

Women's program of destiny

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45th anniversary at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 2:30 Sunday at New Bethlehem FBH Church.

April 11

Calvary Church of the Nazarene, 4000 N. Sharon Amity Road, will hold its annual Easter Cantata at 10:45 a.m.

April 22-24

Transfiguration Ministries will hold "Rise, Shine For the Light Has Come" at 2707 Little Rock Road at 7 p.m.

April 24

Women of Real Destiny will hold its program "Fulfill Your Destiny" at 2707 Little Rock Road at 9 a.m.

April 25

The New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Pastor's Aid Anniversary at 3 p.m.

District III Usher's Annual Day Program will be held at 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church at 1600 Norris Avenue.

April 23-24

"Living the Gospel: An Economic Justice Workshop" will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church at 1401 North Allen.

May 9

Mother's Day Gospel Fest will be held at the Stanley County Agri-Civic Center at 3 p.m.

Two arrested in Wash. cross burning

By Kristen Gelineau THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Wash. - Two 16-year-old boys turned themselves last week in connection with last week's cross-burning at the home of a black pastor, The Herald of Everett reported.

"They were identified through our investigation, and they decided to turn themselves in," City Administrator Kristin Banfield told the newspaper. "I'm hoping their conscience got the best of them."

A relative of the boys brought them to the Arlington police station about 1:30 p.m. Saturday, hours before a candlelight vigil and march in downtown Arlington that the community organized in response to the crime, she said.

Jason Martin, the 38-year-old pastor of a Pentecostal congregation in nearby Marysville, woke up early Wednesday to find firefighters dousing a 3-foot-by-5-foot cross on his front lawn. Police and FBI agents said they had received several dozen leads, many pointing to teens known for their racist views.

Hundreds of people joined the student-organized march and rally on Saturday. Many carried signs that bore a single word - "acceptance" - and were made by eighth-grade art students at Post Middle School, where the march began.

"We just didn't think this happens anymore," said marcher Kari Fiorillo, 36, who wept as she described the incident's impact on the

community.

During the march he led a group of students who carried a banner quoting the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"I'm overwhelmed. It's very humbling," he said as those marching around him chanted, "Community for unity."

The pastor and sons Jacob, 14, and Jyshaun, 17, sang "I Forgive Them" and dedicated it to the perpetrators.

"Sometimes it takes difficult things to bring change," Martin told the crowd. "There's no way I could be standing if it weren't for your prayers and your support."

One of the eighth-graders who organized the march, Micheal Keating, 14, rallied the crowd by saying, "We

need to send a message that this is not who we are as a people."

Martin, who leads a diverse, 150-member congregation at Jesus Is Lord Life Tabernacle, moved with his wife and their six children into a neighborhood south of this Snohomish County town about a year and a half ago. Last year, he said, a student at Arlington High School threatened to "blow up" the family's house.

On Thursday, he said, his

oldest son told him a student said "if they'd known a cross was burning, they'd have added a noose."

Arlington's population is 90 percent white, with blacks accounting for less than 2 percent - 132 - of the city's 11,713 residents, according to the 2000 census.

Police Chief John Gray and Mayor Margaret Larson, a lifelong resident, said they could not recall a similar crime occurring in the city.

Was Exodus real or legend?

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And wandering Israelites would have left few if any remains behind in Sinai.

Skeptics should "cease demanding evidence that cannot exist," Kitchen contends.

Kitchen also explores considerable circumstantial evidence from outside the Bible.

For instance, he analyzes 80 treaties, law codes and covenants from ancient times that show significant variations among different epochs, and argues that the Law of Moses fits the structure of

documents from the Exodus era.

He also says the writer of such material would have needed the kind of knowledge someone raised in the court of Egypt would have received. In other words, someone just like Moses (whose name, everyone agrees, was Egyptian).

Though liberals say the portable tabernacle used for wilderness worship couldn't have existed that early on, Kitchen cites similar structures from before the Exo-

dus.

Another issue is the Bible's report that "about 600,000 men" (Exodus 12:37) and their families left Egypt, thought to be too many to survive wilderness travels. Both Kitchen and Tigay say the Hebrew word translated "thousand" also means "family" or "squad" elsewhere in the Bible, so there could have been 20,000 Israelites.

On the Net: Oxford University Press: http://www.oup.com/us

Luke MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Easter Sunrise Service April 11, 2004, 6:00am. 1600 Norris Avenue • Charlotte, NC 28206. For Information Call, 704-375-9650. Website: stlukembc.org. Pastor, Rev. Clifford Matthews, Jr.

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Weeping Willow AME Zion Church "Moving From Salvation To Discipleship". 2220 Milton Rd. • Charlotte, North Carolina 28215. Morning Worship: 8:00 AM 11:00 AM. Sunday School: 9:30AM. Wed. Praise & Prayer: 7:00 PM. (704) 532-9125. THE CHURCH THAT CARES. Pastor Wardell Henderson & Wife Myrtle.

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Friendship Baptist Church. 221 W. Bradley Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052. 704-865-9016 • Fax: 704-865-9057. Website: www.friendshipgastonia.org. Schedule of Services: Early Flow Worship...8:00am. Church School...9:45am. Spirit Flows Celebration...11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch...12 Noon. Wednesday Bible In stitute...6:30pm. Saturday Intercessory Prayer...8:00am. Sunday Intercessory Prayer...7:00a.m. Radio Ministry...1370 daily at 5:05pm. 1540 Wednesday • 10am - Saturday • 9:30am. TV Cable Access Channel 9 - Wed. - 5:30pm & Tue & Thur. - Midnight • WBTV Channel 3 Sun 12:30a.m. Rev. John A. McCullough, Jr., Senior Pastor.

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