

RELIGION

CALENDAR

April 4

Express Yourself

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries invites all young people to Express Yourself Friday April 4 at 7 p.m. Uplift the name of the Lord through dance, song, poetry, etc. The church is located at 690 Brookstown Ave. Call 725-4755 for more information. Express Yourself is scheduled the first Friday of each month by the youth department. Minister Carl Archie is the youth pastor. Pastor Alice Mitchell, host pastor. All are invited to participate.

April 6

Guest speaker

The Rev. James A. Gilliam of Antioch Christian Church will be the guest speaker at Antioch Baptist Church located at 5061 Lansing Dr. on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Church/pastor anniversary

Mount Olive Baptist Church will celebrate the Church's 99th and the Pastor's 29th Anniversaries on April 6 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James E. Cook, pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is at 1301 C. E. Gray Dr.

Voter registration drive

St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church will host its second non-partisan Community Voter Registration Drive on April 6 from 1 - 2 p.m. Persons 18 and older, not currently registered to vote are invited to pick up their forms or to complete them onsite. Registrars will be located in the Narthex (foyer) of the church and the library. Contact the church office at 883-0414 for directions or additional information. The Rev. Dr. William M. White, Jr. is pastor. The church is at 1012 Leonard Ave., High Point.

Beginning April 6

Dorothy Patterson honored

Ambassador Cathedral will kick off a month of celebration for Her Grace, Dorothy D. Patterson, beginning Sunday, April 6 at 6 p.m. Evangelist Arlene Crump-Peebles will be the guest speaker. The Messengers of Mercy will be in charge. The church is located at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the senior pastor. For more information contact the church at 725-0901 or on the web at www.ambassadorcathedral.net.

April 8

Chapel service

Wake Forest University Divinity School will have a chapel service on Tuesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. in Wait Chapel on the Reynolda Campus. The speaker will be Stephanie Swanson, a student at Wake Forest University Divinity School. The service is part of the regular Divinity School chapel series and is open to the public. For more information call 758-5121 or visit www.wfu.edu/divinity. Wait Chapel is in Wingate Hall at Wake Forest University, 1834 Wake Forest Rd.

Beginning April 9

Youth Explosion workshop

Diggs Memorial Youth Explosion 2008 will begin April 9 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speakers are as follows: Wednesday, April 9, Rev. Jeremiah Shipp, Piney Grove Baptist; Thursday, April 10, Zachary Williams, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kernersville; Friday, April 11, Elder Ralph E. Love, Jr. Greater St. Bethel UHC, Middlesex, N.C.; On Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., a continental breakfast will be followed by workshops. No registration fee required: A banquet will be held from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Latham Elementary School on Hutton Street. Call 724-3060, 869-8642, 471-3164 or 767-8603 for more information. The church is located at 125 N. Graham Ave., Elder Jerry W. Powell is pastor.

April 11

Ladies Night Out

The women of Mount Calvary Holy Church are holding a "Eye II Eye Night Out" at Blu Restaurant, 3425 Frontis St. on Friday, April 11 at 6 p.m. All ladies are invited to come and bring a friend. Call 722-3734 for more information. The pastor of Mount Calvary is Pastor Tejado Hanchell.

April 12

CD release and anniversary

Dionn Owen & The Renaissance will be celebrating their Seventh Anniversary on Saturday, April 12, at 6 p.m. The location for this event will be New Direction Movement Cathedral, 3300

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Mt. Olive to celebrate anniversaries this Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mount Olive Baptist Church will celebrate the Church's 99th and Pastor's 29th Anniversary on April 6 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Dr. J. R. Samuels, pastor emeritus, St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. The guest speaker for the 4 p.m. service will be the Rev. James C. Cook from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church and congregation.

Dr. Charles Edward Gray was born in Greenville, N.C. He was educated in the public schools and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Fayetteville State University. He received his Master and Doctorate Degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary, and graduated Summa Cum Laude of his class.

He moved to Winston-Salem in 1972, where he united with St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. In 1978 he felt his calling from God to deliver his word and on Jan. 11, 1979, he preached his first sermon. On Nov. 4, 1979, he was installed as the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1301 East Belews St., which is now C. E. Gray Drive.

He has been blessed with a lovely wife for some 40 years, Eula Harlee Gray of Laurinburg, N.C.; two sons, Andre' and Michael; one grandson, Charles Michael and one granddaughter, Chau Dre'.

Dr. Gray and Mount Olive Baptist Mass Choir have produced two gospel tapes; "Let God Be God" and "Magnify Him." He has written and presented three plays; "Let God Be God," "Order My Steps" and "The Upper Room To Calvary." He is a very dedicated minister who strives to save lost souls.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive.



Dr. C.E. and Eula H. Gray



Right Rev. Willimon

UMC bishop to speak at Wake

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Right Rev. William H. Willimon, bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, will speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6 in Wait Chapel as part of the Worship in Wait series at Wake Forest University.

Willimon served as dean of the chapel and professor of Christian ministry at Duke University for 20 years, and is considered one of the nation's top United Methodist theologians.

He is a prolific writer, having written more than 50 books, including "Worship is Pastoral Care," which was selected in 1979 as one of the 10 most useful books for pastors by the Academy of Parish Clergy. He is editor-at-large for The Christian Century magazine. Willimon's Pulpit Resource, a weekly publication, is read by more than 8,000 pastors in the United States, Canada, and Australia. He also maintains a blog, titled "A Peculiar Prophet," at <http://willimon.blogspot.com>. A 2005 study by the Pulpit and Pew Research Center found that Willimon is the second most widely read author by mainline Protestant pastors.

Worship in Wait is a series of worship services that brings a variety of distinguished preachers from diverse traditions to Wake Forest University. The series responds to contemporary issues within the context of ecumenical worship.

Worship in Wait is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Divinity School and the Office of the Chaplain. All events are free and open to the public.

Church hosts financial workshop

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Sunday, March 16th, Holy Trinity's Finance Ministry gave a dynamic workshop, \$Dollars and Sense\$ Budgeting 101, lead by finance ministry advisor, Sis. Trenia Miller.

The workshop began at 4 p.m. with registration. Sis. Trenia welcomed everyone and gave a brief preview of what was in store for all the participants. The group then participated in a quick ice breaker where they were asked to tell the top three things they would do if they were given \$25,000. After careful consideration, individuals shared their plans.

The workshop continued with a presentation on God's Perspective on Wealth and Debt. Sis. Shameka Friday and Sis. Nicole Miller were the presenters and elaborated on these perspectives with scripture regarding God's outlook and intentions in these areas.

Through the presentation, participants learned that there is good and bad debt. Some examples of good debt are



Church members prepare to welcome participants to the event.

tithes (which we owe God), and a mortgage (which offers benefits). On the other hand, credit cards and unnecessary expense accounts are bad debt when

abused. Each presenter expounded on God's intent for the believer to walk in financial freedom.

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Famed male chorus coming to Grace

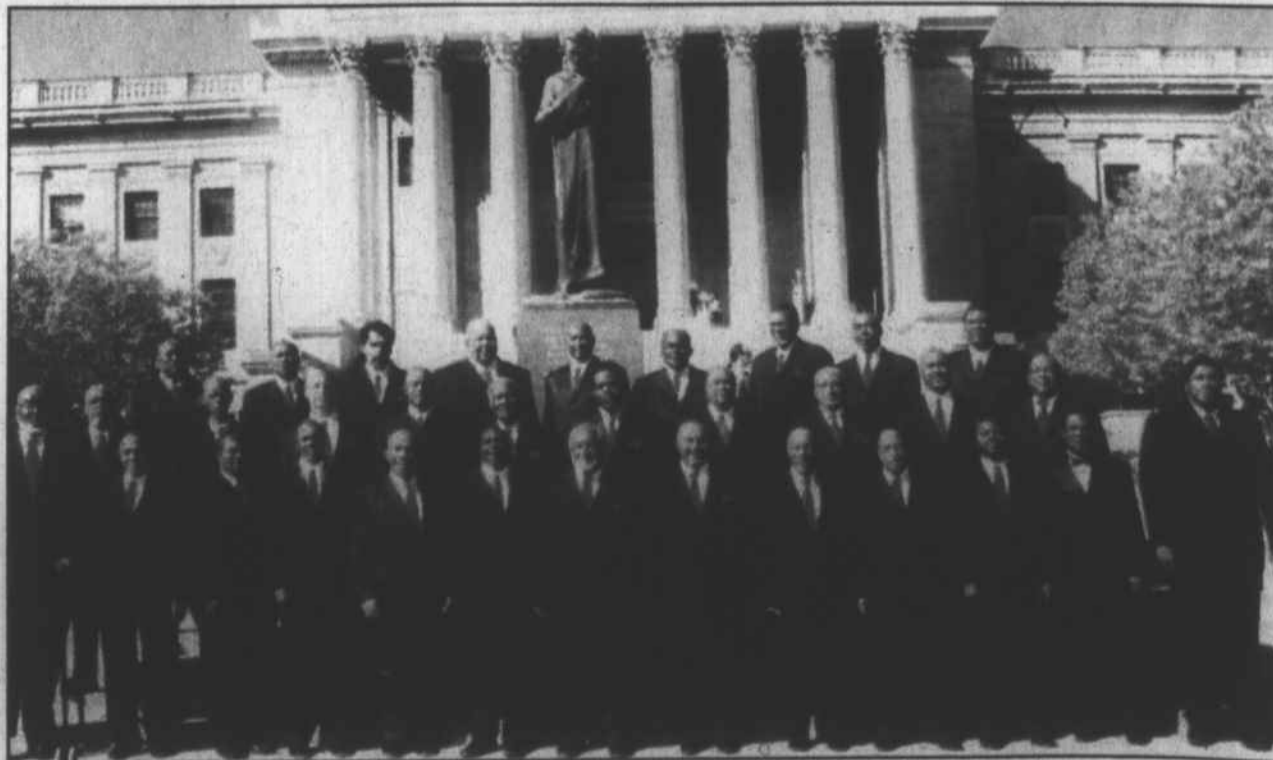
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Martin Luther King Jr., Male Chorus of Charleston, WVa., will appear in concert at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m.

The general public is cordially invited to come and enjoy an evening of outstanding singing by this group of more than 40 singers.

The concert is a part of the fundraising activities of Grace Chancel Choir and church family. Although there is no charge for attending the event, attendees are asked to support the church's effort to fund its new Rogers Organ by making a \$20 donation. Tickets may be secured from any Chancel Choir or church member.

The MLK Male Chorus was organized in January of 1996 to keep the dream of Dr. King and his aspirations alive through vocal music. The group is directed by Leroy Robinson. The group includes both clergy and lay leaders, who are from 24 denominationally diverse congregations from Saint Albans to Oak Hill, West Virginia. They sing both contemporary and traditional African-American gospel music. They have performed at many churches, con-



Members of the Martin Luther King Jr., Male Chorus of Charleston.

ferences, festivals, schools, prisons, senior citizen centers, hospitals, reunions and corporate gatherings in a number of cities and states.

Over the years, the chorus has received awards and recognitions from a variety of religious, govern-

mental and secular organizations for its service and contributions. The chorus has inspired numerous men to get involved in singing with male groups and mixed voice groups.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Stevenson

is pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church. Ernestine Worley is president of the Chancel Choir. James D. Smith is the director/accompanist of the choir. William E. Shouse is moderator of the Male Chorus project.