

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Summer Camp

Emanuel Baptist Church is sponsoring Kemet Academy Summer Camp through Aug. 22, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr. The theme is "The Art of Leadership: Recognizing and Cultivating Talent."

Their intent this summer is to expose the youth to the full and rich history of past and present great leaders by engaging them in activities which will allow them to explore and cultivate their talents.

Registration forms are available. Call 788-7023 for more information. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez is pastor.

Church camp

Mount Zion Baptist Church's 2008 Summer Arts Camp For Children Ages 6-12 will be held through Aug. 8. There will be extended camp programs from Aug. 11-22. Camp hours are 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call the Church Office at 336-722-2325 for more information.

Starting July 24

Anniversary celebration

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries is celebrating its church and pastoral anniversaries with guest speakers the Rev. Carl Payne on July 24 and Pastor L. B. Ford, of Beulah Baptist Church, on July 25; both services will be at 7 p.m. at Greater Damascus Church, 5009 Voss Street. On July 27th at 11 a.m., there will also be a celebratory event.

Celebration for Usher

Bishop William A. Ellis, pastor of Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Chicago, will be the guest at the 4th pastoral anniversary services for District Elder Patrick L. Usher on July 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. nightly. Elder Usher is the pastor of Ishi Pentecostal Temple, 1319 Excelsior Street. Also, on July 26 a banquet will be held in Usher's honor at 5:30 p.m. at St. John C.M.E. Family & Life Worship Center, 350 Northwest Crawford Place. For more information, call 336-722-1715 or 336-725-6171.

Starting July 25

Musical showcase

On July 25 at 7 p.m., the East Winston Community Prayer Band's annual group session will be held with various prayer bands and choirs performing. On July 26 at 7 p.m., the Gospel Supremes Singers will be in concert and on July 27 at 6 p.m., the New Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church Male Chorus will have its 3rd Anniversary. Guest groups will include the St. Mark Baptist Church Male Chorus, the Spiritual Aires and many more. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is at 206 Laura Wall Boulevard. Rev. Johnny Johnson is the pastor.

July 26

Friends and Family Day and Jubilee Celebration

The School Board Alumni of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church will have its Jubilee Celebration on July 26 at 6 p.m. This musical program is for the benefit of Christian education for the Ephesus Junior Academy. Earlier in the day, Family and Friends Day will be held at 11 a.m. The speaker will be the church's pastor, Elder Godwin Mitchell. The public is invited to come out to help the church celebrate and enjoy these praise and worship services. The church is at 1225 N. Cleveland Avenue. Reach the church office at 336-724-0491.

Family and Friends Weekend

Calvary Christian Center of Greensboro will present its 8th Annual Family and Friends Weekend on Saturday, July 26 from 12-5 p.m., and Sunday, July 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Services will take place at Western Guilford High School, 409 Friendway Rd. in Greensboro. There will be food, activities and fellowship.

Gospel play

RICH Productions in association with Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church will present "Just Like Yo Daddy" on Saturday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Carver High School Auditorium. The show is written and directed by Shelba Jeter. For more information, call Holy Trinity FGBC at 336-744-9293, ext. 102.

Youth Jamboree

On July 26 at 1 p.m., House of Faith will be having its Youth Jamboree for all youth. There will be youth dancers from different churches, choirs, youth testimonies, games, face paintings, food and lots of fun for young people. For more

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Young men of God to led upcoming conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Youth Ministry at Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 2008 Youth and Young Adult Conference July 31 - Aug. 3. The theme is "We Are at War."

The conference is designed to help equip young people to effectively fight the wars and battles that they will experience throughout their lives.

The conference will start Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m. with guest minister the Rev. Jeremiah Shipp, 24, an associate at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church who initiated the church's Chosen Generation Youth Ministry.

On Friday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m., the Rev. Shannon Jessup, pastor of 2nd New Bethel Baptist Church, will speak. Pastor Jessup, a for-

mer rap artist, accepted his call into the ministry in 1994. Shortly after preaching his initial sermon, he served as a youth pastor at Macedonia TVPH Church of God Inc.

On Saturday, Aug. 2 at noon, there will be a Youth Extravaganza with featured guest Badia Jeter, a local rapper. The program will also include performing arts ministries from churches throughout the area. Min. Justin Bilson will close the conference on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. The 19-year-old has been preaching since he was seven. He is a rising sophomore at Elon University.

The public is invited to attend the youth conference. It will be held at Phillips Chapel, 132 N. Glenn Ave., where the pastor is the Rev. Chad R. Armstrong. Call the church office at 336-723-9451 for more information.



Shipp



Jessup



Bilson



Goodpaster

Goodpaster assigned to Methodist Western N.C.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster is the new bishop for the Western N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church. The assignment was announced last week at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C. He will succeed Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey who retires Aug. 31.

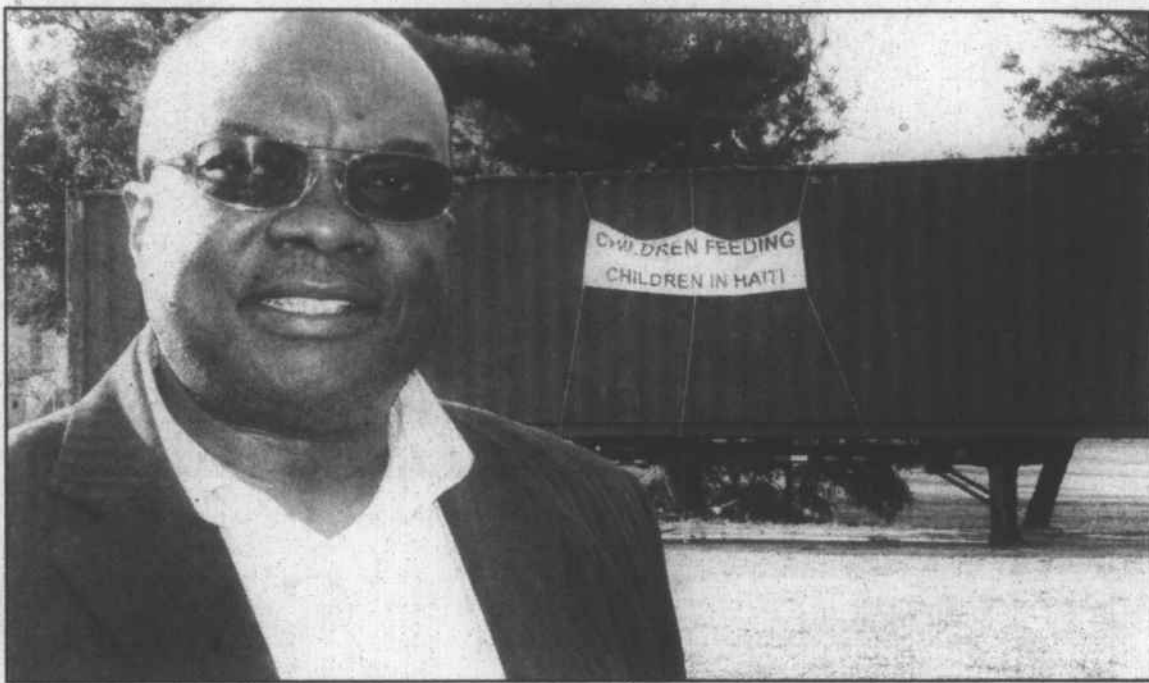
Elected to the Episcopacy in 2000, Goodpaster has served for the past eight years as the Episcopal leader of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. Prior to his election, he served as a pastor and district superintendent in the Mississippi Conference. His pastoral experience includes a five-church rural charge, a new congregation and several larger membership churches. He has taught in a variety of settings and published in various denominational publications. His latest book, "There's Power in the Connection: Building a Network of Dynamic Congregations," was published earlier this year by Abingdon Press.

In April, Goodpaster was elected to a two-year term as president of the United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops, which includes United Methodist bishops from around the world. He will take office in 2010. These duties are in addition to those as Episcopal leader of the Western N.C. Conference.

Goodpaster, 60, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta. He received honorary degrees (Doctor of Divinity) from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., and Huntingdon College of Montgomery, Ala. He is married to the former Deborah Cox. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

File Photo

The Rev. Seth O. Lartey stands in front of the trailer that his church is trying to fill with supplies for the children of the island nation of Haiti.



Goler Memorial to ask youths at conference for help with Haiti project

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its Youth and Children Seven Days of Spiritual Empowerment Services August 1 - 7 at 7 p.m., nightly.

These services are designed to offer an opportunity for young people to engage in praise, worship and ministry with their peers. It is also an opportunity for community prayer, spiritual renewal and mission outreach as students prepare to enter a new school

year. All youth and children's choirs, liturgical dance groups, mime groups and steppers are invited to attend and participate.

The church has recently engaged in a mission project to help feed the children of Haiti. Youths attending the services are being asked to help fill a container with non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry beans, rice and oil, all of which they can bring to the services.

Haiti, a country less than 500 miles from the U.S., is an island nation of

over 7 million people, where almost 75 percent of the population is suffering. Estimates state that 10 percent of the child population of Haiti will die before the age of four.

Youth groups that would like to be a part of this event, may contact the church at 336-724-9411. The Goler Nursery will be open and transportation will be provided each night. The church is located at 630 North Patterson Ave., where the Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor.

Church convention will start July 27

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will host its Church Convention starting on July 27 at 11 a.m. It will mark the 20th National Convention of the Churches of Greater Deliverance Inc.

At 11 a.m., the speaker will be Elder Ricky A. Pouncey, pastor of Judah Praise and Worship Center.

On July 29 at 7 p.m. Church of Greater Deliverance will present a play, "Jesus is the Missing Piece." On July 30, there will be full service supper with Bishop Claude Turner, pastor of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance and Presiding Bishop over the



Bishop Turner

churches of Greater Deliverance Inc., as the speaker. The church will sponsor Family Talent Night with songs, dance, skits and a fashion show at 7 p.m.

On Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Youth Night will be held with groups from surrounding areas. The speaker will be Pastor Lamont Johnson, of Providence Missionary Church of Rockingham.

On Aug. 3 at 11 a.m., there will be the closing of the convention. The guest speaker will be Bishop Turner.

The church is at 4951 Manning Street. For more information, call Ernestine Fletcher at 336-896-0336 or 336-692-2176.

JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-23

Lesson Aims: to summarize the lesson Scripture, to understand and appreciate what Christ (the Messiah) did for humanity, and to witness to someone that will strengthen and/or enlighten them.

Background: The term Messiah / Christ simply means "anointed". In the Old Testament, kings were set aside for special services. Do you remember Saul and David's anointing? "It also refers to an expected or longed for Saviour in the Jewish tradition" (The Oxford Companion to the Bible) Messiah was the Hebrew term while Christ was the term for the Greeks. Scriptures indicated that God intervenes in human history to deliver His people. The Jews continue to wait for their Messiah while Christians believe that Jesus is the Anointed One. Even in the surrounding cultures, the term was used in a very loose way. The Anointed One will be a revolutionary leader that will end injustice; promote

security (individual and corporate); and bring peace. The book of Isaiah recorded the most comprehensive description of the Messiah. This was around seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Hundreds of years passed and there was no revelation from God. Judah and the surrounding areas became part of the Roman Empire. They were waiting for a deliverer to rid them of the pagans. At times the Romans were cruel and unmerciful with a corrupt tax system. Many of the subjugated people were waiting for a big change. All along God was there preparing His Son to enter the "backdoor of history" (Dr. John Mendez) and change the world forever. Jesus taught throughout Galilee. He chose the Twelve as He continued His Ministry of teaching, healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead (Jairus' daughter). The Twelve have heard His Word and witnessed the miracles. They also saw how He handled opposition. Many people had their own ideas about who this Man was.

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Two anniversaries will be observed

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The New Generation Praise & Worship International Ministries will soon celebrate the 11th Church Anniversary and 19th Wedding Anniversary of Bishop Melvin Wilkins Jr. and Pastor Sharessa Wilkins. The theme is "Still Standing."

The anniversary celebrations will begin on July 27 at 4 p.m. with Pastor Mark Mack, of Lion of Judah Ministries, as the guest speaker. The celebration will conclude on Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. with Bishop Todd Fulton, of Mount Moriah Outreach Center, as the guest speaker.

All services will be held at the New Generation Church sanctuary, 1850 Gyro Road (off Old Salisbury Road). The public is invited to attend all events. For more information, call the church at 336-793-0076.



Bishop Melvin Wilkins Jr.