

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Initial sermon

Living Witness Baptist Church, 3758 Ogburn Ave., will be the site of the first sermon of Sis. Sharon Smith tonight (July 9) at 7 p.m. The Rev. Harry Reynolds in pastor. The public is invited.

Women's conference

Pastor Janice O. Heath and the Greater Higher Ground Ministries Women of Excellence will host the 2009 Annual Women's Conference July 8-12. The conference speakers will include Co-Pastor Rita Wilson of Cathedral of



Pastor Heath

Refuge Church; Prophetess Sandy Johnson of Restoration Church of God in Christ of Lexington and Pastor Janice Heath of Greater High Ground Ministries. The conference will be held at the headquarter church of Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide at 406 Northwest Blvd. For more information, call 336-725-1125.

Fine Arts Camp

Covenant Presbyterian Church will host a Fine Arts Camp for grades 5-12 from Monday, July 6 - Thursday, Aug. 13 (on Mondays - Thursdays only). The camp, which will offer piano, voice, strings, drawing/painting and photography, will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 3627 Konnoak Drive. There are no fees for the camp and lunch will be provided. Call 336-788-7511 for more information.

Free lunch program for kids

Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson and the Macedonia Worship Center, 500 Kinard Drive, will sponsor a free summer lunch program for children 18 and under in July. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday from noon - 1 p.m. Registration is preferred by calling the church office at 336-725-2190.

Summer program

New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, is having its first Summer Enrichment Program through July 29. It consists of academics and social skills. Students who need help and/or enrichment in these areas are welcome to participate. The Rev. Louis Hunter Jr. is pastor of New Hope. For further information, call 336-945-9083 or 336-407-9533.

VBS

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will conduct Vacation Bible School from July 6-10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes are for pre-K to adult. Refreshments will be served each night. For more information, call the church's office at 336-724-2614. The Rev. Hector Sintim is priest-in-charge.

Beginning July 10

Revival

Yahweh Apostolic Church of Deliverance, 711 Wachovia St., where the pastor is Bishop Vernice Simmons, will have revival services on Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, July 12 at 5 p.m. Apostle Keyon Whitlow and Bishop R.T. Bryant of Newport News, Va., are in charge of services.

Beginning July 12

Summer Revival

Pastor Timothy L. Porter of New Philadelphia Church of God will render a three-day Summer Revival July 12 - 14. Pastor Lewis B. Florence of Greater Galilee International Pentecostal Holiness Church of Reidsville will be the guest speaker on Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Purvis Morris of Revelation of Faith of Madison will be the guest speaker on July 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. New Philadelphia Church of God is located at 307 Harrison St. in Yadkinville. For additional information, e-mail glkreid@yahoo.com or call 336-409-0952.

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REV. VICTORIA JOHNSON TO PREACH

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Victoria E. Johnson, associate minister of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at Faith Unity Missionary Church this Sunday. The church is located in the chapel of the Masonic Lodge Prince Hall at 1025 E. 14th St., and under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Nathaniel P. J. Williams Jr. and Associate Pastor Wanda H. Williams.

Johnson is a very active at

New Jerusalem, where her Pastor is Reverend Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius. She presented her initial sermon, "Games People Play. Whose Rules Do You Choose to Use?" and received her license in February 2000. She was ordained in 2006 by the High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association.

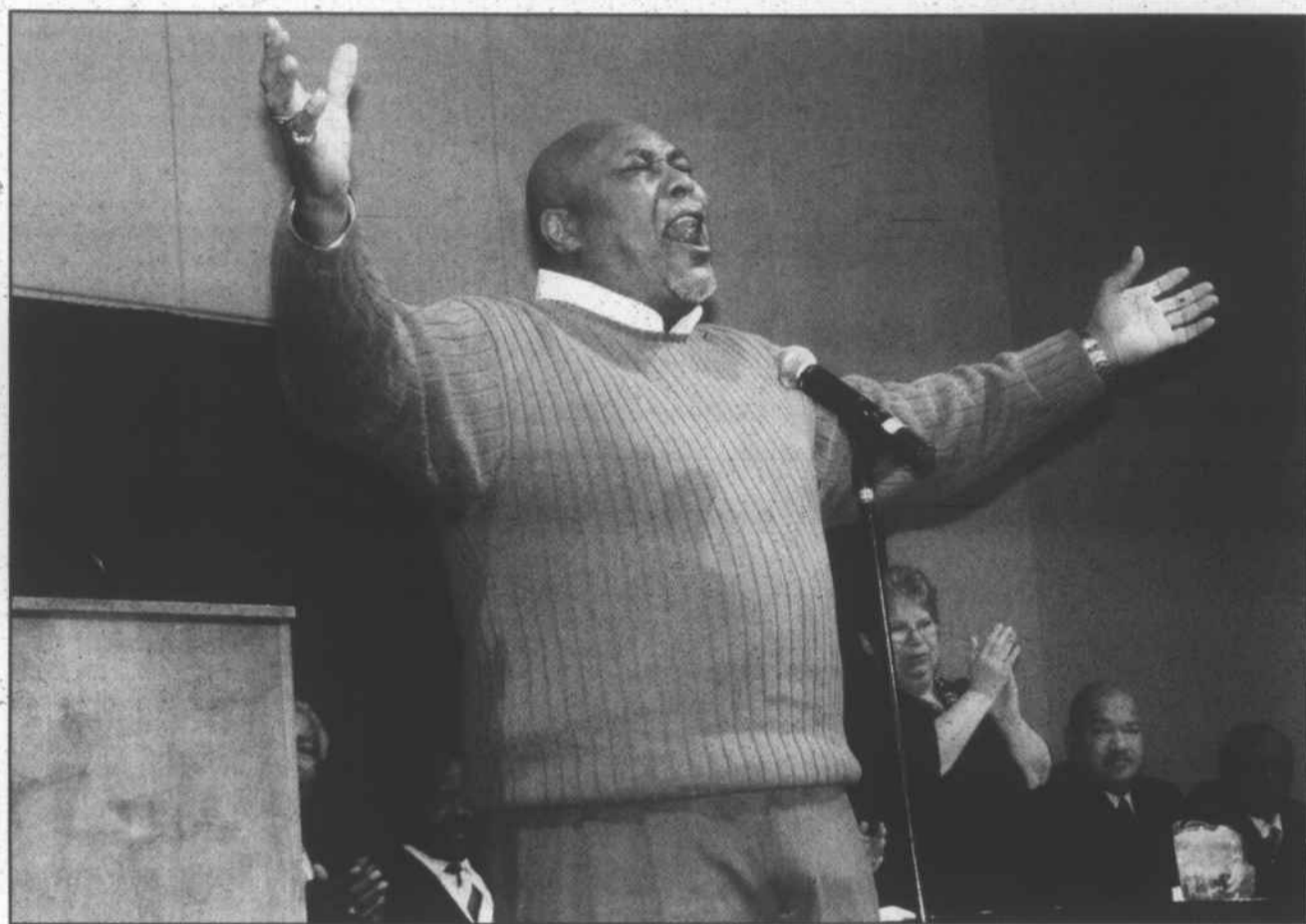
Johnson is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and has taken classes toward obtaining a master's degree in ministry at Vintage Bible College.

She is president of the Congress of Christian Education of the High Point Educational and Missionary Association; assistant recording treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Association; and secretary of the Freedom Road Prison Ministry. She is employed by AT&T as a customer service assistant.

Everyone is cordially invited. The church can be contacted at 336-771-0023 and faithunimc@yahoo.com.



Rev. Victoria E. Johnson



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Ralph Meadows performs.

Vocalists will bring sweet sounds to Grace

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Concert Series Committee of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA) will present Eddie Bines Jr. and Ralph Meadows Sr. in concert on Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 3901 Carver School Road. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Bines, a baritone, began his musical journey singing in the Tots Choir at Shiloh Baptist Church and in music class at 14th Street Elementary School. While attending N.C. A&T State University, he sang in the university choir and was the lead singer for the campus group Utopia. While in graduate school at UNC-Greensboro, he sang in the University Chorale and performed with the UNCG Opera. He has performed locally and nationally as a baritone and tenor soloist. He is the son Mrs. Azalee Bines



Bines

and the late Mr. Eddie Bines, Sr. He is married to the former Sylvia L. Davis and they have three children.

Meadows, a tenor, is a well-known photographer who has a ministry to sing God's praises throughout the city and state. He has performed as a featured soloist for several years at numerous events, including the N.C. Black Business Expo in Greensboro and the 200th Year Celebration of Bethabara Park.

Meadows is a deacon at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. He is married to the former Betty Watson of Atlanta. He is the father of four children and four grandchildren. Together, the couple have six children.

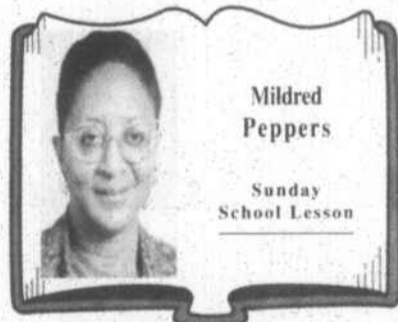
The members of the Concert Series Committee are Chairman James D. Smith, Rudolph V. Boone Sr., Kenneth N. Jones, Louyse Tuffin, Shirley Bynum and Dr. Samuel Stevenson, the church's pastor.

THE FIRST PASSOVER

Lesson Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:1-8

Lesson Aims: To summarize the significance of the first Passover; to recognize the Passover as the prototype of the Lord's Supper; and to commit ourselves to remembrance and celebration.

Background: How often do we remember those turning points in our lives? There are too many of us who take everything for granted and really don't appreciate our journey. If we are receiving a personal gift (birthday, anniversary), all is well. In our hurry up, get-it-all-done society, we often



times miss the importance of life's events. Human nature today is no different from previous times, including the Israelites, God's Chosen People.

Moses was speaking to the new adult generation in the Plains of Moab reminding them to remember God and all of His Mighty Acts on their behalf. The only adults that left Egypt who remain alive are Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb. Moses wanted this new generation to be fully aware of God's requirements. Their summons by Moses was really a review. He knew that he would not enter the Promised Land (Canaan) with them. Go back and read Numbers 20:1-13 and Deuteronomy 1:37. God wanted them to remember. Why is this important? With remembrance comes humility, a

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Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist holds graduation ceremonies

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church recently held commencement services for both its Junior Academy and Preschool Program.

The preschool graduates are Amonpae Bennett, Jadaí Damon, Rochester Damon III, Christopher Hawkins and Kai Jeffreys.

Mary Duncan, a retired elementary school teacher, served as the keynote speaker for the kids' graduation program. She encouraged the children to continue to work hard to meet their goals, and to be obedient to their parents and their teachers, just as Jesus was obedient to His Father.

Five eighth-graders graduated from the Ephesus Junior Academy - Karria N. Taylor, Carlos J. Lizardo (highest honor), Teshiyah L. Lindsay (honors), Delando C. Skinner (higher honor) and Dominic Emon-Farabee.

During the commencement exercises, the graduates gave a farewell acknowledgment of how much Christian Education meant to them,



Graduates Karria N. Taylor, Carlos J. Lizardo, Teshiyah L. Lindsay and Delando C. Skinner.

and the fourth and fifth graders gave a presentation. Philip Brown gave the farewell speech, representing the school. Graduate Lindsay introduced the speaker - Dr. Elizabeth Watson, a professor at N.C. A&T State University.

Watson encouraged the graduates to strive to

make even better grades, take better classroom notes and make good choices. She also encouraged students to be a servant to one another.

"This is important because Jesus was a servant. And God will allow you to climb higher and higher that you would not believe," she explained.

Each graduate was given a growing plant to represent their growth and creativity.

Ephesus Adventist Educational Program has been in existence for over 50 years. The goal is to help prepare students for future endeavors; to enhance their character; to open their minds for understanding; and to educate them about God's Word.



Farabee

Phillips Chapel to mark anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 68th anniversary on Sunday, July 12, under the theme,

"Building Our Families by the Kingdom Agenda - Celebrate a New Journey."

The pastor of Phillips Chapel, the Rev. Chad R. Armstrong, will be the speaker at 11 a.m.

Armstrong was installed as the Pastor of Phillips Chapel in November 2007. He was ordained in 1999 by Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, where he served as associate minister. Armstrong is married to the former Angela M. Graham, and they have three beautiful daughters, Malai, Chassity and Kyla.

The anniversary celebration will culminate with a 4 p.m. service featuring keynote speaker the Rev. Leon T. Oglesby, pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Robbins. Oglesby is a native of Winston-Salem who was licensed and ordained through the High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association. Oglesby is a former associate minister at Phillips Chapel, and from 2000-2002 he was the interim pastor. On April 9, 2006 Westside Missionary Baptist Church welcomed Rev. Oglesby as its pastor. He established the following motto for the church, "A Church Committed to Building the Kingdom of God, One Soul at a Time" based on Acts 2:41-47.

He and his wife, Wanda, have two children, Joel and Candace.

The public is invited to this glorious anniversary celebration. Phillips Chapel is located at 132 North Glenn Ave. For more information, call the church at 336-723-9451.