

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

St. Stephen's VBS
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Avenue, is having Vacation Bible School from 6 - 8 p.m. from July 9 - 13. Classes are for ages three to adult. This year's theme is "Fishing on a Mission with Jesus." Rev. Hector Sintim is the minister-in-charge. For more information, please call 336-724-2614.

Goodwill Baptist anniversary
Goodwill Baptist Church, 541



Coleman

Goodwill Road in Clemmons, will celebrate its 131st Church Anniversary on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Pastor Tony Neal of Greater Faith Empowerment

Church of Welcome will minister. On Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m., Pastor Rodney Coleman of Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Mocksville will minister. Pastor Timothy Williams of Yadkin Star Baptist Church of Lexington will speak at 4 p.m. on July 15.

Greater Higher Women's Conference

Greater Higher Ground Ministries is hosting its 2012 Women's Conference from July 11-15 at 7 p.m. at its High Point location at 2805 Earham Drive, Suite 101. The host pastors are John and Janice Heath. For further information, call 336-725-1125.

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.

Ephesus VBS

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave., will hold Vacation Bible School from July 11 - July 14 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Call 724-0491 for more information.

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. For more information, call Prophetess Patterson at 336-986-7725.

Anniversary services for Cockerhams

Greater Hope of Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 414 Mason St., will celebrate the 15th pastoral anniversary of Rev. Waddell Cockerham and First Lady Tiffany Cockerham on July 12-13 at 7 p.m.

Beginning July 12

Piney Grove events

Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., is holding its 7th Annual Youth Conference today (July 12). There is a panel talk at 6 p.m. and a service at 7 p.m. The church will celebrate its 120th Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 15 at 4 p.m. Pastor Dennis Bishop and the First Waughtown Baptist Church family will be the guests. The public is invited. Call 744-5759 for more information.

July 14

Outreach program

An international summit that will explore outreach programs in Somalia and Sudan will be held on July 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center, 3683 Old Lexington Road. St. Peter's Joyce Hash and Dr. Patricia Bailey Jones will host. The special guest speaker will be Dr. Ruth Monroe of the Bahamas Faith Ministries



Bailey

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Local teen wins statewide oratorical contest

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Shannell Barren, a rising senior at Atkins High School and a member of Friendship Baptist Church, won the Senior Division of the annual General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina James Wertz Oratorical Contest. The event was held at the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh from June 24-26. She was one of 13 youth participants in the division. They all advanced to the finals of the competition from various communities throughout the state.

Shannell, whose topic was "From Doubt to Faith," called the experience "fantastic and rewarding." She added that it helped her to develop an even greater trust in God. As a first



Submitted Photo
Shannell Barren holds her trophy.

place recipient, she received a \$500 cash prize, a trophy and will have the opportunity and privilege to represent the state of North Carolina at the National Baptist Oratorical Contest in June 2013 at the National Baptist Association Congress of Christian Education Session in St. Louis, Mo.

Shannell is active in the dance ministry at her church and partici-

pates in volleyball, track and cheerleading at school, where she takes honors classes. She plans to attend High Point University to pursue a career as a physical therapist and minor in dance. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:7, which states, "We walk by faith and not by sight."

The Barren family, Friendship Pastor Stacey Frazier, Sunday School Superintendent Robin Mouzon, the Friendship Baptist Church family and the Forsyth County Sunday School Union are all extremely proud of her achievement and wish her well in all of her future endeavors. The director of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Oratorical Program is Ruth Johnson.

Association meeting starts Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. will meet for its 123rd Annual and 18th General Session on July 15-20 at Southside Baptist Church, 401 E. Sprague St. in Winston-Salem.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius, pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, will open the convention at 4 p.m. with a message from Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, retired pastor of White Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Durham.

The July 16-20 sessions will be filled with preaching and teaching. On Friday, July 20, there will also be a Children and Youth Extravaganza at 3 p.m., where young people will showcase what they learned during the week.

The Association's Women's Auxiliary held its Annual Pre-Convention Banquet on Tuesday, July 10 at First Baptist Church in Oak Ridge.



Cornelius

Wisdom and Justice in Leadership



Devotional Reading: I Kings 3: 1-15

Lesson Scripture: I Kings 3: 16-28; II Chronicles 9:8

Lesson Aims: To value leaders who demonstrate wisdom, compassion and justice; recognize that doing the right thing is beneficial for all; and learn to practice wisdom and justice daily.

Background: When studying the Bible, it helps to remember that it isn't compiled chronologically. Therefore, some explanation from II Samuel through II Chronicles is needed. The account of David's reign was recorded in II Samuel and I Chronicles. Samuel, the book, continued the transition from loose tribes to the monarchy. I and II Chronicles provided "a divine commentary" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook) on David's reign. I Kings began with David's latter years followed by Solomon's reign, the schism, and stories of Elijah and Elisha. Again, Chronicles offered the commentary of the period. Chapter one of II Kings opened with a bit of intrigue. Adonijah (ad oh NIGH juh), David's son born after Absalom attempted to set himself up as king. The prophet Nathan instructed Bathsheba what to do on Solomon's behalf. David announced that Solomon was king. Intrigue continued in chapter two for the young king (about 20 years old). Solomon had to establish himself as the undisputed king of Israel. The process begins.

Lesson: Without recognizing it, God grants

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Anita "Boss Lady" Dean is a local radio mainstay.

Inspirational Choir to mark 35th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Mount Zion Baptist Church Inspirational Choir will present its 35th anniversary program, "Let Us Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth," on Sunday, July 15 at 4 p.m. The Praise and Worship portion of the service begins at 3:45 p.m.

"It's time to worship the Lord, so we are focusing on true worship for this celebration," said Choir Director Diann Owen.

Throughout its history, the choir has been blessed with a wealth of gifted directors and musicians. The former directors are Dyna McGriff, Edward Patterson, Belinda Daniels and the late Graham Fletcher. The Inspirational Choir's former musicians include William May, Moses Robinson Jr., Sharon Clement, Jeanne Williams, Carl Cloud III, Rev. Serenus T.



Owen

Churn Jr., Linda Thompson, Tony Gillion, Tomorris Horne, Brandon Jenkins, Robert Grier, the late Melvin Johnson and the late Everett Funches Sr. The current musicians are pianist Kevin Scott and percussionist Everett Funches Jr.

Radio personality Anita "Boss Lady" Dean will be the guest minister. She has worked in radio for more than 30 years, most recently at The Light 1340/1400. The Emmanuel Baptist Church (EBC) Mass Choir and Voices of Restoration of High Point will also perform.

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. is the host pastor. The anniversary program is free to the public. Mount Zion is at 950 File St.

For more information, please call the church office at 336-722-2325 or visit www.mtzionthejoy.org.



Members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church Inspirational Choir.

Church to shower Hunts with praise

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

New Birth Worship Center will hold appreciation services for Pastor Dr. James L.E. Hunt and First Lady Elvita A. Hunt on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15.

Pastor Reggie Hunt and The Cornerstone Summit Church family will render the service on July 14 at 3 p.m. at New Birth Worship. On July 15 at 10 a.m., Dr. Charlene Hemphill will be the guest speaker. New Birth Worship Center is located at 1033 New Birth Drive (off Highway 67) in East Bend.

For more information, contact the church at 336-699-3583.



Pastor and First Lady Hunt