

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening now

Appreciation services

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God - The Apostle's Faith, Inc., 741 Moravia St., will have appreciation services for its pastor, Apostle Lindsey W. Adams Sr., this week. Weekday services will be at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday's service begins at 7 p.m.; there will be an 11 a.m. service on Sunday, after Sunday School at 10 a.m. Various speakers and choirs will take part each day. For more information, call 336-771-3743 or 336-472-2030.

Kemet Academy registration

Emmanuel Baptist Church will host its popular Kemet Academy once more this summer. The Kemet Academy is a youth summer program that is designed to enhance learning, sharing, and development of strong minds and wills. Events will include guest speakers and field trips to sites like the North Carolina Museum of History, the Civil Rights Museum and the Charlotte Hawkins Museum. For more information, contact Emmanuel Baptist Church at 336-788-7023.

Summer Breeze Worship Service

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., is offering a 7:30 a.m. worship service from May through August. The Summer Breeze services will be held on Sunday and are designed for those who desire an earlier morning worship experience. Sunday worship services are also held at 8:45 and 11 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 336-724-9305 ext. 223.

Beginning June 18

Youth conference

The Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide, Inc. will be hosting a Youth Conference on June 18-19 and Sunday, June 28. The conference speakers are Minister Corey Griffin, Minister Bethany Heath and Elder Jamorice Hughley. The church is located at 406 Northwest Blvd. Bishop John H. Heath is Founder and Presiding Prelate. Services will begin each night at 7 p.m. and the 11 a.m. service on Sunday. For more information, contact the administrative office at 336-725-1125.

Beginning June 19

Anniversary services for Apostle Johnson

The Macedonia Worship Center, 500 Kinard Drive, will have several speakers to celebrate the 42nd Ministerial Anniversary of

Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson, beginning on Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. with Pastor Nancy Wilson of New Beginnings Outreach Ministry. On Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m., Dr. James Woodson of St. James Home of

Fresh Start Ministries will speak, followed by Bishop Harvey L. Rice of Mt. Calvary Holy Church on Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 336-725-2190.

June 19

Awards ceremony

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church will hold an awards ceremony for its Vacation Bible School tomorrow (June 19) at 7 p.m. The church is at 651 Akron Drive.

June 20

Sunshine Saturday

Freedom Baptist Church will sponsor Sunshine Saturday on June 20 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a clothing giveaway for the entire family; a moon walk for the kids; and food, singing and praise dancing. There will also be a dentist on site to check attendees' teeth and other health screenings. The church is located at 1222 E. 14th Street.

Women's Fellowship

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church and RICH CDC will host a Women's Fellowship at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. The program will provide strong mentoring activities to strengthen the roles of wives, mothers, grandmothers, aunts and young ladies. The church is at 651

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Runnels will speak at Men's Day event

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 N Trade St., will have its annual Men's Day Program on Father's Day on Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. with special guest the Rev. Calvin Runnels.

Runnels is a native of Chicago and a graduate of Hampton University, where he earned a B.A. in mass media communications. He is also a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., where he received his Master of Divinity. Runnels is a certified supervisor with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and a chaplain supervisor in the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He is former pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church. Runnels is a member of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity and the Bridging Faith Communities at Wake Forest Divinity School. He is married to the former Pamela Howell. They are the proud parents of one son, Hasting Newman Runnels.

Everyone is invited to attend this anointed service. Call the church at 336-722-2907 for more information.



Rev. Calvin Runnels



Oscar Miro-Quesada

Healer to show urban-dwellers how to find grace

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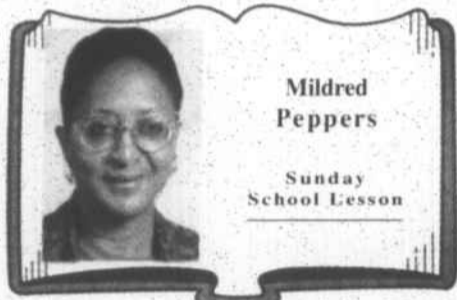
Wake Forest University's Religion and Public Engagement Initiative, in conjunction with the WFU Baptist Medical Center's Program for Complementary and Integrative Medicine, is inviting the public to attend a three-day program designed for metropolitan residents entitled, "Sacred Space, Urban Grace."

Featuring respected Peruvian healer and master ceremonialist, Oscar Miro-Quesada, the event will be held on Friday June 19 from 8 - 10 p.m.; Saturday June 20 from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Wake Forest campus.

Employing ceremonial practices based on cross-cultural spiritual traditions, Miro-Quesada, founder of The Heart of the Healer Foundation (www.heartofthehealer.org), will offer practical guidance to promote and engage compassionate social action within urban environments. As a popular international teacher, he is dedicated to revitalizing the Earth by honoring traditions as a way to restore sacred trust between human kind and the natural world, as well as the health and spiritual balance of urban habitats and ecosystems.

For more information contact Bonnie Dhonau at oneglob@heart@yahoo.com, or go to www.chaskinews.blogspot.com.

Be Patient and Wait for God



Lesson Scripture: Exodus 5:1-9, 22-6:1

Lesson Aims: To understand the Pharaoh's scornfulness; to recognize that believers must wait patiently for God to act; and to have faith in God's authority.

Background: In most northern African and Asian kingdoms, the heads of state were considered to be part human and part divine (God). The people's existence depended on the decisions made by the leader. If things went well, that person remained in power; if not, death was on the horizon. This form of government was a theocracy. Pharaoh mocked Moses because reference was made to God whom he didn't know. If then he is a god why should he submit to an unknown one? In 4:21 God told Moses that the pharaoh's heart would be hardened in order for him to know who is really in charge. Not only will pharaoh's eyes be opened, but Moses and the Israelites will also recognize, "I am who I am." In our studies over and over again, we've seen the greatest blessings come through the struggle. Maybe we need to remember that!

Lesson: After meeting with the elders and winning their trust, the brothers meet with Pharaoh. Their meeting follows the typical eastern format of "haggling." This tactic involves giving and taking to arrive at an agreement. Initially, Moses and Aaron ask that the Israelites be allowed to hold a festival in the desert for their God. Pharaoh scorns their proposal by questioning why should he obey their unknown God? The brothers then offer another alternative - just give them three days in the desert so that no sickness or death will come upon them. Indignant, the Pharaoh accuses them of diversion and sends them back to work. Later, he issues a decree that the slaves are to get

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LIFTING HIS NAME IN SONG



File Photo

Willie Conrad Sr., leads other members of the Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir at the recent "Lift Every Voice ... Against Breast Cancer" event at Kennedy Learning Center.

Greater Higher Ground to start Summer Revival

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The Greater Higher Ground Ministries will host its 2009 Summer Revival starting on Wednesday, June 24 and ending on Friday, June 26.

This year's theme is "Stepping Into Greatness," from Ephesians 1:19. The revival speaker is Bishop John H. Heath.

An Apostle in his own right, Bishop Heath is the founder and presiding prelate of Greater Higher Ground Ministries. He will be bringing forth the word



Bishop John H. Heath

of God with strength and authority through preaching, prophesying, and singing the praises of Jesus Christ.

The public is invited to come out and join the celebration and experience what you need to "Step Into Greatness." The revival will be held at the headquarter church of Greater Higher Ground Ministries at 406 Northwest Boulevard. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly.

For more information, please contact the administrative office at 336-725-1125.

Couple honored on silver pastoral anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church recently wrapped up anniversary services for Pastor Richard Miller and Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller. The couple is marking their 25th year as pastors.

During a banquet held in their honor on Saturday, June 6, they were treated to a poem by Teir Autery; a dance performance by Chanel Jeter and a daughter her, Brittany Johnson; a comic performance by Minister Darrell Jeter; and words of encouragement and faith from Elder Bob Greene, Valeria Smith and Master of Ceremony Minister Joseph Miller Sr., the couple's youngest son.

On Sunday, June 7, the celebration continued with special guest preacher the Rev. J.R. Samuels, former Pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church and the Millers' former pastor. The praise team, choir, and dance ministry ministered during the service, and Samuels brought forth a mighty word about, "Traveling With The Lord."

The celebration concluded that evening with guest speaker General Overseer B. Stephon Brown of the Noah's Ark Full Gospel Baptist Church of Reidsville. His sermon, "How to Minister to The Shepherd," brought down the house. The celebration ended with Holy Trinity and Noah's Ark members breaking bread together.



Overseer Stephon and Mrs. Brown with Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller and Pastor Richard Miller.



Rev. Samuels