

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Free lunches

Christ Rescue Temple Church, where Bishop Willie Davis Jr. is pastor, will serve free lunches every Thursday, starting at noon, to the first 100 people who arrive at the church, 1500 Dunleith Ave. For more information, call 336-722-9841.

Beginning Dec. 4

Live Nativity

First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave., will have its Live Outdoor Nativity on Friday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Dec. 5 during the 9:45 a.m. Worship Service. Attendees are asked to bring canned goods for the community food pantry.

Dec. 6

Service of Remembrance

Hooper Funeral Home, 1415 East 14th St., will hold its annual Holiday Service of Remembrance on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. The service honors the memories of those who passed away recently. The Rev. Herbert Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lexington, will be the guest speaker. For additional information, call 336-724-1561.



Rev. Miller

Family and Friends Night

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will have Family Night on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive.

"Are We Willing to Change?" sermon

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. D. Charles Davis will speak on "Are We Willing to Change?" at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Al Sutton will discuss his career as a probation officer at the 9 a.m. pre-service forum. For more information, go to www.uufws.org.

Dec. 8

Workshop on seniors and the law

The Super Tuesday Program Series continues at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., on Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The speaker will be Attorney Steve Arrington of The Elder Law Firm. He will give a free workshop to help families understand the law and how to make it work for seniors. Lunch will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call 336-722-2325.

Dec. 13

Bring a Friend to Church

Vessels of Honor Church Ministry will have a Bring a Friend to Church Day service on Sunday, Dec. 13. Elder Waltena Robinson will be the guest speaker. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. An Appreciation Day Service will be held at 4 p.m. Vessels In Praise Ensemble and various groups will be ministering in song. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 3608 Ogburn Avenue. Bishop Marvin and Elder Clara Cremedy are the pastors.

Fellowship program

Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 198 Anderson Rd. in Rural Hall, will have its Fellowship Program on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Tracey Caldwell of New Piney Grove Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N.C. and congregation will be the guests. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Eddie L. Fortson is the host pastor.

Holiday cantata

The Chancel Choir of Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver

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Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity pose with Bishop S. T. Davis Sr. and other members of the church.

Mt. Pleasant gives out Thanksgiving meals

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church distributed 125 turkeys and food boxes to local residents. Already prepared turkey dinners were taken to the elderly and the sick and shut-in.

The church gave away 25 more turkeys this year than it did in 2008. The annual effort began six years ago and is coordinated by the Deaconess Ministry of the Church. Members of Mu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., from the campus of Winston-Salem State University, contributed additional canned goods and helped with distribution. Also on hand to assist in the distribution were various ministry groups of the church, including the Deacons Ministry, Missionaries, Choirs, Ushers and Youth.

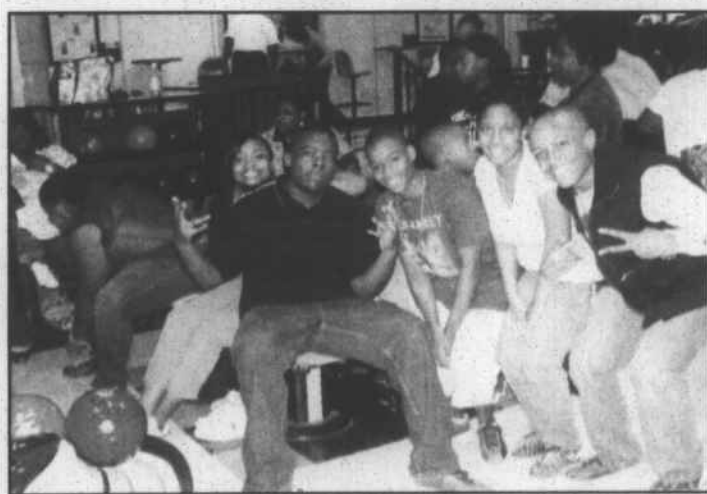
Prior to the distribution, Bishop S. T. Davis Sr., pastor of Mt. Pleasant, brought a morning message.



Church members prepare to deliver food.

Church youth group enjoys afternoon of bowling

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Youngsters have a ball at Northside Lanes.

The Holy Trinity's RICH CDC's Rebirth Youth Ministry (RYM) recently treated young people to a day of bowling at Northside Bowling Lanes.

Before the action started, there was scripture, song and prayer. Bowlers were broken up into groups based on their ages.

The winners for each age group were Denise Smith, Brandon Jeter, Brittany Johnson and Akeem Howell. After bowling, the young people returned to Holy Trinity FGBC to enjoy burgers, chips and drinks.

After eating, they played Bible Blurt, a game similar to charades. The youth played in teams, and the team captains were Keyera Tate and Akeem Howell.

Before the close of the celebration, the youth enjoyed baked cookies prepared lovingly by Olympeia Howell, Latarsha Jeter and Aquilla Miller.

Goler Memorial holds International Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Hundreds attended International Day services at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, which featured the Bukoba Choir of Tanzania.

The Rev. William M. Patray Sr., a native of Liberia who now lives in Zebulon, N.C., spoke during the event and the Goler Buds of Promise Choir and Genesis Liturgical Dancers performed. There was also a fashion show and luncheon featuring an array of international foods and beverages.



Rev. Patray

The Goler Memorial International Ministry, which staged the event, strives to support the needs of people coming to this community from other countries as well as assist countries with some of their most pressing needs. The ministry is currently supporting a school in Cape Town, South Africa, by providing food and shoes



Members of the Bukoba Choir perform.

to school age children. The International Ministry has also been instrumental in providing food and other supplies to people in Haiti. The Ministry hopes to one day open an International Resource Center that will provide new arrivals to this country with education, materials and referrals.

International Committee members are: Chairperson Barry Williams, Cynthia Williams, Lynn Golden, Constance Hill, Isaac Gibson, Ralph Pearson, James Hunder and Susanne Chapman. The Dr. Rev. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 North Patterson Ave.

Forsyth Ushers hold banquet

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Forsyth County United Usher Board held a banquet at New Jerusalem Baptist Church to celebrate the organization's 86th anniversary. The theme was "Empowered Ushers Moving Forward in Unity and Commitment."

The speaker for this occasion was the Rev.

Victoria Johnson, associate minister at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Her dynamic message

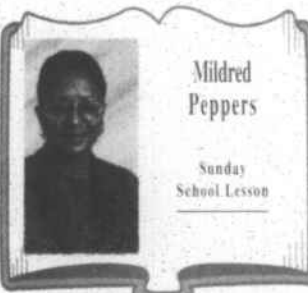
Rev. Johnson



was entitled, "Ushers it's Your Season" (Psalms 3:1). Other program participants were Mary Brunson (music), Lucille Smith (scripture), Janice James (welcome), Carrie Robinson (emcee), Monique Boston (dance), Catherine Ferrell (program chairperson) and Betty Bennett (president).

The Forsyth County United Usher Board's membership is composed of local churches whose mission is to support, strengthen, encourage, educate and offer fellowship for the local usher ministry. The Board meets 10 times a year.

JESUS' DIVINE AND DIVERSE ANCESTRY



Lesson Scripture: Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1-6

Lesson Aims: To explain the lineage of Jesus through 42 generations; to appreciate His diverse ancestry; and to recognize that He is the fulfillment of prophecy.

Background: Hallelujah, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy! Matthew set out to prove this to the early Jewish Greek speaking converts. Penned around 60-70 AD, the apostle used the book of Mark as a resource for his work. Luke did the same, thus we have the Synoptic Gospels (similar). A Jew himself, this former tax collector quoted the Old Testament quite often to prove his point. Genealogy was very important for most societies/kingdoms of that day. Knowing one's ancestry was a source of pride but it also gave direction for current family members. "Matthew included nine proof texts unique to his Gospel to drive home his fulfillment theme (1:22-23; 2:15; 2:17-18; 2:23; 4:14-18; 8:17-21; 13:35; 27:9-10)," according to Zondervan's Study Bible. If there was one name that every Jew knew, it was David, their former king. Matthew connected Jesus to David through the genealogy.

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