

# Church News

## Community Baptist

Community Baptist Church, 4821 Barbee Rd., will celebrate the 36th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Percy R. Chase April 27, at 8 a.m. The recognition will feature various groups within the church paying tributes and making presentations to him.

Rev. Jerome W. Washington, pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be the guest minister.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call 919-544-1319.

## Ebenezer Missionary Baptist

The public invited come join the members of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church for TNP or Tuesday Night Preaching during the month of April. The following preachers and their congregations will participate in TNP:

\* Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, NC, celebrates the risen Savior on Easter Sunday, April 20 with a play presented by the Drama Ministry. The service starts at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served after the service. Dr. Cornelius E. Battle, Sr. is the pastor.

\* Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 - Children ages 2 to 12 are invited to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, NC, for an Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt begins at noon. Hot dogs will be served after the hunt. Dr. Cornelius E. Battle Sr is the pastor. For more information, please contact the church at 919-596-2131.

\* Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - Rev. Vincent Terry, pastor of Mount Peace in Raleigh, NC

Each service begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the church at 919-596-2131. Rev. Cornelius E. Battle Sr. is the pastor.

## Covenant Presbyterian

Covenant Presbyterian Church will have a special Tenebrae Service on Friday evening, April 18, at 7 p.m. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The public is invited to attend this service. Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins is the pastor.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church is conducting Prayer Services during Holy Week. The church will be open for people to come in and pray and meditate; starting April 14-16, 12 noon and 6 p.m. The Seder Meal will be held on Maundy Thursday at 12 noon and 7 p.m. April 17. On Good Friday the Tenebrae Service will be at 7 p.m. Closing out the month of April on Sunday, April 27 the Presbyterian Women will observe Women's Day at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins is the pastor. We are located at 2620 E. Weaver St.

## Emmanuel Tabernacle Holiness

Emanuel Tabernacle Holiness, 2525 Atlantic St., are as follows:

\* April 20, we will be going to help The Family Gospel Singers celebrate their Anniversary at New Hope Person Missionary Baptist Church in Timberlake, starting at 3 PM

\* April 24, we will go to Bethlehem Holy Church to sing at 7:30 pm. The choir will be celebrating 54 years of singing on May 4, at 3 PM, we will have various groups including The Vanhook Specials, The New Inspiration Gospel Singers from Fayetteville, Sure Destiny of Durham, The Family Gospel Singers of and many, many more.

The public invited to attend.

## Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity will host the Seven Last Sayings on Friday, April 18, at 12:00 Noon at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 404 Dowd Street.

The speakers for this celebration include "Powerful Women of God" proclaiming the Word of God and they include:

Rev. Marie Tapp, Rev. Phyliss Murphy, Rev. Trish Harleston, Rev. Michelle Cotton-Laws, Rev. Rhonda Royal-Hatton and Rev. Anita Thompson.

Rev. William Everette is president of the IMA and Rev. David Mitchell is the host pastor.

## Antioch Baptist

Antioch Baptist Church, 1415 Holloway St., will host its Annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sun., April 20, at 6 a.m. Pastor Michael D. Page will deliver the message along with the Women's Choir. Holy Communion will be observed.

The public is invited to attend.

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## New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral

Health Fair and Community Day on April 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral, 3405 Danube Lane.

There will be health screenings, musical groups, food and drinks will be served, and fun for all!

The public is invited  
 John L. Caldwell is pastor.

## Registration for Mount Vernon Summer Camp

Mount Vernon, 1007 South Roxboro Street, announces Registration Cost for 2014 Summer Academic Enrichment Camp at a cost of \$20 before May 1st and after May 1st \$25. The seven weeks Camp begins Monday, June 23, 2014 and ends Friday, August 8, running week days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. The camp is for rising kindergarten to rising eighth grade. The camp cost is \$95 per week, sibling \$90.

For high school students, the camp will have a one week ACT Prep., June 23-26, and June 31, 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, 9:30-12:30, ACT Prep, 12:30 p.m. Lunch(optional). The cost is \$100.

For application, contact Director Ingrid Jones at ingze22@yahoo.com/919.672.2090. or the church office, 919.688.1823

## Mount Level Missionary Baptist

Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be May 2 - May 4. The theme is "A Walk In heir Footsteps". On Friday, May, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Leonzo D. Lynch, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC will be the speaker at the 7pm Praise and Worship Service. On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a skit "A Walk In Their Shoes, A Tour Down Memory Lane" and basket lunch from 10am-1pm. On Sunday, our Worship Service will begin at 10:00 with Pastor William C. Turner, Jr. bringing the message. Mt. Level is located on 316 Hebron Rd., Durham NC (919)477-3893. All events are free and open to the public.



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## Practical Bible Principles for Life

### Walking in the Valley Alone

By J. L. Caldwell, Pastor  
 New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral

Read: Psalms 89:48, 1  
 Corinthians 15: 55-57

In his book "Till Armageddon," Dr. Billy Graham writes encouragement to the children of God relative to achieving the faith and spiritual strength to "hold on" in the hardest of times until God comes, and or receives us home (Psalms 23:4). Even though Jesus was surrounded by many as He came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He was alone. He was ready to endure until the end all that was coming His way for our sake. He had prepared Himself as His life was coming to a victorious end. His victory came in the preparation and not in avoidance of death. This is what Palm Sunday is really all about - preparation for eternity. When Jesus, riding on the donkey, came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, this was not a stunt to bring attention to Him. He was preparing to win a great victory for each of us - the victory over sin and death.

The Bible has much to say about the brevity of life and the necessity of preparing for eternity. Although most of us live as if we were indestructible, we need a new awareness of the fact that death is rapidly approaching for all of us. The Bible has many warnings about how we should prepare to meet God. Contrary to popular belief, God has nothing to do with putting a time limit on our lives. We use our freewill to lengthen or shorten our own lives. Life span is what we give ourselves, based upon the type of decisions we make relative to our own lives. Starting with obeying God's laws, we grow or shorten our lives.

The rich with all their wealth cannot buy a reprieve from the death sentence that's given to every man. The poor cannot beg one extra day of life from the grave. This is the plight of man upon the earth due to sin in the world and in our hearts. The Scriptures says "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14)".

Thanatology, the study of death and how to prepare for it, is taught in many of our colleges and universities here in America. However, the students are taught how to prepare for death without any reference, whatsoever, to God (Matthew 7:13-14). It appears, unless there is some spiritual intervention in the lives of these people and others, they will be walking the valley alone, all alone (Psalms 39:12, 103:15; 1 Chronicles 29:15).

Our journey here upon the earth is meant to be a spiritual one, and not a secular one. We were not born to be alone by our Creator. From the "cradle to the grave" should hold no sway upon "the children" of God. The simple reason being is that Heaven is our final home, not the grave. Our Lord encourages us not to be afraid of walking



the valley alone (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

Many a person who is cynical and secular has actually thought deeply about life and eternity. That person who is the life of the party, so to speak, may also be the one wearing a mask of the fear of eternity. Underneath there is a deep dread and fear of death and eternity. In one recent survey it was found that young people think more about death than any other subject except sex. I am convinced that if people gave more thought to God's promise to us about His eternity prepared for us, there would be more holy living and a greater consciousness of God in their lives. Too many Christians try and put off the thought of death and of one day standing before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of how they spent their time here on the earth. Jesus' only objective on earth was to save us so none would be lost.

God's children have hope and are given hope by the Holy Spirit, Scriptures and from our faith in Jesus (1 Corinthians 9:10, 15:19-20; Philippians 1:20). God's watchful eyes always notes when a sparrow falls to the ground. He would never turn His back on one of His children when they are carrying a heavy load, suffering or walking alone in the valley. He cares for us regardless! He gives us the assurance, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). "We know that if this earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands (2 Corinthians 5:1)."

These words of hope and inspiration from St. Paul, the apostle, should be our very own, as well. These triumphant affirmations should be ringing with the hope and assurances of life eternal. Though we, as Christians, have no immunity from death and no claim to perpetual life on this earth, we have the promises of God. Who cannot lie, that all of our suffering and loneliness is but a footstep to life eternal with Christ. As Christians, we have a glorious hope which extends beyond the grave and into heaven's eternity (Revelations 14:13). Church let's do this!

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