

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

June 7 through July 30

church at 725-9623.

Summer Enrichment Camp

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Summer Enrichment Camp will begin June 7 and end July 30. This camp is open to ages 5-12. Our focus is reading/math enrichment, writing and cultural arts. Weekly field trips are planned. Lunch and a snack are included. For additional information, call GMBC Summer Camp office at 724-0575. The church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

June 20, 27

Ministerial anniversary

Macedonia Worship Center will celebrate the 37th ministerial anniversary of Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson on Sunday, June 20, with Dr. John Mendez, choir and congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church as guests at 6 p.m. Elder Theodore Smith, choir and congregation of Garden of Prayer Cathedral of Love, Asheville, N.C., will be the guests June 27 at 6 p.m. For more information contact the Office of Church Affairs at 725-2190. Macedonia Worship Center is at 500 Kinard Drive.

June 21-25

Vacation Bible School

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 5000 Noble Street, invites you to attend its annual Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme is "Jesus Helps You Power Up" (Acts 20:32). For more information, contact the church secretary at 744-7303.

Vacation Bible School

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will host its "Spotlight on Jesus" Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "In the Potter's Hands: I am the Light of the World (John 8:12, NIV)." The public is invited. For more information, contact Rosalyn Crayton at 764-5571.

Vacation Bible School

The Sabbath School Department of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave., will sponsor Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 9 a.m. until noon. The theme is "Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows." There will be multi-age grouping for children 5 to 15 years old. The closing program will be June 16 at 6:45 p.m. For transportation call 724-0491.

Vacation Bible School

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6 to 8 p.m. All adults and youths are invited. Refreshments will be provided each night. A big cookout will be given on the final night. For more information and transportation, call the church at 723-6396 or for transportation call Bro. Ronald Claggett at 722-3914. St. Mark is at 1100 Manley Street.

Vacation Bible School

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 795 Crawford Place, will have Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme will be "Jesus Helps You Power Up" for ages preschool through adults. For more information, call the

June 23-26

Youth conference

Goodwill Baptist Church will hold a youth conference June 23-26 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor James Bellamy of Truth Tabernacle Ministries, Rocky Mount. Youth conference is just one of the many outreach and soul-winning tools that Goodwill uses. There will be workshops, fun-filled games and water-slides all day June 24 and 25, and a music concert by G.A.N.G. on June 26 at 6 p.m. Dress is casual. The public is invited. For more information, call the church at 764-3930.

June 24

Saturday Experience

United Cathedral invites you to a Saturday Experience on July 24 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be Elder S. Carr and Graceland House of Prayer of Concord, N.C.. United Cathedral is at 3780 Carver School Road. For more information, call 336 (661-1874)

June 24-27

Youth conference

Higher Ground Ministries' youth department, Next Generation Kingdom Builders, will host its youth conference, Out of the Box, a Radical Praise for Jesus, June 24-27. For more information, call the church office at 725-1125. Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc. is at 406 W. Northwest Blvd.

June 25, 27

Women's Day Celebration

The First Waightown Baptist Church Women to Women in Unity Women's Ministry will observe its annual Women's Day celebration on June 27. The celebration will kick off with a Holy Ghost Spirit-filled service June 25 at 7:30 p.m. with Elder Arlene B. Crump of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Our Sunday ministers will be Evangelist Barbara Hester of Gethsemane Hope Missionary Baptist Church at 8 a.m. and Minister Mary Reynolds of St. Peter's World Outreach Center at 11 a.m. Our theme is "To every thing there is a season... a time to be born and a time to die." "Spiritual Disciplines" is open to all, male and female. Invite a friend and come with expectancy. The church is at 838 Moravia Street.

June 26, 27

Homecoming

Hanes Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 819 N. Highland Ave., will culminate its homecoming activities on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. There will be a baby contest on Saturday at 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. worship on Sunday with Rev. Rayfield Medcalf, senior pastor, presiding, and a special worship service at 4 p.m. with Rev. Sonya T. Ellerbe, pastor of United Christian Fellowship Church, Salisbury, N.C., presiding. She will be accompanied by her choir, praise group, and congregation.

Choir anniversary

New World Cappadocia Outreach Center's Mass Choir will celebrate its third anniversary on Saturday, June 26, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m.

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New Bethel has anniversary

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New Bethel Baptist Church held a triple anniversary celebration at the church on June 13. The church celebrated the 114th anniversary of the church, the 66th anniversary of Dr. Jerry Drayton's service as a minister,



Ruffin

received.

The anniversary theme was: "Continuing to Minister Because We Care." Rev. Louis S. Werts presided at the service during the morning worship. Music was furnished by the Jerry Drayton Anniversary Mass Choir, directed



Second couple from left, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Drayton and visitors attending the anniversary celebration.

by Audrey Brown with Dolly Mack at the piano and organ.

Each visitor and returning

member was introduced, given a packet of materials with information about the church, a mug, and

a fountain pen. A scholarship was given to two church members. Gold Star Church Members, Silver Star Members, members 80 to 89 years old, and John Feemster, who is past 90, were recognized and honored.

Master Breshaun Liles gave a statement of the occasion, and a number of people read congratulatory messages. A greeting and a congratulatory message were given by Mayor Allen Joines, and Benjamin J. Ruffin, who served as executive director of the First N.C. Human Relations Council, when Dr. Drayton was its chairman. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Drayton made remarks.

Carol Poe introduced the anniversary speaker, Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, delivered the anniversary sermon.

The celebration was ended with each person present given a fountain pen, and being invited to a reception and a dinner in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Room.

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Union Baptist Church's spiritual dance troupe, Favor, brought down the house recently with this performance at a recent Juneteenth celebration. The group is made up of more than a dozen young female church members.



Children take part in Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School.

Kids learn key lessons at VBS

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

This year's VBS at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church was like none other. With more than 75 kids in attendance every night, the children learned how to power up God's way. The children were broken into classes based on their grade levels and beginning at 7 o'clock nightly they marched into the sanctuary. Marching music was to the theme song "Jesus Helps You Power Up." After being led through prayer and our allegiance to the Bible, Christian flag, and the American flag, the classes were off to power up.

From 7:15-9:15 p.m., the classes were in all directions, powering up with Jesus. In classrooms, also known as "The Word of Life Center," they were being taught different lessons from the Bible and relating it to their everyday lives. Lessons such as "The Unlikely EMT" that talked about the ability to help others despite your differences started out the week of learning. Lessons also included the story of the woman at the well and one of the last dinners with the disciples where Jesus washed their feet.

The power points for the

week were:

- Love one another.
- Accept one another.
- Serve one another.
- Comfort one another.
- Forgive one another.

Besides in their classes, the power points were reinforced in crafts, snacks, music and outside games.

The children had a pit stop at The Munch & Crunch Cafe. Here, every snack in some way related to the lesson of the night. They included power up weights made of pretzel sticks and cheese blocks and also well water made of ice cream cones filled with blue pudding.

As the night progressed, the classes moved on to high-impact crafts. At this station, the children continued in activities that enforced the lesson of the night. Examples of the crafts were the heart 2 heart circles that connect all of us together, and the mobile that was a reminder of all the power points of the week.

Another station the kids enjoyed was Movers and Shakers Fitness Center. Here the kids got to exert some energy while increasing their knowledge of the lesson. Games included "Do You Love Your Neighbor," which

reinforced the first power point of love one another, and "Stay Connected," which reinforced serve one another.

The other station that concluded VBS was "Faith Lift Praises," where the children learned and sang praises unto God. The theme song "Power Up With Jesus" was perfected as well as class songs to be presented on Friday night.

Friday night was presentation day. Parents were invited out to see what the children had learned all week. Each station's instructors were able to show guests some of the activities the children participated in. The classes were also able to show off what they had learned. Each class had time for a presentation that consisted of a skit concerning one of the lessons and a song they learned in "Faith Lift Praises."

Vacation Bible School concluded with remarks from Pastor Miller and Minister Howell. The children left with packages of all their crafts and even extra goodies their teachers blessed them with. Everyone is looking forward to next year's VBS.

The church is at 651 Akron Drive.



Pastor and First Lady Crowell

Pastor Crowell celebrating 32 years

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pastor Napoleon L. Crowell Jr. is celebrating 32 years in the ministry.

He is a native of Winston-Salem and graduate of Carver High School. He has an associate degree in biblical studies from Winston-Salem Bible College, where he is currently working on a bachelor's degree. He is retired from Brenner Steel Corp. after 35 years of employment.

Pastor Crowell is married to First Lady Patricia Brown Crowell, who has played an integral role in growing the ministry from the beginning. They have five sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren.

Pastor Crowell answered the call of the ministry by being ordained at Wheeler Street Church in August 1972. He served as an associate pastor for eight years at Spencer Memorial Christian Church before accepting the pastorate at First Congregational Christian Church in Mt. Pleasant. After three years of service in Mt. Pleasant, Crowell felt led to start a new ministry locally.

Burning Flame Christian Church and Living Center began in June 1983 with seven members. The church is growing.

Services will be held Tuesday through Thursday, June 22-24, at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Pastor Melvin Wilkins, New Generation Church; Pastor William Purvis, Greater St. Matthews Church; Pastor Lamont Johnson, Phillip Chapel Church. All services will be held at the Burning Flame Christian Church and Living Center, 4935 Old Rural Hall Road, Winston-Salem.

A banquet will be held on Saturday, June 26, at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 5790 University Parkway. Speakers will be Apostle Larry Brown and First Lady Sandra (Sankie) Brown of Summerville Miracle Center, Summerville, S.C. First Lady Brown is a former native of the city. If you are interested in joining in the celebration of honoring this man of God, call 661-1600 for ticket information.

The celebration will climax June 27 with 11 a.m. speaker Evangelist Carolyn Teasley.