

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Today, June 2 - 5

Quarterly district meeting

The North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District of the Holiness Church of God Inc., quarterly meeting will convene at Mount Zion Holiness Church in Mocksville through Sunday, June 5. The host pastor is Bishop James Ijames, with Overseer Eugene Kirby, Jr. presiding. The week's agenda with pastors, ministers, officiants, and churches includes: Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier of Mount Calvary Holiness Church, today, Thursday, June 2; Overseer Eugene Kirby of Bethlehem Holiness Church, Friday; and Bishop James Ijames of Mount Zion Holiness Church, Sunday. A Bible discussion and business meeting will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, June 4, at Bethlehem Holiness Church. Weeknight services starts at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday service begins at 4 p.m. Overseer Kirby, along with the North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District officials would love to see all members and friends in attendance.

June 4-5

Church anniversary

Messiah Community Christian Church, 2651 Belevs Creek Road, invites you to celebrate its eighth church anniversary. On Saturday, June 4 from 1-3 p.m., there will be activities at the church for adults and children as well as food and music and a song festival from 4-6 p.m. On Sunday, June 5, Rev. Sekinah Hamlin will be the guest preacher at 11 a.m., and dinner will be served immediately after service. For more information, contact Katherine Wilson at 336-391-3476.

June 4

Domestic violence seminar

High Horizons Academics for Leadership and Community Development, a subsidiary of Praise Assembly Church Ministries, Incorporated, presents its first initiative, "Love Shouldn't Hurt," a domestic violence seminar. This project is sponsored in collaboration with Family Services of Forsyth County who is providing important information and resources for the seminar. The seminar will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at Praise Assembly Church Ministries, 3254 Kernersville Road. For more information call 336-723-1020 or visit www.pacmchurch.org. This event is free and open to the public.

June 5

Annual Flower Communion

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear a talk by the Rev. Lisa Schwartz and observe its annual Flower Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 5. For more information, visit www.uufws.org.

June 5

Outdoor worship service

An outdoor worship service will be held on Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at 125 N. Graham Avenue (between First and Third Streets). A cookout will be held on the lawn after services. This is a t-shirt-and-jeans event, so dress casually. There will be a drawing every hour for free gifts. Transportation is available by calling 336-986-1305. Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams, senior pastor.

June 12

Annual Musical Celebration

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Choir, 810 N Highland Ave., will celebrate its annual Musical Celebration on June 12 at 4 p.m. The theme is "Praising God's Goodness." All are welcome to this free celebration; however, an offering will be taken. A reception will follow. The Rev. Dr. Hector K. Sintim is Priest in Charge.

June 18

Annual Motorcycle Ride fundraiser

First Christian Church's Homeless Ministry, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, will hold its second annual Motorcycle Ride fundraiser on Saturday, June 18, to help the homeless of the Triad. Rain date is June 25. Registration is \$25 plus \$5 per rider and begins at 8:30 a.m. Kickstands are up at 10 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served before the ride and hot dogs and chips at the end. Pre-register at thorntids@wfu.edu.

June 19 - 22

Vacation Bible School

First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main Street, Kernersville, will host Cave Quest Vacation Bible School June 19 - 22 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for young children, three years old through rising first grade. At Cave Quest, kids will explore the mysterious world of underground caves and what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Register now at <http://www.fcministries.com/#/events/vbs-2016>. Contact Lynn Miller at (336) 996-7388 or lynnm@fcministries.com.

Ongoing

Providing hope through teaching

Join Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Bethesda Center, 930 North Patterson Ave., where we provide hope through teaching and preaching presented by Calvary Hill's ministerial staff. For more information contact the church at 336-744-3012.

Noonday Express

New Liberty Baptist Ministries, 5009 Voss St., will host Noon-Day Express services on Wednesdays from noon to 12:45 p.m. Guest speakers from around the city and area will encourage your hearts at mid-week preaching the Gospel of power and commitment. A lunch will be offered. The public is cordially

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Pastor retires from Zion Memorial Baptist

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On May 1, The Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones retired as pastor of Zion Memorial Baptist Church. He had been pastor since 1981.

Rev. Dr. Serenus Churn Sr., Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, delivered the address at a banquet sponsored by Zion Memorial, on Saturday, April 23. On Sunday, April 24, the Morning Message was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. D. Ballard, Pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.

Jones was joined by family and friends from numerous states across the United States, including N.C., S.C., Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi and Illinois, just to name a few.

Jones is the author of several articles published in the Baptist Informer, a publication of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. He is also the author of "Why We Do What We Do: Christian Worship in



Dr. Jones

the African-American Tradition," published in 2006, and co-author of a second book with his wife, Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones, published in 2015, both published by R. H. Boyd Publishing

Corporation, Nashville, Tenn. They have been married since 1967. She is a retired professor of gerontology.

Since retiring, Dr. Joseph Jones has spent some quality time with his wife, reposing and reflecting. They are contemplating future publications.

Their latest publication is "Goose Sense." "The book contains informative practical advice, such as teaching children solid values that will serve as a stable foundation for living out their lives, resolving conflicts

amiably, and accepting people for who they are and celebrating diversity," the Joneses say. "This leads to human growth and enlargement of our world view. Learning how to save for a 'rainy day' as well as for retirement is an aspect of financial planning that make this book a necessary read."

"Goose Sense" also emphasizes the development of coping strategies for dealing with life challenges, the need to be thankful for blessings, and how to deal with grief and difficult situations.

"This book will inspire readers to consider the practical things of life from a Christian perspective as a foundation for living life," the Joneses say.

To purchase an autographed copy of the book, contact Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones or Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones by telephone, at 336-996-3866 or by email, at revdrjj@embarqmail.com or dratj@embarqmail.com.

Church's single's ministry preaches abstinence until marriage



Photos by Timothy Ramsey

Single parent ministry leader Sebrina Jordan moderates a game of "Singo," a variation on the classic game Bingo, during the church fellowship.

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Being single and a Christian in today's society can be somewhat difficult. With the sexually suggestive images plastered across television and movies and a culture of sexual freedom, abstaining from intercourse may be an arduous task for some.

The R.I.C.H. CDC and the Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center held its Singles & Single Parent Fellowship on Saturday, May 28. The ministry has been around for over 20 years and was created to allow singles in the church to congregate as they navigate their path through the single life.

"We want people to know its OK to live a single life that includes abstinence," said ministry



Mother and daughter Andrea, left, and Nya Hymes, right, congregate at Holy Trinity's Singles Fellowship.

leader Aquilla Miller. "We just believe what the Bible says about no sex before marriage, and if you are going to do what the Bible says, you have to stand according to the Word. It's good for the body and a good representation of Christ." Miller's father, Pastor Richard C. Miller Sr., is lead pastor of Holy Trinity. According to ministry

leader Sebrina Jordan, events like this are important because there are many members of the church and the community that need support and feel

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The Day of the Lord

Lesson Scripture: Zephaniah 1: 4-6, 14-16, 2:3

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Learn that on the day of the Lord, God will punish those who have not repented

*Recognize the relationship between righteous living and one's responsibility to maintain "the good" found in God's created order

*Repent and reaffirm our faithfulness to God

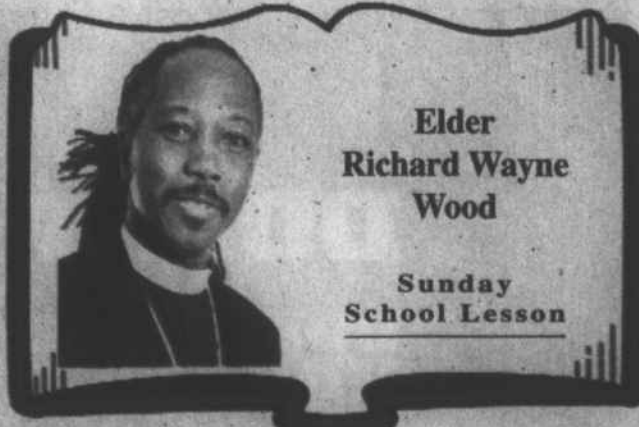
Background: Judah and Jerusalem are both filled with idolatry. God informs in the beginning of the chapter that He will "utterly sweep away" everything from the face of the earth, the wicked or disobedient and those who cause others to stumble in particular. Zephaniah is meant to be read and reread to get the full meaning or understanding of what is actually being said. God is big on

ethics and ethics are behind God's reasoning for the coming judgment and ultimate destruction. God's people are no longer God's people as He intended, but are idol worshippers.

Lesson: God speaks thru Zephaniah and addresses all who will be held accountable for their perverse behavior. There is no doubt who is being called out because they are categorized according to their transgression or state of being. I count

eight distinctions of which judgment is intended (Zephaniah 1:4-6). Instructions are given to be silent (Zephaniah 1:7). God says this is not a time for you to speak, but pay attention to what He has to say in response to what you have already done. Just watch in silence how

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Elder Richard Wayne Wood

Sunday School Lesson