

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

Jan. 10

"Jesus Is the Way"

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ministries will present Saturday Night Live 2004 "Jesus Is the Way" on Jan. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Youths and young adults of all ages are welcome. The youth speaker will be Minister Brandon Austin. The revue will feature GMBC Mimes of Praise, GMBC Step Team, God's Anointed Ones, the Youth Choir, and the Youth & Young Adult Inspirational Mass Choir. The church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Contact the church at 724-3857 for more information.

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Prayer School of the Spirit

Woman to Woman Sister to Sister Prayer Circle Network joins in unity with Prayer Houses Inc. in offering a 13-week Prayer School of the Spirit, featuring Pastor/Teacher Anita Baldwin. The first session will be Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Comfort Inn at 531 Akron Drive. There will be a \$12 donation. For more information, contact Co-pastor Earline White at 725-9646. Everyone is invited. Come and learn and pray together.

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.

"What Is Evil?"

The Rev. Charles Davis will speak on "What Is Evil?" on Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem. "By striving to be nondogmatic, do we fail to recognize real evil in the world?" The church is at 4055 Robinhood Road, 659-0331.

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St. Matthew

Come worship with St. Matthew Apostolic Temple Church of Jesus Christ Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. for a platform service sponsored by Mother Margaret Caurthen Missionary Circle. Also on Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. come join us for a spirit-filled event: Operation Push "Praying Until Something Happens." The church is at 3640 New Walkertown Road, Winston-Salem (telephone 724-1780).

Jan. 14-16

Three-night event

New Beginnings Full Gospel Ministries Inc., 215 Fourth Street in High Point, will hold a "three-night event" Jan. 14-16 at 7:30 with special guest Dr. A.L. Jinwright of Greater Salem Church in Charlotte.

Jan. 16

Prayer concert

The women's ministry of First Wauhtown Baptist Church invites you to attend a prayer concert Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 838 Moravia Street.

Jan. 18

Church and pastor's anniversary

NewCentury Missionary Baptist Church, 918 S. Broad Street, will hold its first church and pastor's anniversary celebration Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. The theme is "Faithful and Fruitful" (Matthew 25:14-30). The guest speaker will be Rev. Reuban Gilliam, pastor, North Winston Missionary Baptist Church. The public is invited.

"Celebration" service

The officers and members of First Wauhtown Baptist Church invite you to their "celebration service" Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. What is the celebration about? The gift of salvation and the fellowship of the saints into the local church. First Wauhtown Baptist Church will honor new converts and new members for the past year in a dynamic service that will include preaching, singing, and a high time of praise and fellowship. The entire music ministry of First Wauhtown will render musical selections, the Kingdom Builders Dance Ministry will perform dance selections, and Senior Pastor Dennis W. Bishop will deliver a message of encouragement. The church is at 838 Moravia Street. Call 784-7386 for more information.

Jan. 26

100 Women of Faith

On Jan. 26 at 7 p.m., 100 Women of Faith will meet at Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 795 Crawford Place. This organization works as a task force for one year to provide help for poor and needy individuals in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The organization welcomes all women of faith and women of all nationalities to join the group as it makes donations to poor/needy individuals; advocates at local, state and national levels for needy individuals; and works to improve dialogue between community people.

Other

Church anniversary

Tabernacle of Faith Church, 1410 Attucks Street, will celebrate its 21st anniversary each Sunday during January. All morning services will begin at 11, facilitated by Brenda J. McCloud, senior pastor, and Phillip G. McCloud Sr., assistant pastor, youth pastor and elder.

Guest ministers for the remaining 4 p.m. celebrations are: Jan. 11 - Overseer Eugene Kirby and Bethlehem Holiness Church; Jan. 18 - Pastor Linda Beal and New Liberty Baptist Ministries; and Jan. 25 - Pastor Dennis W. Bishop and First Wauhtown Baptist Church. The public is invited to celebrate with us as we continue to build upon the legacy as established by our founder, the late Bishop A.W. McCloud Sr. For more information, contact the church at 777-1113 or 725-2517.

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

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Youth With A Purpose opens doors

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Youth With A Purpose Ministries, a nonprofit organization, opened its doors Jan. 1 with a Family Fun Day. The grand opening offered food, fun, prizes and entertainment for all ages.

The dance troupe from Galilee Missionary Baptist Church performed in front of an audience of 35 children.

their parents and other members of the Winston-Salem community. Parents got the opportunity to ask questions and were informed of the various programs and seminars that will be occurring in the upcoming months. The community got its first look at a center where youths can come learn, play and socialize while maximizing their God-given potential.

The center is on the corner of Brownsboro Road and North Cherry Street (4198 N. Cherry Street). The center consists of a game/recreation/activity room, a multi-purpose room, office spaces, classrooms and a sanctuary. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The center offers Sunday worship services, before/after-

school care, tutorials and summer enrichment programs. For more information, contact Mark Barnes, pastor, at (336) 896-0409; or Lindy Harris, program/activity director, (336) 896-0502.

Youth With A Purpose Ministries would like to give special recognition to those individuals and organizations that made the grand opening a success.



Foreign priests filling U.S. vacancies

BY STEVEN G. VEGH
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

NORFOLK, Va. - When Salvador Anonuevo became a Catholic priest in 1986, he never thought about serving anywhere outside his native Philippines.

After all, for much of its history, his Southeast Asian homeland depended on foreign missionary priests to serve the largely Catholic populace.

"There was a time when there were more European priests than Filipino," he said.

Yet, for the past three years Anonuevo unexpectedly found himself serving as a foreign mission priest in South Hampton Roads. Grieved by a persistent shortage of homegrown clergy, it is the Catholic Church in the United States, "including the Diocese of Richmond, that now relies heavily on foreign-based priests to serve domestic parishioners and lead worship services.

"The United States has become a mission territory," said the Rev. Thomas J. Caroluzza, who oversees Catholic churches in eastern Virginia on behalf of the Richmond diocese.

This month, five priests from Poland, Kenya and the Philippines will arrive in the diocese, joining more than two dozen clergy from South Korea, Vietnam and other countries here on long-term assignments. Several Hampton Roads parishes have international priests, including St. Luke Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, where Anonuevo is assigned. Maintaining a minimum number of priests is crucial for every Catholic diocese because only ordained priests can perform certain sacraments, such as communion, that are essential to parishioners. Priests belonging to dioceses overseas have become the single largest source of new clergy for the Richmond diocese, Caroluzza said.

Nationally, foreign-based priests represent about 16 percent of the 27,000 priests active in parish and diocesan ministry, according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, which studies the Catholic Church.

There were 994 diocesan priests ordained in the United States in 1965, but just 427 in

2000. The most recent statistics suggest the slump has flattened and even reversed slightly in some areas, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In the Richmond diocese, there were no ordinations in 2002, and only one priest was ordained in 2003. One ordination is expected in 2004 and four more in 2005, said the Rev. Michael Renninger, who oversees priest vocations for the diocese. There were 31 international priests on loan to the diocese as of late 2002, compared with 21 in 1998, Edwards said, citing the most recent statistics available.

Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, who retired in September as head of the Richmond diocese, said Filipino priests are serving in Virginia because of a deal he struck years ago with Bishop Jesus Y. Varela, who led the Diocese of Sosogon in the Philippines at that time.

Under the agreement, the Richmond diocese provides financial support to needy seminarians in the Philippines. In return, it can borrow priests attached to the Sosogon di-

ocese.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, American bishops often relied on clergy born and trained overseas to serve the immigrants pouring into the United States. Non-native priests often were assigned to serve their own ethnic community wherever it settled.

The foreign-born priests in the United States today aren't limited to serving immigrants. Anonuevo's 350-family congregation at St. Luke includes Filipinos, Hispanics and native-born Americans such as Patty Trail.

Having a foreign mission priest assigned to her parish "never even fazed me," said Trail, who has attended St. Luke for 13 years.

She became Anonuevo's administrative assistant when he was assigned to the parish about a year ago.

"It doesn't take an American citizen or a diocesan priest to minister to you," she said. "It takes someone who has that true depth of spirituality, that true relationship with Jesus himself. I saw that deep spirituality in Father Salvador."

Kimberly Park Holiness Church to break ground

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18).

Elder Robert Edmond Jr., pastor of Kimberly Park Holiness Church, introduced the God-given vision for a new sanctuary to the congregation of Kimberly Park Holiness Church in 1997. This established the Building for Kingdom Business Committee.

Kimberly Park Church's current sanctuary is 85 years old. In the year 1919, a small group gathered together in a two-story framed building located at Derry and Glenn Avenue to begin service for God.

Charter members included Elder Frank Caesar (founding pastor), Elder W.M. Smith, Solomon M. Caesar, Nellie Caesar, Willie Caesar, Jim Caesar, Agnes Caesar and Winnie Gray.

Elder Frank Caesar died in March 1924. Elder Solomon M. Caesar, brother of the deceased pastor, was then called to the pastorate of Kimberly Park Holiness Church. A continuous and steady growth in membership occurred under his leadership. Several major structural projects were completed, including the present education wing. Elder Caesar was elevated to bishop during his tenure. Bishop Caesar's God-given motto was "It's nice to be nice," which is still heard among congrega-



Pastor Edmond

tion members today. Bishop Caesar was pastor for 47 years and left this earthly dwelling to be with the Lord in 1971.

Other ministers that have served as pastors have been Bishop Theodore Rice of Mercy Seat Holiness Church, Bishop Lawrence Tate of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church, Elder Hilton Stone of Grace Assembly and Elder Paul Sherard.

Elder Robert Edmond Jr. has been pastor for nine years. Although the church's physical building has endured depreciation, the spiritual being of the church lives

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Goler Metropolitan holds many Christmas activities

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church presented "Love Illumined," "The Seven Lights of Love," Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

Marie Matthews is president of WHOMS and Dorothy McCarthy was the program chairperson. Olivia Morgan played seasonal music, and the group sang Christmas carols.

McCarthy was the Leader of "Love Illumined," and the following missionaries participated: Narrator 1 - Katie Boulware; Narrator A - Pauline Jackson; Narrator 2 - Dorothy Wynecoff; Narrator 3 - Jessie McCullough; Narrator 4 - Georgia Topping; Narrator 5 - Edith Roseboro; Narrator 6 - Marie Burney; and Narrator 7 - Olivia Morgan.

Candle Lighter 1 - Hattie Elliott; Candle Lighter 2 - Mary Martin; Candle Lighter 3 - Nita Matthews; Candle Lighter 4 - Mary Carter; Candle Lighter 5 - Luvenia Campbell; Candle Lighter 6 - Rochelle Pinson; and Candle Lighter 7 - Marjorie Marshall.

Ushers Bernell Fulton, Louise Nivens, and Marie Matthews passed out candles, the lights were dimmed, and the candles were lit as all participants sang "Silent Night." Rev. William Conrad gave the Benediction, and the audience proceeded into the dining room for the annual Christmas dinner. Marie Matthews was in charge of lighting.

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