

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening now

**Anniversary events at St. Stephen**  
St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church will start First Anniversary events today for its pastor, the Rev. James E. Cook. Rev. Charles Whitfield, pastor of First Baptist Church of Martinsville, Va., will be the speaker tonight at 7 p.m. service. Tomorrow night at 7, the Rev. J. Donald Ballard, pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Baptist Church, will be the speaker. On Saturday, their will be a floating fellowship reception from 5-7 p.m. at the church in recognition of First Lady Erica Cook Hines. Eula Gray, First Lady of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

Rev. Cook's first anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, Oct. 5, with the Rev. Joseph R. Samuels, pastor emeritus of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church, as the 11 a.m. speaker, and Dr. Joseph A. Keaton, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., as the 4 p.m. speaker.

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5000 Noble Street.

### After school program

Piney Grove Baptist Church's After School Care Program offers homework assistance, a computer lab, arts and crafts and an afternoon snacks. The registration fee is \$25. The program fee is \$45 a week. For more information, call Audrey Warren at 336-767-2410 or Karen Oliver at 336-744-5759.

### Oct. 2

**Orthodox Choir of Estonia to perform**  
The Orthodox Singers from Tallinn, Estonia, will perform at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2575 Parkway Dr., on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. The concert was rescheduled from Sept. 18 due to a delay in receiving their visas. Kristin Farmer, the music director of St. Timothy's, will be the accompanist for the concert.



Farmer

The cost of the concert is \$10 and tickets will be available at the door. A reception will follow in Drake Hall. For more information, go to [www.sitimothys.ws](http://www.sitimothys.ws).

### Starting Oct. 3

#### Anniversary events

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will observe its 93rd Church Anniversary/Homecoming and Founder's Day on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 5, at 11 a.m.

The observance will begin with Dr. Tyrone Hunter and the choir and congregation from his St. Thomas Chapel Church of Summerfield. Services will conclude Oct. 5 with a worship celebration and dinner. For additional information, call the church office at 336-722-2624.

#### Anniversary

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God the Apostle's Faith, 741 Moravia St., will hold anniversary services Oct. 3-5. There will be various preachers and music by the church's choir at 7:30 each evening.

For more information, call 336-771-3743.

### Oct. 4

#### Health Day

St. James AME Church will host its 1st Annual Community Health Day on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Health screenings will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Nursing Board and Missionary Society. The church is located at 1501 N. Patterson Avenue. For more information, contact 336-724-3865. The Rev. Benjamin Humphrey Jr. is the pastor.

#### Worship conference

Vessels of Honor Ministries, Inc. is sponsoring a Christian Worship Gathering Conference on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Hewitt Business Conference Center, 1001 S. Marshall Street. The conference theme is "Fueling The Fire Over The Region," and will include Minister Cynthia Rucker at 9 a.m.; Bishop Marvin Cremedy at 10:30 a.m.; and Elder Clara Cremedy at noon. For additional information, call 336-624-9351.

#### Yard Sale

Heavenview Church, 1410 West Clemmonsville Rd., will have a huge yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. Items of all kinds will be for sale, in-

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## Gospel play will be staged

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The gospel stage play, "Just Be A Man About It" is coming to town on Saturday, Oct. 4. The 8 p.m. show will be in the K.R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Written by Emmanuel Seegers and Curtis Dean, the play has been called "hard-hitting, soul-stirring and hilarious."

It depicts the emotional drama that women, young and old, experience in the searching for their soul mates. The ladies are roommates and each has her own unique situation when it comes to choosing the right man. Due to divine intervention, these women are unable to continue on the path of destruction.



Desmond Pringle

Seegers received the

Prestigious Producer of the Year Award from the Beverly Hills/Hollywood Branch of the NAACP for his gospel play, "Lord, Why Do I Keep Choosing the Wrong Man?"

Valrapunzel Harris, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, is the play's producer.

The production stars gospel artists Terrence Cotton and Desmond Pringle; and Jesse Hamilton of "A Good Man Is Hard to Find;" Tyga Graham from Tyler Perry's play "I Can Do Bad All By Myself;" and Curtis Blake from "Diary of a Mad Black Woman."

Tickets for the play can be purchased for half price by calling 336-793-7462.



Rev. McMillian

## Fall revival to start

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will hold its annual Fall Revival Services, Oct. 5-8, under the theme "Sharpening the Focus of the Church, Proclaiming the Word."

Sunday morning, Rev. Beverly W. McMillian, the church's newly-appointed pastor, will deliver the 11 a.m. message. Pastor McMillian has been pastoring for the



Rev. Jones

past 12 years. She is presently pursuing a Master of Divinity. Bethlehem is her fifth appointment.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, prior to the 3 p.m. service, which will feature the Rev. Jimmy Griffin and the congregation of Center Grove A.M.E. Zion Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, service will start at 7 p.m., with performances by choirs and soloists and the Word by the Rev. Terence J. Jones, the Treasurer of the Department of Church Extensions and Home Missions for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The services are open to the public. The church is at 6475 Yaddinville Road in Pfafftown. Call 336-945-2221 for more information.

## SPIRITUAL GIFT



ACS Photo

The women of Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church recently held a special service in honor of local people living with HIV. During the service, an offering was collected and then donated to AIDS Care Service. Here, Sylvia Grier, chair of the church's Women's Day Committee, prepares to present the check to ACS President Christine Jolly. Also pictured are ACS staffers (from left) Amy Lindsey, Jesse Duncan, Teraya Paige, Mona Gary, Katherine Foster and Jason Collett.

## Services planned for pastor's anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

During a banquet on Oct. 11 and worship services on Oct. 12, Emmanuel Baptist Church will honor its pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Mendez, for 25 years of prophetic preaching in ministry.



Rev. Mendez

Mendez came to Emmanuel from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Durham in 1983. He believes in a holistic approach to ministry - showing people how to recognize the interrelatedness of the social and the spiritual, the sacred and the secular.

Noted for his contributions to civil and human rights, Pastor Mendez has

served as a consultant on many international fact-finding commissions.

He is one of the founding members of Citizens United for Justice, which successfully led the struggle for obtaining a citizens-police review board in Winston Salem. He has also worked to bring the clergy, law enforcement and the community closer together.

His lecture and preaching experiences have taken him to many college and university campuses across the nation. Mendez currently teaches at the Shaw University Divinity School.

Pastor Mendez also served as a

consultant for the Bridging the Gap Cultural Competence Program of the Urban League.

Mendez is married to the former Sarah Lee Howard and together they have two adult children, Sekou (Dalia) Mendez and Jamila (Kevin) Smith. They are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Ashley and Ameera.

A host of special friends and guests will be on hand for the Oct. 11 25th Anniversary Banquet. Services on Sunday, Oct. 12 will also honor Mendez. The Rev. Dr. Alton Pollard, dean of the Howard University Divinity School, will be the 10 a.m. guest speaker. The Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor of Union Baptist Church, will be the 4 p.m. speaker.

## Harris to be revivalist for Phillips Chapel

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Phillips Chapel Baptist Church will hold its annual fall revival on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Oct. 8 - 10) with services each evening at 7 p.m. The Rev. Marlin Harris will be the revivalist. The choirs at Phillips Chapel, under the direction of the Elder Jonathan Millner, will render the music.



Rev. Harris

Harris received the call to preach at the age of nine and was ordained at the age of 12. He is the founding pastor of the New Life Baptist Church of Lithonia, Ga., where he now serves as senior pastor. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, New Life has experienced phenomenal growth both spiritually and numerically since its inception in 1995. Pastor Harris gives God the praise for the continued successes and the many challenges of his ministry.

In 2002, Harris's church opened the New Life Community Ministries, a community center, in South Dekalb, Ga. Programs developed and supported by the center include food and clothing assistance for the homeless, drug rehabilitation for substance abusers, job training and career development as well as a host of other outreach programs. The programs are free and open to the public. The church is located at 132 N. Glenn Ave., on the corner of Glenn Avenue and Trade Street. The pastor is the Rev. Chad R. Armstrong.

If additional information is needed, call the church office at 336-723-9451.

## Bishop Jones at Union tomorrow

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bishop Noel Jones, pastor of the City of Refuge Church of Gardena, Calif., will speak at Union Baptist Church Friday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. as part of the 9th Pastoral Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Lee Mack Jr.

Jones' ministry uniquely promotes reconciliation and redemption, which definitely crosses denominational and social lines. His God-given anointing to preach and teach from a psychological-theological platform - opposed to

arguing philosophical-theological church issues - has strengthened and encouraged the faith of people across the globe.

The Founder of Noel Jones Ministries, Bishop Jones can currently be seen on BET during his "Fresh Oil" broadcast.

This service is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Union Baptist Church or visit [www.unionbaptistwnc.org](http://www.unionbaptistwnc.org). Union Baptist Church is located at 1200 North Trade Street.



Bishop Jones

## Mount Sinai to observe 93rd anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will observe its 92nd Church Anniversary and Homecoming in conjunction with Founder's Day on Friday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 5.

Bishop Tyrone Hunter of the St. Thomas Chapel Church of Summerfield, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and Dr. James Woodson II of St. James Home of Fresh Start Ministries of Greensboro, will speak at Sunday at 11 a.m. There will be a fellowship meal

after the service.

One of the oldest Pentecostal churches in the city, Mount Sinai was organized in 1915 from street meetings and brush arbor revivals under the leadership of the late Bishop Henry Wilson. At the time of his death, January 1976, Bishop Wilson had served Mount Sinai for 51 years.

In June 1976, Bishop John L. Hines, an internationally traveled COGIC evangelist and New Jersey native, assumed the pastorate and ushered the congregation into a new era. He distin-



Rev. Hines

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