

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

#### Anniversary events

Apostle Arturo Z. Kinzer Sr. and Evangelist Betty J. Kinzer of Greater Faith Holy Temple, In God's Hand Ministry, Inc., 4698 Indiana Ave., are celebrating their 12th pastoral anniversary. Tonight's (Aug. 30) speaker is Pastor Dirah

Martin-Gwen of True Faith Tabernacle. Bishop Daniel Coleman Sr. of True Victory Ministries will speak tomorrow. Both events start at 7:30 p.m. Anniversary events will end on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 11:30 a.m. with Bishop Vernice Simmons of Yah Weh Apostolic Church of Deliverance. The public is invited to attend.

#### Calvary Hill revival

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance, 4951 Manning St., where Bishop Claude C. Turner is founder and overseer, is hosting a three-night revival from Aug. 29 - Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. Rev. Thelma Gordon, pastor of Liberty Hill AME Zion Church in Lake Wylie, S.C., will speak. For more information, call Silvea Cross at 336-448-0750.

#### Holiness Church assembly

The third quarter meeting for 2012, of The North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District Quarterly Assembly of the Holiness Church of God, Inc. is meeting from Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church, 1615 East 22nd St., where the host pastor is Ruling Elder Wardlow Frazier. The weeknight sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly and the Sunday service begins at 4 p.m. A Bible discussion and business meeting will be held on Saturday. All churches are to submit their report prior to the business meeting.

### Aug. 30

#### Thirsty Thursday

The Titus II Women's Ministry of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 495 NW Crawford Place, will sponsor its quarterly Thirsty Thursday Worship Service on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Edna West, associate minister at Union Baptist Church. Mt. Pleasant is led by Bishop S. T. Davis Sr.

### Aug. 31

#### Praise concert

Willie Mason and Friends will hold a Black and White Praise Celebration on Friday, Aug. 31 at 10 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive. The group will be featured in concert and take fan requests. Other musical guests appearing include Mischeal Goldsmith and Soul Out, Dionn Owen and Renaissance and Psalmist Bethany



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Heath. Everyone is asked to wear black and white. For more information, contact Willie Mason at 336-451-4756.

#### Park event

The Community Outreach Ministry of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will connect with friends and neighbors in Winston Square Park, 310 Marshall St. (adjacent to the Sawtooth School), on Friday, Aug. 31 from 7 - 9 p.m. This event will feature community interaction, music, food and random acts of kindness. For additional information, contact the church office at 336-722-2624 or msfgdc@bellsouth.net.

### Sept. 1

#### Yard sale

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., will have a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the corner of Dacian and Sprague streets. A variety of items will be available. Call 336-777-1113 for more information.

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## Wofford speaking at New Liberty



Rev. Wofford

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Liberty Baptist Ministries, 3920 N. Glenn Ave., will host a seminar on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The theme is "Knowing the Will of God," and the speaker will be Rev. Virginia Wofford of Evangelical Baptist

Wofford is known as an outstanding community leader. She has helped to guide the Forsyth County Prison Ministries, served as a chaplain at both Hospice and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. An international missionary, Wofford has served the Lord in Hong Kong, China, Jerusalem, Africa and several other countries. She is the

author of "The Circle of Oneness: How to have a Happy Christian Marriage."

The public is invited to come out and hear from this servant of God. The host pastor is Rev. Dr. Linda M. Beal.

For more information, call 336-528-3256 or 336-608-5542.



Rev. C. Anthony Jones Jr.

## Halls, Moss to speak at United Cornerstone

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United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, 2745 Patria St., will hold events to mark the Fifth Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. C. Anthony Jones Jr. on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The 11 a.m. guest speaker will be Elder Vickie Brantley Halls of the Temple of True Deliverance. The 4 p.m. guests will be Rev. Dr. Gregory K. Moss Sr. and the congregation of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Halls, a Winston-Salem native, surrendered her life to Christ in August 1979 after reuniting with her husband, the Late Bro. Willie Brantley, after a more than seven-year separation.

She preached her initial sermon in 1981. In 1992, Bishop Emanuel Holland, presiding elder over South Carolina and Georgia, requested that Halls become pastor of Mt. Zion Holy Church of Cloy, Ga. She led the church for 10 years. In November 2001, Halls founded and pastored NROP (No Respector of Persons) Outreach Center in Hampton, S.C. In 1995, Elder Vickie met and married Elder David James Halls Jr.

Dr. Moss embraced the Christian faith in his youth and affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Statesville. His pastor and mentor, Dr. J.C. Harris, encouraged him to embrace his call to ministry when he was 21-years-old. Dr. Moss has held pastorates at First Baptist Church of Concord and Zion Baptist Church of Reidsville. In each of these assignments, he honed his skills as a community organizer and champion for social and economic justice. He currently chairs the Strategy Team for HELP (Helping Empower Local People), an arm of a national grassroots organization established for the purpose of organizing for social justice.



Halls



Moss

## Philly State-of-Mind



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As a part of its 120th Church Anniversary celebrations, members of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church recently toured historic Philadelphia, Penn. The group, which included Pastor Bishop S. T. Davis Sr., took in sights like the Philadelphia Visitor's Center, the African American Museum, the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, China Town, Penn's Landing, Reading Terminal and the King of Prussia Mall.

## Mt. Zion picked to receive life-saving tools

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awarding 20 organizations with AEDs and CPR training.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the North Carolina Council of Churches, the American Red Cross and State Rep. Becky Carney have selected Winston-Salem's Mt. Zion Baptist Church as one of 150 places of worship across the state to participate in Strive to Revive.

The program aims to reduce deaths related to cardiovascular disease by providing select churches with automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and CPR training to church members.

"Our congregation is committed to protecting the health of our members, and Strive to Revive helps us take this commitment to the next level," said Elvenia Johnson, congregational nurse and chair of the church's Health Ministry. "With more than 350-plus people attending our church each week, we have the potential to save lives and make a real difference in our community."

Strive to Revive kicked off in Charlotte in 2010 by



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AEDs like this one are being placed in several N.C. churches.

Program organizers recently committed to expanding the program statewide by distributing AEDs and providing CPR training to an additional 150 places of worship.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S., claiming up to 450,000 lives each year. Strive to Revive focuses on organizations that attract large populations of individuals affected by heart disease, cardiac arrest and other health risk factors, including African Americans, Latinos, women and seniors.

Johnson said the program is providing Mt. Zion and the other churches with life-saving tools.

"In case of an emergency, not only would we have the training to save someone's life, we would also have the needed equipment to increase the survival rate until the proper medical attention could arrive and transport them to an emergency facility. M. Zion has a very active congregation and a Senior Day Care Center," she said.

## Remain Faithful, No Matter What

**Devotional Reading:** Galatians 3: 6-14

**Lesson Scripture:** Hebrews 10: 19-31

**Lesson Aims:** To recognize the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus, to become bold(er) in our faith, to endure together, and to understand that faith alone in Christ saves.

**Background:** The first Sunday in September ushers in the new International Sunday School year. The four quarters promise to ignite our intellect, to warm our hearts, to deepen our commitment and to transform us into better representatives of His love. "A Living Faith" is the theme for the Fall Quarter. The Scripture focus is Hebrews, I Corinthians 13 and Acts. The



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

author of the book is unknown. For a little more than a 1,000 years, Paul was thought to have penned it. However, as early as the Second Century CE, "Origin and Tertullian, African Church fathers, questioned this notion suggesting that Barnabas, Apollos, or Priscilla

wrote it (Zondervan's Study Bible and Harper Collins Study Bible)."

It is quite evident that the author was well acquainted with the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament) because of the many quotes used in the text. Hebrews begins more like a sermon

but it ends like a letter. Written to Jewish converts, the book argues the absolute supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ and says that through faith alone, believers have direct access to God.

Jewish Christians not only faced harsh treatment from the Romans, but Jewish authorities challenged them as well. The Jews felt that they were heretics (against correct doctrine) whose actions had to be limited. What kinds of actions did the authorities take? First, they used mob persecution that could result in near death. See Acts 7:54-60 as an example. Only the Romans could impose the death penalty. Second, the converts could be flogged 39 times. Forty lashes was considered abuse (II Corinthians 11:24). The Jewish authorities

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