

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

**Great Commission Community Founder's Day**  
Pastor Gloria Samuels and the family of Great Commission Community Church, 945 Cleveland Ave., is holding its 4th Annual Founder's Day. A worship service will be held on June 7 at 7 p.m., featuring Bishop Derek Kelly and the New Faith Full Gospel Fellowship Church family of Lexington. A concert featuring Misheal Goldsmith & Soul Out will be held on Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m. On Sunday, June 10, Lady Leah McNair of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Thomasville will speak at the morning service.

### June 9

**Baptist women's conference**  
The Annual Conference of District #4, Group #1, under the auspices of the Women Baptist State Convention, will be held at United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, 2745 Patria St., on Saturday, June 9. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; the session begins at 9 a.m. Hilda C. Smith is the chairperson and Josephine Jones is the co-chairperson. Rev. C. Anthony Jones Jr. is the host pastor.



Jones

**Missionary program**  
St. John Apostle Church, 1131 E. 21st St., will host Dr. Goldie Wells of Greensboro's Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ for a missionary program on June 9 from 10 a.m. - noon.

**Youth Explosion**  
Antioch Christian Church, 1432 Underwood Ave., will have a Youth Explosion on Saturday, June 9 at 3 p.m. Anna Smith and Mary Moore are the youth coordinators. Rev. James Gilliam is the host pastor.

**Fish for sale**  
The Youth and Young Adults of St. James AME Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will hold a fish fry on Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fish dinners and sandwiches, along with wing dinners and wings, will be available. Orders of five or more dinners can be delivered. Pre-orders are encouraged. Call 655-7848 for more information.

**Grief Share session**  
The next St. Paul United Methodist Church Grief Share Ministry session, "Heaven," will be held June 9 at 10 a.m. at the church, 2400 Dellabrook Road. This is a special seminary and support group for persons experiencing grief due to the death of someone close. Sessions are free. The seminar features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. For further information, please call 336-723-4532 or 336-722-5517.

**Musical show**  
Ms. Dee's Production will be hosting a musical at Mars Hill Baptist Church, 1331 E. 4th St., on June 9 at 5 p.m. Guest artists will include Bishop John Heath and Bethany Heath, Pastor Alice Mitchell and Alicia Mitchell, Souly for Christ, Jojo Gardner III and Kristin Jae. The emcee will be Rev. Andrea Walker. For additional information, call 336-287-4591.

**Beginning June 10**  
**New Unity events**  
The New Unity Missionary Baptist Church Inspirational Choir and Senior Choir will be in concert on June 10 at 4 p.m. From June 13-15, the church will hold its Annual Spring Revival at 7:30 p.m. each night. Rev. James Linville, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, will be the speaker. Rev. Paul P. Thombs is the host pastor. The church is located at 2946 Ivy Ave. Call 336-721-1199 or email newunity2946@aol.com for more information.

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## GOD'S STANDARD FOR LIVING



**Devotional Reading:**  
Luke 10:25-37

**Lesson Scripture:**  
Leviticus 19: 9-18, 33-37

**Lesson Aims:** To discuss God's compassion toward us; to recognize that He expects us to follow His example; and to do justice and love mercy.

**Background:** The third book of the Pentateuch (Law) got its name from the Septuagint (Greek Bible) that means "pertaining to the Levites." This book was passed down orally for hundreds of years before it was written. Leviticus is not only the "Manual for Priests" but it also gives the laws for worship, morality, holy days and the Year of Jubilee. Holiness (being set apart) in all things is the core thrust. Chapters 17-26 focus on "holy living."

Mahatma Gandhi, the political and spiritual leader in India during their fight for independence from Britain, was Hindu. While still in South Africa, the Christian church refused to let him enter. Sometime later, he stated; "I like your Jesus; I don't like your Christians." **Examine the man in the mirror. Do we really live like God wants?**

**Lesson:** Today, we will focus on the treatment of the poor, loving our neighbors and protecting foreigners. The basis for all of the 600 plus laws that the Jews adhere to spring from the first 10. They are the foundation for relationships.

The first four are a "vertical relationship" with God while the six remaining laws are "horizontal relationships" with one another (UMI Direction). The connection between the "haves and the have nots" always stirs heated debate. God's Law says that the haves are not to take everything for themselves, leaving the poor with nothing. Those who have are not to steal, lie or deceive. By the same token, those who don't have are not to steal, lie or deceive either. What comes first: the chicken or the egg? Whatever lot is yours, don't exploit others! Exploitation takes many forms. Can you state any

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## Men's Day to feature Beverly, Meadows

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Presbyterian Men of Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will have its annual Father's Day/Men's Day Service on Sunday, June 17 at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Ronald Beverly Jr., the athletic director at Lexington High School.



City of W-S Photo

Ronnie Beverly helps set-up for the City of W-S's 2011 Spring Fling.

As AD at Lexington High, he oversees the scheduling, eligibility, coaches and budgeting for more than 14 sports teams and acts as a liaison between the community and the

school. He also works as the dropout prevention officer, assigned to 15 "at risk" students, encouraging and motivating youth to stay in school.

Before joining the City of Winston-Salem, Beverly served with distinction in the United States Air Force. He assisted in managing a more than eight million dollar Aerospace Ground Equipment budget. He also served as the park director at Thousand Trails in Advance, site director at the J. Smith Young YMCA in Lexington and pool manager for the City of Lexington Recreation & Parks Department.



Meadows

He received a master's degree in management science from Troy State University in 1999 and a bachelor's degree in sports management from Winston-Salem State University, where he was a standout member of the football team. He also has an associates degree in Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology.

He is married to the former Tracy King and attributes much of his success to her standing by his side. They have three children, Alycia, Alexis and Matthew. He is a member and deacon at Buncombe Baptist Church in Lexington, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Claude E. Forehand II.

Ralph Meadows, a popular tenor/baritone soloist, will perform, as will the Grace Men's Chorus, with Cornelia Forbes playing the piano/organ. Others program participants will include Men's Ministry Moderator Reginald McNeill, Chaplain Edward Allen, Clerk Dr. Robert Williams, Vice Moderator William Shouse, Program Chairman Rudolph V. Boone Sr. and the Rev. Toure' C. Marshall, the church's senior pastor.



Submitted Photos

YEEP student sport their medallions while holding their awards.

## Mount Zion after-school program honors students, others

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mount Zion Baptist Church's Youth Educational Enhancement Program (YEEP) held its annual ceremony to honor students, staff, parents, supporters and volunteers on Friday, May 18.

For the past 10 years, the church has sponsored the after-school program, providing local students in grades Pre-K through 12 with assistance in mathematics, reading, science, language arts, computers, writing and testing. YEEP has an instructional staff of more than 20 certified teachers and a large number of student volunteers from Winston-Salem State University.

This year's celebration recognized the participation of 44 students, 22 teachers, seven Advisory Board members, 23 Resource Support Team members, four financial donors, three groups, 52 individual contributors and 39 WSSU volunteers.

Advisory Board Member Cleopatra Solomon presided over the



Elisha Smith holds his awards.

program. Prayer was offered by Board Member/instructor Ray Bailey, while Alexander Richardson, a board member and science instruc-

tor, welcomed those present. Students, parents and volunteers were invited to share reflections on their YEEP experiences. The sharing was followed by a rousing rendition of the official YEEP cheer.

Students received a certificate, a YEEP medallion, a book for summer reading and a journal to encourage summer writing. YEEP fifth-grader Elisha Smith received a trophy for winning a mathematics competition sponsored by Winston-Salem State University. Other special recognition plaques went to Stuart Butler, Valarie Harris, Edward Hopkins, Donnie Young and Mrs. Yvonne Lee for outstanding service and monetary gifts.

Program Director Willie Richardson thanked everyone involved, including Mt. Zion Pastor Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. for his long-time support of the program. The benediction was offered by Toussaint Holland, a Mount Zion deacon and YEEP mathematics instructor. Participants then gathered to enjoy a reception of food and fellowship.

## Jehovah's Witnesses coming to town

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

All are invited to the Jehovah's Witnesses 2012 "Safeguard Your Heart!" District Convention at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Jehovah's Witnesses and non-members of the church from throughout Western North Carolina are slated to attend. The first of four three-day events will begin on Friday, June 22 at 9:20 a.m.

The first two sessions will have the program presented in English. The other weekend sessions will be presented in Spanish. The daily themes and titles of program parts are based on passages of Scripture, including 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Chronicles 28:9, and Matthew 12:34. The convention

theme "Safeguard Your Heart!" is based on Proverbs 4:23. Strengthening one's spirituality will be the focus of the program.

Locally, all of the area's 12 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will be supporting the activity by distributing printed invitations to the convention. An estimated 33,000 will come to Joel Coliseum over four successive weekends for the Bible-based programs.

There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

Throughout the United States, there will be 385 conventions in 103 cities. Worldwide, there are over 7,600,000 Witnesses in more than 109,000 congregations.

## Missionary Circle turns 75

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Monica Maya Wilson, a 2012 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Carolina Christian College, president of the Young Adult Missionary Department at Mars Hill and vice president of the church's Mass Choir, will be the Sunday, June 10 morning speaker for the Missionary Circle's 75th anniversary.

Wilson also serves as the first vice president of the Forsyth County Missionary Union. Her spiritual mantra is based on Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Professionally, she has worked at the Westbrook Branch of Allegacy Federal Credit Union for seven years and is currently the assistant branch manager. Personally, she is the wife of Walter Wilson III.

The Missionary Circle is comprised of Senior Women, Senior Men, Young Adults and Youth. The president of the Circle is Joycelyn Johnson. Rev. Larry Smith is pastor.

In conjunction with the morning service, the Missionary Circle will sponsor a Helping Hands Brunch featuring registered nurse Barbara Dixon of the Community Care Center and the Experiment in Self Reliance.



Wilson