

RELIGION

CALENDAR

April 4-6

Turner is the pastor.

Revival

April 8

New Hope Church of God, New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center Inc. is holding a revival April 4, 5, 6 from 7-9 p.m. with guest speakers Apostle and Evangelist Corbett. The revival is being held at New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center. Outreach Center, 2706 Woughtown Street, Winston-Salem, next door to the old foam and fabric shop on Woughtown Street. Come out and enjoy the Lord with us. For more information or transportation, contact Bishop D.R. Robinson, 788-2264; Deacon David L. Martin, 788-2264; Sister Sharon Clark, 773-1829; or Sister Angel Watlington-Brown, 785-2126.

April 6

Rev. James D. Rowdy to speak at Solid Rock Baptist

Rev. James D. Rowdy, associate of St. Stephens Baptist Church, will be the guest minister at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 3010 Carver School Road, on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and hear this great minister and teacher of the Word of God. Come hear him tell his story about "From a Player to a Prayer." For information, call Marjorie Rowdy, 725-3369.

Dr. A.L. Jinwright to speak at First Friday

Union Baptist Church will present Dr. Anthony L. Jinwright, senior pastor at Greater Salem Baptist Church in Charlotte, at its First Friday program on April 6 at 8 p.m. Accompanying Jinwright will be the mass choir, which recorded the gospel song "Write the Vision."

Union Baptist Church, "A Church Determined to Live for Christ," is located at 1200 N. Trade Street. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. is pastor and teacher. For more information, call 724-9305 or visit the Web site at w.uninonbaptistwnc.org.

April 7

Festival of the Shiloh Baptist Church Step Team

The first annual festival of the Shiloh Baptist Church Step Team (Steppers for Christ) will be held April 7 at 6 p.m. at Kennedy Middle School (LEAP). Several step teams and dancers have been invited to participate. All church and community groups are invited to share in this fellowship. Call 724-9263 if you are interested in being a part of this festival. Dr. Paul A. Lowe Jr. is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Baby clothes giveaway

The Senior Missionary Department and the parish nurse of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will have a baby clothes giveaway for expectant mothers only, on April 7 from 10 a.m. until noon. The church is at 950 File Street.

April 7, 8

Women's Day 2001

New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road, Lewisville, will celebrate Women's Day 2001 on April 7, beginning at 9:15 a.m. with a women's fitness and health session. On Sunday, April 8, at 11 a.m., Rev. Nellie Smith of New Goshen United Methodist Church, Greensboro, will deliver the sermon. Rev. Alvin E. Damon is the pastor.

Anniversary celebration

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance is continuing the celebration of its 20th anniversary. On Saturday, April 7, Bishop E.L. Gray, pastor of Holy Temple Church of Statesville, will be the guest speaker. The service will be at 7 p.m. On Sunday, April 8, at 4 p.m., the ministerial staff of Tabernacle of Faith Holiness Church will close the anniversary celebration.

Tabernacle of Faith Church is in Winston-Salem. Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance is at 4951 Manning Road, Winston-Salem. Bishop Claude C.

"Women of the Bible"

The Missionaries of New Trinity Baptist Church will present the program "Women of the Bible" on April 8 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 1240 E. 22nd Street.

The public is invited to this service and all other services at the church.

Antioch Baptist Church anniversary

Antioch Baptist Church, 5061 Lansing Drive, Winston-Salem, will celebrate the church's 99th anniversary on Sunday, April 8. The Rev. Joseph Nance of Ezekiel A.M.E. Zion Church of Lexington will be the guest speaker. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Christ Cathedral

Bishop Freddie B. Marshall and Christ Cathedral will worship at Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, High Point, at 4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 8. Host pastor is Kelvin Shouse. At 7:30 p.m., Christ Cathedral will present national recording artist Jeff Ferguson, author of "Woman Thou Art Loosed." Admission is free and all are welcome. For further information, contact us at (336) 722-6902. The church is at 240 N. Dunleith Ave.

Easter cantata

The Senior Choir of Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church will present its annual Easter cantata, "Who Do You Say I Am?" The cantata will be held Palm Sunday, April 8, at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church is at 2120 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, Winston-Salem. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is pastor.

Camp Meeting Choir anniversary

The Camp Meeting Choir will celebrate its 63rd anniversary on April 8 at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Rev. John Mendez is the pastor. You will be blessed by the anointed voices of the very special Willing Worker Choir of Macedonia Baptist Church in Cheraw, S.C., and other local choirs.

The public is invited. Join us in an evening of lifting up the name of our Lord in prayer, and good old-time spiritual singing.

Easter cantata

The Chancel Choir and Friends of Shiloh Baptist church, 916 E. 12th Street, will render the "Fifth Rendition of Beyond the Cross," by James Moffatt and James Tillman, Sunday, April 8, at 7 p.m. The guest organist will be James Smith, who is the organist of the Chancel Choir at Grace Presbyterian Church. Eddie Bines will be the featured soloist.

Gwendolyn Stewart is the director of the Chancel Choir. Yvonne Anthony is the president of the Chancel Choir. Dr. Paul A. Lowe Jr. is the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

A Symphony to God in Song 2001

You are invited to A Symphony to God in Song 2001 - the 35th anniversary celebration concert of David L. Allen and the Ambassadors for Christ Choir on Sunday, April 8, at 6 p.m. Ambassador Cathedral is at 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive in Winston-Salem. For more information about the service, contact the church office at 725-0901.

Antioch Christian Church Young Adult Choir anniversary

Antioch Christian Church Young Adult Choir will celebrate its first anniversary on Sunday, April 8, at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Rev. James A. Gilliam is pastor and Kelly Smith-Warris is music director.

Spring concert

The W.E. Frazier Celestial Voices will sponsor their spring concert on April 8 at 4 p.m. at Mount Calvary Holiness Church, 1615 E. 22nd Street.

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Pattersons win Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte Spirit Award

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

For the past nine years, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte has presented the Spirit Award to special persons who have generously shared their talents and resources in an effort to ease and enrich the lives of others. On March 27, the Piedmont Triad Office of Catholic Social Services honored long-time volunteers Marshall and Brenda Patterson with this award. The Pattersons have been a licensed foster family for the Host Homes program since May 1992. Without monetary compensation, they have opened their home and their hearts for 47 youths between the ages of 10-17.

Marshall III is retired from the United Parcel Service and Brenda owns and operates a home day-care service. They are very active, long-time members of Spencer Memorial Christian Church. One year ago they



Left to right, Marshall Patterson III, foster family, Father Mauricio West, vicar general in curia; Brenda Patterson, foster mother, Marshall Patterson IV; son, Mable H. Stevenson, host homes director.

joined the Host Homes Advisory Board, bringing with them years of experience and knowledge as volunteers. Volunteering is a sacrifice, an inconvenience in your life, but for a family like the Pattersons, it is part of who they are and what they want their community to be. Their value of giving has been

instilled in their teenage son, Marshall Patterson IV. He is a member of the Teen Council of Host Homes, which focuses on community service and responsibility. It is through caring people, such as the Patterson family, that we move closer to the ideal of true community living. Host Homes is an outreach

of Catholic Social Services and has been in operation since 1987. Host Homes helps keep families together by providing free counseling, mentoring and temporary shelter for youths in Forsyth County. For more information on this program call (336) 725-4678.

Understanding how persecution in the early church allowed for the spread of the Gospel



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Acts 8:4-8, 26-35

Lesson Aims: to understand how persecution in the early church allowed for the spread of the Gospel, to appreciate the effectiveness of Philip's ministry and to become a more obedient witness for Him.

Background: Examination of events after Pentecost revealed the continuous power struggle between the Sanhedrin and Jesus (followers also). You see, Jesus' teachings pulled too many Jews away from the religious order of the day. The members of the council felt threatened because the people viewed them differently. Remember that they were the initial opposition to Jesus. They were able to put pressure on the Roman authorities and thus they acted in crucifying Jesus.

From the first persecution (Acts 4), it is obvious that the Sanhedrin wanted to stop the movement. They didn't heed Gamaliel's words. They couldn't deny the miracles, so another plan had to be implemented. That plan was to make Jerusalem unpleasant for the troublemakers. The council thought that the threat of imprisonment, flogging and death (Stephen) would crush the movement. The Lord didn't cause the impending persecution but used it to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20).

After Stephen's death, the believers scattered and carried the message with them.

Instead of crushing the new sect, the council aided in its spread. Things were going well in Jerusalem. The message was simple and it appealed to many. Quite naturally, the opposition intensified and the believers were attacked. Last week, Stephen died, becoming the first Christian martyr. At the stoning, the notorious persecutor (Saul) was cited as a condoning bystander. The persecution heightened.

Lesson: Those who are scat-

tered tend to be sensitive to others who are rejected.

Philip, one of the seven, is in Samaria proclaiming Christ. Christianity is all-inclusive and Philip is a powerful witness. He performs many miracles and the people pay attention. He encounters Simon, a sorcerer. He converts but isn't willing to make a complete change.

An angel comes to Philip in Samaria to tell him to go south of Jerusalem (Gaza).

A proselyte, this Ethiopian eunuch is leaving Jerusalem after reading Isaiah.

In Gaza, the Spirit tells Philip to approach this eunuch for he lacks understanding.

Obedient to God, Philip explains the Scripture. Philip tells him that the prophet is referring to Jesus, the One slain for the sins of the world. When they approach water, the Ethiopian asks to be baptized. You see, he left Africa unsaved and will return having been washed in the blood of Jesus. Immediately, Philip is taken away to Azotus and then Caesarea. The Ethiopian becomes the vehicle to spread the Word in Eastern Africa.

Application: We see over and over how limited our vision is and how unlimited God's is. Humanity often thinks that they control events and actions. Our awesome God takes our futile efforts and uses them for His Will. Have you noticed how people do things

against us and God makes it good? Another interesting note is the effectiveness of one's witness when obedience is at the forefront. The early church was full of

obedient witnesses that took the message out of Judea to the rest of the world. The struggle is real but, amazingly, it grows us and to God be the glory.



Rev. John C. Parks

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Devotional Service.....10:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:15 a.m.
Intecory Prayer (Each Wednesday Night) 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Each Wednesday Night) 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday 12:00 Noon &
Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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D.D.;S.T.D. - Pastor

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Radio Broadcast (WAAA 980) 2:00 p.m.
M.Y.P.U. 6:30 p.m.

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