

Mount Zion to celebrate Advent with revival

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For millions of Christians throughout the world, Sunday, Nov. 29, marks the beginning of Advent.

Advent is the season of the year leading up to Christmas and is observed with various traditions and rituals by churches and other liturgical groups. The Advent Season lasts for four Sundays and ends on Christmas Eve.

For a number of years now, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem has conducted an annual revival as the focal point of its Advent Celebration.

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., host pastor stated: "We want our members and the community-at-large to be in reverence and readiness for this holy season. Every effort and emphasis, therefore, should be on the real reason for the season, and less on the commercialism of Christmas as it has become, unfortunately."

This year, four area churches have been invited to be a part of Mount Zion's observance of this high season, which points to the birth of Christ.

The schedule of churches and their pastors who have accepted the invitation are:



Churn Sr.

Spencer, N.C., whose pastor is Dr. David L. Bracken.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, Bishop Sherwood Davis Sr. They will be Mount Zion's guest.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the Rev. Donald Jenkins and the St. Paul United Methodist Church will be co-celebrants with Mount Zion for its Advent Revival.

Closing out the local revival calendar will be members of Zion Baptist Church from Reidsville, N.C. and their pastor, Dr. Michael Long.

All services begin at 7 p.m. An Advent devotional book written by Churn will be available, free of charge, to everyone attending the revival services.

The public is cordially invited to each and every night of Mount Zion's Advent Revival.

For more information: Call Kaye Henighan or H. L. Shaw at Mount Zion at 336-722-2325.

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At The Church Fellowship Hall

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For more information, call 336-724-5842.

Nov. 22 Pastoral anniversary

The Pine Hall Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the 40th pastoral anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Richard F. Lowery, and First Lady Betty G. Lowery on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at 1416 Pole Ridge Road in Pine Hall. The congregation of New London Progressive Primitive Baptist Church will be the special guest. The pastor of New London Progressive, the Rev. Robert Hairston, will deliver the message. For more information, call 336-548-9556.



Lowery

Nov. 22 Bible program

Elder Mary Blair of New Direction Movement Cathedral will host Women of the Bible program on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. at 3300 Overdale Drive. For more information, call 336-771-2111.

Nov. 22 Sunday service

The Unitarian Universalist will have its service on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at 4055, Robinhood Road. Rev. Lisa Schwartz will speak the message entitled "The Practice of Gratitude." At the 9:15 a.m. forum, Professor Dave Coates will discuss issues surrounding free trade versus managed trade, with implications for the Trans-Pacific Partnership. For more information, visit uufws.org.

Nov. 22 Music that Matters

Parkway United Church of Christ is having its second annual "Music that Matters" series on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at 2151 Silas Creek Parkway. Suggested ticket donation is \$15. All proceeds will go to City with Dwellings. Featured performers will be a piano and flute duo Federico and Debra Pivetta. For more information, call 336-745-1138.

Nov. 27 Queen for a Night

The Ministers' Wives of Winston-Salem will present Queen for a Night on Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manly St. at 7 p.m.. The nominees are, Mrs. Pauline Moore and Mrs. Hattie Fulwood. Music will feature the Ministers' Wives Choir, directed by Mrs. H. Fulwood, and guest choirs will be

The Stylist Singers and the Winston-Salem Prayer Band #2. Ministers' Wives group president Mrs. Shirley Damon. Dr. James Fulwood is host pastor. Committee chairwoman is Dr. Mattie Walker.

Beginning Nov. 30 Advent revival

The Advent season services will begin on Monday, Nov. 30 through Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at 950 File St. Guest speakers are as follows: Jerusalem Baptist Church of Spencer, whose pastor is Dr. David L. Bracken (Nov. 30); Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, Bishop Sherwood Davis Sr. (Dec. 1); and Rev. Donald Jenkins and the St. Paul United Methodist Church will be co-celebrants with Mount Zion for its Advent Revival (Dec. 2). For more information, call 336-722-2325.

Ongoing

Clothes closet
The Ambassador Cathedral Clothes Closet will be open on Sundays from noon to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive. Free to the public. For more information, call 336-725-0901.

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IN MEMORIAM

DAVENPORT

Bernice H. Davenport, 89, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2015. She was born October 11, 1926 to the late Radcliffe S. and Mellie A. Howard in Henderson, NC. Mrs. Davenport was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem, NC, graduating from Atkins High School in 1943 and earning her BA degree from Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University) in 1947. She continued her education at Columbia University where she received the Master's Degree in Music Education and completed additional studies at North Carolina A & T State University. A career educator, Mrs. Davenport taught at Woodlawn Elementary School (Wilkesboro, NC) and Oak Grove Elementary School (Elkin, NC) before joining the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools System where she completed her 30 year-tenure in teaching. Throughout her life she was known as a cheerful giver. She organized Christmas events for young children including a visit from Santa at Bethlehem Community Center, worked more than 10 years as a neighborhood donations coordinator for the March of Dimes, and volunteered in the box office of the WSSU Lyceum Cultural Events Series for more than a decade. Through the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., she collected and distributed blankets to those in need every December. Through the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. she organized a Christmas event for young children, including a visit from Santa. Mrs. Davenport was member of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church where she worked in the Sunday School as a pianist and teacher, coordinated the Wednesday Noon Day Prayer Service, served as the organist and director of the Cathedral Choir, and was the organist for the church choir when Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. spoke at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion

Church in 1964. She was a strong advocate of the annual performance of The Seven Last Words by the church choir. Her honors and activities included the following: Golden Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Phi Omega Chapter), recipient of the 2003 Winston-Salem Chronicle Lifetime Achievement Award, 1997 inductee into the degree WSSU Golden Ransom Society, and member of WSSU Brown Alumni Chapter. She was a staunch financial supporter of Winston-Salem State where she served on the Capital Campaign Media Strategy Committee and later established the Bernice and James Davenport Music Endowment Scholarship Fund. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Davenport, and their loving daughter, Marsha Davenport, she leaves to cherish her love and good works nieces Valerie (Michael) Adams of Ohio, and Susan Rodriguez of North Carolina; and nephews Chris Neal and Jimmy Neal of North Carolina. Other family and special friends who loved her dearly include Theldora Williams, Bennie Williams, Jr., Bennie Williams III, James Jarrell, Gloria D. Banks, Rachel Wilkinson, Amy White, Julie Hunter, Dr. Teresa Unseld, Annette Morgan Wilson, Edwina White Thompson, RaVonda Dalton-Rann, Marie Burney Marie Matthews, and Frances Suber. The memorial service for Mrs. Davenport will be held Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 12:00 pm at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Ivy Beyond the Wall service will be held at 11:30 am, at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. The repast will follow at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bernice and James Davenport Music Endowment Scholarship Fund c/o Winston-Salem State University, Blair Hall 311, Winston-Salem, NC 27110.



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