

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening now

Revival

This evening and tomorrow (Dec. 5) at 7 p.m., Pastor Scottie I. White Sr., of Abba Fathers Ministries, will be ministering at the church's new location at 3980 Liberty St., during revival. There will be praise, worship and the ministering of God's word.

For more information, call 336-816-0571 or 336-816-0659.

Starting Dec. 5

Live Nativity Pageant

First Baptist Church will present its Live Nativity Pageant on Dec. 5 from 5-6 p.m. and from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. On Dec. 7, in lieu of the traditional 9:45 a.m. service, the pageant will be presented, followed by Holy Communion. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 700 North Highland Avenue.

Dec. 6

Anniversary service

The House of God, 1992 Bloomfield Drive, will be celebrating the 12th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor-Elect Lady Vanessa Martin on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. There will also be a Church Mortgage Burning Service. The guest speaker will be Apostle John L. Campbell of Beaufort, S.C.

Holiday Bash

Wentz Memorial Congregational Church (UCC), 3435 Carver School Road, will host a Holiday Bash on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Proceeds from the bash will be used to fund various projects of the church. The bash will feature a fish fry, holiday crafts, gifts, baked goods and more. It will also feature a children's gift shop and a rummage sale. The fish fry will begin at 11 a.m.

For more information about this event call Trevonia Brown-Gaither at 336-773-0118 or Wentz Church at 336-722-0430. Rev. Renée Griffin, pastor of Wentz Memorial cordially invites the public to fellowship with members of the church during this fun-filled event.

Dec. 7
Family Night
Mount Olive Baptist Church will sponsor Family Night on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the pastor.

Dec. 7
Celebration for Rev. Hines
"Hearts Ablaze for Ministry", a celebration honoring the service and leadership of the Rev. Yvonne H. Hines, Senior Pastor of the Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will be held Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr will be the featured speaker along with the Music Ministry and congregants of the Union Baptist Church.

For additional information, contact the church office at 336-722-2624.

Dance concert

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church will present a dance concert titled, "How Great Is Our God" on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. Admission is three or more non-perishable items to benefit R.I.C.H. CDC Food Pantry. The church is at 651 Akron Drive. For more information, contact the office at 336-744-9293.

Dec. 11

Women's conference

Surrender All Deliverance Ministry, under the direction of Elder Sherman Robinson and Prophetess Linda Robinson, will present the "God Got Your Back" women's conference on Dec. 11 at 6:30; and Dec. 12 and Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Ministry of Christ Church, 2341 Patterson Avenue. The guest speaker will be Prophetess Linda Kimble of Tabernacle of Praise in Seattle, Wash. For more information, contact 336-723-1523.

Dec. 13

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First Lady to preach first sermon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church First Lady Lisa Michelle Parks will give her Initial Sermon on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. She is the wife of Bishop John C. Parks, senior pastor of New Hope, which is located at 1201 New Hope Lane.

Parks was educated in the local

school system and attended Winston Salem State University. Presently, she plays an instrumental and active role in various ministries of the New Hope Church. She is also executive vice president of Hope Today Magazine, a nationally-circulated magazine.

For more information, contact the church at 336-724-5401.



Lisa Parks



Overseer Eugene Kirby

Omegas will host free holiday concert at Shiloh Baptist Church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will present a free holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 East 12th St.

The event is in support of the fraternity's Uplift Team's effort to raise money for social action and the Psi Phi chapter scholarship fund.

The concert will feature some of the area's most spiritually invigorating vocalists, including Omega Psi Phi's own Brother Eddie Bines and Friends. Brother Bishop Sherwood Davis Sr., an Omega Man and pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, will also be on hand. Other special guests will include Bishop John Heath, Ralph Meadows and Anointed Interpreters of Praise. Carmen Russell Bonham will serve as the mistress of ceremonies.



Bines



Ralph Meadows will be among the vocalists.

Holiness Church conference taking place

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 4th Quarter Conference of The North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District Quarterly Assembly of the Holiness Church of God is taking place through Sunday, Dec. 7, at Bethlehem Holiness Church, 701 Barbara Jane Avenue, where Overseer Eugene Kirby is the host pastor.

The weeknight sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. The business meeting on Saturday is 12 p.m., and the Sunday session will begin at 4 p.m. The speaker slated for today (Dec. 4) is Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier of Mount Calvary Holiness Church; on Friday, Bishop James James of Mount Zion Holiness Church (Mocksville) will speak. And on Sunday, Overseer Kirby will speak.

The designated church choir, along with the NCANW District Choir, will render the nightly music. All members of the NCANW District are expected to attend. Presiding Overseer Eugene Kirby, Jr invites all friends and the general public to come and worship.

'COMMITMENT IS A PLEDGE TO SEE IT THROUGH'

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1: 46-55

Lesson Aims: To explain Mary's response to Elizabeth, to understand the key points in Mary's song, and to recognize the need for commitment.

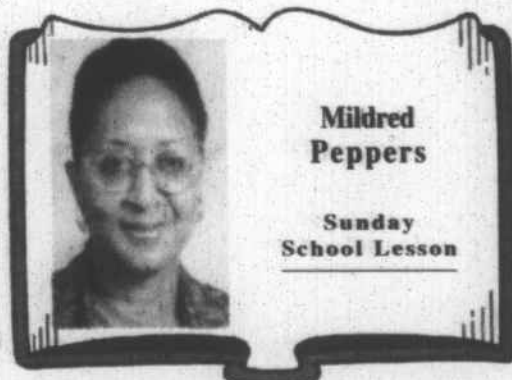
Background: The Winter Quarter's theme is "Human Commitment." We begin in the Gospel of Luke and continue during January and February, focusing on various books of the Old Testament. Commitment goes far beyond simply showing up. It is dedication in the face of adversity, sacrifice, fatigue and even being overwhelmed. Commitment is a pledge to see it through; to remain loyal no matter the circumstances. This quarter presents the famous like Mary, John the Baptist, Joshua and Samson along side of the not so famous (shepherds, midwives in Egypt and the Shunammite woman). The lessons will fascinate as well as encourage us to do some self-examination. God knows us better than we know ourselves so don't fake it - be for real!

Luke, the physician, penned this Gospel around AD

70-80's. He was not an eyewitness, but thoroughly researched those accounts of the ones that sat at the Master's feet. A companion of Paul, he wrote this orderly account of Jesus to Theophilus, a Roman official or a prominent citizen. The longest of the Gospels was also written to strengthen the faith of all believers, especially the Gentiles. The book presented the life and teachings of Jesus in such a way that salvation would be understood. The third of the Synoptic Gospels, Luke alone told of Christ's boyhood, the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son, and the mission of the seventy-two. Let's begin our journey.

The book opened with Zechariah, a priest on duty in the Temple. He and his wife, Elizabeth were well along in years with no children. While burning incense in the Holy of Holies, he had a vision from God. That vision foretold of a son being born to him and Elizabeth. He was speechless upon leaving the Temple. Six months later, God dispatched an angel to a

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson



Quincy Zion Brown



Chau-Dre' Essence London Gray



Emmanuel Isaiah Scales

Church crowns three young winners

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where Dr. Charles E. Gray is the pastor, held its 2008 "Children for Christ" pageant on Nov. 30.

God's little blessings participating in the pageant were: Quincy Brown, Shayla Carter, Lula Jennings and Karsyn Tucker of the birth to 5 group; Sha'Dona Brown, Genesis Graham, Chau-Dre' Gray and Jonathan Winbush of the 6-11 group; and Emmanuel Scales, Jazmyne Smith, Tesyana Smith and

Jamie Thompson of the 12-16 group.

There was singing, dancing and lots of fun before the winners were crowned.

Quincy Zion Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Brown, took one of the crowns. Quincy's favorite things to eat are mashed potatoes, oatmeal, mac and cheese and honey buns. He also likes playing video games with his daddy and brother.

Winner Chau-Dre' Essence London Gray, also known as "Miss

Missy," is the daughter of Gwen Waugh and Andre Gray. She is an A student and is on the gifted class roll. Chau-dre' likes singing and dancing. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gray.

Winner Emmanuel Isaiah Scales is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Scales. He is saved and a child of God. He loves church and singing on the choir. Some of his hobbies are reading, math, basketball, football, wrestling and playing the PlayStation.

Grace to present cantata

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Chancel Choir of Grace Presbyterian Church will perform the Christmas cantata, "Love Transcending" by John W.

Peterson, on Sunday, Dec. 14 in the church sanctuary at 3901 Carver School Road.

The 4 p.m. performance will feature the Sanctuary Choir of Greater First United Baptist Church of High Point. The group will assist the Grace Chancel Choir, along with a few other guest singers.

James D. Smith directs and accompanies the High Point choir. The Rev. Tacuma S. Johnson is pastor of Greater First United Baptist.

This event will be a fundraiser for Grace's Organ Fund.

Soloists for the cantata will include Mable H. Stevenson (soprano), Ernestine Worley (alto), Ava Allen (tenor) and William E. Shouse (baritone/bass).

Kenneth N. Jones will be the narrator. Smith, who is also director and accompanist for the Chancel Choir, will be the accompanist for the cantata. Rudolph V. Boone Sr., a former director of the choir, will be the guest director for the cantata. Anthony McLean will also participate on the program.

Worley is president of the choir. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Stevenson is the pastor of the church and a member of the choir.