

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

Nov. 28-Dec. 31

Preaching mission services

Rev. Dr. James Donald Ballard

Rev. Dr. James Donald Ballard, who is retiring as senior pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, will preach at the church, beginning the fourth Sunday of November (Nov. 28), and his last sermon will be at the Watch Night service on Dec. 31.

Dec. 31

Watch Night service

New Birth Worship Center will have a Watch Night service Dec. 31 from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. Rev. George Gray, an associate minister from Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the speaker. Everyone is invited. The church is at 1033 Newbirth Drive (off Highway 67) in East Bend. For more information, contact Dr. James L.E. Hunt, pastor, at (336) 768-1744, or call the church at (336) 699-3583.

Watch Night service

St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manley Street, will have its annual Watch Night service Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. until 2005 arrives. All ministers of the church will preach, and all choirs will sing. The celebration will end with a hearty breakfast served by the women of the church. The public is invited.

Watch Night service

Piney Grove Baptist Church will have a Watch Night service Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. Breakfast will be served after the service.

Watch Night service

Beulah Baptist Church will have a Watch Night service Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. to midnight. The church is at 1352 N. Trade Street. Call the church at 722-2907 if you need more information.

Watch Night service

St. James AME Church will hold a Watch Night service Dec. 31 at 10:30 p.m. The Rev. Davis, pastor at Union Bethel AME Church, will deliver the message. Rev. Davis will be accompanied by his congregation. The Rev. Dr. H.S. Williams, pastor of the host church, will introduce the speaker. Refreshments will be served. The church is at 1501 N. Patterson Ave. The public is invited.

Watch Night service

Living Water Non-Denominational Church will hold a Watch Night service on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 10 p.m. Apostle/Prophet F.D. Taylor will speak. The church is at 2315 Urban Street. For directions call (336) 403-9257.

Watch Night service

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 5000 Noble Street, will have its annual Watch Night Service in Celebration of the New Year on Friday, Dec. 31, at 10 p.m.

Jan. 3

Carolina Evangelical Divinity School

Carolina Evangelical Divinity School, located on the campus of John Wesley College, will begin its Spring Semester A on Monday, Jan. 3. The divinity school offers two degree options to students: the Master of Arts (Theological Studies) and the Master of Divinity. It is possible to complete the entire M.A. degree on Monday and Tuesday nights. For more information visit the divinity school's Web site (www.carolinadivinity.org) or call Dr. Frank Scurry at (336) 882-3370.

Jan. 3, 4, 6 and 7

The Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministry will hold its annual preaching mission services the first week of January 2005. The services will be at Friendship Baptist Church, located on 13th at Cherry Street. The services will begin at 7 p.m. The speakers will be: Monday night, Jan. 3 - Rev. Robert Mean, associate minister, Friendship Baptist Church; Tuesday night, Jan. 4, Rev. Anthony Johnson, New Light Community Ministries; Thursday night, Jan. 6 - Rev. Sandra Thigpen, pastor, St. Philips Moravian Church; Friday night, Jan. 7 - Rev. Johnny Johnson, New Gospel Holiness Church. The public is invited.

Jan. 9

Anniversary

The C.J. Wright Ensemble of Wadsworth Congregational Church will observe its fourth anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. The special guest will be gospel recording artist Bishop John Heath of Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc. of Winston-Salem. He will be accompanied by the choir and congregation of Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle. This anniversary will be held at Wadsworth Congregational Church, 1301 Rock Creek Dairy Road, Whitsett, N.C., in Guilford County.

Jan. 9, 10, 11, 12, 15

New sanctuary

Living Word of God Apostolic Church, 4880 Burnett Drive, will celebrate the grand opening of its new sanctuary. Predicatorial services will be held Sunday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The dedication will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. The public is invited to these services. For directions call 794-9635.

Other

Radio ministry

Bishop Claude C. Turner and Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance invite you to listen to their radio ministry on station Joy 1340 every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. For more information call (336) 896-0336.

Trip

The Traveling Committee of Judah Praise and Worship Center is sponsoring a four-day, three-night beach vacation. The vacation is scheduled for Sept. 2-5, 2005. A raffle will be held Dec. 31. For a very small donation you may be our chosen guest. Contact Stephanie Golden at 788-2681 for more information.

"Breaking Bread Sunday Morning Breakfast"

R.I.C.H. Community Development Corp. (Re-investing - Improving - Creating Hope) has a "Breaking Bread Sunday Morning Breakfast" every first and third Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive. Brothers, you will be fed sufficiently and served eloquently with both physical and spiritual bread. You will also have an opportunity to join us in our morning worship service, after which you will receive a goodie bag to take with you. It's all free. For more information call 744-9293.

Food pantry

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



Visiting college students from area schools.

Galilee holds College Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church observed College Day with students from area colleges as its special guest at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sixty-one students participated in the occasion.

Students represented Winston-Salem State University, N.C. Central University, Forsyth Technical Community College, High Point University, N.C. A&T State University, Davidson College, Dudley Cosmetology,



See Galilee on B6 Pastor Robert L. McGowens and First Lady Terry McGowens

Battle of the Champions #4

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On New Year's Day, seven warriors will come together to share the Good News at Battle of the Champions #4. These young men and women are local gladiators who are giving up their lives for a cause. They are hedges and highway disciples. According to Proverbs 11:30, "He who wins souls is wise."

This is the fourth year of the event. People come from all walks of life to hear testimonies and words of encouragement. These young warriors have been through a lot in life. They just want the world to know they can make it. Soloists and praise team members will render the music.

Come hear Minister Raymond Patrick, Elder Mark Mack, Kendra Davis, Davida Elliott, Thomasina Boyd, Minister Michelle Boone and Doug Summers at New World Cappadocia Outreach Center. The church is at 245 Melody Lane. The senior pastor is Melvin "Rip" Wilkins Sr.

Call 744-7924 or 986-3065 for more information.

Watch Night services

SUBMITTED BY FLOYD TAYLOR

Many of you who live or grew up in black communities in the United States have probably heard of "Watch Night services," the gathering of the faithful in church on New Year's Eve. The service usually begins anywhere from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and ends at midnight with the entrance of the new year. Some folks come to church first, before going out to celebrate. For others, church is

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Pastor Wilkins Sr.

Dream Church is new ministry

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dream Church is a new ministry that has come to Kernersville for the sole purpose of "helping all people receive their God-given destiny for generations to come by displaying the character of Jesus Christ."

The congregation is temporarily meeting every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Piedmont Room of the Dudley Inn, 900 E. Mountain Street in Kernersville. Pastors John and Rhonda Gatling's ministry originated from Evangel. Fellowship, "The Power Center," of Greensboro, where Otis

Lockett has successfully pastored for more than 20 years. The Gaitlings have served at Evangel Fellowship for more than 10 years.

Dream Church is committed to helping people dream and/or dream again, obtain understanding of their dreams, and teaching people how to

walk in the fulfillment of their dreams. The church also offers practical biblical teachings that help people be successful in all areas of life. For more information or transportation service, call 888-6641 or e-mail thedreamchurch@yahoo.com.

Matilda Glover will preach trial sermon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Matilda Glover will preach her trial sermon on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manley Street.

She is the vice president of the Inspirational Choir and one of our van drivers of the church. She is a true woman of God.

The Inspirational Choir of the church will provide the music. The public is invited.



Matilda Glover

Church to hold Watch Night service

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Zion Memorial Baptist Church, 101 N. Dunleith Ave., will hold its annual Watch Night Service on Friday, Dec. 31, beginning at 10 p.m. The Praise team of the church will be in charge of the music. The pastor of Zion Memorial, Dr. Joseph Jones, will bring the message. The public is invited to attend.



Dr. Jones