

RELIGION



Camp Meeting Choir

Camp Meeting Choir will celebrate its 60th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Camp Meeting Choir of Winston-Salem, one of the oldest active religious singing groups in the United States, will celebrate its 60th anniversary April 11 at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Third Street at Dunleith Avenue at 4 p.m.

The late J. Garfield Wilson organized Camp Meeting Choir in 1939. They began singing on WSJS Radio in the mid-1940s and were heard throughout the United States on CBS and NBC affiliates, receiving national and international acclaim. They had been invited to sing at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in New York City and were the first Black choir to sing at the famed Radio City Music Hall. The choir also made appearances at Madison Square Gar-

den. They continued traveling throughout the United States, sharing their rich unique music. All of the choir's music is sung a cappella.

"Our music was sweet, soft and harmonious," said Pauline Jackson.

"Yes, with much melody," chimed in Mary Ewell, one of the original 20 members. The choir still sings many of the old favorites like "I'm On My Way to Heaven Anyhow."

"However, some of our latest music is more upbeat," said Mary Ewell.

Three of the original 20 members will be recognized at the April 11 celebration. Mary Lee Ewell and Edna Clark, charter members, and Pauline Jackson, who joined in the mid-1940s, continue to sing with these highly acclaimed Christian music

recording artists.

Featured soloists at this year's celebration will include: Bernard Higgins, Albert Stewart, Thelma Thompson, Ruby Ogburn, Sadie Brown, Sarah Conrad, Michael Myers and Alphonsa Benton, who also doubles as assistant director. William Penn is choir director, and Doris Hunter is president. Reverend J.A. Sloan is host pastor.

This jubilee celebration of the legacy of Christian music will be shared with other guest choirs, including the Mount Carmel Baptist Church Choirs of Winston-Salem and a special treat from the Macedonia Baptist Church Willing-Workers Choir of Cheraw, S.C.

The public is welcome to attend and will be warmly received.

Kimberly Park Holiness Church celebrates 80th anniversary

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In the year 1919, a small group gathered together in a two-story framed building located at Derry and Glenn Avenue, a spot then thickly clustered with bushes and in the vicinity, a nearby pasture stream. Often members began service for God, whose efforts resulted in the charter members of the Union Mission Sanctified Church. It was here that the musical sounds of drums, tinkling cymbals and tambourines echoed a blessed event for the new organization.

Charter members of the newly formed church were: Elder Frank Caesar, Founding Pastor, Elder W.M. Smith, Assistant Pastor Solomon M. Caesar, Deacon, Mrs. Nellie Caesar, wife of the founding Pastor, Willie Caesar, Deacon, Jim Caesar, Miss Agnes Caesar and Mrs. Winnie Gray,

who served as the first Church Mother. As time passed, Union Mission Sanctified Church was changed to Kimberly Park Holiness Church.

Elder Frank Caesar died in March 1924. Elder Solomon Monroe Caesar, brother of the deceased pastor, was called to the pastorate of this great church. A continuous and steady growth in membership occurred under his leadership. In 1958, pledges were made for a "Brick Rally" by members and friends. As a result, several major structural projects were completed, including the educational department.

The following ministers have pastored here since the passing of Bishop Solomon Monroe Caesar: Bishop Theodore R. Rice, Bishop Lawrence S. Tate, Elder Hilton Stone and Elder Paul Sherard.

We are blessed to have our current pastor, Elder Robert R.

Edmond Jr. We love him, honor him, and thank God for ordering his steps to Kimberly Park Holiness Church. The public is invited to help us celebrate our 80th church anniversary. The church is located at 417 Burton Street, Winston-Salem. Services will be held:

Sunday, April 11, 11 a.m., Min. Betty Hash, Kimberly Park; Sunday, April 11, 4 p.m., Bishop T.R. Rice, Mercy Seat Holiness; Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., associate minister, Union Baptist; Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Rev. Melvin Frazier, Community Baptist; Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Elder E. Kirby, Bethlehem Holiness; Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., Pastor A. Sumpter, Community Holiness; Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Elder W. Frazier, Mt. Calvary Holiness; Sunday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Elder Robert Edmond, Kimberly Park.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will hold conference

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The Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will hold its first annual church conference on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The conference is sponsored by the Life Enrichment Committee, which is a part of the Special Events Ministry at Galilee, and will be geared toward the entire church family.

The theme for the conference is "Pressing Toward the Mark" and will consist of the following sessions: 1) the essentials to spiritual growth, 2) the power of thoughts and words, 3) fruitfulness vs. busyness, 4) heart conditions, 5) honoring this house, 6) Fear — False Evidence. Appearing Real, 7) the spirit of offense,

8) spiritual warfare and 9) an attitude of gratitude. Rev. Bevelina Davis, Mrs. Mildred Peppers, Ms. Theretha Werts, Mr. Daniel Matangira, Rev. Stephen Speaks, Mrs. Betty Speaks, Mr. Stephen McCloud, Minister Paul Hart and Mrs. Avon Ruffin will be the guest leaders for these sessions.

The keynote speaker for the day will be Rev. James F. Linville, pastor of the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Pastor Linville is a native of Winston-Salem, where he graduated from North Forsyth High School. He is also a graduate of Forsyth Technical Institute, Piedmont Bible College and Winston-Salem State University. Rev. Linville has received numerous awards, including the Outstand-

ing Young Man in America Award in 1989 and induction into the Oxford's Who's Who Edition in 1992. He has received an honorary doctorate from New Hope Bible College.

Rev. Linville has served as associate minister at Second New Bethel Baptist Church and Saint Stephens Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, and also as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Ridgeway, Va., and Rock Hill Baptist Church in Stokes County.

The Rev. Robert E. Lee McGowens Sr. is the pastor of Galilee, which is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Winston-Salem. For more information, you may call the church office at (336) 724-3857.

Missionary Society of St. John CME Church will sponsor prayer breakfast

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Missionary Society of St. John CME Church is sponsoring its annual prayer breakfast/mini-workshop. It will be held on Saturday, April 10, 8 am - noon. Our theme for this special occasion is "A Tapestry of Life for Women: Discovering and Addressing Our Unmet Needs." Our scripture reference is Proverbs 31:10-31.

Our keynote speaker for this day will be Rev. Conita A. Hunt, associate minister at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church. She is the coordinator of the outreach/evangelism ministry. She is a graduate of Paisley High school. She attended McLean's Business College, Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury. She also completed four years of theological studies and church administration courses with the Western North Carolina Conference



Rev. Hunt

who truly believes in being obedient to the Holy Spirit and doesn't mind spreading the word of God by singing and preaching the gospel.

The topics for the workshops are: "Recognizing the Status of Woman" and "Discovering and Addressing Our Unmet Needs." The presenters will be the Missionary president, Dinah Pettigrew, and Sister Diane N. Pressley.

Sister Diane Pressley refers to herself as "The Multiplistic Woman." She is a member of St.

Matthew Apostolic Church, where she serves as a member of the Sanctuary Choir, member of the Usher Board, Junior Department Sunday school teacher, and motivational speaker for the Women's Ministry.

God has blessed Brother and Sister Pressley to bring to fruition their own business: Pressley & Pressley, Unlimited. They customize travel and tours for two or 222. Sister Pressley teaches and facilitates: "Women Conferences/Meetings"; "Motivational Seminars"; "Time Management Strategies"; "Leadership Series"; and "Communicating Effectively with Anyone."

The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is at 650 NW Crawford Place. The Rev. Bobby R. Best is the pastor. Mrs. Carolyn Harper is program chairperson and Mrs. Dinah Pettigrew is the Missionary president.

New Direction celebrates 20th pastoral anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Direction Movement Cathedral welcomes you to join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our pastor, Essie C. McCullough, on April 18-23 and April 25.

Speakers: Sunday, 11 a.m. — Evangelist May Alexander; Sunday, 4 p.m. — Pastor Sarah Hauser; Monday — Pastor Rosa York; Tuesday — Bishop Daniel Coleman; Wednesday — Pastor James Gilliam; Thursday — Bishop Preston Mack; Friday — Pastor Cheryl Ingram; Sunday, 11 a.m. — Pastor Deborah Thomas; Sunday, 4 p.m. — Pastor Christopher Brinson.

Essie C. McCullough has been the pastor of New Direction Movement Cathedral since 1979. Other accomplishments include: innovator of a television ministry on Channel 6 since 1995 and innovator of a radio ministry on WPOL since 1997.

She is the daughter of the late



Rev. McCullough

and educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system. She has six sisters and six brothers.

She is the wife of Alexander McCullough. Her children are Amanda Burch, Alex (Kim) and Audreana (Leoni) Smith. She has nine grandchildren: Lakesha, Lashanta, James III, Jasmine, Tyeshia, Kaneshia, Sheree and Leon Jr.

Her employment history includes: Dockery's General Store, executive secretary for the city of Winston-Salem and executive secretary at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Her most important job to date is her dedicated and consistent service as pastor to us here at New Direction for 20

years.

Her skills are as varied as her personality. She is a master in her own right on office equipment, a vigorous cleaner, an expert publisher, a superb organizer and an insightful encourager. These are only a few. One of the main skills that she possesses is always being a lady. She has proven that God is a keeper in her professional, spiritual and personal life.

She has won thousands of souls to the Lord (Sheep Begat Sheep), ministering in revivals in the city and as far away as Baltimore, Md., and Bridgeport, Conn. One of her greatest desires, besides seeing souls saved, is to one day travel and evangelize.

Pastor Essie Mae Coleman-McCullough is a woman of excellence and a woman of God.

The church is at 626 Monmouth Street, directly behind Char's on Woughtown Street.

For additional information, please call 788-0443.

Pastor and wife with church for 25 years

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St. Mark Baptist Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary of service by its pastor, the Rev. James Fulwood, and First Lady Hattie E. Fulwood.

Pre-anniversary celebration will begin on Friday, April 9, at 7:30 with the Rev. Samuel Cornelius and the members of New

Jerusalem Baptist Church as guest speakers. April 10, which is that Saturday, a banquet will be given honoring Pastor and First Lady Fulwood. The Pastor's Aide Ministry will host the banquet.

On that Sunday, April 11, the Rev. Robert McGowen and members of Galilee Baptist Church will be the closing guests, which

will take place at 4 pm.

With Pastor Fulwood's leadership, St. Mark has made a lot of progress. In the year 2000 we are looking forward to a new edifice. Thank God for a pastor like him.

The public is invited to attend all services. The church is at 1100 Manely Street.

Missionary group delivers Easter baskets

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The Good Samaritan Missionary Group of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church delivered 64 Easter baskets to the Forsyth Village Rest Home on Saturday, March 27.

The members met at the church to prepare all the sweet goodies for the baskets.

Members participating were: Tensie Reid, Rosa Holland, Deborah McLean, Annie Jones, Mildred Williams, Sarah Jackson, Raeshika McLean, Reginald Jones, Charles Crowder, William Birch, Dorothy Douglas, Sarah Gordon Bason, Charlie Douglas Jr., Mary Clark, Annie and George Floyd, Juanita Archie,

Pricilla Wiggins, Carrie Richardson.

The residents were excited and very thankful.

After prayer, the group wished them a happy Easter.

Mary Williams is president over the missionary department. Tensie Reid is chairman. Rev. Joseph R. Samuels is pastor.

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