

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Youth Conference

The Chosen Generation Ministry of Piney Grove Baptist Church will sponsor a Youth Conference. On July 16, Min. Jeremiah Shipp was the speaker. On July 17, Minister Kia Hood of Union Baptist Church will speak, and on July 18, the Rev. Trevor Beauford, of Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, will be the speaker. All services will be at 7 p.m. Parental workshops will be at 6 p.m. The church is at 1715 Indiana Avenue. Dr. James F. Linville is the pastor.

Youth Jubilee

St. Mark Baptist Church Youth Ministry will present its annual Youth Jubilee July 16 - 18 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. Stacey Frazier, the pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. All youth are especially invited to come and get their praise on. Also, on July 19 the church will sponsor its annual neighborhood cookout at 6 p.m. The church is at 1100 Manley Street. The host pastor is Dr. James Fulwood.

Anniversary

Macedonia Holiness Church of God of The Apostolic Faith, Inc. is celebrating the 41st Pastoral Anniversary of its Pastor and General Overseer Bishop Robert L. Wise Sr. The celebration will be held at the headquarters church, 4111 Whitfield Road, from July 16 - 20. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Sunday service will begin at 4 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

July 17

VBS

Zion Tabernacle FBH Church will host its Vacation Bible School July 17 - 20 from 6 - 8 p.m. at its location at 425 Buick St., which is off Old Greensboro Road. Kindergarten students to high schoolers are invited to take part. The pastor is James H. Neely Sr.

Convocation services

Miracles Outreach International and Prophets Eyvette Brown-Abbott will host the First Pre-Holy Convocation Services on Thursday, July 17, with Minister Sharon Pinkney, and Friday, July 18, with Minister Thomasina. Services will start at 7 p.m. at the Hewitt Business Center, 1001 South Marshall St. For more information, call 336-473-9933.

July 18

Men's Conference

Beulah Baptist Church's Men of Standard Ministry will host the conference "Be an Effective Leader by Following the Leader" on Friday July 18 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Bishop John Heath of Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle. Everyone is invited to attend. Beulah Baptist Church is located at 1352 N. Trade St., where the pastor is L. Bruce Ford. Call the church at 336-722-2907 for more information.

CD release party

Life Changing Transformation will have a CD Release Celebration for Candace Archie on Friday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 690 Brookstown Avenue. For more information, call 336-725-4755. The Rev. Alice Mitchell is the host pastor.

GBC 127th anniversary events

Goodwill Baptist Church, Inc. will celebrate its 127th Church Anniversary July 18 - 20. An extravaganza will be held on Friday, July 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. The evening will consist of a church historical performance, music, games and fun. The guest preacher will be Elder Tony Neal from Greater Faith Holiness Church, who will minister at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 20. The public is invited to come and celebrate the occasion. The church is located at 548 Goodwill Rd. in the Arcadia Community of Clemmons. For more information, call 336-764-3930.

July 19

Women's Day

The Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church will hold its Women's Day Service on Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m. Early services begin at 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Elder Cynthia Duggins of Decatur, Ga. The theme is "Women Marching to Zion." The public is invited to attend. For transportation, call 336-724-0491. The church is located at 1225 Cleveland Ave.

Day of Jubilee

The Daughters of Hannah Ministry of Piney Grove Baptist Church will have a "Day of Jubilee" on July 19 at 10 a.m. at PGBC Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller and the Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church.

July 20

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Elder Mitchell takes over at Ephesus

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Elder Godwin R. Mitchell was installed June 28 as the new pastor of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church. Elder Venard J. Mendenhall, president of the South Atlantic Conference, officiated the installation service.

A native of St. Vincent, West Indies, Mitchell was raised in New York City. He earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

Mitchell entered denominational service as a self-supporting literature

evangelist. He was later called to serve as a pastor in the South Atlantic Conference, where he has faithfully served since 1983.

His ministerial career has taken him to several districts in the South Atlantic. He began his service in the High Point/Lexington district, where he

served for six years. He next spent eight years in the Columbus/Greenville/LaGrange Georgia District. The saints of Fayetteville and Sanford, N.C. enjoyed his ministry for three years before he was assigned to Decatur, Ga., from May 2000 until May 2008.

Elder Mitchell enjoys preaching, visiting with the saints and studying God's word. In his downtime he enjoys playing the piano and golfing. He has been married for 27 years, and the couple has two adult daughters.



Mitchell



Chris Leak

THE FIRST LADY IS BACK

New CD, DVD chronicles Caesar's storied career

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

With 42 albums and eight DVD releases, the first lady of gospel, Shirley Caesar, isn't showing any signs of slowing down.

After 40 years as a gospel superstar, Caesar, who is in Winston-Salem this week hosting her Wilt Thou Be Made Whole conference, is adding one more CD and DVD to her repertoire.

The 12 song compilation disc, "After 40 Years...Still Sweeping Through the City" was released last November. Its companion DVD hit stores on June 24. Both are on the Shu-Bel/Light Records label.

The CD and DVD combo feature rare, classics from the gospel diva from the 1970's, such as "Faded Rose", "How Many Will Be Remembered?" and a medley of "Peter Don't Be Afraid," "Nobody But You, Lord" and "Teach Me, Master."

1980s hits such as "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name," "He'll Do It Again," "Peace in the Midst of the Storm" and "Never" are also included.

Caesar first burst on the national music scene when she joined the legendary Caravans gospel group in 1958. For almost a decade, she was a fan favorite with hits such as "Sweeping Through the City." She went solo in 1966 and released her first solo LP, "I'll Go," the following year. After that project produced her first solo hit, "Choose Ye This Day," there was no stopping her surge of hits, which went on to include "Hold My Mule," "Don't



Shu-Bel/Light Records Photo

Shirley Caesar has been a gospel superstar for decades.

Drive Your Mama Away" and the recent "I Know the Truth," featuring Tonex.

The CD/DVD, celebrating Caesar's 40 year solo career, was recorded last July at the 300-member Mt. Calvary

Holy Church in Raleigh, where Caesar co-pastors.

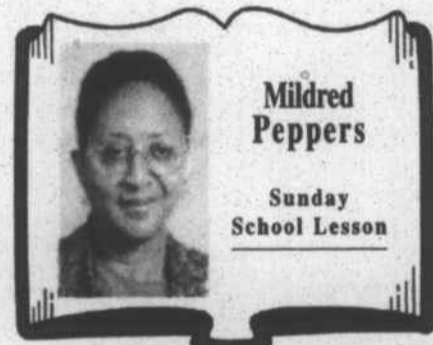
For more information about Pastor Shirley Caesar visit, www.shirleycaesar.com.

Humanity vs. Pride

Lesson Scripture: John 13:1-20

Lesson Aims: To explain the meaning of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, to understand that humility is better than pride, and to incorporate humility in our lifestyle.

Background: The public ministry of Jesus ended in chapter 12 with Him being anointed by Mary of Bethany; entering Jerusalem for His last Passover; and by Him predicting His crucifixion. Chapters 13-17 recorded His final ministry with His disciples alone. Baptized about three years before He constantly acknowledged that "His time had not arrived". On several occasions He told the demons to be quiet about His identity. The phrase mentioned earlier meant that it wasn't time for the people to really know who He was. Yes, from the



beginning a few knew - His parents, the wise men and shepherds, Simeon and Anna in the Temple. John the Baptist, His forerunner knew yet down the road questioned. The well meaning disciples thought they knew but their behavior later on in chapter 18 indicated their lack. Most people thought that

He was going to lead a rebellion against Rome. Some simply felt that He had the gift of healing and that was all. Three years passed as He demonstrated through preaching, teaching, and healing who He was. Now in Jerusalem for His final Passover, it is time to reveal His true identity for all to recognize.

Lesson: Jesus' time has come! Before His departure, He gives them an extensive review of everything that He has taught them. The "real" Lord's Prayer is found in chapter 17; read it when you have time. As the Master Teacher, He not only shares the Word of God but He lives it. His commitment to God isn't a day of the week, a phrase, nor an outfit - it is a lifestyle. His time is now! It is time for Him and

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The Inspirational Choir of Mount Zion Baptist Church

Choir will celebrate anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Inspirational Choir of Mount Zion Baptist Church will celebrate its 31st Anniversary on Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m. in the church's sanctuary.

Several guest choirs have been invited to help the choir celebrate its anniversary. The program's theme is "Empowering Souls for Christ," and

soul-stirring and spirit-filled music will be plentiful.

Dion Owen is the director of the Inspirational Choir. Other leaders of the group include: Pianist Kevin Scott; Bassist Robert Grier; Percussionist Melvin Johnson and Organist Brandon Jenkins.

Mount Zion Baptist Church is led by Pastor Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. and is located at 950 File St.

Ambassador Cathedral to host congress

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 35th annual Cathedral Congress of Ambassadors for Christ Revivals Inc., will begin on Sunday, July 20 at 6 p.m. at Ambassador Cathedral, 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr.

The theme for this year is "Let us Destroy Baal; Let's Get Rid of all Idols." Pastor Gerald Sylver and Freedom Temple Church of Raleigh will be the guests.

Services will continue throughout the week of July 20 at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, with Bishop John H. Heath and Greater Higher Ground Ministries; on Wednesday, with Dr. Larry Blackwell and Movement of God Ministries; on Thursday, with the Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack and Union Chapel Baptist Church; on Friday, with Bishop S. D. Johnson and the Macedonia Worship Center.

On Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m., the Rev. Dr. J. R. Samuels, pastor emeritus of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, will be the speaker at the annual banquet, which will take place at the Goler Memorial Complex. The services will culminate on Sunday, July 27, during the morning worship experience with Ambassador Cathedral's Bishop F. D. Patterson giving the Overseer's Address and Bishop Edward Allen delivering the message.

For ticket information for the banquet, call Margretta Patterson at 336-407-5282. For more information of other events, contact the church office at 336-725-0901 or go to www.ambassadorcathedral.net.



Bishop and First Lady Patterson