

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Revival

Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church is hosting a three day Revival through April 13 at 7 p.m. nightly. Tonight's (April 12) guest is Pastor Larry Smith of Mars Hill Baptist Church; Pastor Nelson McCall of New Beginning Christian Church will speak tomorrow. The church is at 149 N. Wheeler Street. The host pastor is Rev. William J. Purvis Sr.



Smith

Youth arts seminar

First Wauhtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St., where Dennis W. Bishop is the senior pastor, is now holding its Youth Music and Arts Seminar, April 12-14. The seminar will culminate in a musical presentation on Sunday, April 15 at the 10:45 a.m. service. For additional information, call the church at 336-784-7386 or Associate Minister Tamara Moore at 336-283-9336.

Abba Father's Ministries anniversary

Abba Father's Ministries Inc., 5009 Voss St., is celebrating its 13th Anniversary through Sunday, April 15. Weekday services will be at 7 p.m. The speakers are: April 12 - Pastor Alice Fay Mitchell of Life Changing Transformation Ministries; April 13 - Bishop Todd Fulton of Mt. Moriah Outreach Center. Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m., Bishop Willie Cremedy Jr. of Temple of Glory; Sunday, April 15 at 11 a.m. - Overseer Bishop Dr. James E. Hudson of Steppingstone Holiness Church. The host pastors are Revs. Scottie and Earline White.

Intercessory Prayer Conference

Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will have an Intercessory Prayer Conference on Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13 beginning at 7 p.m. Pastor Cedric Crawford and the White Rock Baptist Church family will be the guests on Thursday. Pastor Paul Thombs and the New Unity Baptist Church family will be the guests on Friday. The public is invited. Call 744-5759 for more information.

Beginning April 13

Ministers/Leadership Symposium Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., is hosting a Ministers/Leadership Symposium from April 13-14. Mount Sinai Pastor Yvonne H. Hines will host a Ministerial Roundtable tomorrow (Friday, April 13) at 7 p.m. Dr. Vincent Terry Sr. of Mount Peace Baptist Church of Raleigh will be the guest lecturer for the Leadership Forum on Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon. Participants must register to receive conference materials and lunch on Saturday. For additional information, contact the church office at 366-722-2624 or msfgdc@bellsouth.net.



Hines

Raleigh will be the guest lecturer for the Leadership Forum on Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon. Participants must register to receive conference materials and lunch on Saturday. For additional information, contact the church office at 366-722-2624 or msfgdc@bellsouth.net.

Beginning April 14

Pastoral anniversary Whole Man Ministries, 3916 Old Lexington Road, is hosting Pastoral Anniversary services on April 14, 21 and 28 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for Pastors Barry and Camille Washington. The guests will include Pastor Albert McKnight Jr. of New Life Christian Fellowship Church of Archdale; Pastor Stephone Samuels of Transformation Ministries; Prophet Ray Curry of Charlotte's Mount Zion Church of God; and Bishop John Parks of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. A light repast will be provided at the conclusion of each service. The public is invited to attend.

April 14

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Submitted Photos
The Women's Day Choir performs.

Below: (From left) Emmanuel Baptist First Lady Sarah Mendez with Dr. Rose Niles and Rev. Ann Dalton.



Niles keynotes Women's Weekend

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Emmanuel Baptist Church held its Women's Day Weekend from March 23-26, under the theme, "Women Lifting Up Their Voices for Change: Silenced No More."

The weekend included a youth forum, a workshop on human trafficking and a Biblical-themed play.

Rev. Dr. Rose Niles was the guest minister for the weekend. The native New Yorker was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in 1991 by the Presbyter of New York City and served as pastor of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan until 1996. She was also the moderator of the Synod of the Northeast Presbyterian Church. In 1996, she



became the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, N.Y., serving for 11 years. Her ministries in this multicultural church body included a women's homeless shelter, a music academy and an immigration justice ministry. Dr. Niles currently serves as the associate for Theological Education and Seminary Relations for the Presbyterian Church (USA)

General Assembly Council (GAC).

Niles addressed the Women's Day theme during the Saturday workshop and during the Sunday morning service. During the morning service, she made it clear that the text from I Corinthians 14:34-35 - "Let your women keep silence in the churches..." - was not to be used as a doctrine. Niles noted that this text came

from the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

"An epistle is a letter to the church. We do not even get to see the other side of the conversation," said Dr. Niles. "We know that a letter cannot form the basis of a doctrine. This letter cannot be used to force women to sit silently in churches today."

Dressed in a white hoodie in honor of Trayvon Martin, Niles challenged the women to find their voices by examining the words of Marianne Williamson: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."

She encouraged the women to say these words aloud and to work on team-building skills in the spirit of Alice Walker's womanist ideology.

Solid Rock holding revival

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church is welcoming the community to its annual Spring Revival, Wednesday, April 11 - Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m. each night.

The theme is "Time To Be Refreshed," from Psalm 92:10, and the guest revivalist is Dr. Ronnie Williams of Generostee Baptist Church in Starr, S.C. Williams has led the church as pastor since 1988.

A native of Anderson, S.C., he earned a BA degree from Lander College and studied social work at the University of South Carolina. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary.

Williams has guided many souls to Christ. He has licensed at least 20 ministers to preach the word of God.

Generostee Baptist's membership has grown from 150 to over 1,000 members under Williams' leadership. The church boasts 35 ministries and now possesses 27 acres of land, which is being used and developed as a campus of praise, worship and community service.

Rev. Waymon L. Monroe Jr. is pastor of Solid Rock, which is located at 3010 Carver School Road.

For more information, call the church at 336-723-2910.



Williams

The Nature of Worship

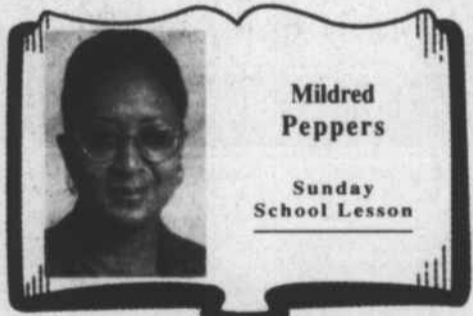
Background Reading: Numbers 18:1-5

Lesson Scripture: John 2:13-22

Lesson Aims: To summarize the lesson; to consider the nature of worship; and to appreciate Jesus' continuous cleansing.

Background: God led His people out of bondage by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night (Exodus 13:21). Upon receiving the Law at Sinai, Moses was instructed to collect an offering from the people to construct the portable Tabernacle (also called the Tent of Meeting). Every time they moved, the Levites carried the Ark and others broke down and transported the Tent.

The portable Tent was the only worship place to meet God until Solomon (who reigned from 970-930 BC) built the first permanent Temple on a high hill overlooking Jerusalem. This magnificent Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. The first group of captives in Babylon returned and began to rebuild the Temple on its original site. Rebuilding was slow but it was accomplished in 515 BC. It wasn't until the time of Herod the Great (37-4 BC) that the Temple was rebuilt on a grand scale with additions. His expansion had balconies, porticos (covered porches), and courts, including a court for the



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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Ministry to hold health fair/Gospel Fest

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Health Ministry of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church is marking its sixth anniversary by hosting a health fair and Gospel Fest on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sethos Court # 105 Daughters of Isis and Sethos Temple 170 are the co-sponsors of the events.

The Gospel Fest will feature soulful singers and choirs and liturgical dance. The health fair will offer a number of free health screenings and even eye exams. Nutrition and other wellness information will also be provided.

A number of local health care entities will be on hand, including Winston-Salem State University's Rams Know HOW (Health on



Winston-Salem State University students and faculty man the Rams Know HOW mobile unit.

Wheels) Mobile Unit, the Forsyth County Department of Public Health Department's POSSE (Prevent Ongoing Spread of STD's Everywhere) mobile unit, Experiment in Self-

Reliance (ESR), Cancer Services, Carolina Donor Services, the Shepherd Center's Congregational Nurses, the Kidney Foundation, the Red Cross, members of the Chi Eta Phi

Nursing Sorority and WSSU Community Health student nurses.

The Health Ministry will continue the anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 15 at 3:30 p.m., when Pastor Chad Armstrong of Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will speak. The Phillips Chapel Choir and Expressions will perform.

Daughter Eva McWillis is the illustrious Commandress of Sethos Court # 105; Daughter Carol Henry is the Sethos Court # 105 Health Awareness chair. Carol Henry is the president of Goler's Health Ministry. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor of the church, which is located at the corner of 4th Street and Dunleith Avenue.

Call 336-723-2325 for more information.



AME Church adopting green-friendly initiatives

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

AME Church Bishops Vashti Murphy McKenzie and Adam Jefferson Richardson Jr. and GREEN DMV have entered into a partnership to help local congregations raise their environmental awareness, make their churches more energy efficient and redirect cost savings to carry out the churches' mission.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies announced the new union last week. The initiative is supported by a grant from the Walmart Foundation.

GREEN DMV, a non-profit organization that promotes the use of clean energy and the development of green jobs as a way out of poverty, will work with selected churches in the bishops' districts to assess their energy use and to implement low- and no-cost strategies for reducing energy use.

The results will be shared with other AME congregations when thousands convene in Nashville, Tenn. from June 27-July 4 for the 49th Quadrennial Session of the AME Church General Conference.

According to Bishops McKenzie and Richardson, this green initiative is built on the premise that environmental responsibility can be a part of a church's stewardship, yielding both financial and community-oriented benefits.

"We want to help our congregations and communities save energy and generate dollar savings that can be used to extend their work," said Bishop McKenzie, whose 13th Episcopal District includes Tennessee and Kentucky. "Some of our churches are very large and consume a great deal of energy, so there is the potential for significant savings."

The Environmental Protection Agency, which maintains an Energy Star Congregations Network to provide information and technical support for churches that want to go green, will provide guidance during the launch of the project. The EPA estimates that if the nation's 370,000 congregations reduce energy use by 10 percent, they would save nearly \$315 million and provide 1.8 billion kilowatt hours of electricity without additional cost or pollution.

"AME churches come in all sizes and states of repair, with some dating back more than 100 years, so there is great potential for savings from becoming more energy efficient," said Bishop Richardson, whose Second Episcopal District includes Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia and North Carolina. "We will explore how to go about recovering costs. We want to be on the cutting edge and still contribute savings to the environment."



McKenzie



Richardson