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Happening Now

New web site

Grace Presbyterian Church has launched a new interactive experience at its web site, www.GracePresbyterianWS.org. It will be used to keep members and the community updated about church events and community service projects.

Family events

Each Wednesday this month, Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive, is hosting "Family Matters" events at 6:45 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call the church at 336-744-9293.

Women Conference's

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Ln., will conduct its 4th Annual Women's Conference from June 9 - June 13. The remaining 7:30 p.m. guests are:



Lisa Parks

Today, First Lady Stacey Rhinehart and the Yadkin Grove Baptist Church of Salisbury; and Friday, Minister Cynthia Dixon and the First Wauah town Baptist Church

family. The conference will also include a question and answer seminar entitled, "Ask the Pastor," on Saturday, June 12 beginning at 1 p.m. A Fashion Show will be held later at 3 p.m. The conference will conclude on Sunday, June 13 at 4 p.m. with special guest speaker Minister Beverly Alexander of the Galilee Baptist Church. Light refreshments will be served on Saturday at 1 p.m. and dinner on Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, go to newhope@newhopewinston.org. First Lady Lisa M. Parks is the conference host. Bishop John C. Parks is the senior pastor.

Beginning June 11

Women's Revival

House of Faith WOC, 1384 West Sedgefield Drive, will host a Women's Revival starting Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m. with guest Evangelist Tammy Miles of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance. The other events/speakers are: June 12 at 10 a.m., a panel discussion about the "Strong Black Woman," June 12 at 6 p.m., Speaker Minister Sharon Pinky of Genesis Victory Outreach; June 13 at 5 p.m., Speaker Evangelist Donna Dobson of Piney Grove Baptist Church. For more information, call 336-986-7725.

June 11

Concert

Saints Home United Methodist Church, 1390 Thurmond St., will continue its "Thunder On Thurmond Street" series with national recording group Lee Walker and Spirit in concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 11. For more information, call the church at 336-724-2514. Sts. Home United Methodist Church is led by Rev. Effie McClain.

June 12

Rainbow Tea

The Winston-Salem Beauticians Association Chapter #2 will hold a Rainbow Tea on Saturday, June 12 at 4 p.m. It will be hosted at ABBA Father's Ministries at 3980 N. Liberty St., where the pastor is the Rev. Scottie White. This event will feature comic review by the Youth Department and prize giveaways. For more information, contact President Earline White at 336-816-0571. The public is cordially invited.

Jones to speak at conference

The District #4 Group One of the Women's Baptist State Convention will hold its District Conference on Saturday, June 12 at First Baptist Church, 401 Hubbard St. in Reidsville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The Rev. C.



Rev. Jones

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Church will honor its pastor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Reverend Beverly W. McMillian, pastor of the Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 6475 Yadkinville Road in Pfafftown, will be honored by the congregation on Sunday, June 13 during services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The theme for the day will be "Appreciation, Gratitude and Praise." The event is to give recognition to McMillian for her dedicated service as a pastor and leader.

Members say that she continues to live by her ministry mission statement: "To preach the Word so that souls may be

saved, hurts healed, and lives changed and motivated to their fullest capacity that every soul may hear a Word; All under the Divine unction of the Lord Our God."

The Sunday morning service will feature a message by the Rev. Sekinah Hamlin Sullivan, minister for Anti-Racism and Pro-Reconciliation, Southeast Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, presiding elder for the Winston-Salem District of the Western North Carolina A.M.E. Zion Conference, will moderate the afternoon program.



Rev. McMillian

Lydell Thompson to deliver his initial sermon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Lydell Lamont Thompson will give his initial sermon on Sunday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at St. John C.M.E. Church, 350 NW Crawford Pl.

Thompson, the son of Lillian Thompson and Sammie L. Chisholm and stepson of Bennie Plowden and Linda Chisholm, was born in York, S.C. He moved to Winston-Salem as a child.

Lydell is an active member of St. John, where Dr. James E. Russell is pastor.

Lydell

received his calling to the ministry under the leadership of Dr. Moses V. Goldmon, former pastor of St. John. He



Thompson

serves in various roles at the church, including as a Sunday school teacher, co-class leader, vice-chairman of the Steward Board, a member of the Samaritan Soup Kitchen Ministry, Young Adult Council and Time-Release Education Program.

Thompson earned a BA in economics from Wake Forest University in 1992 and his Certified Financial Planner practitioner designation in 2006. He recently received his MS degree in personal financial planning from the College for Financial Planning.

Thompson began his professional career at Food Lion when he was a senior at Reynolds High School. He was promoted from bagger to stocker to lead stocker to grocery manager. Two years after graduating from WFU, he became a store systems analyst at Food Lion's corporate headquarters in Salisbury, where he was promoted to team leader after just one year.

He began working at Wachovia Bank in 1996 as a business systems analyst. He now works as a financial advisor and a certified financial planner for Wells Fargo, which absorbed Wachovia. Thompson helps manage assets for individuals, trusts, retirement plans, charitable organizations and businesses.

An active member of the community, Thompson serves as a member of the Graduate Services Advisory Board at Winston-Salem State University; president of the Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) Board; vice-president of the Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI) of the Winston-Salem Foundation; and a member of the Leadership Winston-Salem Opening/Closing Celebration Committee.

He has also volunteered at the WINGS program at Kimberly Park Elementary School, helping young students learn to read, and North Forsyth High School's "Save the Seniors" program. Thompson is a graduate of the 2006 Class of Leadership Winston-Salem. Thompson says his greatest ability is his faith in God. He is very determined to do whatever God has planned for him to accomplish.

The current pastor of St. John Dr. James E. Russell Jr., the presiding elder of the Winston-Salem/Greenville District of 7th Episcopal Methodist Episcopal Church (CME).

Photo courtesy of Office of the Governor

Gov. Bev Perdue and her husband, Bob Eaves, flank Rev. Billy Graham.



Governor prays with Billy Graham

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Gov. Bev Perdue and First Gentleman Bob Eaves visited the Rev. Billy Graham last Thursday evening at his home in Montreat.

She sat by his side in his living room discussing the state of the economy and the challenges of governing during these difficult economic times. The Governor asked about the Reverend's plan for another crusade, and they discussed their faith, family and North Carolina's future.

Gov. Perdue and Rev. Graham prayed together for

North Carolina's recovery from economic recession. Rev. Graham also gave a special prayer that Gov. Perdue would receive guidance as she works to lead North Carolina through these turbulent times.

"For many years, Billy Graham has been our nation's spiritual leader. North Carolina is lucky to call him one of our own," said Perdue. "I'm thankful for our time together and his words of support. I also want to thank Rev. Graham for his prayers for North Carolina's swift economic recovery."

Johnson to speak at Children's Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Faith Unity Missionary Church will celebrate Children's Day on Sunday, June 13 during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The guest minister will be the Rev. Victoria E. Johnson. She is a very active Associate Minister of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where her pastor is Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius. Johnson presented her initial sermon, "Games People Play, Whose Rules Do You Choose to Use?," and received her license in February of 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 towards 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 Congress; and secretary of the Freedom Road Prison Ministry. Reverend Johnson works as a customer service assistant at AT&T.

She says that of all the things she would ever want anyone to know or say about her is that she is "redeemed, bought with a price, no longer her own but belonging to Christ!"

Faith Unity Missionary 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. Everyone is cordially invited. Call 336-771-0023 or email faithunitymc@yahoo.com for more information.



Johnson

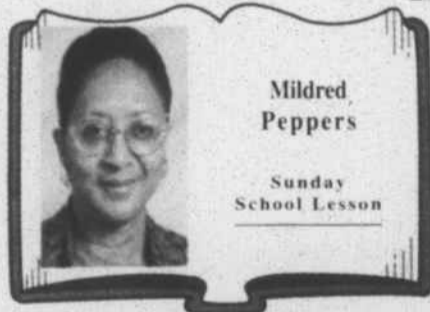
DOING WHAT'S PLEASING TO GOD

Lesson Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-12

Lesson Aims: To recognize Paul's commitment to God; to understand the importance of integrity in our witness; and to please God in all that we do.

Background: During biblical times to spread an idea, the best method was traveling teachers. It was common practice for religious teachers to go throughout the region seeking followers. There were times when those people's character was questionable. "They would slip into the city, get in good with the wealthy, and live a very comfortable life at the expense of the converts. When too many questions arose and tension mounted, they abruptly left for another destination" (NIV Standard Lesson Commentary). When Paul, Silas, and Timothy traveled, they didn't follow that pattern. Instead, they witnessed to all people and lived and worked among them. On several occasions, they had to leave a place quickly. In Philippi after being beaten, flogged and thrown into jail, the city officials requested

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Mother Mack will be honored at service

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Members of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church's Health Ministry are celebrating their 4th Anniversary on Sunday, June 13 at 4 p.m.

The event will honor Francis Jones Mack, who is affectionately known as Mother Mack to the Union Baptist Church Family. As the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Sr., she served in the ministry with her husband for more than 30 years. Her husband was the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church for 33 years. He simultaneously served as the pastor of Buncombe Baptist Church in Lexington for 18 years. Despite serving in the demanding roles of First Lady

and the wife of a minister, Mother Mack raised five children and excelled in her career as a registered nurse.

She began her nursing career at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital, where she eventually became head nurse of the Surgical, Gynecological and Orthopedic units. Her third shift schedule allowed her the opportunity to care for the sick during the night, and her biological and church family during the day. By the time Mack retired, she had served 30 years at not only Kate Biting, but also at Forsyth Medical Hospital and Reynolds Health Center.



Mother Mack

Mrs. Mack continues her aptitude for nurturing the soul and providing wise counsel and unwavering support to those near and far. She is known for her kind words and quick wit.

The grandmother of three is the mother of Walteria Mack Spaulding, Monica Mack Covington, Cynthia Mack, Christopher Mack and the Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor of Union Baptist Church, who will serve as the guest speaker at the program honoring his mother. The Rev. Johnny P. Ruff is the pastor of Goler Metropolitan, which is located at 1435 East 4th St.



Pastor Mack

For additional details, call the church at 336-767-3196.