

# St. Stephen's celebrates new ministry

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will hold a Celebration of a New Ministry, honoring the Rev. Dr. Clifford C. Coles Sr. Monday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.

The Right Rev. Robert C. Johnson Jr., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, will preside. He will also be the chief minister and celebrant of the Eucharist. The general public is invited to attend the service and the reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Coles officially became rector of St. Stephen's Sept. 1. He was previously vicar of the Church of the Epiphany in Rocky Mount, N.C. He will serve St. Stephen's as rector, minister, administrative leader, counselor, and preacher, as well as in community outreach programs.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y.,

Coles earned his bachelor's degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C.; a master's degree from New Columbia University in community organization; and his doctorate from North Carolina State University in educational administration and supervision. He was ordained an episcopal priest in the Diocese of North Carolina in 1993.

Prior to his ordination, he held a number of positions, including dean and professor of management at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn; associate executive director of the United Negro College Fund in New York; evening administrator of Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro; and director of Operation Dialogue. Later he directed the management program for university and college presidents the American Management Association of New York.

He held memberships on the Edgecombe County Board of Education, the Tarboro Community Outreach Fund, the Board of Directors, Triangle East and was former chairman of the Edgecombe/Nash Counties College Fund/UNCF campaign. He is a former member of several fraternal, educational, community service and professional organizations, including president of the New York Chapter of Shaw University Alumni Association, the New York Urban League, and the National Association of Social Workers.

He is currently a member of the North Carolina School Board Association, the NAACP and the board of trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

Coles is married to the former Marsha Baker. They have a daughter, Melanie Beth, and the family resides in Winston-Salem.



## Pastors work together, celebrate anniversaries

The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, celebrated his 13th anniversary as pastor Oct. 13. Here he is joined by his wife, Sarah Mendez, and the Rev. Sam Mann, from St. Mark's Church of Kansas City, Mo. Mann was the morning speaker for the 81st anniversary of Emmanuel Baptist Church Oct. 20. He has worked with Mendez throughout the year on response to the church burnings, as well as serving with him on other ecumenical boards. The evening speaker was Bishop Sylvester Johnson, pastor of the Macedonia TVPH church. Marion Wilson was chair of the event.



The Burke Singers

## Mt. Zion Chancel Choir to celebrate 87th

The Chancel Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will celebrate their 87th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 4 p.m. by presenting the Burke Singers. The Burke Singers was organized in March 1995 by D'walla Simmons-Burke. Burke is the choir directress at Winston-Salem State University. The group will sing a variety of Afro-American sacred music, Civil Rights and world-political music. Most of the selections are rendered by Sweet Honey in the Rock.

The officers of the Chancel Choir are Clark Gaither, president; Donnetta Fitts, first vice president; Marie Williamson, second vice president; Inez Shaw, secretary; Virginia Steward, assistant secretary; Naomi



D'walla Simmons-Burke

Chambers, financial secretary; Barbara Benson, assistant financial secretary; and William Hairston, treasurer. The public is invited to attend the celebration. A reception will follow.

For more information, call the church office at 722-2325.

## Hanes Mall offers Safe & Sane Halloween

Hanes Mall has a range of activities planned for Halloween evening, offering parents and their kids a safe alternative to trick-or-treating from door to door.

The activities begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 31 with trick-or-treating throughout the mall at participating stores. Kids can walk through the mall and collect their share of the more than 150,000 pieces of candy available from mall stores.

Also beginning at 6 p.m., children aged 10 and under can win prizes from Hanes Mall stores in the Halloween Costume Contest.

McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog will join in

the fun, along with clowns and other surprises.

The Winston-Salem Police Department will sponsor Safe & Sane Halloween tips at the City Hall Hanes Mall location on the upper level near the Post Office. The safety tips are available on the weekend prior to Halloween, as well as Halloween evening.

For more information, call 765-8323 during normal business hours. Hanes Mall is owned and operated by Richard E. Jacobs Group of Cleveland, Ohio, and features nearly 200 stores and five department stores. Mall hours are Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 12:30-6 p.m.

## Annie Williams celebrates birthday

Annie Williams was entertained Friday, Oct. 18, for her Birthday at the home of Odessa Perry. Those who helped her celebrate were Helen Peters, Myrtle Jones, Jessie Harris and James Thomas, all of Winston-Salem, and Arlene Simmons, from Charlotte, NC.

They all enjoyed a beautiful dinner prepared by Odessa Perry. Mrs. Williams received some beautiful gifts.

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