

# RELIGION

## Educator 'Mama Pat' Smith to speak at forum

Special to THE CHRONICLE

On Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, 115 Dellabrook Road, the NAACP Education Caucus will present "Mama Pat" Smith, principal and lead teacher of the Afrikan People's Action School in Trenton, N.J., in a forum on "Culture and Educational Excellence."

The Afrikan People's Action School is more than a quarter-century old and all of its graduates are either in college now or are college graduates. They have more than 100 students, all black, and an all-black faculty and staff. Their students average on the 89th percentile on the California Achievement Test in both the math and verbal sections.

Dr. Donald Martin, Winston-Salem Forsyth County School superintendent, recently held a news conference where he praised black student proficiency in reading and mathematics ranging between 48 and 52 percent. Some black leaders consider this a celebration of mediocrity that, at best, typifies

the low expectation of black students by white educators. Martin was joined at that conference by Jane D. Goins, vice chair of the school board.

Mama Pat's example of educational leadership at the Afrikan People's Action School (APAS) was a key ingredient in the just concluded three-year experiment with Afrocentricism at the Children's Village at Jefferson Diggs School, Anne Jenkins ("Mama J") teacher. Mama J said when she and her class (who were with her kindergarten-second grade) visited APAS in Trenton last school year, "It was like being in the midst of germinating seedlings. There was an urgency about needing to know and wanting to know."

"I saw a lot of creativity in seeking answers. The children at APAS weren't limited by prescribed curriculum or grade level. They were encouraged to explore and evolve, in a healthy, supportive environment that recognized and revered their African and African American culture. I'm excited about her being in Winston-Salem because she was a backbone of support

for the Children's Village at Diggs."

Mama J went on to mention, in reference to Mama Pat, that, "I'm just so grateful that there's somebody like her working with our children and encouraging others to do the same. She's very focused about her mission."

President William H. "Bill" Tatum of the Winston-Salem NAACP sponsored a trip to Trenton for Mama J; the Rev. William S. Fails, formerly of the Hanes CME Church; and Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley of Dellabrook Church and the Education Caucus, several years ago.

Tatum said of his experience at APAS: "I was very impressed with the educational learning process. Their children graduated and went on to college. They scored high on standardized tests. Mama Pat wanted parents to understand Afrocentricism and how it could benefit affluent as well as poor children."

"They taught students to respect parents and all other adults. They captivated the mind. They did the same work as public schools but more fine

tuned and in-depth. Each child was able to help another child as a peer. That school realized the value of Afrocentricism, community needs, individual children's learning style and parent/teacher cooperation. Children's behavior was well structured with morning and afternoon rituals like the Umoja (unity) circle. I was impressed with Mama Pat and all her teachers."

Finally, Elder Inis D. Johnson is an award-winning retired teacher who volunteered 15 hours per week at the Children's Village at Diggs. That class had a pen pal relationship with peers at APAS. The Children's Village traveled to New York and Trenton and visited with APAS last semester.

Johnson, of Dellabrook Church and the NAACP Education Caucus, reflected: "It was quite enlightening to learn what they're doing for children at APAS. Mama Pat gets a great response from parents. That she's running the school as a private entity is impressive."

"The children are respectful;

two graduates had come back from college to volunteer. They received us so well and the Diggs children had a chance to see and meet their pen pals. I believe Mama Pat and Mama J will be

lifelong friends. Mama J got more respect and support there than she got in Winston-Salem. That inspired me. They admired Mama J for bringing a class to New York City."

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## New Hope AME Zion to hold revival

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New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, will celebrate its annual revival Aug. 8-13. The theme is "No Faith, No Salvation."

On Sunday, the 11 a.m. service will start with New Hope's pastor, the Rev. Johnny L. Ruff, delivering the message. The 3

p.m. service will feature the Rev. Jimmy Griffin, his choir and congregation from Shiloh AME Zion Church in Statesville.

The speakers and special guests for the other services are: Monday evening, the Rev. Marvin Harper, the pastor of Tabernacle United Church of Christ in Huntsville, N.C.; Tuesday evening, the Rev. James Gaskins and congregation from John Wes-

ley AME Zion Church in Winston-Salem; Wednesday evening, the Rev. Beverly McMillian and the Stewards Chapel AME Zion Church family; Thursday evening, the Rev. Daryl Scott and church family of Hickory Grove AME Zion Church in Clemmons; Friday evening, the Rev. G. Erwin and congregation of Center Grove AME Zion Church in Tobaccoville. All services will

begin at 7 p.m. with prayer and praise worship followed by the minister of the hour bringing the message at 7:30 pm.

Everyone is invited. For more information call the church at (336) 945-9083.

## Goodwill to host summit

Special to THE CHRONICLE

Goodwill Baptist Church, where P.A. Samuels is pastor, will hold a youth summit Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. until.

There will be a full day of activities with community leaders, including Davidson County Sheriff Gerald Hege and Capt. Tim Samuels of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

There will also be youth choirs, step teams and other

speakers and activities.

The itinerary will be for young people from 4 years old through teen-agers.

Fun, games, lunch and other activities are planned for the youths.

Goodwill Baptist Church is at 548 Goodwill Road in the Arcadia community in northern Davidson County.

For more information please call Prophetess Gloria Samuels at (336) 924-8110 or the church at (336) 764-3930.



Rev. P.A. and Prophetess Samuels

## United Cornerstone Church to hold Julilee Celebration

Special to THE CHRONICLE

United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual Julilee Celebration Aug. 7 and 8.

There will be a full weekend of activities. On Saturday, a picnic will be held at Hathaway Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration will continue Sunday with the Rev. G.G. Gerald, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, during the 11 a.m. worship service. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. the Rev. Elbert Lee Jr. will be the guest speaker and members of North End Baptist Church in Rocky Mount will be guests.

United Cornerstone Baptist



Rev. Gloria G. Gerald



Rev. Elbert Lee Jr.

Church is at 2745 Patria Street at Wright Street. The public is invited

to all the activities. Dr. J. Ray Butler is the host pastor.

## Life Changing Christian Center to hold Soul Winning Conference

Life Changing Christian Center, 2804 Woughtown Street in Winston-Salem, will hold its first annual Soul Winning Conference-Sharing Jesus Effectively. The public is invited. Services will be held Aug. 6 and Aug. 9-13 at 7:30 nightly.

Each night a different evangelist will speak: on Aug. 6, Pastor Harper of High Point Solid Rock Ministries; Aug. 9, Pastor McCray of The Mouth of God Church; Aug. 10, Bishop Oliver Quick, pastor of Miracle Temple Church of Deliverance CGOC; Aug. 11, Dr. Rev. Ron Hester of Kernersville; Aug. 12, Pastor Anthony Knotts

of Ambassador for Christ in Greensboro; and Aug. 13, Pastor Eddie Scott of Life in the Word in Lexington.

The conference will center around Proverbs 11:30, which says: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." The conference is about learning how you can become a winner for every person with whom you share Jesus.

If you are not able to attend, please lift us up in your prayers.

For more information, please call (336) 720-9939 or (336) 748-1333.

The Rev. Sylvester Cannady is



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## Pastor John E. Guns to Minister at Mount Sinai

**Pastor John E. Guns, renowned pastor, teacher, author and much sought-after conference speaker from Jacksonville, Florida will minister at Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, Sunday, August 8, 1999 at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM.**

Pastor Guns is a native of Chesapeake, Va, a 1988 cum laude graduate of Norfolk State University and a 1991 graduate of Virginia Union University, School of Theology with a Master's of Divinity degree. He has served as Minister of Youth for the Abyssinia Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, pastor of the Union Bethel Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va., Director of Youth and Evangelism Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

Currently, he pastors the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, a thriving ministry with more than 3,000 congregants. The God-given vision for his pastorate is ultimately steered toward the holistic empowerment of Northside Jacksonville.

Pastor Guns' religious and civic affiliations are diversified and include the following: lecturer for the Florida General National Baptist Convention, facilitator for the Florida General Baptist Congress of Christian Education, fundraising chairperson for the 1999 Church Division YMCA, chairperson for the James Weldon Johnson Bless the Children Celebration. In addition, he was recently selected for the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals year 2000 edition.

*Without question, Pastor John Guns is one of the most prolific speakers of our time. His message is powerful, articulate, indelible and life-changing!*

**For additional information, call the church office at (336) 722-2624 or (336) 924-1015.**