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Community Outreach Choir celebrates third anniversary

Special to THE CHRONICLE

The Community Outreach Choir of New World Cappadocia Center in Winston-Salem invites you to its third anniversary celebration June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Center, on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. The choir will present a dress-to-impress fashion show and sing to lift up the name of Jesus.

Special guests will be The Angelic Dancers for God, Steadfast Apostolic Youth Choir and Step Team, Union Chapel Baptist Church Youth Ensemble and Piney Grove Youth Choir.

Tim Jackson (97.1 FM Radio) will be the master of ceremonies.

Admission is free. For more information, call Pastor Melvin "Rip" Wilkins Sr. or Sister Paulette Jeter at (336) 744-7924.

Wilkins founded The Community Outreach Choir. He was doing crusades and outreach in the Winston-Salem Housing Authority communities and other problem areas, looking at youths on the blocks, in the streets and youths with problems. God gave him a vision that was about to come true. These youths came from all types of backgrounds. Some said they wouldn't make it, but God had shown Wilkins that something good could come out of these areas.

When the choir first started seven years ago, it had almost 64 youths and a few parents participating. Now most of the parents participate or are in church somewhere. The kids are special because they wanted to be somebody in

Jesus Christ.

These youths are from 4 to 16 years old. Singing is not the only thing stressed in the choir; also stressed are attitude, love, unity, education and a strong Bible study with help from Evangelist Yvonne Jefferson, the choir overseer; Minister Jarion Hamm, minister of music; Sis. Demetris Jeter, choir directress; and Vanessa Little, president.

The choir is moving to a new level. The Community Outreach Choir and the PEJ Ensemble have recorded a CD called "Unity," which has not been signed or distributed.

These youths are ministers. They love singing and showing love. If people could only hear the testimonies about these youths, they would change a lot of lives.

These youths take pride in performing for God.

Some people thought organizers were just baby-sitting when the group started, but now the babies have grown up to be God's Little Angels. The choir has done concerts in Winston-Salem, High Point, Greensboro, South Carolina and Virginia. The choir does crusades in and out of the Triad area. The choir's motto is, "We are somebody in Jesus Christ."

This summer the choir will do crusades, concerts and street ministry to minister to the youths who don't have Christ in their lives and also to let them know that they have to trust in Jesus to carry them through, and that the devil is trying to destroy them. Youths that come together in prayer will change.

Galilee Missionary Baptist holds recognition day

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Scholarship and College Recognition Day was held at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church May 23 at the 10:45 morning worship service. This recognition day is an annual event to spotlight college graduates, high school graduates and scholarship recipients.

Michael Lyster graduated cum laude from Winston-Salem State University. He is the son of Vanessa Lyster. He was the 1996 recipient of the W.C. Hay Scholarship.

High school graduates are:

- Michelle Caesar, daughter of Ronald and Valicia Caesar. Michelle will attend Central Carolina Community College in Charlotte.

- Sonya Hart, daughter of Minister Paul and Sandra Hart. Sonya will attend NC A&T State University.

- Jocelyn McCummings, daughter of Dianna Ball. Jocelyn will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

- Kim Pettigrew, daughter of Iris Pettigrew. Kim will attend Salem College.



Left to right, Amanda Williamson, Sonya Hart, Michelle Caesar, David Richmond, Tori Richardson, Tarsha Withers and Angela Smith.

- Tori Richardson, daughter of Larnetra Richardson. Tori will attend Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

- Angela Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Angela will attend NC A&T State University.

- Tarsha Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Withers. Tarsha will attend Fayetteville State

University. Recipients of the W.C. Hay Scholarship were Michelle Caesar, Jocelyn McCummings, Tori Richardson and Angela Smith. A \$1,000 scholarship was given to each recipient. Love tokens were presented to the other graduates, and each graduate received a Bible.

Galilee has adopted Carver High School, and each year a

Carver student will receive a scholarship. The recipient this year is David Richmond, who will attend the University of Florida.

The Education Committee of the Special Events Ministry coordinated College and Scholarship Day. Robert L. McGowens is the pastor. The church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Speaker at Pleasant Abyssinia Baptist is coming back home

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Dr. James Edward Hinton will be the 11 a.m. speaker at the Pleasant Abyssinia Baptist Church June 13. His brother, the Rev. R. L. Hinton, is the pastor of Pleasant Abyssinia Baptist Church. Dr. J.E. Hinton is the pastor of Union Memorial Baptist Church, Westminster, Md., and he will be accompanied by members of this church.

James Edward Hinton was born in Winston-Salem to Boss T. and Mamie Hinton, both now deceased. He attended the public schools. He moved to Maryland in 1943 at the age of 18 and was drafted into the U.S. Army. After serving two years in the military he returned to civilian life to work for the Defense Department.

In 1952 he made a full and unconditional commitment to serve God.

In 1958 he served as an associate minister of The Gospel Taber-

nacle Church and was ordained as pastor of the Highway Church of Christ.

In 1981 he became an associate minister at Mt. Olive Church in Towson, Md. After the death of the pastor, Hinton became the interim pastor until the present pastor, the Rev. Avery Penn, was installed.

Hinton served at Mt. Olive five years until he was called to Union Memorial Baptist Church.

He is a member of the Baptist Pastors Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity, The Baptist Minister Day Conference in Baltimore, The United Missionary Baptist State Convention of Maryland, Hampton (Va.) University Minister Conference, which recently gave him an honorary doctorate degree; and trustee of the United Baptist Theological Seminary of Baltimore.

He is married to the former Nancy V. Welch and is the father of three sons and three daughters.

St. James A.M.E. to hold 'Pastor's Appreciation' service

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Officers, members and friends at St. James A.M.E. Church will have a "Pastor's Appreciation" service for the Rev. J. Bernard Wilder June 6 at 5 p.m.

Wilder has served the congregation for two consecutive appointments. During the past year, he placed strong emphases on Christian growth and participation in the young people's department.

Ronald Hughes, minister of music, will lead the prayer and praise service at 4:45 p.m. The combined choirs of the church will provide the music.

The Rev. Sheldon McCarter, pastor of Cleveland Avenue



Rev. Wilder

Christian Church, will deliver the message. McCarter will be accompanied by family, members and

Nigel Alston, pastor's steward, will preside and

introduce McCarter.

A reception will follow the service. The public is cordially invited.

Union Baptist welcomes new pastor

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The congregation of Union Baptist Church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack as the new pastor. He will preach his first sermon as pastor of Union Baptist Church at the 11 a.m. service June 6. He comes to Union

Baptist Church from New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church in Oxford, N.C. He takes over the pastoral responsibilities of the church, which has been without a minister since the passing of Dr. B.F. Daniels in November 1997.



Rev. Mack

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Our employees receiving high school, college, and advanced degrees have reached a milestone of accomplishment, and we are very proud of them.

We also recognize the support and encouragement that the parents, guardians, family, and spouses gave our graduates to make this happy occasion a reality.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future from all of us here at Lowes Foods.

Margaret M. Urquhart
President, Lowes Foods

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