

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Free tutoring
Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, is offering free after-school tutorial for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 - 6 p.m. The program will assist students of all ages by strengthening math skills and encouraging better reading habits and comprehension. For more information, contact the Church's office at 336-788-7023.

Food pantry opens
St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 1840 Butler St., has opened a food pantry. It will be open on Mondays only, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Anyone needing assistance should call the church at 336-788-3421 and leave a name and telephone number, or come by the church during the pantry's hours. The Food Pantry will not be open when a holiday falls on a Monday.

Pastoral anniversary services
New Trinity Baptist Church will celebrate the 10th pastoral anniversary of Michael D. Samuels, Sept. 23 - Sept. 27. The remaining events are: Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., Pastor Mark Mack; Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., Pastor Stephen Samuels; Sept. 27 at 11 a.m., Pastor Samuels; and Sept. 27 at 4 p.m., with a special guest minister. The church is located at 1240 East 22nd St.

Substance abuse support
The Ordered by God Outreach Center of House of Faith Outreach, 1384 W. Sedgefield Dr., offers substance abuse support programs every Friday at 3 p.m. and prayer at 1 p.m. For more information, call 336-986-7725.

Convocation
Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide Inc. will host the 15th Annual Heaven on Earth Convocation, Sept. 20-27. The speakers will be as follows: Apostle Kevin Williams of New Jerusalem Cathedral and Monument of Praise of Greensboro at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26; a Consecration Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. at W-S Urban League, featuring Mother Dorothy Triplett of Orlando; and an address by Greater Higher Ground's own Bishop Dr. John H. Heath on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m., followed by a dinner at Golden Corral on University Parkway. Greater Higher Ground Ministries is located at 406 Northwest Blvd. Call 336-725-1125 for more information.

Pentecostal evangelism meeting
The Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave., will host the North Carolina Women's Ministries' Pentecostal Evangelism Meeting Sept. 20 - 26 from 7 - 8 p.m., nightly. The theme is "Women of Fire," and Elder Wilma Boyd will be the speaker each night. Call 336-724-0491 for more information.

City Wide Revival
The Fifth Annual City Wide Revival Conference will be held Sept. 22-25 at 7 p.m., nightly at New Beginnings Christian Church, 2920 Greenway Ave. The host pastor is Dr. Nelson S. McCall. The last speaker is the Rev. Tavares S. Vance of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, who will preach tonight (Thursday, Sept. 24).

Revival
Living Witness Baptist Church will have Revival, Sept. 23 - 25 at 7:30 p.m., nightly. The Rev. Ernest McLaurin of Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. The church is at 3758 Ogburn Avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend. The host pastor is the Rev. Harry Reynolds.

Conference
Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive, will host the Spiritual Development & Faith Conference, Sept. 23-25 at 7 p.m. each night. The guest minister will be Pastor Larry Cutler of Galax, Va. For more information, contact the church at 336-744-9293.

Sept. 25
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Ordination service slated for Dr. Knouse

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Nola Reed Knouse will be ordained as a deacon of the Moravian Church at a special service on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. at Home Moravian Church, 529 South Church St. The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights will officiate the service, and Wayne Burkette, president of the Southern Province, will be present on behalf of the Provincial Elders' Conference. A reception, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Home Moravian, will follow the service in the Salem Fine Arts Center.

The order of Deacon, as stated in the Moravian Book of Order, admits an individual to the first order of Ministry within the Moravian denomination. As a Deacon, an individual has authority to serve in the pastoral office and to administer the Sacraments.

Knouse, originally from Lexington, is a graduate of Wake Forest University and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, where she earned a Master of Arts and Ph.D. She was awarded her certificate in Theological Studies in May 2009 from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Penn. Knouse will continue her specialized ministry as director of the Southern Province of the Moravian Music Foundation, where she has served since 1992. To ministry, Knouse brings her husband, Paul.

The Moravian Church, which celebrated its 550th anniversary in 2007, is one of the oldest Protestant denominations, dating back to 1457 in Europe and first coming to America in 1735. Moravians have a strong tradition of ecumenical work and are best known for their missionary work and rich musical heritage.



Bishop and First Lady Patterson

Ambassador Cathedral welcomes all to conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

First Lady Dorothy Douglas Patterson of Ambassador Cathedral, 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr., will host the church's annual Women's Conference beginning Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. with an address by Evangelist Beverly Banks of Sandusky, Ohio.

On Saturday, Sept. 26 at noon, a luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall, with guest speaker the Rev.

Sarah Sylver, First Lady of Freedom Temple Church of Raleigh.

District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield will be the speaker for the Sunday, Sept. 27 11 a.m. worship experience. The conference will culminate with the "Sunday at Six" services. The speakers will be Evangelist Peculiar Sprinkle and Malinda Jowers, both of Ambassador Cathedral. Bishop Frederick D. Patterson is the host pastor.



Members of Willie Mason and Friends pose with Mason (top row, center).

Group will give first full-fledged concert

Event is dedicated to the memory of one of its founding members

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Willie Mason and Friends will give their debut concert on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 N. Trade St. The public cordially invited to attend.

Bishop John C. Williams Jr., pastor of El Bethel Cathedral of South Boston, Va., will serve as the worship leader, and Bishop Stephen L. Williams, pastor of the Mt. Zion Outreach Center of Thomasville, will lead the congrega-



Gwyn

tion in praise and worship. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of Andrea Gwyn, a charter member of the group who passed away on July 31. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Gwyn, who will be in attendance along with other members of the family.

A vision during his sleep one night led Willie Mason to found the group.

"After pondering over the dream for a few days, I sent e-mails to several of my family mem-

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Duke's Turner to speak at Emmanuel

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. William C. Turner Jr. will speak at Emmanuel Baptist Church's annual Christian Education Convocation on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

Turner is an associate professor of the practice of homiletics at Duke University Divinity School, where his teaching and research focus is pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit) and evangelism within the Black church.

He is also the pastor of Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham. The Richmond, Va., native earned the Master of Divinity, and Ph.D. in Religion from Duke, where he served on the administrative staff before his appointment to the faculty in 1982. He has served pastorates in the United Holy Church of America, where he is an ordained elder. He has also served an assistantship in the A.M.E. Church.

Turner is married to the former Joyce Ann Rivers of Durham. They have four children.

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



Turner

Holiness Church's Assembly starts Monday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 92nd General Assembly of the Holiness Church of God, Inc. will convene at Kimberly Park Holiness Church, Sept. 28 - Oct. 4. General Bishop Arnie H. Joyce will preside; he will be assisted by Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice and Vice-Bishop James Ijames. Kimberly Park Holiness Church is located at 1640 SM Caesar Drive, where Elder Robert R. Edmond, Jr., is the host pastor. The theme for the General Assembly is taken from Acts 2:1; "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place."

The Holiness Church of God consists of the following overseers and districts: Overseer Roy C. Alston, Overseer Eugene Paramore, Overseer Benjamin P. Brogdon Jr. (Virginia/West Virginia); Northern Area of the North Eastern District Overseer Dr. Thomas E. Shuler; Northern Area of the North Western District Overseer Eugene Kirby; South Eastern District Overseer Angeline Sumpter; North Carolina Central District Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice; and Southern Area of the North Eastern District Overseer David Terry.

The assembly kicks off on Monday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., with Bishop Joyce presiding over an Elder's Board meeting. At 7:30 p.m., the entire assembly and general public are welcome to hear a message from Overseer Sumpter.

For the remainder of the week, services and special events will be led by various members of the Holiness Church of God family.

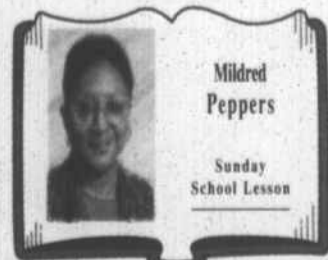


Bishop and Mrs. Arnie H. Joyce

Faith & Leadership

Lesson Scripture: Nehemiah 2:5, 11-20

Lesson Aims: To recognize the importance of Nehemiah's Call; to understand that leadership isn't always easy; and to be committed to God's work, no matter the opposition.



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

they began to allow the Jews to return home in three waves (538, 458, and 444 BC). The first group returned under the leadership of Zerubbabel. Once home their charge was to rebuild the Temple. Ezra, the priest, led the second group back to Jerusalem. His task was to rekindle their commitment to the Covenant after repentance. The book of Ezra told about their highs and lows and the burdens of leadership. Today, we examine Nehemiah's leadership after he leads the third wave of exiles back home.

Union's Dr. Mack gives pre-game prayer to Philly Eagles players

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor of Union Baptist Church delivered the

pre-game sermon to players, coaches and the administrative staff of the Philadelphia Eagles at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte on Sunday, Sept. 13 before the team's NFL match-up against the Carolina Panthers.

With everything that goes on in a professional athlete's life, Mack says he wanted to emphasize to the team that life is not all about football and to understand that God has a greater purpose for their life.

Mack inspired and encouraged the team to use their exposure and faith as their platform to reach back to help others. To reinforce the message and continue spiritual guidance, the team

received copies of his three books: "Destined For Promotion," "Passion For Your Kingdom Purpose" and "Hope For Hip Hop."

In May, Mack formed a football league for youths that focuses on character. Mack stated that the Character Football League is largely the reason he received an invitation to conduct the Eagles' worship service.

A colleague of Mack's was speaking with the chaplain for the Philadelphia Eagles the day before the Eagles were scheduled to play in Charlotte and shared with him information about Mack ministering through the football league to youths. The chaplain then asked if Mack would consider speaking to the team.

The Eagles went on to beat the Panthers 38-10.



Mack

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