

Goler Memorial AME Zion church celebrates 116 years of service

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 N. Patterson Ave., is gearing up to celebrate its 116th anniversary, to be held Nov. 7-9. The Church has grown and become part of the community in the years since it began.

Under the current leadership of the Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey, 15 people will enter the Ministry of Exhortation at Goler Memorial. These exhorters are Sharon Brown-Walker, Walter Brown,

Leon Coleman, Troy Davis, Edward Greene, Robert Jarrett, Donna Maree, Eddie McMillian, Jackie Moore, Elaine Roberts, Frank Stowe, Gelaine Valentine, Cleveland Walker, Linda Walker, and Brain Womble. Each Exhorter will be presented to the community as they deliver a very brief meditation Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. Also occurring during this first night of the anniversary celebration will be a memorial service for deceased

members. Starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. on Nov. 8, Goler will host a membership drive for the NAACP. The NAACP urgently needs the community's support! Lartey will also present Goler's six newly ordained ministers to the community on Saturday at 6 p.m. They include the Revs. Conita Archie-Hunt (alternating fourth Sundays at 7 p.m.), Louis Hunter Jr. (alternating fourth Sundays at 7 p.m.), Beverly Jackson (alternating

first Sundays at 7 p.m.), Beverly McMillian (7 p.m. second Sundays), Pamela H. Phillips (alternating first Sundays at 7 p.m.), Aaron Orr Jr. (third Sundays at 7 p.m.), and Aaron Orr Jr. (third Sundays at 7 p.m.). A reception will follow immediately after the service.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 9, the Children's Choir will provide music as the Sunday School Department is rededicated. The

guest speaker for the anniversary celebration's 11 a.m. service will be the Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana in Kernersville. In addition to being a dynamic preacher and teacher, Bocanegra is also instrumental in the organization of My Brother's Keeper, an outreach ministry that serves the Hispanic population.

The anniversary celebration will conclude with a concert Nov. 9 at 6

p.m. Two of Winston-Salem's best-known choirs, Mt. Olive Baptist Church Mass Choir, and the Tabernacle of Faith Voices of Triumph Ministering Choir will sing. Come out to hear the anointed voices of both choirs.

For further information on anniversary events/services or regular worship services, please call the church office of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church at 724-9411.

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