

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Ongoing

Revival services

New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. tonight with Elder Frederick D. Smalley, Sanctuary of Faith Ministries, and Aug. 15, with the Rev. William Conrad, Bethesda A.M.E. Zion Church of Mooresville. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

Restoration Christian Fellowship, 1931 Vargrave St., invites the public to attend its Women's Bible Study every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Topics will include "reality and integrity," "the princess within" and "how to build relationships." For transportation, call 336-725-4888.

General Assembly

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God the Apostle's Faith Inc. will hold its annual General Assembly Aug. 11 - 17, beginning with Bible study every morning at 11 a.m. and Evangelistic Service nightly at 7:30 p.m. with various speakers and choirs each night. The theme is "I Know the Bible Is Right." On Aug. 16, services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to all of these anointed and powerful services. The chief apostle will be teaching each morning. The church is at 741 Moravia Street.

Aug. 16

Yard sale

The youth department of New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 1535 E. 15th St., will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 767-8370 for more information. Sam P. L. Hickerson is the pastor of the church.

Gospel concert

Recording artist William "Preacher" Ray and Gifts In Motion will be in concert on Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at St. Matthews Apostolic Church. This event is free and open to the public. Bishop Joseph Lowery is the pastor. The church is at 3640 New Walkertown Road.

Muslimahs Conference

The Department of Women's Affairs of the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem will have its first Dr. Maryam Funches Annual Young Muslimahs Conference on Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Conference attendees, females only ages 12-30, will participate in workshops and discussions. There will also be a fashion show and entertainment. The registration fee is \$35; pre-registration paid by Aug. 1 is \$30. The fee includes breakfast, a snack, lunch and dinner. The event will be at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The latter part of the evening (4 - 8 p.m.) will be at the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, 1419 Woughtown St.

Women's conference

Red Bank Baptist Church will host its Second Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dr. Shirley Manigault of Red Bank Baptist Church; Evangelist Bessie Massey of Morning Star Baptist Church; and Evangelist Sabrina Gilchrist of New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church will take part. The Chairperson for the program is Sister Beulah Hart. The Pastor is the Rev. James R. Clyburn Sr. The church is located at 6405 Red Bank Road in Germanton. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Call the church office to register by Aug. 10 at 336-767-0981.

Aug. 17

Anniversary

Antioch Christian Church Mass Choir will celebrate its anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. The church is located on 1432 Underwood Avenue, and the public is invited to attend.

Back-to-School carnival

St. Peter's World Outreach Center's Children's Ministry will have a Back-to-School Outreach Carnival for Rising 1st - 5th graders on Sunday, Aug. 17 from 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. The St. Peter's KidZone invites its neighbors and friends to come out and enjoy good food, good music, games and fun. School supplies will be handed out during the event. St. Peter's World Outreach Center is located at 3683 Old Lexington Road in the beautiful city of Winston-Salem. Dr. James C. and Joyce Hash are the pastors. For more details call 336-650-0200 or visit our website at www.spwoc.com.

Anniversary program

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Church reaches out to Piedmont Circle kids

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church held a Back 2 School Bash at Piedmont Circle on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Spearheaded by the Outreach Ministry of the church, the purpose of the event, which attracted over 300 residents, was to give away school supplies to the children of the community as they prepare to return to school in a few weeks.

Elder Cynthia Sharpe began the program with prayer; then the director of the church's outreach ministry, Elder Paulette Pouncey, welcomed everyone who was there. Co-pastor Joyce McCarter greeted the members of the community and invited them to attend Greater Cleveland. Elder Kendra Davis spoke words of encouragement and inspiration to every age group present at the bash.

A mobile stage and chairs were set up near the community center for entertainment provided by church members. A few of the various ministries that provided entertainment were the adult Victory In Praise (VIP)



Church members and young people at the recent bash.

dancers; the young children's Anointed Unto God (AUG) dancers; the GCACC Virtuous Steppers; and the GCACC Anointed High Praisers Choir, under the direction of Elder Reginald McCaskill.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the various groups that performed. Also, members of the church who are bar-

bers or cosmetologists treated residents to free haircuts and manicures. The church's hospitality committee served everyone hot dogs with all of the trimmings, along with chips, cakes and drinks.

Representatives of the Winston-Salem Fire Department came with a fire truck and coloring books that they

distributed to all the children. Then they let the children tour the fire truck so that they could see up close all of the instruments and components of the truck.

At the close of the day's activities, every Piedmont Circle Community child received a bag full of school supplies - notebooks, pencils, pens, and so much more. Some of the children also received t-shirts and book bags.

The Outreach Ministry of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church is a vital component of the church. Members of this ministry also render services in the local jails and help offenders transition back into society. They visit nursing homes, assisted living homes, and other facilities where the residents are not able to attend church. Every year, GCACC's Outreach Ministry takes the lead in getting the church membership involved in a major giveaway to those who may be in need.

The senior pastor of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church is Bishop Sheldon M. McCarter. The church is located at 5095 Lansing Dr.

A Resting Place celebrating anniversaries

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pastors Alvin and Alice Carlisle and A Resting Place Church family are hosting their 10th Church and Pastoral Anniversaries.



The First Family of A Resting Place Church.

Events started on Aug. 3, with special guest Pastor Lewis Lowery, of Glory of God Church. On Aug. 10 at 5 p.m., Bishop Tony Williams, of Open Door Apostolic Church, was the speaker.

Upcoming speakers include Pastor Dirah Martin of True Faith Tabernacle on Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. On Aug. 24, the church will be in Washington Park for a family and friends events at 11 a.m. The occasion will feature a barbecue followed by a service.

A banquet will be held Aug. 30 in honor of the church's pastors. Apostle Brenda J. McCloud, of Tabernacle of Faith Church, will be the banquet speaker. The event will be at 6 p.m. in the Hewitt Business Center's Banquet Hall.

On Aug. 31, Founders Day will be held at 5 p.m. with Pastor Anthony Wilson, of Cathedral of Refuge Church, as the guest speaker.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information, call the church office at 336-499-7380. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Boyce PR Photo

Raymond Boyce has made a name for himself with his brand of jazz.

Artist will perform at church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

National gospel jazz artist Raymond Boyce will perform Sunday, Aug. 24 as part of Saints Home United Methodist Church Pre-Homecoming Celebration. The concert will be held in conjunction with Tim Jackson Jr., host of Gospel Cyber Flyte of the Tim Jackson Jr. Network.

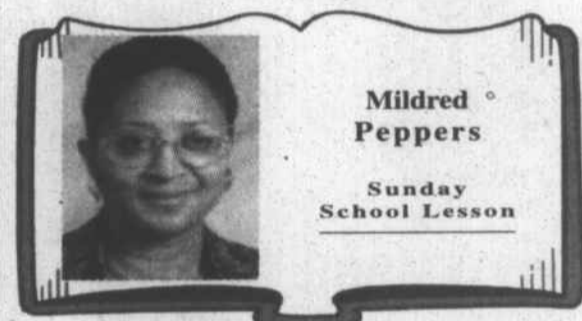
Currently living in Atlanta, Boyce is a soulful, gospel saxophonist. Through prayer and faith, he overcame severe asthma to become an accomplished musician. His debut CD, "Any

way You Bless Me," offers an array of musical styles, from traditional songs like "I Won't Complain" and "Goin' Up Yonder" to contemporary songs like, "Shelter in the Storm," featuring Dave Toliver from Men At Large. His desire is that his music will be a blessing to people of all ages and walks of life.

The concert will be at 4 p.m. The church is located at 1390 Thurmond St., where the pastor is Rev. Effie McClain.

For more information, please call 336-767-4823.

Represent God with Dignity



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: James 3:1-10, 13-18

Lesson Aims: To understand that believers represent Christ in everything they do, to recognize the power of the tongue, and to ask God for help in reflecting His Wisdom.

Background: The major theme for James' epistle is "Faith put into practice." As a leader in the early church (Acts 15), he desired to encourage the scattered Jewish converts in their faith. It was important for them to recognize that their words and deeds must match. Probably one of the earliest New Testament books written, it was classified as wisdom literature. He addressed a variety of subjects that implied a particular lifestyle for all believers no matter what situation they happen to be in. In chapter one, he pointed out the tests (not temptations) of faith and their responses to them. Chapter two highlighted the true meaning of brotherly love and that faith will produce good works. He was not implying that works save instead he was pointing out that faith will inspire (transform) one to live their beliefs. There must have been an apparent rush of teachers during his time. Their role in the church was important and honorable. Very often they traveled between churches to share Jesus' teachings. If their motives were not pure, they could fall prey to abusing their call (false teachers). James wanted them to know that God will hold them accountable!

Lesson: James warns believers, to be cautious in assuming the role of a teacher. It is a very prestigious position along with its awesome responsibility! He also acknowledges the power of the tongue. It can be a source of encouragement and it can also kill! He goes on to say that at times everyone will go wrong if not properly guided. Though small in size, the tongue can be big trouble. The bit in the horse's mouth and the rudder on a ship are used to illustrate the need to control it. If out of control, the tongue can destroy, erode, and discourage. James says that the tongue is untamable! A believer can't praise God and curse his/her fellow man. That behavior is inconsistent with following Christ. Notice the metaphors in verse twelve. A spring can only produce fresh or salt water. A tree can bear one type of fruit not a variety! So it is with the tongue. What then is behind an unruly tongue? The fallen nature of man (sin) is the culprit! How is a believer to display wisdom from God. The life that a believer lives in humility marks their beliefs. When the tongue is uncontrolled, the world standards reign. "Earthly wisdom promotes one's selfish interest regardless of the means or the impact on others" (Echoes Adult Commentary). This wisdom yields evil, suspicion and chaos! Wisdom from God looks differently! The tongue will be pure, peaceable, respectful, impartial, sincere and merciful. This harvest yields His righteousness.

Application: Years ago, there was a lady (never knew her name) at Union Baptist Church who would sing, "put the bit in my mouth and the bridle on my tongue take me by the hand (Lord) and lead me on." The song sounded good, but until now I didn't really understand it. Thank you God for opening my eyes. From early childhood, we all can testify to the damage caused by the tongue. There have been murders, wars and family squabbles, as well as people walking (or maybe running) away from the church and its mission. We can't control this little member of our bodies on our own. Therefore, we must constantly pray, asking God to control it and grow us toward His righteousness (wisdom). We have studied the images of Christ (June and July), how can we not evaluate our representation of Him? There will be those who never read the Bible; they will look at us!!! Need I say more?