

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

Dec. 31

Watch-night service

Come celebrate with us at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at a watch-night service Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. Bishop John Cecil Parks, senior pastor, will preach on "Armed, But Now Anointed." The guest psalmist will be gospel recording artist Lucrecia Campbell. The New Hope Inspirational Choir will sing. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church is at 1201 New Hope Lane. Call 724-5401 for more information.

Watch-night service

You are invited to New Birth Worship Center's watch-night service Dec. 31 at 10:30 p.m. Come with the expectation of being encouraged, equipped, and empowered. New Birth Worship Center is at 1033 Newbirth Drive (off Hwy. 67), East Bend. For more information, contact Dr. James L.E. Hunt (pastor) at (336) 768-1744 or call the church at (336) 699-3583.

Holy Ghost Party for Jesus

House of Faith Outreach Center will have a Holy Ghost Party for Jesus on Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at 1384 W. Sedgefield Drive. There will be three dynamic speakers: Minister Pamela Jordan, Deacon-Raymond Patrick and Deacon George Sawyer. The public is invited.

Watch-night service

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 500 Noble Street, will have its annual watch-night service in celebration of the new year Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. until. The public is invited. Contact St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church at 744-7303 for more information.

Jan. 11

Forsyth County United Usher Board

The Forsyth County United Usher Board will meet at New Light Baptist Church, 1527 E. 15th Street, at 3 p.m. Jan. 11. For more information contact Rodney McCormick at 788-1664.

Other

Grandparents Bible study

Beginning Jan. 8, United Progressive Baptist Church will have grandparents Bible study at 7 p.m. each Thursday. The church is at 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle, at the corner of East 12th Street and Jackson Avenue. Come and enjoy.

Services

Greater Mt. Calvary Ministries has announced these services: On Jan. 4 at 7 p.m., Pastor Kelvin Shouse will minister at Power House Deliverance Garden Cathedral in Greensboro. Jan. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a New Year's revival with Elder Kenneth Moules Jr. from Detroit, Mich. On Jan. 11 at 5 p.m., Bishop Marshall and Christ Cathedral from High Point will be at Greater Mt. Calvary Ministries. Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., Pastor Tyrone Hunter, from Summit, N.C., will be at Greater Mt. Calvary Ministries. Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church is at 2207 E. Green Drive, High Point.

Worship schedule, services

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 N. Patterson Ave.; worship schedule - Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Bible study - Wednesdays at noon and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; watch-night service, Goler Memorial and Goler Metropolitan combined service, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m., to be held at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Fourth Street and Dunleith Avenue; annual 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal Services, Jan. 1-21 at 7 p.m.

Break-Through Services

Do you need a break-through? Come to Mt. Olive Baptist Church Wednesday nights beginning at 7. Witness the messages and be blessed with your break-through. The church is at 1301 E. Belevs Street.

Reunion

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School and St. Ann's Academy class reunion will be held Aug. 7. We are looking for former students from any class. E-mail your name, current mailing address and phone number to sds@btclaw.com no later than Jan. 31, or leave a message with your name, mailing address and phone number at (336) 725-1801 no later than Jan. 31.

Worship services

Judah Praise and Worship Center, 2411 Urban Street, holds Sunday service at 11 a.m., Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. and Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

Food pantry

Do you need emergency food assistance? R.I.C.H. Food Pantry can help. The hours are every second Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and every fourth Saturday 10 to 11 a.m. The location is 651 Akron Drive at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church. For more information call 744-9293.

Church sponsors talent contest

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church sponsored games and a "Trinity Idol" talent contest on Dec. 21 at Holy Trinity Post 187, which is at the church.

Desiree Sims won the musical chairs for kids in first grade and younger. The second game involved throwing beanbags to an object that was moving on the stage. A guest won the moving target game, which was for kids in grades 2-5.

Children in grades 6-12 played Fear Factor at the Post. In round one, children crawled under pews, rode a scooter around the church, picked up trash off the stage and put on a frozen T-shirt. In round two, children rolled dice to determine how many scoops of soup and sardines they would have to eat.

Jakia Rynie won the event. She received a framed certificate and a \$50 gift certificate to the mall. The first runner-up got a certificate and a portable CD player.

The "Trinity Idols" had two contestants to sing, Brandon Jeter and Joe-Joe Miller; two contestants to dance, Brittany Johnson and Antonio Howell; and one contestant to rap, Akeem Howell. The winner, Brittany Johnson, won a framed certificate and a \$100 gift certificate to the mall, and will be featured at Holy Trinity Post 187 in January. Runner-up Akeem Howell received a \$25 gift certificate to the mall.

Post 187 had special door prizes. The first two prizes were DVDs given to Denise Smith and Miss Brooks. A big bicycle was given to Nya Hines.

Every kid who was at Post 187 received a gift.

Pastor Richard C. Miller spoke on "Christmas His Birth, Our New Birth."

The church is at 651 Akron Drive.



Terrell Fuiell and Camille Westmoreland provide live entertainment for the audience during the worship service.



Pastor Richard C. Miller gives a sermon.



Walker



Adams

Stellar Awards to have star power

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HOUSTON, Texas - Houston's own Yolanda Adams will share co-hosting honors with popular gospel artists Kirk Franklin and Donnie McClurkin at the 19th annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards on Jan. 10. This will be the Stellar Awards' first time in the "Lone Star State" of Texas at George R. Brown Convention Center.

Some of the top talents from traditional and contemporary gospel in spiritual tandem with stars from the world of entertainment will be on hand to celebrate gospel music's finest. The all-star line-up of performers includes Mary Mary, the "Prince of Praise" Byron Cage, Hezekiah Walker, Cece Winans, Vickie Winans, Tonex featuring Sheila E., Dietrick Haddon, Karen Clark Sheard, Natalie Wilson and S.O.P., Rizen, Darius Brooks, and Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's.

Leading the pack with nominations are Deitrick Haddon and Vicki Winans, vying for the most prestigious award in gospel music. Hezekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Choir placed second to Haddon and Winans with six nominations, while Mary Mary, Donnie McClurkin, Byron Cage and Lee Williams picked up five nods each.

This year's presenters include neo-soul artist Musiq; Ruben Studdard, "American Idol" winner and recording artist; Twinkle Clark; Rance Allen; Kim Burrell; Lonnie Hunter; the Kenoly Brothers; Papa San; Ramiyah; Lil' Roc Williams; and surprise guests.

A tribute to gospel legend Pastor Shirley Caesar, recipient of this year's James Cleveland Award, will be a special moment of the show. The James Cleveland Award is given annually to an artist who has made a major impact in the development and advancement of gospel music.

In addition, Kirk Franklin will be inducted into the Stellar Awards Hall of Fame. This honor is bestowed upon an artist for outstanding achievements and major impact made on the gospel music industry through standout performance, writing and career record sales.

"We are excited about the line-up of talent for this year's show. We have a soul-stirring production that will



Parks



Cornelius



Samuels



Hash



Linville



Gray

Goler's Spiritual Renewal Services gain momentum

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Goler Memorial AME Zion Church will hold its annual 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal services Jan. 1-21 at 7 p.m. The purpose is to provide the people of God with spiritual renewal, social development, a dynamic worship experience and a holy vision for the new year. One of the benefits is that more than 20 churches will come together for spiritual worship, crossing denominational and racial lines.

Proceeds from past services have helped to purchase rice for a Liberian orphanage and to help build four Habitat for Humanity homes. A donation of \$5,000 was made in 2003 to the United Way of Forsyth County to help fund the 34 community agencies that United Way serves. United Way will again benefit from these services in 2004.

Confirmed speakers and churches include:

- Jan. 2 - Dr. Otis Robinson, Mt. Sinai AME Zion Church.
- Jan. 4 - Rev. James F. Linville, Piney Grove Baptist Church.
- Jan. 6 - Bishop J.C. Hash, St. Peters World Outreach.
- Jan. 7 - Rev. Charles E. Gray, Mt. Olive Baptist Church.
- Jan. 8 - Rev. Michael Williams, The Messiah's House.
- Jan. 9 - Rev. Samuel Cornelius, New Jerusalem Baptist Church.
- Jan. 10 - Rev. David Williams, Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church.
- Jan. 11 - Bishop Frederick Patterson, Ambassadors Cathedral.
- Jan. 12 - Rev. Donald Jenkins, St. Paul United Methodist Church.
- Jan. 13 - Rev. Michael McLean, Swift Street AME Zion Church.
- Jan. 14 - Rev. Larry Fitzgerald, Bass Chapel United Methodist Church.
- Jan. 16, Rev. Philemon Samuels, Goodwill Baptist Church.
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Deadline for submissions

Mondays at 5 p.m.