath is senior pastor.

## Religion

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Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Toure' C. Marshall is senior pastor. To assist financing the event, contact Rudolph V. Boone, Sr. at 336-767-4087. For more information call 336-767-7530.

### Gospel concert/program

St. John C.M.E. Church will have its 13th annual "Anointed Men Singing to God" series on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. at 350 NW Crawford Place. Male choruses and various talents will be performing including Methodist Men from St. John C.M.E. and the Male Chorus of Hamlet Chapel of Pittsboro. The Rev. Omar L. Dykes is pastor. For more information call 336-725-3968.

### Beginning Sept. 21

Living Healthy workshop Living Healthy is a workshop that will help you take control of your ongoing health condition rather than letting it control you. The workshop starts on Monday, Sept. 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Peace Haven Baptist Church on 3384 York Road. This workshop will continue to meet every Monday through Nov. 2. Pre-registration is required. For

more information and to register, call 336-748-0217.

### Beginning Sept. 23 Kingdom Advancement conference

Exodus United Baptist Church, 2000 Wilbur St., is having its Kingdom Advancement Conference beginning Wednesday, Sept. 23 through Friday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Alvin E. Carlisle is senior pastor. The theme is "Return, Restore, Receive" from the scriptural reference of Isaiah 61: 1-7. Guest speakers include Pastor Yvonne Hines of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, Pastor Kedrick Lowery of Grace Church of Durham, and Bishop Stephen Williams of Goodwill Baptist Church of Clemmons. For more information contact the church at 336-650-1002.

### Sept. 25

Women's Fellowship Vessels of Honor Church Ministry will host its Women's Fellowship on Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at 3608 Ogburn Ave. Prophetess Tammy Clark will be the guest speaker. For more information or transportation contact Pastor Clara Cremedy at 336-624-9351.

### Prayer Around the Jail

On Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., members of the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries will gather around the Forsyth County Jail on 201 N. Church St. to form a human prayer circle. The theme this year is "Overcoming Guilt and Shame." For more information, call Claudette at 336-759-0063.

### Sept. 26

Gala celebration The Forsyth County Sunday School Union will be hosting a gala to celebrate 115 years of service on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Embassy Suites on 460 N. Cherry St. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Haywood T. Gray, N.C. Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. For more information, contact Rodney McCormick at 336-926-9775 or Wanda Davis at 336-245-8735.

### Sept. 27

Women's Day St. James A.M.E. Church will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. on 1501 N. Patterson Ave. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Vernell McAdoo. The Rev. Steven L. Lyons is pastor. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact the church at 336-724-3825.

### Women's Day

The Messiah Community Christian Church will be celebrating Women's Day on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. on 2651 Belews Creek Road. The theme is "Hope, Joy, and Love provide Women with strength for the journey ahead." Guest speaker will be the Rev. Oretta McNeill from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of High Point. The Rev. Louis Threatt is pastor. For more information, contact Ureta Miller at 336-602-1440.

### Oct. 3

Gala Event New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, is sponsoring a Gala event on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Enterprise Center, 1922 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be a live jazz band and playwright, comedian James Lyons aka "Uncle Ezell". A silent auction will be held for the late Maya Angelou. Transportation will be provided by 'A Formal Affair' limousine services. Dress code is formal attire. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at the church from Saturday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 336-724-5401.

## Peppers

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guards went to jail to get the prisoners. They were not there! When the guards reported to the Sanhedrin that the doors were secure but the prisoners were not there, all of them were puzzled. Someone called out to the Sanhedrin that the men they sought were in the Temple teaching the people. The captain of the guard and some of his men brought the apostles to the high court.

Lesson: The high priest reminds them that they were not to teach in that name (Jesus). Their major concern is about the apostles accusing them of Jesus' blood. The apostles' reply is simple and direct. They must obey God rather than man! The Sanhedrin is beside itself; they want these men's heads! A Pharisee, Gamaliel one who is honored by the

people, speaks. He wants the apostles to remain outside the hall as he talks to the high court. His words are as simple and direct as the apostles' words were. Wait it out he declares. If the apostles are false, their movement will die like the examples he used; on the other hand if they are truly from God the Sanhedrin doesn't need to fight against God. The high court members are calm now. Instead of killing them, the apostles are beaten, given the same order that Peter and John were given before and released. The apostles left the hearing rejoicing that they suffered for Christ. Each day, wherever they were, the apostles continued to teach the Good News of Jesus!

Life's Application: This lesson and Jesus' life are the foundations for "civil disobedience." To be a follower of God/Jesus, one has to choose their standards over humanity's defacto

(cultural practices) and dejure (laws on the books) laws. One has to be consistent. It is not a pick and choose arena where the follower finds their comfort zone and remains there! This lesson also points out that "good people" must take a stand for what is right. It is not up to others but all believers to stand for the principles of love. Remember, when "good people say or do nothing; they are condoning the evil and meanness around them." Another point that I would like to make concerns "the signs and wonders" connected to God's work. Here in the West we tend to latch on to the spectacular. It takes time to determine a movement is real. Oftentimes, humans create their own signs and wonders - big houses, cars, planes and the easy life - to show their connection to God. Is that really from God? Believers have to study, be observant, prayerful and have patience.

Dr. J. Scott, DDS

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

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M.Y.P.U. .... 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Services**

Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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