

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Intercessory Prayer Conference
Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will have its annual Intercessory Prayer Conference on Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Pastor Coker Stewart and Cedar Creek Baptist Church will be the guests on Thursday and Pastor Paul Thombs and New Unity Baptist Church will be the guests on Friday. The public is invited. Call 336-744-5759 for more information.

April 10

Spring Prayer Breakfast
Vessels of Honor Church Ministry, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will have its First Annual Spring Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 10 from 8 - 10 a.m. Speakers will be Honor Elder Waltena Robinson of Vessels of Honor and Elder Debra Garrison of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. The theme is "Men/Women/Children Ought to Always Pray." The service is free and open to the public. Bishop Marvin and Pastor Clara Cremedy are the host pastors. For more information, call Elder Lynn Roseboro at 336-423-6903.

April 11

Old Fashion Celebration
St. Matthew Apostolic Temple, 3640 New Walkertown Road, will have an Old Fashion Celebration on Sunday, April 11 at 4 p.m. It will begin with a dinner after the morning service. The 4 p.m. portion will feature the Winston-Salem Prayer Band 2. Bishop Joseph P. Lowery is the pastor. For further information, call the church at 336-724-1780 or 336-723-4479.

Initial sermon

Pastor Donnell D. Miller and members of New Calvary Apostolic Church of Lexington are inviting the public to come witness Deacon Levi Bash's initial sermon on Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Econo Lodge, 418 Piedmont Drive in Lexington. For more information, call 336-410-3460.



Bash

Friends and Family Day
Stewards Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 198 Anderson Road in Rural Hall, will celebrate Friends and Family Day on Sunday, April 11. Pastor Eddie L. Fortson will preach the 11 a.m. sermon. The Rev. Maurice Harden and his congregation from Marable Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Kannapolis will be the guests for the 3:30 p.m. service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Church, pastoral anniversaries
On Sunday, April 11, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will celebrate the church's 101-year anniversary and Dr. Charles E. Gray's 31st anniversary at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James Cook from St. Stephen Baptist. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Initial sermon

Brother Shawn Johnson will deliver his initial sermon on Sunday, April 11 at 4 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 N. Trade St., where L. B. Ford is pastor. Johnson is a member of Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, where Pastor Alice Mitchell is presiding. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate this joyous occasion.



Johnson

April 13

Health lecture
The Health Ministry of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., will have its latest Super Tuesday

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PRAYER NETWORK OF 2,000-PLUS PEOPLE IS BEING PLANNED

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Sunday, April 4, Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church laid the groundwork for a Prayer Network that will strive to attract more than 2,000 participants.

The event started at the City Hall North Building from 5 - 6 p.m. with about 15 adults and children taking part. Scriptures and prayers were offered for the government, schools, children, families, the economy and those facing surgery and other health issues. Adults as well as children gathered for this occasion.

Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey, Goler's pastor, has a dream of having 2,000-plus people joining together to pray for these issues and concerns on a regular basis.

"We are launching this endeavor because of the rise of antagonism for prayers in public places; because of our overwhelming need for God's intervention in the affairs of humankind; and because of the need



A small crowd prays near City Hall.

for harmony, unity, civility and peace among the people of our community," he said. "For those of us who believe in the power of prayer, what an awesome wonder it will be to have this many persons praying on one accord for specific items. The scriptures teach us that the fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The goal of this endeavor is to have at least 2,000 people committed in the next 60 days to participate. Anyone who believes prayer can and will change things is invited to take part.

For more information, email 2000+prayernetwork@aol.com or call Goler at 336-724-9411.



Bishop and First Lady Heath (second and third from left) with the honorees.

Greater Higher Ground honors pastors

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Greater Higher Ground Board of Presbyters held its 2010 Prayer Breakfast to honor local pastors in the Triad area on Saturday, March 13 at the Winston-Salem Urban League.

The honorees selected this year were Bishop and First Lady Tyrone Green of New Hope Holiness of Lexington; Apostle Jackki Hunter of Christ Centered Christian Fellowship Church of Greensboro; and Elder Lamonte Williams of Diggs Memorial United Holy Church.

The breakfast began with motivational words from Bishop John H. Heath, followed by prayer and scripture

by the members of the Greater Higher Ground Board of Presbyters, Greater Higher Ground Ministries Women of Excellence Mime Ministry then performed. After sharing a hearty breakfast, the Word was brought forth by the anointed Elder Lamonte Williams and he asked the question, "Do you have the right keys?"

The honorees were presented with a plaque. Each honoree gave words of thanks and prayed collectively for family, churches and the nation.

Greater Higher Ground is located at 440 Waightown Street. Bishop John H. Heath is Senior Pastor and Founder of the Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide, Inc.

Letting Our Biblical Light Shine

Lesson Scripture: 1 John 2:9-11, 15-17

Lesson Aims: To understand the meaning of "Biblical light;" to recognize the true fellowship of love; and to be challenged to love as God loves us.

Background: As our study of the Christian community continues, the Scripture jumps to the first epistle of John. There are three epistles ascribed to the apostle. They were identified as his by the early church fathers; Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, and Originated between AD 140 - 253. Often called the apostle of love, John focused on the believing community's fellowship with God and one another. That love relationship was the foundation for overcoming the world

systems controlled by Satan. His statements were simple, featuring contrasts: "light over darkness, truth against error, God's triumph over Satan, life against death, and love over hate" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). These circulars were for believers in general. This first epistle of John offers comfort and guidance for believers no matter what they are facing. By the way, the first century church faced persecutions from Rome externally and Gnosticism



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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Dr. William Watley

Four-day conference will start this evening

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pastor Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. and Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will hold their Church Empowerment Conference from April 8 - 10.

The conference will open this evening (April 8) at 6:30 p.m. with various workshops for church members and leaders conducted by Dr. Dianne Moffett, Pastor Roy Swann.

Dr. Francene Hash and Willie Hodges. Guest preacher Dr. Larice Watson will be featured at 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow at noon day, Dr. Leonzo Lynch will lead a Bible study. Evening workshops begin at 6:30 with presenters Pastor Nancy Wilson, Dr. Keith McDaniel, Elder Elvin Sadler and Dr. Lynch. A worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. with guest preacher Dr. Maurice Watson.

On Saturday morning at 9, Bible sessions will be held for couples and singles with presenters Rev. Philemon and Gloria Samuels and Rev. Bruce Camille Hurst. A leadership workshop will be conducted by Dr. William Watley at 10 a.m. The conference morning worship service will be held at 11, with guest preacher Bishop Sheldon McCarter and the Greater Cleveland Avenue Church family.

The event will conclude on Sunday, April 11 with a celebration of Union's 88th Church Anniversary. The Rev. Victoria Hanchell, First Lady of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, will be the guest preacher at the 7:30 a.m. worship service, and Dr. William Watley will be the guest preacher for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

The conference is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.unionbaptistwvnc.org or call 336-724-9305.



Hanchell

Events to mark Rev. Henry's anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Cedric Henry, pastor of Christian View Missionary Baptist Church, 360 Arrowhead Circle in Spencer, Va., will celebrate his fourth pastoral anniversary beginning Saturday, April 10 at 4 p.m. with a Song and Praise Celebration featuring the music ministry of Christian View, the Praise Team from Corner Stone of Faith Ministries of Winston-Salem, as well as various choirs and praise teams from North Carolina and Virginia.

On Sunday, April 11, the guest preacher for the 11:15 a.m. morning worship service will be Minister Gordon Hairston, associate minister of New London Progressive Primitive Baptist Church of Walnut Cove. The celebration will close out at 3 p.m. with guest preacher, the Rev. Johnnie Taylor. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation from Rising Star Baptist Church of Eden.

Pastor Henry is a native of Winston-Salem and one of the sons of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Walkertown, where he was ordained under the leadership of the Rev. I. L. Anthony.

During their time at Christian View, Pastor and First Lady Henry have enhanced Bible Study and attendance has increased, as has the church's community outreach and missionary work. Pastor Henry's ministry is discipline and order.



Pastor and First Lady Henry