

RELIGION

Vigil to remember life of Jamie Miller



SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A Vigil for Healing will be held this evening (Thursday, June 28) for Jamie Hiawatha Miller, who was murdered Nov. 28, 2010.

Vigils for Healing is an interfaith community ministry for loved ones of homicide victims. The ministry regularly holds vigils to remember those whose lives were claimed by violence.

Miller will be remembered from 6-6:30 p.m. at 4364 Breck Ave., near the



Miller

site where he was killed by gunshot while he was on his front porch.

Mitchell, who was called "Big Jim" and "Pumpkin Head" by those who loved him, graduated from Mt. Tabor High School, where he played on the football team. He was a longtime employee of Bojangles on New Walkertown Road. His mother says her firstborn son was a "happy-go-lucky guy" with a kind and gentle nature and a hearty belly laugh. He leaves behind a son of his own.

Winston-Salem police have not yet made an arrest and encourage anyone with information to contact them. The vigil will be attended by Mitchell's mother and other loved ones. All ages and faiths are welcome to attend the event, which will be held rain or shine.

Locals take part in a past Vigil for Healing event.

36 Years and Counting



Submitted Photo

True Temple Holiness Church of God will celebrate the 36th Pastorial Anniversary of Apostle Wallace Gaither and Co-Pastor Shirley Gaither, beginning on Sunday, July 1 at 4 p.m., when Bishop Tyrone Green of New Hope Holiness Church of Lexington will be the guest speaker. The celebration will continue on Sunday, July 8 at 4 p.m. when Bishop Joseph P. Lowery of St. Matthew Apostolic Temple will speak. Services will be held at Mineral Springs Baptist Church at the corner of Akron Drive and Ogburn Avenue.



Deaconess Jeter

Jeter to give first sermon

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Deaconess LaKeshia Evonne Lyons Jeter will give her Initial Sermon on Sunday, July 1 at 4 p.m. at New Generation Praise & Worship International Ministries.

Jeter is the daughter of Linda Lyons and the late Tony Wilson. She is married to Paul Jeter Jr., and together they have one son, Dayshaun, whom she truly believes God blessed her with to save her life from destruction. Jeter is a faithful servant, anointed teacher and effective prayer warrior. The public is invited to attend and show support for Deaconess Jeter.

Bishop Melvin Wilkins Jr. is the pastor at New Generation Praise & Worship, which is located at 1850 Gyro Drive, off of Old Salisbury Road.

For more information, contact Minister Paulette Williams at 336-456-8530.



Wilkins

Justice for God

Devotional Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-32

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 7: 3-11, 15-17

Lesson Aims: To see the need to put away idols; to recognize the power in keeping God first; and to keep our priorities straight.

Background: Once the Israelites crossed the Jordan River under Joshua's lead, they began a quest for the land (Palestine/Canaan) God promised them. The book of Joshua chronicled that conquest. For an extended period of time after they controlled the land, the Israelites settled into their day to day routine. Life was pretty good, but their spiritual commitment (being faithful to God) began to weaken as they worshiped the Canaanite god. Judges, the seventh book in the Old Testament, recorded their swings between obedience to God and their oppression (God's Judgment) for turning away from Him. The writer told the stories of twelve judges (military leaders) who led them against their oppressors and back to God. Some scholars agree that

this time period lasted about 350 years (Richard's Complete Bible Handbook).

The final and greatest judge was Samuel who also served as priest and prophet. It was during his life that Israel got a king. Chapters 1-3 told of Samuel's early life, the prophecy against the House of Eli, and God's call on his life. Israel's cycle of obedience, oppression, and repentance had continued. Chapters 4-6 recorded how Israel lost the Ark of the Covenant again. Their enemy, the Philistines, suffered because they had the Ark. Shortly thereafter, they returned it! Samuel inspired the people to renew their commitment to God.

In lesson one, we defined "justice" as order that God seeks to reestablish in His creation where all are treated fairly and impartially; Justice is a part of God's nature; shouldn't we practice that order towards Him?

Lesson: Israel's unwise use of the Ark of the Covenant (an idol) in chapter 4: 1-11 is what started the

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Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson



Douglas

Earnest Pugh won kudos after he performed a medley of his #1 gospel hits "Rain on Us" and "I Need Your Glory" at this year's Stellar Awards.

Pugh was flooded with fan requests to release the medley as a single.

"I listened to what they were saying," Pugh says. "When you get that many requests, there must be something to it so that's what we've done."

He recently went into the studio with Steven McCoy and Pugh's longtime producer, Michael Bereal, to create a new version of the Stellar Awards medley, which went on sale last week at popular online sites.

The song will be the lead single on Kerry Douglas' forthcoming CD "Gospel Mix VI."

"Pugh is a very forward thinker when it comes to the timing and positioning of songs at radio to keep him relevant," says Blacksmoke Music Worldwide CEO Kerry Douglas. "This medley is a good look for both he and I."

In another step towards giving his fans what they want, Pugh also created a dramatic concept video of the new recording. Produced by Will Thomas at Jacksonville, Fla.-based Space Cherry Films, the setting is a recovery group meeting.



Earnest Pugh performs at the Stellar Awards.

"The individual songs speak truth on their own," says Pugh. "But, together, it really shows that the glory of the Lord is what brings us God's power to heal and renew us. So, of

course, we'd then pray for God to rain those sorts of blessings on us and it really makes a powerful statement about what happens when we surrender ourselves to God."

Blacksmoke Music Worldwide Photo

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Camp

The Discovery Zone Summer Enrichment Camp is being held at Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 E. 25th St., through Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuition is \$60 per child per week and covers weekly activities, lunch, snacks and most outings. To register, call 336-995-3516 or 336-725-9996.

Mount Sinai events

The Seniors Ministry of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will present Vacation Bible School from June 25-29 from 6-8:45 p.m. For registration or other information, contact the church office at 336-722-2624 or msfgdc@bellsouth.net. Rev. Yvonne H. Hines is the senior pastor.



Hines

Oak Grove VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3978 Pine Hall Road in Walkertown, through this evening (Thursday, June 28) from 6 - 9 p.m. The theme is "SKY: Everything is Possible with God!" There will be classes for all ages. For transportation, call 336-595-4851 and leave a message.

Summer hours

Ordered by God's Day Shelter and Resource Center, 112 Northwest Blvd., will be open from 1-5 p.m. for the summer starting on June 25. For more information, call Prophetess Patterson at 336-986-7725.

Piney Grove VBS

Piney Grove Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School through June 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the PGBC Family Life Center, 4633 Grove Garden Dr. The theme is "Speaking the Word into Manifestation." A light dinner will be served from 5:15 - 6 p.m. nightly. All ages are invited to attend. For more information about this event, call 336-744-5759.

St. Stephen VBS

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 5000 Noble St., will have Vacation Bible School through this evening (Thursday, June 28) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be classes for all ages. This year's theme is "Jesus Every Day." Rev. James Cook is the senior pastor.

New Light VBS

New Light Baptist Church, 1535 E. 15th St., where the pastor is Rev. Sam P. L. Hickerson, will hold Vacation Bible School through June 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. each night. The theme is "Fishin' on a Mission with Jesus." Contact Beverly Ford at 336-769-6989 for additional information.



Hickerson

July 1

Healing service

Pastor Roger and Prophetess Dana Walton of Abundant Life Ministries, "Church of Love," will hold a Sunday Evening Healing Service on July 1 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 8001 North Point Blvd.

UUF services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem will hear Linnea Johnson and UU youth present a program titled "Hammering Out Justice: UU Kids in Action" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Gloria Fitzgibbon will discuss the idea that if wise men from each of the Abrahamic religions spent time talking together, they

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