

Vigil will honor murdered man

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A Vigil for Healing will be held for Abshard LaMarr Bass on tomorrow (Friday, April 13) from 6-6:30 p.m. at 475 Corporate Square Drive.



Bass

Bass, a Greensboro native, was murdered on April 9, 2011. "Shard," as his friends and family members called him, was only 31 at time. Bass moved to Winston-Salem when he was a child and attended Whitaker Elementary, Paisley Middle and Mt. Tabor High schools. He was a former employee of Food Lion and Dalton's Landscaping. Bass left behind four children: Avery, 14, Anijha, 6, Jhonathan, 4, and Joshua, 2.

Bishop John Huntley and First Lady Deloris Huntley of Alpha and Omega Church of Faith will officiate the vigil, which will be held rain or shine. People of all ages and faiths are welcome to take part.

For more information, including directions to the site, call the Huntleys at 336-748-4787 or go to www.vigilsforhealing.org.



Bishop John Huntley and First Lady Deloris Huntley

Acclaimed musician performing at WSSU

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Internationally-known saxophonist Otis Murphy will perform on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Dillard Auditorium of the Anderson Conference Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU).

Murphy's performance will be free and open to the public as part of WSSU's Lyceum Cultural Events Academic Series.

Murphy, who recently returned from Spain and Portugal where he performed and offered master classes, is in great demand as an international soloist and clinician. His performance in Winston-Salem will include works by Debussy, Piazzolla, Gershwin and others.

Joining the faculty of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music at the age of 28 made Murphy one of the youngest faculty members in the school's history. He is currently an associate professor of music there and has been a guest professor at the Musashino

Academy of Music in Tokyo as well as presented master classes and concerts annually at the Hamamatsu International Wind Instrument Academy, also in Japan.



Otis Murphy

Murphy, who received a Fulbright grant for study in France, also teaches classes in Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Belgium. He has been the soloist with the 12th World Saxophone Congress in Montreal, the U. S. Navy Band, the 7th British Saxophone Congress in Wales and the International Saxophone Chamber Music Festival in Faenza, Italy.

Murphy graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Georgia and holds Doctor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he graduated with the Performer's Certificate, the highest honor given to a performer at the institution.

Peppers

Gentiles. The Temple was the religious and political (Sanhedrin Court) seat for Jews worldwide. For Passover, Pentecost, and the Day of Atonement all males were expected to be in Jerusalem to make sacrifices. By the time of Jesus, "some priests were thought to be corrupt" (NIV Spring Commentary).

After the wedding in Cana, Jesus, His mother, brothers, and disciples stopped at Capernaum before He and the disciples traveled on to Jerusalem for Passover.

Lesson: Passover is an economic boom for the city as well as the Temple. Every thing is overpriced because the residents know what travelers need. Sound familiar? Jesus witnesses corrupt practices, probably in the court of the Gentiles. Animals have to be bought for the sacrifices as well as money has to be exchanged for the temple tax. Greek and Roman currency could not be used.

Not only are the vendors

making a profit, but the funds to the temple treasury are growing. The Temple has become a marketplace instead of a place of worship! Jesus is angry on three levels. First of all, the travelers are being exploited. Even if a traveler brings their own animals, the priests could declare the animal unclean.

The exchange rate is probably as ridiculous as the cost of the animals. After all, it's about money! Secondly, what frame of mind are the travelers in during the worship? That is His concern. When you haven't been treated fairly can you worship in spirit and in truth? The third point is the responsibility of the priests. They are to guard the Temple, not abuse it! Those who were driven out and some priests are probably the ones questioning Jesus.

They want a sign for His authority. His response is not what they expected. Jesus declares that He will destroy the Temple (His body) and in three days raise it again. Their world perspective suggests that it's taken 46 years to build it, how can it be destroyed in three days? Impossible! Their reasoning is based on a faulty

foundation. Echoes suggests that they believe that God will not abandon the Temple, therefore God will not leave them. Somehow, they've forgotten their history. Those who hear Jesus really don't understand Him.

The disciples will not realize the meaning until after the Resurrection. The physical Temple will be destroyed in AD 70 for the final time. The Western Wall, also called the Wailing Wall, is all that remains.

Application: God's House is a sacred worship place. Yes, we bring our preconceived ideas about what worship should be. Some points are valid; others aren't. The key focus is praising God and learning to be better disciples through the Word.

Do we treat the building with reverence or do we make it a marketplace, the red carpet, or a social club? Examine your zeal for the Lord's House. Will God be pleased? Let's take inventory on our bodies as well. God resides in our temples; do we act like it? We must remember that Jesus came for us, not a building.

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS PROJECT UPDATE MEETING FOR THE NCDOT PROJECT, UNION CROSS ROAD (STATE ROAD 2643) FROM WALLBURG ROAD (STATE ROAD 2691) TO SEDGE GARDEN ROAD (STATE ROAD 2632) IN KERNERSVILLE AND WINSTON-SALEM

TIP Project No. U-4909

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Project Update Meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012 starting at 5:30 pm and ending at 7 pm in the auditorium of Glenn High School, located at 1600 Union Cross Road.

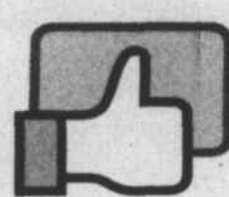
Doors will be open at 5 pm prior to the 5:30 pm formal presentation start time. NCDOT staff and representatives of the project contractor, Larco Construction, will provide a brief overview of the project including the project schedule, construction phasing, the new design for the interchange at Interstate 40, and any other questions regarding the project.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact the NCDOT Assistant Resident Engineer, Joseph Thomas, at 2285 Premier Park Lane, Winston-Salem, 27105, by phone: (336) 969-0430, or email: jgthomas@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this public meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Eileen Fuchs at (919) 707-6067 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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