

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Leadership summit

Pastor Phillip G. and Lady Michelle McCloud and the members of Fresh Fire Worship Center, Inc., 4306-A Kernersville Road, will host Leadership Summit 2012 today (Thursday,

Sept. 27) and Friday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Kedrick Lowery of Grace Church of Durham and Lady Leah McNair of Lady Leah McNair Ministries of Thomasville will speak. For more information, call the church at 336-833-4208.

Music workshop

Pastor Gloria M. Samuels and the Great Commission Community Church, 945 Cleveland Ave., will host a musical workshop featuring Rev. James "Rudy" Brown III of New Jerusalem International Christian Ministries of Richmond, Va. from September 27-28, starting at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. To learn more, call 336-577-3420 or email: greatcommissioncommunitychurch@gmail.com.

Youth revival

Diggs Memorial UHC, 125 N. Graham Ave., will hold its 2012 Youth and Young Adult Empowerment Revival from Sept. 26-28, beginning nightly at 7 p.m. The guests will be Justin Marshall Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance, Minister Derwin Montgomery of First Calvary Baptist Church and Paul Scott of Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ of Greensboro. If transportation is needed, call Deacon Jerry Bennett at 997-3227.

Free tutoring

Free homework assistance and tutoring for elementary students is being provided by the members of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E. 4th St., on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. A snack will be provided for the students. For more information, contact the Church Office at 723-2325. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor.

Greater Higher Ground convocation

Apostle Elect Bishop John H. Heath, Pastor Janice O. Heath and the family of The Greater Higher Ground Ministries Worldwide Inc. is hosting their 2012 Holy Convocation from Sunday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Sundance Plaza Hotel & Spa, 3050 University Parkway. Leading the 7 p.m. nightly services will be: Bishop Freddie B. Marshall, tonight; and Bishop Keith C. Smith on Friday. Noonday services and sessions will also be held on Sept. 27 and 28 and a Leadership Symposium will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. To learn more, call 336-725-1125.

Homecoming/revival

Union Bethel AME Church, 1617 N. Trade St., will be have three nights of revival from Sept. 26-28.

Beginning Sept. 28

House of Faith events

House of Faith World Outreach Worship Center, 1384 West Sedgfield Drive, will feed the homeless on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and hold a Women's Gathering on Sept. 29 at 5 p.m., featuring Tahita Williams. The church will present "Project Community Connections" at 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, with musical guests the True Vine Ministries Gospel Group of Charlotte and the Gospel Stylistics. Call 336-399-6731 for more information.

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Farrakhan to mark MMM anniversary in Charlotte

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Nation of Islam leader the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan will speak in Charlotte on Sunday, Oct. 14 to mark the 17th anniversary of the Million Man March.

It was Farrakhan who called for black men from across the nation to come together in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Oct. 16, 1995 to demonstrate their willingness to shoulder the responsibility of improving themselves and their communities.

Each year, Farrakhan reiterates the themes of the historic march during anniversary addresses. The topic of his Charlotte presentation is: "Muhammad's Economic Blueprint: Ending Poverty & Want." It will be given at the Bojangles Coliseum, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., beginning at 2 p.m. (though doors open at noon).

Tickets start at \$20. The local Nation of Islam mosque is arranging bus trips to the event. For more information, call 336-499-0436 or 336-409-5689.



Holiness Church to convene Assembly

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

General Bishop Arnie H. Joyce will call together the 95th General Assembly of the Holiness Church of God, Inc., from Monday, Oct. 1 - Sunday, Oct. 7, at Kimberley Park Holiness Church, 1640 SM Caesar Drive. Elder Robert R. Edmond Jr. is the host pastor. Bishop Joyce will be assisted by First Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice, Second Vice-Bishop James Ijames and the Elders Board of the Holiness Church of God, Inc.

The Assembly will convene at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1. Other activities that day include a 7:30 p.m. gathering, where the entire assembly and general public convene to hear from Overseer Benjamin Brogdon.



General Bishop Arnie H. and Mrs. Joyce

Speakers on Oct. 2 will include Ruling Elder James McCallum at 2 p.m. and Overseer Eugene Kirby at 7:30. There will be a meeting with all pastors and

ordained ministers at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 3. The keynote speakers will be Vice Ruling Elder Noah Bullard, Overseer Eugene Paramore and Overseer David Terry.

There will be messages delivered at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 4, by Ruling Elder Tyrone Rice, Overseer Angeline Sumpter and Vice-Bishop James Ijames, respectively. Messages will be delivered by Minister Minnie Terry (11 a.m.), Overseer A. G. Alston (2 p.m.) and Vice-Bishop Theodore R. Rice (7:30 p.m.) on Oct. 5.

Oct. 6 highlights include an 11 a.m. service when a series of sermonettes will be given. Bishop Joyce will close the Assembly on Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. The General Assembly choir will provide the music for all services. The general public is welcome to come and hear the Word.

Supporting Kimberley



Submitted Photo

Members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church pose with Kimberley Park Elementary students as the church makes its annual donation of school supplies to the school. The church also donated money to pay for a new bench for the school's ecology park. Bishop Sherwood Davis is seen here presenting the check to Mia Parker, Kimberley Park's parent involvement coordinator.

Pastor to rock Gospel Fest stage

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Grosjean L. Stephens, pastor of Cornerstone of Faith Ministries, will be among the performers at Gospel Fest at the Dixie Classic Fair. The event, sponsored by The Chronicle, will be held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 from 3-6 p.m. at the Clock Tower.

Stephens and his group, Nu Sound, will perform on Sept. 30. He has just released his CD, "From Rain to Reign."

Prior to accepting the pastorate at Cornerstone, Stephens was the church's minister of music. The Detroit native is a renowned singer and musician. At age three, he began sing on choirs, local television shows and at hospitals and nursing homes with his grandfather, Rev. C.W. McMurry, pastor of Rescue Temple COGIC in Greensboro.

His gifts have afforded him opportunities to play with gospel music greats such as Deitrick Haddon, Pastor Marvin Winans, Karen Clark Sheard, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Vickie Winans, Jackie Clark (of The Clark Sisters) and Waymond Tisdale.

An encourager and praiser by nature, Stephens is also a teacher who facilitates gospel music workshops across the country. He is extremely passionate about properly setting the atmosphere through praise and worship and goes out of his way to help others do the same.

For more information, go to www.GrosjeanStephens.com.



Grosjean L. Stephens

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The Rev. Dr. William Barber will deliver the Word on Oct. 4.



Union hosting voting revival

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will sponsor the "Get Out & Vote Citywide Revival" on Wednesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. each night.

Dr. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, will preach the first night, and N.C. NAACP President Rev. Dr. William Barber will preach on Oct. 4. Also at noon on Oct. 4, the Pastors, Politicians and Community Leaders Luncheon will be held, with guest speaker Mayor Allen Joines. The revival worship services are free and open to the public.

Luncheon tickets can be purchased by calling the church office 336-724-9305 x 222.

The revival is a non-partisan program to encourage individuals to exercise their right to participate in the political process and to provide information to help people make knowledgeable decisions.

Voter registration, polling information and an opportunity to meet the candidates are also included in the programming.

Organizations are invited to set-up voter education and voter registration displays each night of the revival. Materials will be displayed each night for candidates seeking office, and on Thursday, candidates will be recognized during the service. All organizations and candidates who are interested in participating in the Get Out & Vote Revival are asked to complete a registration form at www.unionbaptistwsc.org/vote_revival.html.



Mendez

Love Motivates All Actions

Devotional Reading: John 13: 31-35

Lesson Scripture: Hebrews 13: 1-3; I Corinthians: 13

Lesson Aims: To define the love of God; to recognize its superiority over all things; and to begin to put aside those things that hinder us from loving.

Background: A believer's faith can be observed in the manner in which they live, including their speech and in their attitudes. Thus for this month, Hebrews has taught us to be steadfast in determination, confidence, endurance and gratefulness. Today, we study the practical side of faith. Since believers profess to follow God, they must love like Him! God is love and anything that is absent of love isn't from Him. The Greeks have three words for love - eros (to be in love with), philo (brotherly love), and agape (unconditional love). Our lesson today targets the latter two. Most of us talk about love, but do we practice it? We all want to be loved; but do we love? As believers become more and more like God, their love grows, mimicking Him in all of life's arenas.

Lesson: The body of believers are to love and care for each other. This is brotherly love. Likewise, their hospitality should be shared with strangers. God gave/gives them grace and mercy; they have to extend it to others. Some



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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