

# Kimberly Park Holiness marks youth group YPHA's anniversary

The Young Peoples' Holiness Association (YPHA) of Kimberly Park Holiness Church will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4p.m. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Hiawatha Hemphill. The YPHA is devoted to "feeding the tummy and filling the soul" with the spiritual word and natural food. This church auxiliary is an outreach to the surrounding Kimberly Park Housing Community. The children are taught bible stories, public speaking, role-playing that enhances self-esteem, and self-motivation skills. They have adopted the motto "Do good unto others regardless of how they may treat you."

The children meet the third Wednesday of each month and are provided a meal at the end of the lesson.

Hemphill is a native of Winston-Salem. He is a graduate of North Forsyth High School. He received a bachelor's degree in music from Livingstone College. Further studies at Liberty Theological Seminary awarded him a master's degree in religion, and a master of divinity degree. His internship was completed under Dr. E.V. Hill. In it he worked with street gangs during the

riots of Los Angeles. Hemphill is a national evangelist for the Church of God in Christ.

He says one of his first loves is music. His past experiences include working with personalities such as singer Anita Pointer of the Pointer Sisters, actor Danny Glover, the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra, John P. Kee, and David Allen. His most popular composition is entitled *Shine the Light*, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, sung by the Rev. John Heath.

Currently, Hemphill is a teacher of the behaviorally and emotionally handicapped at Hill Middle School. He serves as leader of OPELE, which is a nonprofit Para Church Corp. committed to providing services for under-privileged youth, the homeless and the elderly. He is widely sought after as an evangelist, a musician, and a motivational speaker.

During this anniversary celebration, a presentation will be made to the Gore Family in memory and honor of Deacon Joe N. Gore. The public is invited. Patsy Squire is the president of the YPHA at Kimberly Park. The church is at 417 Burton St. in Winston-Salem. The pastor is Elder Robert Edmond Jr.



Hiawatha Hemphill

# North Carolina leads in certifying teachers

RALEIGH — Eighty-nine North Carolina teachers have completed board certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, bringing the number of the state's board certified teachers to 208, more than any other state.

"The single most important thing we can do to improve student performance is to strengthen teaching," said Gov. Jim Hunt. "National Board certification has not only enhanced the professional lives of teachers who achieve it, but it has made a difference in our classrooms and our children's edu-

cation." The NBPTS promotes excellence in teaching through voluntary board certification. It takes an entire school year to complete, and sets standards for what teachers must know and be able to do in the classroom. To be awarded certification, teachers must assemble a portfolio that includes student work samples, videotapes of lessons and an analysis about their classroom experiences. Assessment also includes written responses to questions about how to teach their subjects.

The following area teachers are among the 1996-97 North Carolina National Board certified teachers:

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| <b>Forsyth County</b><br>Leigh Pernel<br>Cinde Rinn<br>Anne Speas-Bradford<br>Beth Stillwell<br>Kimberlee Neal       | Downtown School<br>Mineral Springs Middle School<br>Sherwood Forest Elementary School<br>Vienna Elementary School<br>Walkertown Elementary School    |
| <b>Guilford County</b><br>Linda Smith-Fields<br>Michelle Ingram<br>Maryann Leonard<br>Kathryn White<br>Louise Monroe | Eastern Guilford High School<br>Florence Elementary School<br>Guilford Middle School<br>Johnson Street Elementary School<br>Rankin Elementary School |

## DOLL MAKER

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Trinette Chase has designed African dolls as cookie covers, pieces of sculpture to adorn tables, decorator items and as companions for children and adults.



Trinette Chase has designed hundreds of dolls, and each one is uniquely dressed with varied facial expressions and African attire.

beautiful shades of color that "pull in all the rainbow."

They have worked with Evelyn McMahon, director of the Micro-Enterprise Loan Program, to market the dolls further. They are currently at African Expressions in High Point at 311 Main St. They will soon be at New York Images in Winston-Salem on Liberty Street. They plan to design a birth certificate, a family tree, issue an African name, provide documentation of family members, such as photos and birthdays, for each doll. "This helps us to link the dolls to our history and our roots," Chase said.

She uses authentic African fabric to design their clothing in order to weave Africa into the diasporan experience in America. She said she sees the dolls as a way to help African Americans reclaim lost history and return to the original greatness of African culture. "We must know that we are valuable. We are worthy of our history. We are trying to become a part of a larger culture when we already have such a rich, stable culture of our own," Chase said.

Chase said she is concerned that young people have very little

knowledge of African or American history, and adults tend not to want to be connected with Africa. "The larger culture recognizes the value of our contributions. They look at what we bring to the table, and sell it back to us over and over again," she said.

Chase sees her dolls as a way to teach young people the value of African-American culture. Many who buy her dolls consider them heirlooms.

"All of this culture should be savored and passed on," she said. "We need to teach our children to hold on to things and not throw them away. Valuing ourselves and our culture can help bring back the love we once had for ourselves, which is so critical to our survival."

Chase said she is thankful to God for restoring her health. She credits her unshakable faith in him for her recovery. She said she is also grateful for the special people in her life who have helped her to reach for goals. "Faith and belief that things will get better has always helped me to transcend. I thank God for all of his gifts, and I am thankful to be alive," she said.

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