

RELIGION

St. Philips to mark 190th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. Philips Moravian Church, organized in 1822, will celebrate its 190th anniversary on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the church's 3002 Bon Air Avenue location.

The service will include an Anniversary Lovefeast and a historical message given by Conrad Mitchell, chairman of the church's Trustee Board. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Joining the celebration will be churches from the Salem Creek Regional Conference of Churches, including Messiah Moravian, Home Moravian and Trinity Moravian.

St. Philips is one of the oldest Black congregations in the United States. It is the only historic African American Moravian congregation in the country. Worship started in the home of two enslaved African Moravians in 1822. The congregation moved into Salem in 1823 and remained there until 1952. The church first relocated to the Happy Hill area for a short time and later moved to its current location on Bon Air.

The congregation invites the community to come and spend an afternoon celebrating the struggles and achievements of the membership. Over the years, they strove through faith and dedication to enrich the surrounding community and Winston-Salem as a whole.

For more information, call the Church Office at 366-722-3933 or go to www.stphilipsmoravian.org.



The anniversary lovefeast will include the lighting of candles.

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Shiloh to celebrate Lowe's anniversary

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The officers and members of Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 East 12th St., invite the public to share in the 20th pastoral anniversary celebration for Pastor Paul A. Lowe Jr. It will be held May 1-6, with weekday services beginning at 7 p.m.

This evening (Thursday, May 3),

Bishop Freddie Marshall and the Christ Cathedral Church family will be the guests.

Tomorrow (Friday, May 4), Rev. Dr. Darryl Aaron and the First Baptist Church at Highland Avenue family will be on hand. The grand finale celebration will be on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. with Dr. John Mendez and the Emmanuel Baptist Church family.

Pastor Lowe is a native of Seattle, Wash. and a graduate of Bishop College of Dallas, Texas; the Virginia Union University School of Theology and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, both of Richmond, Va. and the Drew University School of Theology in Madison, N.J., where the Doctor of Ministry degree was granted.

The 20th Anniversary program committee includes Annette Douthit and Deacons Betty Bennett, Atha Logan and Larn Dillard.



Lowe

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Vegetable plants for sale
Goler Memorial Church Missionary Society is selling vegetable plants - tomato, cucumber, bell, banana and jalapeño peppers - for \$1 or less each. Call 922-2888 or 995-3901 to purchase.

May 5

Friendship Day
Church Women United of Greensboro will present May Friendship Day at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5 at Celia Phelps United Methodist Church, 3709 Groomtown Road in Greensboro. The theme is "Sights and Songs of Harmony: Listening to my Sisters," and everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Greensboro Urban Ministries.

Beginning May 6

Samuels to be installed
The Board of Directors and the Great Commission Community Church family will install of Elder Gloria M. Samuels as pastor on Sunday, May 6 at 5 p.m. at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, 5095 Lansing Drive. Bishop Ralph Dennis, senior pastor of Kingdom Worship Center and Columbia Family Worship Center, both of Maryland, will install Samuels. Celebrations will continue Monday, May 7 - Wednesday, May 9 with Bishop Dennis speaking nightly at 7 p.m. at the Piney Grove Multi-Purpose Facility, 4633 Grove Garden Drive.



Samuels

May 6

Founder's Day at Mars Hill
Mars Hill Baptist Church, 1331 East 4th St., will celebrate its 75th Founder's Day on May 6. There will be services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., when Rev. Joseph Parks of New Hope Baptist Church and his congregation will be the guests. Attendees are asked to dress in attire that was popular 75 years ago when the church was founded.

Nurses' Board anniversary
The St. James AME Church Nurses' Board will celebrate its 5th Anniversary on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. The theme will be "H.O.P.E. - How our Pain Erases, How our Purposes Emerge, How our Peace Endures, How our Persistence Entreats," from Romans 5:1-5. First Lady Nikki



Lyons

W. Lyons will speak. Lyons is the area leader for the Martha McCauley Area Women's Missionary Society, which is made up of 17 AME churches. She is married to Pastor Steven L. Lyons. The church is located at 1501 North Patterson Ave.

Family and friends invited
Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 6475 Yadkinville Road in Pfafftown, will hold Family and Friends Day on Sunday, May 6 at 11 a.m. Rev. Renae McClain and her congregants from Poplar Springs AME Zion Church in Lincolnton will be the guests. The host pastor is Rev. Beverly W. McMillian. At the 4 p.m. service, Rev. McClain will preach. For more information, call 336-945-2221.

Jeans and t-shirt service
Elder Lamonte Williams and his Diggs Memorial UHC congregation are inviting the public to experience a non-traditional, life changing worship service on May 6 at 11 a.m. The service is geared

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Trustee Harold Brandon Sr. (left) and Deacon Henry T. Roze Jr. burn the mortgage as Pastor Jones watches from the pulpit.

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Church says goodbye to debt

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Members of Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 101 North Dunleith Ave., held a mortgage burning celebration recently to say goodbye to a more than 10-year-old debt.

On Feb. 1, 1995, the members of the Zion Memorial launched a renovation project that included upgrades to its sanctuary and the addition of classrooms, a fellowship hall, office space and a computer lab. The project was completed in April of 1996.

The cost of the project was approximately three quarters

of a million dollars, which the church paid for through a loan from a local bank. In January 2011, the church took on a challenge to make an extra payment on the principle each month in order to retire the debt early. The congregation followed their plan and with the Lord's help on Dec. 19, 2011, the final payment was made. The Lord blessed the congregation to pay off the debt five years ahead of schedule.

The congregation believes that to be able to retire the debt in less than the required time and during dire economic times is a testament to God and the good work the church is doing. Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones is the pastor of Zion Memorial.



Ardmore Baptist event to support Ashley feeding program

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The Hunger to Health Ministry (H2H) at Ardmore Baptist Church will host Hunger to Health Awareness Day on Saturday, May 12.

The program will benefit the Feeding America Backpack Program for Ashley Elementary School.

The Feeding America Backpack Program aims to address childhood hunger in rural and urban communities by providing school children at risk of hunger with backpacks filled with nutritious, kid-friendly foods to take home over the weekends during the school year. Ardmore Baptist Church has partnered with the Second Harvest Food Bank to make this opportunity available to 50 children at Ashley Elementary School.

Health Awareness Day will start with an Ice Cream Social at 4 p.m. At that time, attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about the Hunger to Health Ministry and the Feeding America Backpack Program. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., a

group of talented young artists from the Creative Drama Children's Theatre will perform "The Cheetah and the Sloth," a take on the childhood favorite "The Tortoise and the Hare," in the Church Fellowship Hall.



Rushing

Following the Ice Cream Social and theatrical performance, guests will have the opportunity to view a "Canstruction" built by the R.J. Reynolds High School Art Society. Constructed out of cans, the "Canstruction" highlights the hunger crisis in our community. All cans donated to construct the display will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

The main event will be a concert featuring Southern gospel artist Ernie Rushing at 5:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Rushing is a professional recording artist and a member of the Gospel Music Association.

All members of the community are invited. The festivities are free however, donations to support this ministry will be happily accepted.

Ardmore Baptist Church is located at 501 Miller St.

I Am the Bread of Life

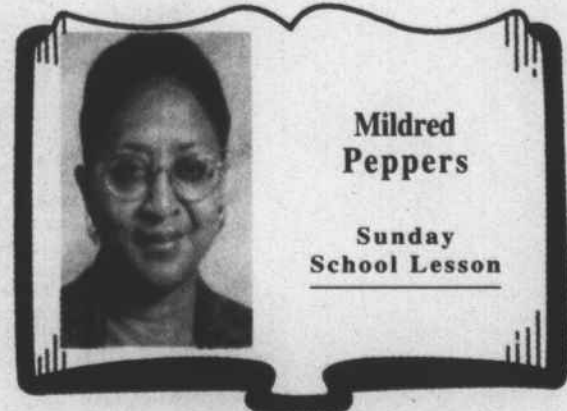
Background Reading: Psalm 107

Lesson: Scripture John 6:22-35

Lesson Aims: To recognize that spiritual needs being met are vital to all life; to realize that Jesus is the Bread for all people; and to lead others to Him.

Background: Many people followed Jesus after they witnessed the miraculous signs He performed (see 4:43 - 5:14). On the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus went to Tiberias. Due to the size of the crowd, He went up on a mountainside to accommodate them. Now they had to feed them, but how? Simon Peter brought a boy to Jesus who had two fish and five barley loaves (cheap bread eaten by the poor). Jesus prayed over the food and the disciples distributed it. When everyone had their fill, 12 baskets remained. The crowd acknowledged Jesus as the Prophet! Knowing their motives, He separated Himself from them and probably prayed. As night fell, the disciples got on a boat and headed for Capernaum, north of Tiberias. A storm arose and the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water! They were terrified of course, but Jesus calmed them. Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:47-51 also chronicled this event. The 12 along with Jesus, arrived at their destination safely.

Lesson: When the new day dawns, the crowd can't find Jesus. They soon realize that He is with the disciples. They get on boats to pursue Him. Their most pressing question is "how did He get there?" They knew that the disciples had taken the only boat in the harbor the night before. That isn't important to Jesus. Instead, He addresses their "real" motive for following Him - they want another free meal! He cautions them to



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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