

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Free Tutoring
Free homework assistance and tutoring for elementary students is being provided by the members of Goler Metropolitan AMEZ Church, 1435 E. 4th St., on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. A snack will be provided. For more information, call 336-723-2325. Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor.

Middlefork Anniversary
Middlefork Christian Church, 2216 E. 1st St., will begin its 113th Church Anniversary/Homecoming yesterday at 7 p.m. with guest Rev. James Gilliam of Antioch Christian Church. On Oct. 4, Rev. Michael

Walton of Providence Baptist Church in 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 information, call the church office 336-777-0418.

Beginning Oct. 5

New Generation Men's Conference
The New Generation Praise & Worship International Ministries, 1850 Gyro Dr., will have its 14th Annual Sons of Abraham Men's Conference on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Nate Williams of Christ Community Church. On Saturday, Oct. 6, there will be a fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by fishing at Salem Lake. For more information, please call Bishop Melvin Wilkins at 336-749-2590.

Synod 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 South Main Street. National theologians, Christian educators and other professionals will preach and conduct workshops. 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 charlitalytle@yahoo.com.

Oct. 6
Challenge
Carver Road Christian Church, 3200 Carver School Rd., will present "A Day in the Flow" (2 Kings 4:1-7) on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. Eight ministers, each with a different topic, will give 7 minute sermonettes on the woman with the pot of oil. Tyrone E. Johnson is the host pastor.

Oct. 7
Immigration Speaker
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Rd., will host Rev. Lisa Schwartz to speak on "Crossing the Dark Water: Immigration in America" on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. A pre-service forum will be moderated by Bill Roberts at 9 a.m. to discuss current events. For more information, go to www.uufws.org or call 336-659-0331.

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Pass to bring unique sound to Gospel Fest

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. George A. Pass II, founder and pastor of Open Door Kingdom Center in Greensboro, will be among the acts making a joyful noise on Sunday at the Chronicle's Gospel Fest at the Dixie Classic Fair.

Pass is a fifth-generation preacher who has a heart to teach God's people. He received his ministerial license in January 1989 and was ordained in December 1998.

His present success in ministry is attributed to his taking a stand on the Word of God and by being an example to his congregation. Dr. George Pass has been in preparation for this moment in time, all his life. In addition to his stance in the ministry of God's Word, he also created a dynamic music ministry, NEW (Never Exiting Worship). Dr. George Pass and NEW took form in May 2008. A year later, a live CD was recorded that offered the gospel world a uniquely matchless sound.

He and NEW have scored with such hits as "Let Everything That Has Breath/Psalm 150," which was recorded by the legendary Twinkle Clark; and "Oh Give Thanks," which was recorded by Bishop Eddie Long. As a solo artist, he is known for the song, "Expressions."

The group will be among more than half a dozen acts that will perform at the Clock Tower stage from 3-6 p.m. The event is free with the price of admission to the Fair.

The Faith to Stand

Devotional Reading: Proverbs 8:1-11

Lesson Scripture: Acts 6:8-7:2a

Lesson Aims: To recognize that faith empowers believers to act; to explain the charges against Stephen; and to seek the power and wisdom to stand-up/speak-out on current issues facing society.

Background: Rome viewed the early church as a sect (part) of Judaism. The Sanhedrin, the Jewish governing body, didn't care for that reference.

After all, they were the ones who forced Rome to execute Jesus. At times the high court was cordial to the church but they basically felt that the church was their enemy. The church was growing so fast that the court needed to watch them to keep them: The close knit community of believers faced problems within and outside their ranks. Whatever the believers had, they shared with one another.

They had the concern for the body like Jesus had. Internally, hypocrisy raised its head but God dealt with it (Acts 5:1-11). A dispute developed between the Hellenist (Greek speaking) Jewish converts and the Hebraic (Aramaic speaking) Jewish converts. It appeared that the Grecian widows were not receiving their fair share of the daily distributions. Brought to the Twelve (Matthias replaced Judas) for resolution, they decided to allow the assembly of men to choose seven of their own to carry out these duties. The chosen had to be "full of the Spirit and wisdom."

Their selections included Stephen and Philip. All seven are named in Acts 6:5-6. The Twelve ordained them to serve, and the church continued to grow.

Lesson: Stephen's boldness is the focal point for today. This deacon not only ministers to the needy, but also performs mighty works of God. Highly respected in the community, his actions bring him into direct con-

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Past walk participants pose for a photo.

Union Baptist to host breast cancer awareness events

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 3rd annual Mother Frances J. Mack Cancer Survivor Faith Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m.

The 1.5-mile walk will begin in the parking lot of Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., and end at Corpening Plaza, which is at the corner of First and Liberty streets. Participants may walk, run or ride the route.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m., a cancer awareness panel discussion will be held at the church.

The walk is held to thank God for deliverance from cancer and to encourage those who are battling

the illness. Frances Jones Mack, the mother of Union Pastor Dr. Sir Walter L. Mack Jr. and the Church Mother, is a breast cancer survivor. The retired nurse had a double mastectomy after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008.

"I believe the Lord can heal and deliver those struggling with cancer. We want to bring awareness and help educate people about ways to lower risks to prevent cancer of all types, not only breast cancer," said Mother Mack.

Both events are free and open to the public. Cancer Survivor Faith Walk t-shirts will be available for purchase. To register church groups, employee teams, fraternities, sororities, colleges and families, contact Cynthia Mosley at 336-724-9305, ext. 223. Registration will be held on-site in the church parking lot beginning at 7 a.m.

For more information, visit www.unionbaptist-wsnc.org.



Mother Mack

All-star guests slated for Bethlehem revival

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist, 1711 N. Claremont Ave., will hold its Fall Revival beginning on Oct. 7.

Each service will feature an anointed and powerful guest pastor. Revival services will begin with the 3 p.m. Homecoming service with Bishop John Parks and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church family as guests.

Four power-packed nights of preaching start Tuesday, Oct. 9 with guests Dr. Sir Walter Mack and the Union Baptist Church family. Rev. James C. Hash Jr. and the St. Peter's World Outreach Center family will be on hand Wednesday, Oct. 10. On Thursday, Rev. Michael King and the Baileytown Christian Church of Walnut Cove will be the guests of the church. Services will con-



Bishop J.C. Hash

clude on Friday, Oct. 12 with Dr. Nilous Avery, vice president at large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Salisbury. All revival services

will be held at 7:30 p.m.

"Revival is not something that we ought to do just to carry out an annual tradition. We should have revival to share with others a message of hope and promise," said Bethlehem Pastor Dwight Hash. "If ever there was a time that people need to hear that message, that time is now."

Everyone is invited. Those who come are asked to bring canned-good items or a box of nonperishable food for the Bethlehem Food Pantry, which helps to meet needs in the community.



Pastor Dwight Hash

Mount Sinai to observe 97th Anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will observe its 97th Church Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m.

The Anniversary celebration will include dynamic preaching, worship and fellowship. Internationally-acclaimed Dr. James R. Woodson, senior pastor of St. James Home of Fresh Start Ministries in Greensboro, will be the keynote speaker. The 97th Anniversary is "a celebration of our prodigious past, powerful present and glorious future." Following the worship service, dinner will be served in the fellowship hall.

One of the oldest Pentecostal churches in the city, Mount Sinai was organized in 1915 from street meetings and brush arbor revivals under the leadership of the late Bishop Henry David Wilson. In June 1976, Bishop John L. Hines, an internationally traveled COGIC evangelist and New Jersey native, assumed the pastorate and ushered the congregation into a new era. His administration emphasized leadership training, community outreach, youth and senior programs and Christian education. Bishop



This graphic features (from left) Dr. James R. Woodson, Bishop John L. Hines, Bishop Henry David Wilson and Pastor Yvonne Hines.

Hines passed away on Sept. 26, 1995.

His widow, Rev. Yvonne H. Hines, became the first female pastor in the history of the church and the organization. Part of a rare breed of women gifted with the ability and tenacity to successfully manage and expand a ministry previously led by their husbands, Rev. Hines has strategically catapulted Mount Sinai into a viable 21st century ministry. She has gained the respect of congregants and fellow clergy

as an exemplary leader, prolific preacher, teacher and administrator. For the past 17 years, she has spearheaded projects and programs to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, educational and socioeconomic needs of parishioners and the community.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

For additional information, please call the church office at 336-722-2624 or go to mountsinainfullgospel.org.