

Pastor honored as great Shepherd



Submitted Photo
Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius, left, presents the staff to Dr. Charles Gray.

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He is already a husband, father, grandfather, pastor, preacher and mentor. Mt. Olive Baptist Church leader Dr. Charles Gray can now add Good Shepherd to that list.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, along with his deacons and members of the church, presented Dr. Gray with a shepherd's staff, an honor that New Jerusalem has only bestowed upon a handful of faith leaders.

According to Webster's dictionary, a Shepherd is someone who tends, feeds or guards flocks of sheep. The staff is used to aid the Shepherd in protecting and controlling their flock. This is not a method to hurt the sheep but a method to

keep them in compliance by representing God's compassion.

This is how Dr. Gray tends to his sheep on 1301 C.E. Gray Drive. He uses what God has blessed him with to protect and feed his congregants on Sundays and Wednesdays or any other day of the week he is needed. The honor of receiving this gift left Dr. Gray feeling so overwhelmed that he was at a loss for words.

For many years, Gray was a dedicated member of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church under the late Rev. Dr. J. R. Samuels. In 1978, he was called to pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where he has led for well over 30 years. During his pastoral leadership at Mt. Olive, Gray has accomplished many things, but his goal still remains the same, "bringing lost souls to Christ."

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believers have been and remain in jail. Prayers are to go up for them while their material needs are met. This expression of compassion pleases God because they are part of the community. In Paul's epistle to the Corinthians, we must remember their attraction of spiritual gifts. They thought that prophecy, speaking in tongues and knowledge were the most important. Paul is addressing this false notion. Love, in this passage is "charity" (sacrificial). Paul refutes them.

The Corinthians may be the most outstanding speakers, the greatest prophets and can fill shelves upon shelves of knowledge, but if they don't love, it is worthless! The greatest acts of sacrifice mean nothing if they weren't done in love. Any act of faith has to be motivated by love or it isn't from God. "The reference to rudeness in verse 5 alludes to being out of order during worship" (Echoes Adult Teacher Commentary). When Paul states the "behaviors of love," it becomes easy to understand how the community of faith should operate. Even when disagreements arise (and they will) a positive approach will advance the community. Otherwise, the community will not represent God. Love is the number one priority (vs. 8) because everything else will fade. At this point, believers know a little. As they mature, their knowledge increases. Mirrors (made of bronze) distort, however when Christ returns, all knowledge will be complete. There is no gift then greater than love. For receiving eternal life on the other side eliminates the need for spiritual gifts.

Application: For the next week, evaluate your interactions with people to determine if they are motivated by love. To love is not a sign of weakness, on the contrary; it is a sign of strength. Do you have some baggage that prevents you from loving? We represent God in all that we do. Can strangers see Him in us? Are we as willing to forgive others as God forgave us? Depend on Him to guide you to keep harmony.

Local IRS office moves

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The IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC) in Winston-Salem has relocated to 1677 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Suite 160. It left its 251 N. Main St. office on Thursday, Aug. 30.

The IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers are a source for personalized tax help when tax issues cannot be handled online or by phone.

The Winston-Salem TAC, like similar locations throughout the country, also offers free tax preparation and electronic filing for qualifying taxpayers. This year, taxpayers who earned less than \$50,000 in 2011 qualified.

For a list of other services offered at IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-1040.



Calendar

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Life Changing Transformation events
On Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at 10 a.m., the Women's Auxiliary of Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 E. 25th St., will give away coats. The church will hold its Men's Revival on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. Bishop Johnny Johnson of United Deliverance Church of God will speak. Rev. Alice Mitchell is the pastor and the associate pastor is Rev. Carl Archie. Everyone is invited.

Sept. 29
Community outreach
Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 132 N. Glenn Ave., will host a community outreach event on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be music, free food and clothes.

In Loving Memory

Mr. Andrew Lee Yarborough III
(Jan. 13, 1923 - Jan. 9, 1990)
YARBOROUGH
It's a worthy name to bear
I wouldn't be who I am today
if it had not been for you
I miss you DADDY
Anthony Mills Yarborough

games for kids, a blood drive and much more. Reach the church at 336-723-9451 or www.phillischapel.com for more information.

Rainbow Tea
Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church, 6475 Yadkinville Road in Pfafftown, will hold its first Rainbow Tea on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 12 - 3 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the delicious food. Rev. Beverly McMillian is the host pastor. Call 336-945-2221 for more information.

Sept. 30
House of Prayer Women's Day
House of Prayer of Deliverance Ministries, 5723 Country Club Road, Suite J, will welcome Minister A. R. Blair of A. R. Blair Ministries of Charlotte to Women's Day on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. The host pastor is K. P. Tapp. Call 708-1417 for more information.

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House of Prayer of Deliverance Ministries, where the pastor is Rev. K. P.

Tapp, will hold Women's Day on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. Prophet A. R. Blair of A. R. Blair Ministries of Charlotte will speak. The service will be held at the Country Club Business Center, 5723 Country Club Rd - Suite J. Call 336-708-1417 for more information.

'Say it with Music'
The Women's Service Council of First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave., will host a concert, "Say It With Music," on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. The featured performers will be The David R. Hedgley Memorial Choir and the Red Bank Spiritual Choir. Dr. Daryl W. Aaron is the senior pastor.

Greater Cleveland events
Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, 5095 Lansing Drive, will have its fifth Sunday Great Family Gathering on Sunday, Sept. 30 at both the 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. worship services. The guest psalmist will be Danetra Moore, a top ten contestant on BET's "Sunday Best." At 5 p.m., Eileen Rice will preach her initial sermon. The public is invited to attend. For further informa-

tion, contact the church at 336-661-0226.

UUF services
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem will hear the Rev. Lisa Schwartz speak on "Out of the Flames: The story of Unitarian martyr Michael Servetus" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Gloria Fitzgibbon will lead a discussion of the theological question, "When charity is not a virtue." The fellowship is at 4055 Robinhood Road. For more information, go to www.uufws.org or call 659-0331.

Beginning Oct. 1
Mt. Carmel revival
The Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 3230 Heitman Drive, is holding its 2012 Restoration and Renewal Revival from Oct. 1 - 3. The 7:30 p.m. speakers will be (Monday) Pastor Jerome Lee of St. James Baptist Church of Greensboro; (Tuesday) Pastor Shannon Jessup of Second New Bethel Baptist Church; and (Wednesday) Dr. Kenneth Moore of Sharon Baptist Church of Stoneville.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Daryl A. Young is the host pastor.

Beginning Oct. 3


Middlefork anniversary/homecoming
Middlefork Christian Church, 2216 E 1st St., will hold its 113th Church Anniversary/ Homecoming beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3 with guest Rev. James Gilliam of Antioch Christian Church. On Oct. 4, Rev Michael Walton of Providence Baptist Church of Kernersville will preach at 7 p.m. Rev C. E. Crawford of White Rock Baptist will be the guest at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5. The 10 a.m. speaker on Sunday, Oct. 7 will be Pastor Robert Coleman. For more informa-

tion, call the church office 336-777-0418.

Beginning Oct. 5

Rhythms of Praise
The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Committee of Women of Color of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. will hold its Rhythms of Praise Consultation from Oct. 5-6 in Winston-Salem at the Wingate by Wyndham on S. Main Street. National theologians, Christian educators and other professionals will preach and conduct workshops. The Rev. Dr. Arlene W. Gordon, president of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus and keynote speaker, will preach Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. For registration and information, go to charlitaly@yaho.com.

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Sunday Services
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 M.Y.P.U. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services
 Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Clock Tower Stage

Emcees

Debra Terry-accomplished actress, comedian, singer and producer, is the event's organizer and emcee, owner of Mustard Seed Entertainment.

Carmen Russell- well-known member of the Russell family who owns and operates Russell Funeral Home, has had a visible role in the community for over 30 years.

Local Gospel Talent

SEPT 30- St. Paul United Methodist Church New Contemporary Worship Choir • Tunisha Crispell • Front Line Soldiers • Mischeal Goldsmith & SOUL OUT • Bishop Christopher Brinson & The Ensemble • Pastor Grosjean Stephens with Nu-Sound • Pastor Jessie O'Banner & JJC Singers

OCT 7- Jeremiah Salter & Nu Praise • Pastor George Pass & NEW • Peace of Mind • Ministry • Bishop Steve Williams & The Praise Singers • Raymond & Kim Larkin

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