

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Beginning Oct. 2

Church Anniversary and Homecoming
Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will observe its 100th Church Anniversary and Homecoming on Friday through Sunday, Oct. 2-4. Mount Sinai, one of the oldest Pentecostal churches in Winston-Salem, was organized in 1915 from street meetings and brush arbor revivals under the leadership of the late Bishop Henry David Wilson, who served as pastor for 51 years. A contingent of members, past and present, family and friends from varied sectors of the country will attend. The Rev. Yvonne H. Hines is the current pastor. Keynote speakers include acclaimed preacher Dr. Shane Perry Sr. of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, Friday at 7:30 p.m.; and renowned recording artist and preacher Pastor Henry E. Dixon of Cordesville, S.C., Sunday at 11 a.m. A fellowship dinner will be served after the Sunday worship service. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the administrative office at 336-722-2624 or via [mounsinainfullgospel.org](mailto:mountsinainfullgospel.org).

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 p.m. 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.

Oct. 3

Women's Day program

There will be a Women's Day program on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Ephesus Church and School on 1225 N. Cleveland Ave. Guest speaker will be Betty Bailey, the New Principle/Teacher for Ephesus Junior Academy. At 5 p.m. there will be gospel singing and other talents. Elder Godwin Mitchell Jr. is Pastor. For more information call 336-724-0491 or 336-723-3140.

Beginning Oct. 4

Pre-celebration/pastoral anniversary

The Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., will have a pre-celebration for Apostle BJ McCloud on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. The 15th pastoral anniversary will begin Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. with guest speaker Bishop Marian Hickman of Word of Life Pentecostal Church of Christ. From Wednesday, Oct. 14 to Friday, Oct. 16, the 7 p.m. nightly services will include the following speakers: Apostle Andria Weeks from Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries of West End; Pastor Janice Heath from Greater Higher Ministries; and Apostle Allan Hinnant from Power of Praise Tabernacle of Deliverance Ministries of Benson. The Appreciation Service Talent night will be on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 18, the anniversary celebration will conclude at 4 p.m. service with guest speaker Overseer John Ford from Healing House of God. For more information, contact the church at 336-777-1113.



McCloud

Beginning Oct. 4

Homecoming and revival

Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church, 6475 Yadkinville Highway, Pfafftown, will hold a homecoming and revival on Sunday through Wednesday, Oct. 4-7. On Sunday, the following schedule will be observed: the Rev. Beverly W. McMillian, pastor, speaker at 11 a.m.; lunch at 1 p.m.; and the Rev. Dr. Tyrone Rigsby of Center Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, Tobaccoville, guest speaker at 3 p.m. On Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly, Rev. Daril Scott Sr. of New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, Lewisville, will be the evangelist. The church's phone number is 336-945-2221.

Beginning Oct. 5

Fall revival

The St. Andrews United Methodist Church annual fall revival will be on Monday, Oct. 5 through Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 1840 Butler St. Services will be at 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speakers will be Rev. George M. Coates, Rev. Dr. Alfonza Everette and Rev. Dr. Haven O. Anderson. Rev. Ronnie Roseboro is the host pastor. For more information, contact the church at 336-788-3421.

Beginning Oct. 5

Night fall revival

The New Birth Worship Center, located at 1033 Newbirth Dr. in East Bend, will have its night fall revival from Monday, Oct. 5 through Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. nightly. Featured speakers will be: Rev. Marvin Harper and congregation from Tabernacle United Church of Christ of Yadkinville; Pastor P. Michael McNair and congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Thomasville; and Pastor Allen Boggs and congregation from East Bend Baptist Church of East Bend. Dr. James L. E. Hunt is pastor of

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Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will kick off a monthlong pastoral celebration for Bishop Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor and teacher, on Sunday, Oct. 4 to commemorate his 25 years in ministry and 16 years at Union Baptist.

The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr., who will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Hicks is pastor emeritus of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and Largo, Maryland. He retired in 2014 after 37 years of service.

He is currently distinguished visiting professor



Mother Mack



Hicks

at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Among his seven books is the best-selling work, "Preaching Through a Storm." Among his numerous honors Dr. Hicks was keynote preacher for the Baptist World Congress in 2000 and Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 2007.

More recently, he was conference preacher for the Hampton Minister's Conference in 2009.

Hicks is president of H. Beecher Hicks Jr. Ministries Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in church leadership development and team building.

Pastoral anniversary services will be held throughout October, culminating on the fourth Sunday.

Also, on Sunday, Oct. 11, Mother Mack Sunday will be held in honor of Frances Jones Mack, the mother of Bishop Mack

and the church mother of Union Baptist. The focus of this Sunday will be cancer awareness, with an emphasis on breast cancer.

Mother Mack, a retired nurse, had breast cancer in 2008.

"I believe the Lord can heal and deliver those struggling with cancer. We want to bring awareness and help educate people about ways to lower risks to prevent cancer of all types, not only breast cancer," states Mother Mack.

Along with Mother Mack, survivors of all forms of cancer will be recognized at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. All persons are asked to wear pink and black, and cancer survivors will sit as a body.

For more information, call the church office at 336-724-9305 or visit the website: unionbaptistwsnc.org.



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Members of the community pray at the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Detention Center on Friday, Sept. 25.



Photo submitted by Jone Reid

United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church members take a break from praying in the rain around the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Detention Center on Sept. 25.

Hundreds gather around jail to pray

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On Friday, Sept. 25, "It was an amazing gathering at 6 p.m. on the streets of Winston-Salem outside the Forsyth County Jail," said Jone Reid, church & community relations coordinator for Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries based at the Forsyth County Jail, also known as the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Detention Center, in downtown Winston-Salem.

She said that over 200 people from Moravian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Church of Christ, Catholic, Episcopal & non-denominational churches braved the rain and wind to pray around the jail for inmates, staff, families and victims of crime.

The color and variety of umbrellas represented the people - Caucasian, African-American and Hispanic.

"It was a blessed time of prayer for all," she said.

On Saturday, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries volunteers led a retreat for inmates.

You Can't Buy the Holy Spirit

Lesson Scripture: Acts 8:9-24

By the end of this lesson, we should,

Become open to the Spirit transforming our lives

Recognize that the Spirit isn't for sale

Rely on the Spirit to work on us.

Background: After Stephen was stoned, Saul stepped up the persecution of the church. Many scattered but the apostles remained in Jerusalem. You see, the teachings of Christ were to start in Jerusalem and spread to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:7-



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

8). Philip, another of the seven, went to a city in Samaria to proclaim Christ. In that day, and probably now, many people looked for "signs and wonders" to validate a person's power and authority. There was one named Simon who convinced the people that he had great powers. Everyone spoke highly of him as they listened closely to his words. When the people heard Philip and witnessed his signs (the healings), they followed him. He was doing a great work in the name of Christ; Jews and Gentiles converted! Eventually, Simon converted and fol-

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