

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Beginning May 15

Shoe Drive

On Friday and Saturday, May 15 and May 16, the Greensboro District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, in cooperation with Old Dominion Freight Line, invites the community to participate in a Gently Worn & New Shoe Collection Drive for Soles4Souls, Inc. The goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes for children and adults in need in the United States, Liberia and Jamaica. The collection is from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. each day. Shoes may be dropped off at St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, 1012 Leonard Ave., in High Point. For additional information, contact the St. Stephen's Church office at 336-883-0414 or visit www.soles4souls.org. The Rev. Dr. William M. White, Jr. is pastor. The Rev. Dr. Michael Ellis is the Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District.

Anniversary events

House of Prayer of Deliverance Ministries will hold Pastoral Anniversary events for Katherine Trapp May 15-17 at the Hewitt Business Center, 1001 S Marshall St., - Suite B2. Call 336-708-1417 for more information.

Starting May 16

Women's Day

The women of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will begin their Women's Day's celebration with a dinner hosted by the men of Bethlehem on Saturday, May 16 at 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

The theme for this year's celebration is "A Woman's Work is Never Done." On Sunday, May 17 at the 11 a.m. worship service, the speaker will be Bethlehem's own Patricia Martin. The church is located at 1711 N. Claremont Ave., and the phone number is 336-723-1297.

May 16

Food drive

The Need to Feed Food Drive and Clothes Giveaway will be Saturday, May 16 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 3230 Heitman Dr., from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Rodney Coleman of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. There will also be entertainment.

Rummage sale

A Rummage Sale will be held in the parking lot of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E. Fourth St., on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 8 a.m. Fish Dinners will be sold from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Block party

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church will sponsor a Community Block Party at LaDeara Crest Apartments on May 16 at 4 p.m. There will be singing, dancing, testimonies, food, fun activities and much more. For more information, call 336-744-9293.

Kidney disease screening

The National Kidney Foundation of N.C. and the Mt. Zion Health Ministry are providing a free early detection health screening program for kidney disease on May 16 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested by calling the church office at 336-722-2325 or Marilyn Stafford at 704-737-9291. The Church is located at 950 File St.

Starting May 17

Holy Convocation

Macedonia Holiness Church of God Of The Apostolic Faith, Inc. will hold its 29th Annual Holy Convocation, May 17 - 24. All services will be held at the headquarters church located at 4111 Whitfield Road. Nightly services

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Emmanuel to celebrate missionary anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Emmanuel Baptist Church will celebrate the 77th Anniversary of its Missionary Circle on May 16 - 17 under the theme: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

The celebration kicks off on Saturday, May 16 with a workshop from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. A Continental Breakfast will be served, and Portia H. Brandon will be the facilitator. Brandon will also be the guest speaker for the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 17.

Brandon, the Christian Education Coordinator for the



Portia H. Brandon

General Baptist State Convention, is a graduate of Shaw University, where she received a BA degree in public administration; she also has a Master of Divinity from Shaw Divinity School. Brandon is a member of New Providence Baptist Church in Varina, NC, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher for over 30 years.

Brandon is also an instructor for the Southern Baptist Convention, the Lott Carey Baptist Missionary Convention and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. She is the editor of the "Congress Observer," a quarterly publication of the National Baptist Congress of

Christian Education. She also serves on the City Advisory Board of Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Raleigh.

Brandon is married to Wesley T. Brandon, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Wesley and Ervin.

Immediately following the worship service, a Missionary Tea will be held in the Multipurpose Room.

The public is invited. Emmanuel Baptist Church is located at 1075 Shalimar Drive, where the Rev. John Mendez is the pastor. For more information, call 336-788-7023.

'SISTERS IN MISSION' COMING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's "Sisters in Mission: Growing in Grace" Women's Day Celebration will be held May 16-17 at the church, 810 Highland Ave.



Jones

This will mark St. Stephen's 54th annual Women's Day.

A Saturday luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall, featuring a presentation of Modern Day Miracles by WFDD's Denise Franklin and WXII 12's Margaret Johnson.

The 11 a.m. speaker on Sunday will be Sandra Miller Jones, the founder and chairwoman of Segmented Marketing Services, Inc. (SMSi), a leading ethnic promotions company.

Jones received a MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School. She has used her talent and knowledge during the 30-year history of SMSi to provide input and support to women-owned businesses, especially those in the ethnic beauty industry. SMSi is currently led by Jones and her husband, Lafayette Jones, the company's president and CEO.



Franklin

The Rev. Hector Sintim is Priest-In-Charge at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



WXII Reporter and cancer survivor Margaret Johnson.

Good News to Spread



Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-13

Lesson Aims: To appreciate that Salvation is given to all of humanity; to recognize the mystery of revelation; and to be ready to share the Good News with others.

Background: As we study God's Word, more and more is revealed to us and our appreciation is heightened for the connection between the Old and New Testaments. You see, the Old Covenant concealed some things that were revealed in the New Covenant. In Genesis 12, God called Abram (Abraham) to leave his country and follow Him. There was no indication that this citizen of Ur was outstanding in any way. After much research, scholars decided that God simply chose him. In addition to that, a covenant was made with him declaring that if he made God his God Abram's family would "become a great nation; he'll be blessed, respected, protected from his enemies and would be given land" (Genesis 12:1-3). Through this family, God intends to "ultimately bring Salvation to all" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook and The Catholic Study Bible). Abram wasn't blessed simply to boast of his relationship with God but to model faith so that others will recognize the One True God and seek Him. It didn't happen then but we know that it came to pass through Jesus, the Christ (first mystery). God's plan in the Old Testament was to eventually unite the Jews (Abraham's descendants) with the Gentiles (non-Jews) to form the church (other mystery). Both mysteries will be revealed in the New Testament. Mystery here "refers to important information communicated by revelation from God. Paul, the consummate Jew, well trained in the Law and a Pharisee, felt compelled to stop the rebel movement within Judaism. Once he had his encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road, he was changed forever. In the Synoptic Gospels and Acts 9, it became obvious that the Gentiles were to be included. As it turned out, Paul and Barnabas were commissioned to carry the Word to the Jews first and then the Gentiles (Acts 12:25-16:5). Following that, Paul embarked on his missionary journeys and was subsequently jailed several times. The book of Ephesians was

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Family and Friends Day at Bethlehem will feature Goler



Pastor McMillian



Pastor Seth O. Lartey preaches from the Goler pulpit.

Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church will observe Family and Friends Day on Sunday, May 17.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Growing together for the Kingdom." Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will be the guest church. Rev. Beverly W. McMillian, the pastor of Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion, is a product of Goler and was trained and nurtured there for ministry.

The morning worship celebration will begin at 11 a.m. Rev. McMillian will deliver the morning message. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Goler Pastor Dr. Seth O. Lartey, the choirs and members of Goler will conduct the afternoon services at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Lartey has been the pastor of Goler for the past 17 years. Goler is in the midst of great things, having completed its Enrichment Center, senior living and condominium projects.

It is the hope of Bethlehem and its pastor that those who once were a part of this fellowship will come to be with old friends and family. In the tradition of the ol' time 'Big Meetin' they extend a hearty welcome to all to come.

Bethlehem is located at 6475 Yadkinville Road in the town of Lewisville. For more information, contact the church at 336-945-2221.