

RELIGION

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Oct. 22

Concert

On Friday, October 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., all roads will lead to Goler Memorial AME Zion Church. Goler will have a concert titled "No Harm to Praise." It promises to be a most awesome and blessed occasion. Featured in this concert will be Rev. David A. Williams and his group. Rev. Williams is a product of Zion and is the pastor of Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church in Gastonia, N.C. He is a dynamic preacher and psalmist. Rev. Williams has for many years focused on the youths of today. He has done lecture series on how to reach and relate to our youths of today.

"No Harm to Praise" is the title of Rev. Williams' newly released cassette. On it he has done a beau-

tiful rendition of the old spiritual "Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name." It has the deep-rooted meaning with an upscale beat.

The concert is open to the public. For more information call the church at 724-9411. Goler Memorial AME Zion Church is located at 630 North Patterson Ave. The pastor is the Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey. Don't you dare miss it or you'll miss a treat.

Oct. 23

Celebrating Christ in song

Come join the Women's Concert Choir of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church as we celebrate Jesus in a spirit-filled night of praise and worship. This spectacular event will be held at PCBC, 132 Glenn Avenue, on Saturday, October 23, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. Your presence will make it a night to remember.

His presence will make it a night you won't forget.

Oct. 24

Coming Out Sunday

The first annual Coming Out Sunday for the sick and shut-in members of Shiloh Baptist Church will be held Sunday morning, October 24, 1999, at the 11 a.m. worship service. All family members of our sick and shut-in members are asked to accompany them on this special day. Transportation will be provided. Nurses will be on duty. Dinner will be served immediately following this service. The public is invited to attend this special service. Pastor Paul A. Lowe Jr. will preach the special sermon.

Initial sermon

Nathan L. Brown, AKA

"Moon," will deliver his initial sermon Sunday, October 24, 1999, during the morning worship service of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at the corner of North Cleveland Avenue and New Hope Lane (formerly East 18th Street). Rev. John H. Parks is the pastor. You are cordially invited to share in this and any service at New Hope.

Fall revival

Starting October 24 at 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Bible Baptist Church will have its fall revival and continuing at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The speaker for the week will be Evangelist Ed Carter. The Pastor is Gregory Dennis. The Public is invited. The Church is at 1611 Locust Ave. For more information, call 773-0042.

Choir anniversary

You are invited to attend the annual anniversary of The Voices of Praise, a young people's choir of Solid Rock Baptist Church, on Sunday, October 24, 1999 at 4 p.m. Come worship and let's make life very worthwhile. Address: 3010 Carver School Rd. Telephone: 336-723-2910.

Fall revival

Praise the Lord, from whom all blessings flow. The Scales Memorial Chapel Church is having a fall revival. We welcome everyone to come and receive a powerful word from the Lord. It begins on Sunday, October 24th, and will end on Wednesday, October 27th. Speakers for each night will be as follows: Sunday - (service will begin at 5:00 p.m.) Rev. William Thompson of Liberty Grove Bap-

tist Church in Trinity, N.C.; Monday - (all weekday services will begin at 7:30) Elder Leon Davis of Refuge Baptist Church in High Point, N.C.; Tuesday - Rev. John Stukes of Voice of the Word Ministry in Thomasville, N.C.; Wednesday - Rev. Mose Eaddy of Cunningham Baptist Church in Thomasville, N.C.

Oct. 30

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church Sunday School will be sponsoring "Halloween Fellowship 1999" on Saturday, October 30, 1999, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the church. Games will be played, refreshments served and candy will be given away. The church is located at 1301 E. Belews Street. The host pastor is Reverend Charles Gray. For further information, please call the church at 724-5842. You are invited to attend.

Becoming a holy community



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-24

Lesson Aims: To understand how God demonstrates His Love, to become aware of our true demonstration of love and to commit to faithful obedient living.

Background: Forty years passed. The rebellious adult population died off with the exception of Moses, Caleb and Joshua. The new generation stood on the east bank of the Jordan River ready to enter Canaan. Moses taught this new generation the greatness of the law. Chapter 4 recorded his impassioned plea for allegiance (Roberts, Complete Bible

Handbook). In chapter 5, he restated the Ten Commandments given first at Mt. Horeb (Sinai). Those laws were the foundation for living in community. (The initial part of the commandment establishes relationship with God and the second, our relationship with each other).

Moses pointed out that to be God's people and to become a holy community, they must be obedient. People of the new generation were not old enough, if they were born to comprehend the events at the mountain. Very passionately, Moses taught them of God's Love and His care for them. He urged them to listen to God's Word (The Commandments), to learn it and practice it so that prosperity and a prolonged life are given.

Lesson: Chapter 6 opens as Moses continues to exhort the people on living in community. Verses 1-3 remind them that law comes from God, not Moses. He points out that

they are to fear God. This fear is having reverence for God, not being afraid of Him. If they are obedient, God will fulfill the promise made to them.

Moses further states that obedience is done based of the love that they have for God, not due to the blessings. There is but one God; He is Lord over all creation. Moses drives home the concept that God's love deserves obedience from us and the future generation. That response is to be wholehearted.

Moses encourages them to teach the children. This teaching is to be formal/informal with diligent patience. God's Word is to be seen in the home and the life of His people as a testimony to Him. The outward sign of God is displayed as a phylactery (a small box containing scripture) on the forehead or arm and as a mezuzah (small box of scripture on the door post).

Moses then goes back to teach-

ing the children. The children of Israel are to teach the children their heritage. For the children to understand the importance of obedience to God and love for their neighbors, they must go back. Giving back is an indication that you know your identity (heritage) and your deliverer. For the generations to come, they must be taught to love God and why. For as long as they do good (love and obedience), God will preserve each and every one of them. That "was" and "is" His promise to His people.

Application: Love is very often one of the difficult concepts of life to master. For our purpose today, we are centering on agape love. This is never-ending love that God has for us. This love is guiding, encouraging and supportive. At times it must be punishing as well. For those of us who are parents, we understand this; our children don't (they will in the future).

Forty years ago the children of

Israel were freed from bondage; they complained. They were fed from heaven, given laws to change their thinking, had a visible sign of God's presence and still they complained. When faced with the fulfillment of the promise, they became scared and doubted. God punished them. Even though they disappointed God and He dealt with them harshly, He never left them. That's love, I tell you. It's love when parents hang in there with disobedient children. Our love deepens when we realize the various faces of love.

Because of God's love, a response from us is necessary also. It isn't in a building, an outfit or a few melodious words. Our response is our love for our fellow human beings and our obedience to Him. Our response is in building community. We too have been enslaved to sin. When delivered, we must change our way of thinking. God is there for us. Why worship Him? Who else could have done what God did? No one!

God expects/requires us to pass the legacy down to each new generation. We're standing on the threshold of a new millennium (east of Jordan); we are being reminded of God's role in our history (individual and collective) by our preachers: We must pass the legacy down to the next generation. Our children and their children must know where we've come from. If they know their history, their faith has fertile ground to grow in.

With all of the pretty words, the flowing phrases, the big Bibles, it all boils down to our daily living. Our obedience to His word is the best way to show our love for Him. If we can get real with God, then we can learn to live in community.

As we accept His demonstration of love for us, we are then able to show that love to our fellow brothers and sisters. If each one teaches one based on God's love, the holy community will be reality. God will be pleased.

United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist recognizes Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church recognized their pastor as National Clergy Appreciation Day was observed Sunday, October 10, 1999.

Alphabetical qualities of his name were done by Bernese Sullivan Cason, and a plaque was presented by Christopher Astrop, pastor's assistant.

It is at this point that we stop and appreciate God's wisdom in making "J. Ray Butler" exactly as He has made him. We celebrate our Pastor,

as it is National Clergy Appreciation Day. We thank God for His call on Pastor's life and the ordaining of him for service to United Cornerstone. As we show appreciation to our Pastor today, let's just see why he is named "J. Ray Butler." Just what qualities might that name hold, well:

J - is for the Joy that your preached word gives to us. That word has helped us to recognize the full meaning of the precious gift of Jesus.

R - is for Righteousness, and in you we find that you've accepted the

gift of God's righteousness, knowing that Christ paid for it with His life.

A - is for your Administrative ability and Ambition to carry out God's plan for United Cornerstone in the most effective way possible. Your desires for United Cornerstone are that we consciously put God first, reach our full



Dr. Butler

potential in Christ, and that we be saved.

Y - is for your Youthfulness of attitude, ready to try something new, knowing that new roads may include difficulty, but confident that God will never lead you astray. For we walk by faith and not by sight and trust God for each day's needs.

B - is for your Boldness, bold enough to humble yourself and let God lead, for you are confident and assured that God is in control of all things. You challenge United Cornerstone to reach out beyond ourselves for the cause of Christ.

U - is for Unity, for you desire that we all be blessed, that we would all bring our best selves to God and that we would all mature in Christ.

T - is for your Timeliness and Talents, for you channel your time and energy into those things which God chooses to accomplish through you. Your accomplishments become your talents.

L - is for the Love you show, to God and to us. You have demonstrated it to United Cornerstone over and over and over again. Your love to God is shown by your faith-

fulness in giving of your time, talents and substance. You choose to serve God diligently.

E - is for your stand on Excellence. You will daily strive to value what God values and to give God the best that you can be, for all that He is. You stay ready to discover all that God has in store for your life. Your message of excellence to United Cornerstone is that we are complete in Christ.

R - is the Ray of hope that you present to United Cornerstone. You have taught us that our hope is the fulfillment of God's promise owed to each, if we are in God's way.

Spencer Memorial Christian will celebrate Men & Women's Day

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Spencer Memorial Christian Church will celebrate its annual Men & Women's Day on Sunday, October 24, 1999 during the 11:00 a.m. morning worship service. The guest speaker will be Prophetess Gloria M. Samuels of Goodwill Baptist Church in Arcadia, North Carolina.

Prophetess Gloria Samuels is an EXPERIENCED woman of God who has been in the ministry since 1975. She has training in street, prison and youth outreach and is one of the most sought after women's conference speakers in southern America. Prophetess Samuels has directed youth councils at several churches, been part of evangelistic teams and conducted revivals and

crusades throughout the country. She is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C.

Prophetess Samuels is married to Reverend Philemon A. Samuels, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church in Arcadia, N.C., where she serves as the Director of Church Ministries, president of the Daughters of Deborah Women's Ministry and president of the



Samuels

Joshua Generation Youth Ministry. They have two daughters, Bril and Joi, and one grandson, Rodney D.

In her years of ministry, Matthew 6:33 ("But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you") has brought a liberation to her spirit and because of this, she is delighted that God would desire to use her.

The public is cordially invited to attend and help us celebrate our Annual Men & Women's Day celebration! Spencer Memorial Christian Church is located at 1410 Douglas Street, at Dellabrook, Winston-Salem, N.C. Rev. Sandy S. Witherpoon, Jr., is the Pastor. For more information, please call 722-2611.

Shiloh Baptist Church to celebrate 114th anniversary on Oct. 24 with service, dinner

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Shiloh Baptist Church, 544 East Depot Street in Mocksville, will celebrate its 114th anniversary on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

The Reverend R.W. Myers, the pastor of Saint John AME Zion Church in Mocksville, will be the guest minister. His choir and congregation will accompany him.

Dinner will be served at 1:30.

Shiloh began in 1885 with a handful of members and today has a membership of approximately 125. Church School and worship are held each Sunday.

Ten ministers have served the Shiloh charge, six of whom are still living. Under its current pastor, the Reverend Donald Ray Jenkins, Shiloh has purchased 3 1/2 acres of

land next to the parsonage, burned two mortgages, renovated the upper sanctuary and made improvements to its parsonage and fellowship hall. Currently, the basement is being completely renovated to accommodate handicapped-accessible bathrooms, a multipurpose room and a Sunday school classroom. The public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary service.

Chancel Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist will celebrate 90th anniversary

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The Chancel Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., will celebrate its 90th anniversary of praising God in music and dedication on Sunday, October 24, 1999, at 4:00 p.m.

The choir, formerly the Senior Choir, had a name change in 1991. The choir has been extremely fortunate in securing exceptionally talented persons as directors and accompanists through the years and has always upheld its duty to serve the church physically, financially and spiritually. The current director is Ms. Dyna McGriff. Musicians are Ms. Jeanne Williams, organist, and



Eddie Bines and Friends

Ms. Freddye Dixon, pianist. Special guests for the occasion will be Eddie Bines and Friends. The group is very well known in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas for their great artistic musical ability.

Mr. Bines, director and founder of the group, is a local vocalist, voice instructor, choral director and musical consultant.

The public is invited to the concert.

Goodwill to have annual First Lady's Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. On behalf of Pastor Philemon Samuels, the Goodwill Baptist Church family, we would like to extend an invitation to you to be a part of our Annual First Lady's Honorarium.

Goodwill Baptist Church of Arcadia, N.C., will celebrate its Annual First Lady's Day, to honor First Lady Prophetess Gloria M. Samuels. The service will be held Sunday, October 31st, at 4:00 p.m. Come and share with us as we celebrate the anointed and powerful woman of God, whom he has placed in our lives. The guest speaker will be Co-Pastor Joyce McCarter from Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Prophetess Gloria Samuels is an experienced Woman of God with

over 20 years in the ministry. She has training in Street, Prison and Youth Ministries. Prophetess Samuels has directed Youth Councils at several churches, been a part of Evangelistic Teams, and conducted revivals and crusades throughout the country. A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Prophetess Samuels is the owner of "The First Ladies Boutique." She is married to Rev. Philemon A. Samuels, Pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church, where she serves as Director of Ministries. She has two daughters, Bril and Joi, and two grandsons, Rodney D and Joshua Caleb.

If you will not be able to bless us with your presence, you can still be a part of this blessed event. Please send all letters, cards and gifts of love to: Prophetess Gloria Samuels, C/O Geigh Jackson, 1145 Orchid View Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27127.



Rev. Samuels and wife

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