

RELIGION

Upcoming Church Events

March 23-25

Revival

Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc. will host a revival on March 23-25 sponsored by the Pastor's Aide Ministry. Services will start nightly at 7:30 at 406 Northwest Blvd. All are invited. For more information, contact the church's administrative offices at (336) 725-1125.

Guest speaker

Bishop Alicia Paterson of Crystal Cathedral-Higher Dimension Church in Cascade, Va., will be the guest speaker at New World Cappadocia Outreach Center March 23 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 24 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Good Friday (March 25) at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. New World Cappadocia Outreach Center is at 245 Melody Lane. (336) 744-7924.

March 24

"Seven Last Words"

St. James AME Church will present the "Seven Last Words" on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The preachers are: first word - Rev. Ella Mae O'Neal, St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church; second word - Rev. Cynthia Dixon, First Waightown Baptist Church; third word - Rev. William Payne, First Waightown Baptist Church; fourth word - Minister Roseetta Dennis, Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc.; fifth word - Minister Virginia Turner, Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc.; sixth word - Rev. Oscar Pilson, St. James AME Church; seventh word - Rev. Shirley Hines, Israel Chapel AME Church.

The public is invited. The church is at 1501 N. Patterson Ave., at the corner of 15th Street.

March 24, 25 and 27

Holy Week and Easter services

Bethlehem AME Zion Church, 6475 Yadkinville Hwy., Pfafftown, will host Holy Week and Easter services March 24, 25 and 27. Rev. Robert Bailey, pastor, Mainville AME Zion Church, Mocksville, will preach the Communion service on Maundy Thursday. Rev. Marcus Farmer, pastor, Hickory Grove AME Zion, will preach on Good Friday. Services will begin nightly at 7 p.m. House of Faith will present its Easter play on March 26 at 6 p.m. The church is at 1384 W. Sedgfield Drive.

March 25

"Seven Last Words of Christ"

On Good Friday, March 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem will observe the annual "Seven Last Words of Christ" in commemoration of the passion, or suffering, of Christ during his Crucifixion. The occasion will include seven pastors who will each expound on one of the seven last words of Christ as recorded in several of the Gospels. The event will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church. All denominations and faiths within the community are invited.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Judah Prayer and Worship Center will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on March 25 at 7 p.m. The speak-

ers will be Elder Ricky E. Pouncey, Trustee Jerry Littlejohn, Missionary Barbara Pouncey, Stephanie Golden, Deacon James Pouncey, Deacon Antoine Pouncey and Deaconess B. Pouncey. The church is at 2411 Urban Street. The public is invited. For more information, call (336) 896-0336 or (336) 788-2681.

Good Friday service

A special Good Friday service will be held at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on Friday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Serenus Churn, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, will speak. The public is invited. The church is at 450 Metropolitan Drive. For more information, call (336) 761-1358.

Good Friday worship

The Greater Church of Deliverance Inc. invites you to its annual Good Friday worship on March 25 at 7 p.m. The service will be held at Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance, 240 Dunleith Ave. For more information, contact the parish office at (336) 724-1700.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on March 25 at 7 p.m. The speakers are the members of the Deaconess Board: Debbie Gary, Angela Blakney, Erica Flemming, Carolyn Flemming, Benita James, Sherri Myers, and Shanta Branch. The church is at 4951 Manning Street. For more information, call (336) 896-0336.

Movie night

The young adult ministry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Winston-Salem will sponsor a movie night March 25 at the church, which is at 810 N. Highland Ave. The movie is "The Passion of the Christ." There is a requested donation of one canned good to be placed in the church's community outreach pantry. The movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. The public is invited.

Speaker, play

Prophet Celestine Orr will speak at House of Faith Outreach Ministries on March 25 at 7 p.m. House of Faith will present its Easter play on March 26 at 6 p.m. The church is at 1384 W. Sedgfield Drive.

March 25, 27

Good Friday service and Easter sunrise service

The local Christian Methodist Episcopal churches will celebrate Holy Week with two services: Good Friday and Easter sunrise service. The Friday night (March 25) service will feature Rev. Rayfield Medcalf, pastor of Hanes CME Church, as the guest preacher at 7 p.m. Communion will be served. Other pastors of local churches will participate on the program. Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. on March 27 with breakfast to follow the service. Both services will be held at Reynolds Temple CME, 2935 N. Glenn Ave.

The local CME churches and their pastors are: Hanes Memorial, Rev. Rayfield Medcalf; Shouse Temple, Rev. Con-

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Goler choir continues a tradition

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Cathedral Choir of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church will present its 71st rendition of the Easter cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois on Easter Sunday night, March 27, at 7 o'clock.

The tradition began Easter Sunday, March 27, 1932, as Dr. Ashley L. Cromwell stepped up to the podium to direct the 40-voice choir of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church in its first performance of this cantata. For two years Dr. Permilla Dunston directed the choir in the presentation of Brahms' "Requiem."

This year's soloists include

soprano Cathy Anderson, tenor Adrian Swygert, and bass-baritone Daniel D. Gales.

Anderson is a native of Marion, S.C., where she attended the public schools. She is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. She studied with Vivien King Bright and Betty Allen of N.C. School of the Arts, and was under the tutelage of D'Walla Burke of Winston-Salem State University.



Cathy Anderson

She has been soloist with the Goler Cathedral Choir, Twin City Choristers and the Shanta-Malia Ensemble of Hanes CME Church. She also was a soloist in Handel's "Messiah" at First Baptist Church.

She is studying at Winston-Salem State University and is employed in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in the division of exceptional children at Piney Grove Elementary School. She is married and has one son.

Swygert is a native of Winston-Salem and attended Winston-Salem State University. He is a member of the N.C. Black Repertory Company and the Twin City Choristers. He is the director of the Senior Choir at Saint Home United Methodist Church.



Daniel Gales

He has appeared in numerous plays, including "Night Voices"; "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope";

and "Celebration." He studied voice with Dr. Permilla Flack Dunston, Dr. Robert Morris, Dr. James B. Kinchen, and Dr. Fred Tanner.

He is married and works for the Winston-Salem Municipal ABC Board.

Gales was born in Washington, D.C., to Julia V. Mateo-Almarante and Glenn M. Gales. At the age of 11, he began to display an interest in vocal music. He moved on to audition for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts (Georgetown), Northwest Washington, D.C. While at Ellington he studied under the tutelage of Samuel L.E. Bonds Sr.

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St. Stephen will present Easter program

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Associate ministers at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church will present "The Seven Cries From Calvary" tomorrow at 7 p.m.

There will be inspirational music from 6:45 to 7 p.m.

Rev. Donald Jenkins will preside. Rev. Eve Simmons will give the welcome. The choir will sing a number of selections during the program.

Rev. Phyllis Faye will preach on the Cry of Forgiveness (Luke 23:32-34); Rev. Ronald Fluit, on the Cry of Salvation (Luke 23:42-43); Rev. Rhonda Dixon, on the Cry of Provision (John 19:26-27); Rev. James Rowdy, on the Cry of Desertion (Matthew 27:46); Rev. Bevelena Davis, on the Cry of Suffering (John 19:28); Rev. Glenn Odell, on the Cry of Victory (John 19:30); Rev. James Clement, on the Cry of Death (Luke 23:46).

Rev. J.R. Samuels and Rev. Charles Smith will make remarks. Rev. Dr. Donald Jenkins will give the Benediction.

St. Stephen is at 5000 Noble Street. Call 744-7303 for more information.

THE NEXT GOSPEL GREAT



Photo courtesy of Kraft

Last year's winner, Natalia Williams, won \$25,000.

Kraft contest seeks people who can 'sang'

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

From coast to coast, gospel continues to nourish our mind, body, and spirits. In celebration of this increasingly popular music form, gospel sensation Kim Burrell and Kraft Foods are on a mission to discover America's newest voice of gospel.

The second annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search finalists will compete for a chance to win \$25,000 and an audition with Sony Urban Gospel Music.

"Kraft Foods is proud to celebrate the rich legacy of gospel music in the African-

American community," said Robert L. Simpson, director of multicultural marketing, Kraft Foods. "We are pleased to see the Gospel Talent Search continue to serve as a medium for the next generation of gospel singers to be discovered."

Natalia Williams, a mother from Peekskill, N.Y., was last year's grand prize winner, receiving \$25,000 and a guest performance at the Essence Music Festival on the same stage as some of the world's most talented artists, including Prince, LL Cool J, Mary J. Blige, The O'Jays

and Tyrese. Judges for this year's contest include representatives from Sony and Essence.

To help select the 10 finalists who will compete in New Orleans, visit www.kraftfoods.com/gospel. The first period for consumers to vote for their favorite performance is between April 7 and April 13. The second period is between May 3 and May 9.

Site visitors can vote for their favorite performance of the Kraft Gospel Talent Search finalists during the final voting period, June 2 through June 16.



Photo by Ray Bailey

Jerrye Griffin (president of Mt. Zion Missionary Circle), C. Odell Warren (certificate recipient), Beulah Bunch (Miriam Missionary Group leader), Dr. Serenus T. Churn (pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church).

Warren sings at church's annual St. Patrick's Tea

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

C. Odell Warren started singing in church choirs when he was very young. He sang in the Stokesdale Church of God choir. When the church was renamed the Warrenville Church of God, he became an ordained deacon. He later joined Providence Church in Kernersville.

Western Electric Co. employed him. There he met Myrtle Jones, Elizabeth Durham

and Helen Peters, who were members of the Miriam Missionary Group of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. They encouraged him to come sing at their annual St. Patrick's Tea. He said that he was happy to come to sing for them. He also brought his brother Ernest Warren and his wife, Helen, to sing with him.

That was 30-some years ago. He also brings his wife, Dimples Warren, with him when he sings. He has attended and has sung at

the St. Patrick's Tea at Mount Zion for more than 30 years. He said he has missed only two times in more than 30 years singing at the tea. One time he had forgotten, and the other time he was in a bowling tournament the same day of the tea.

Odell received a certificate of appreciation from the members of the Miriam Missionary Group on March 6. It is not often that you find someone with this kind of dedication.

Church has plans for celebrations

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Mount Olive Baptist Church congregation will celebrate the 96th anniversary of the church and the 26th anniversary of its beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Gray.

Gray, "Son of Thunder," on April 3 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Samuels from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." This is what a group of Christian people did when God led them to establish Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1909.

The first place of worship was a storefront building on South Ridge Avenue. The congregation rented the building for several years and burned the mortgage in 1921. In 1934, the building was torn down and a new building

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