

# OBITUARIES

## Russell

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### LUCAS

The angel of Solid Rock United Bibleway Church, Pastor Theatis Jenkins Lucas, was called from labor to reward early on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Lucas served as pastor and general overseer of Solid Rock for the past 25 years.

The daughter of the late Bishop Jerome and Sister Sadie Belk Jenkins, she was born on Jan. 26, 1950. She was saved at the early age of 10 and called into the ministry at the age of 20. She began her tenure as pastor at the age of 30.

She was united in marriage to Bishop Larry Lucas on June 5, 1976. Pastor Lucas was educated in the Winston-Salem area. She was a graduate of Carver Consolidated School, Russell Business College, Winsalm College and the Winston-Salem Bible College.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, Bishop Larry Lucas; a son, Bryan L. Lucas (Crystal); and three grandchildren, Jaylyn, Niromie and Little BJ. Pastor and Bishop lovingly raised 15 foster children. Also surviving of the family are, two sisters, Marian Jenkins of the home and Betty (Apostle Arturo) Kinzer of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Elder Donald (Carolyn) Jenkins of Winston-Salem, William (Coreatha) Jenkins of White Plains, N.Y., and Amos Jenkins of Portsmouth, Va.;

father-in-law, Hayward McNeill of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Minister Samantha McNeill, Cynthia A. Harrell of Winston-Salem, Nellie Williams of St. Paul, N.C., Kim (Carlos) Flood, Irene Jenkins of Louisville, Ky., and Bishop Jeffrey (Denise) Lucas; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and her beloved Solid Rock Church family.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. at New Direction Cathedral, 3300 Overdale Ave. Bishop William Washington officiated. Interment followed in the Gardens of Memory, Walkertown.

Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

### ACKER

Master Khaylen Elijah Acker, 5 months old, of 5 Cassell St., Winston-Salem, was born April 17, 2005. Khaylen went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 25.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, L.D. Acker Jr. and Mary Acker; one brother, Jamal Dashawn Acker; one sister, Aailiyal Acker, all of Winston-Salem; maternal grandmother, Bruce Pitts of Pickens, S.C.; paternal grandparents, L.D. Acker and Mamie Lee Acker of Winston-Salem; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; many loving and caring friends. Khaylen will always be in our hearts. He leaves lots of loving memories.

Homegoing services were held Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. The Rev. William Brown officiated.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

### SPARKS

Mr. Larry Sparks of Baltimore, Md., passed away on Sept. 25.

He was born May 13, 1963, in Darlington County, S.C., to

Samuel Sparks Jr. and Frances Marion Bowman Sparks. Larry was a member of Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance, where he later became a member of the Board of Deacons. He was educated in the Darlington County Public School System.

Larry was a long-term dedicated employee at Hayward Industries, Sara Lee and Church's Chicken, while in Winston-Salem. Larry moved to Baltimore, Md., in 2004 to pursue his dream as a chef. He was a dedicated employee of Genesis Health Care as an assistant chef as well as a union representative.

Not only did Larry cook for a living, he also enjoyed cooking a "down-home" Southern meal for his family and friends. Larry had a very outgoing personality and would give anyone the shirt off his back. Larry also enjoyed many other hobbies, such as hanging with friends, driving his big cars ("Grand Marquis"), and the occasional road trip to New York City and New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by: his father, Samuel Sparks Jr.; sisters, Loraine Sparks and Hazel Bowman, both of Winston-Salem; brothers, the Rev. Samuel Sparks III of Hartsville, S.C., Morris (Miranda) Sparks of Sumter, S.C., the Rev. Frederick (Sophia) Sparks, Norris (Maxine) Sparks, Ronnie Sparks and Michael Sparks, all of Winston-Salem; an uncle, Frank Cook of Bishopville, S.C.; aunts, Cynthia Bowman and Olie Mae Fraizer, both of Winston-Salem; great-aunts, Earlene Yates of Winston-Salem and Mary Lee Mickens of Bishopville, S.C.; a great-uncle, Roland Bowman; a devoted niece, Ronda L. Sparks of Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces and nephews of Winston-Salem; a godbrother, Ralign Wells of Baltimore, Md.; two very special friends, Gerald Griffin and Ron Jones of Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. at Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance. Bishop Freddie Bernard Marshall officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

## Dellabrook Presbyterian resumes three projects

### SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, 115 Dellabrook Road, is resuming three exciting projects after a summer vacation.

One is the Saturday Salvation Academy, which operates every Saturday when there is public school the preceding Friday. It is for 6- to 12-year-old children and meets from 10 a.m. to noon. The academy emphasizes: biblical/Christian studies; reading, writing, arithmetic and computer literacy; African and African-American heritage studies; and job and career goal preparation.

Academy director Elder Inis Dula Johnson was a math teacher in the public schools for 34 years and then an award-winning volunteer at Diggs and Ashley schools for the last 10 years. Johnson will be joined by Dr. Roberta Taylor, a licensed veterinarian, as assistant director for the 2005-06 school year. All 6- to 12-year-olds are invited free of charge. Parents/guardians must promise to bring their children at 10 a.m. and pick them up promptly at noon every Saturday when the public schools are in session the previous Friday.

The second Dellabrook project is the renewal of Pastor Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley's teaching the groundbreaking course "Biblical Faith and the Black American," based on the book of the same name by Dr. Latta Thomas, a Baptist pastor and professor in South Carolina.

Eversley said, "Of all the books I've read in the last 31 years, and I average a book per week, Thomas' is the absolute best of teaching the average person how to interpret the Bible and then apply that interpretation to the African-American experience."

Eversley has taught this course everywhere he's lived and worked for the last quarter-century. That includes: the U.S. Air Force, four Baptist churches (including First Baptist on Highland Avenue), Northwestern University, Winston-Salem State University, Wake Forest University Divinity School, and, of course, for the last 21 years, right here at Dellabrook.

That course is on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. It also is free and open to the public. Many people of other denominations in Winston-Salem have taken it: Baptists,

Methodists, Pentecostals, Roman Catholics as well as European Americans. All are invited. Bring a Bible and a notebook.

The third project at Dellabrook is the resumption of its regular Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:30. The church is examining the Gospel, according to St. Matthew, having finished Mark before the summer break. In keeping with one of Dellabrook's mottos—ABC = Afrocentric, Bible Centered, Christ Centered—the church strives to offer one of the most in-depth examinations of the African/American heritage bibli-

cally and in the spirit of Jesus the Christ.

The Bible study begins with a brief but important period of food and fellowship. Then attendees read the chapter of the week (on Oct. 12, it will be Matthew 6). Eversley reviews some research on interpretation and possible preaching points. Then everybody adds his comments, questions and observations. Then the group closes with prayer.

Everyone is invited to any or all of these projects at Dellabrook. Call 725-4279 for more information.

## Knopf to be ordained deacon

### SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Judy Martin Knopf will be ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church in North America at a special service to be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, 4440 Country Club Road.

The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp will officiate the service with the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Sawyer, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, South, Moravian Church in North America, presenting.

A reception, hosted by the Women's Fellowship of New Philadelphia Moravian, will

immediately follow the service.

Knopf studied religion and psychology at High Point College and Salem College. In May 2005, she received her Master of Divinity degree from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa. While pursuing her degree, she served as an intern at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa. She also completed her clinical pastoral education requirement at N.C. Baptist Hospital.

Knopf served the Board of Christian Education of the Moravian Church for five years as the Gemeinschaft coordinator and worked with the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions in the

area of congregational renewal. Before that, she served as the director of Christian education at Fries Memorial and New Philadelphia Moravian congregations.

Knopf has received a call to serve as pastor of Good Shepherd Moravian Church, 1474 Kerner Road in Kernersville. She officially began this call on Sept. 18. In addition to her call as pastor, Knopf will assume the part-time position of Gemeinschaft coordinator with the Board of Christian Education for the Moravian Church, 500 S. Church St.

Knopf was born in Guilford County and currently resides in Clemmons with her husband, Tim. They have two adult children, Christopher Knopf and Mary Knopf-Lott.



Knopf

## St. John to have ecumenical worship service on Sunday

### SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Spiritual Renewal Ministry of St. John CME Church will sponsor an Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. at St. John. The theme for the service is "Building Unity in God's Community," based on Matthew 16:13-18.

The guest speaker for the occasion is Bishop Paul Francis Lanier of Hope Community Church, 8065 North Point Blvd. Mistress of ceremonies is Pastor She Rose of Eyes of the Heart Ministries and World. Musical selections will be rendered by guest soloist Mary Fries and the St. John CME Combined Choirs.

Worship and Praise Service will begin at 3:30 p.m. with performances by Mt. Olive Baptist Church Adult Dance Ministry and a "one-woman" performance by Bernadette Booker of St. John CME.

St. John CME Church is at 350 Northwest Crawford Place.

The pastor is the Rev. Bobby R. Best. Adrienne Speas is president of the spiritual renewal ministry.

Congregations in the Triad area are invited to join in this service honoring a vision of uniting Christians in a day of praise and thanksgiving for Christian unity.

## Judah Praise and Worship Center will celebrate anniversary Oct. 9

### SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Oct. 9, Judah Praise and Worship Center will celebrate its fourth anniversary at 4 p.m. The preacher will be Bishop Claude C. Turner, pastor of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance and general overseer of the body

of Churches of Greater Deliverance Inc.

Elder Ricky A. Pouncey is the pastor of Judah Praise and Worship Center. He was appointed to the position of pastor after working as a deacon and later as senior elder at Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance.

He was also the director of the C.C. Turner Inspirational Mass Choir and superintendent of the Sunday school department at Calvary Hill.

He is currently employed by Wake Forest University.

Elder Pouncey is married to the former Barbara Shuler. They

have five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pouncey's greatest joy is being a preacher and teacher of the Gospel of God.

The church is at 2411 Urban St. For more information, call 896-0336 or 788-2681.



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32nd choir anniversary on Oct. 16 at the 11 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Silas C. Hart, associate minister of Union Baptist Church. The public is invited. For more information, call the church at 723-6105.

### Anniversary

The Senior Choir of New Unity Missionary Baptist will celebrate its anniversary on Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. The guest pastor will be Cedric Crawford and congregation of White Rock Baptist, New Unity Baptist is at 2946 Ivy Ave. The public is invited.

Oct. 23

### Anniversary

The Men's Chorus of New Unity Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary with a program on Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. The guest pastor will be Donald Stowe and congregation of Second Calvary Baptist Church. All are invited.

### Other

#### Oratorical and poetry contest

The Forsyth County United Usher Board is sponsoring an oratorical and poetry contest about the ministry of ushering for young people and adults. For information, contact Rodney McCormick at 788-1664.

#### KPHC Learning Center Tutoring Services

Kimberly Park Holiness Church, 1640 S.M. Caesar Drive, is excited to announce the KPHC Learning Center Tutoring Services for grades K-6 on Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact the KPHC Learning Center office at (336) 723-8001 for information.

Pastor Dennis W. Bishop

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