

Traditional vs hip-hop

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children. Most churches don't even have hymnals anymore, and the hymnal used to be second only to the Bible in black churches."

The roots of African-American church music date back to the 17th century, when slaves would repeat, in call-and-response fashion, hymns and songs sung by service leaders. Slaves used the same musical patterns in plantation fields, and that music evolved into spirituals, popularized in large part by the Jubilee Singers at Fisk University in the late 19th century. Gospel music sprang from that tradition in the 1920s.

Anthems, spirituals and hymns—songs such as "This Little Light of Mine," "Walk With Me" and "Oh, the Blood of Jesus"—have been sung in black churches since then.

Scandrick said the songs had provided a bedrock of strength and faith during trying times for African-Americans—through the years of Jim Crow, desegregation and the civil rights movement.

But in the past two decades, a thriving industry of contemporary African-American Christian music has emerged, and churches like the Born Again Church in north Nashville are embracing the new gospel, modern "praise and worship" music and Christian rap and hip-hop at their services.

It's a way to engage young people, to get up and move in the pews and to express the exuberance of God's love, says Denise Owens, director of worship services at Born Again Church.

Barnes at Coffee House Concert

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• New Shiloh Baptist Church will host its fall revival through August 25. Services kick off at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Fred Griffin as the Sunday speaker.

Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 2435 Thorne Ave.

August 26
Northside Church of Christ, at 4435 E. W.T. Harris Blvd., will host a Back to School Jam and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Back to School Jam is a one-day youth sporting event dedicated to rejuvenating physical activity by promoting recreational and educational fun for youth through a 3-on-3 basketball tournament format.

Church members have donated school supplies for the event. The organization Men on a Mission, a mentoring program, has committed to be onsite for tutorial sign-

ups for those needing assistance during the 2006-2007 school year. In addition, other organizations in the community will be on-site disseminating information about their programs. The basketball tournament will start around noon. Other activities, games, and food will be operating simultaneously. There will be a dunk, 3-point, and free throw contest, and obstacle courses as well. The event is free to the public.

August 27
Dick Barnes, a solo music artist from Rock Hill, will perform as a part of the Pineville Church of the Nazarene's Coffee House Concert series. The event begins at 6 p.m. and is free to be public. The church is located at 8614 Pineville-Matthews Road. For more information call (704) 542-3618.

September 9
Pineville Church of the Nazarene will host Frank

Reich as a part of its kick off for the North Carolina chapter of the Men's Fraternity. The event begins at 7 a.m. and the cost is \$8. The church is located at 8614 Pineville-Matthews Road. For more information call (704) 542-3618.

September 11
Memorial Presbyterian Church will host two bible study events. The first features Christian educator Dianne Wright at 7 p.m. The theme is "Living in the imagination of God." On September 25, the Rev. David Frye will host a teaching of Spiritual reading of scripture.

December 2
Matthew United Methodist Church will host its annual Walk Through Bethlehem event after a one year hiatus. The event models the Town of Bethlehem. The church is located at 801 S. Trade St. Matthews. The event runs from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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