

CHURCHNEWS

Silver Mount To Hold Youth For Christ Day

By GWENDOLYN DANIELS
Lifestyles Editor

Silver Mount Baptist church will observe their annual "Youth for Christ Day" Sunday at 11 a.m. and will hold Watch Night service Sunday night from 10 a.m. until midnight.

Principal Robert L. Davis, a member of Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church and chairman of the Black Caucus Group of Charlotte, will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m. Music will be given by the Children's Choir, Young People's Musical Choir and the Junior Hymn Choir.

Rev. Willie Crank, Rev. Lincoln Lee and Rev. E. J. Dixon will speak during the Watch Night service. The theme will be "The Past, The Present and The Future." Music will be by the Radio Choir and Hymn Choir one and two.

For more information, call Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount, at 596-3821.

CHAPPELL MEMORIAL

Sunday at 10 p.m., the SCLC/Women National Aids Program of Charlotte, will sponsor an Old Time New Year's Eve Watch Night Service between Chappell Memorial Baptist Church and St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

Rev. Norman E. Kerry, pastor of Chappell Memorial Baptist Church will end the old year by speaking from the Old Testament and Rev. Louis P. Moore will speak from the New Testament for the new year.

Music for the evening will be furnished by the Hymn choirs and Musical choirs of both churches. This program will benefit the SCLC/Women Aids Program.

For further information, please contact Rev. Kerry at 394-5615 or 394-1384 or Rev. Moore at 334-3184.

NEW ST. JOHN

The Sunday morning theme for New St. John Baptist Church will be "Go Back Another Way For The 90s."

At 6 p.m. combined services will be held at New St. John. The annual Watch Night service will be held Sunday at 10 p.m. Rev. Leake and the associate ministers will speak.

CLINTON CHAPEL

Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will host the Watch



Robert L. Davis
Silver Mount, speaker



Rev. Robert Leake
New St. John, pastor



Dr. William Lee Jr.
Silver Mount, pastor

Night services Sunday.

Services are sponsored by the following churches: Gethsemane Baptist, St. Mark Baptist, St. Mark United Methodist, Walls Memorial A.M.E. Zion and Greater Bethel A.M.E.

Prayer service will begin at 10 p.m. Rev. A. G. Coley, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church will begin the message.

CLINTON CHAPEL

The Young Adult choirs of Interfaith Deliverance Center of Statesville and Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will present the True Saints of Atlanta featuring Mama in concert.

True Saints recently returned from an overseas tour. The group has performed with legendary gospel singers such as James Cleveland, and has appeared on Bobby Jones Gospel.

Rev. Bennie L. Davis, the gospel host of WPEG, will be the master of ceremony for the evening. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Clinton Chapel.

The church is located at 1901 Rozzeles Ferry Road. Rev. Retoy Gaston is pastor.

FAITH MEMORIAL

Faith Memorial Baptist Church will host their "Week of Decision" on January 1-5 at 7 p.m. The theme is "Laboring Together for the Divine Cause".

The Rev. Don Stegall will be the guest teacher and preacher. The church is located at 211 Lakewood Ave., where the pastor is Rev. W.H. Caldwell, Sr. The public is welcome.

GRACE MEMORIAL

Grace Memorial will install new officers for 1990 January 7

at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. J.W. Sanders, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

The church is located at 4001 Nevin Road. The pastor is Dr. J.W. Davis.

GREENVILLE MEMORIAL

Watch Night service will be held at Greenville Memorial A.M.E./ Zion Church December, 31. Fellowship and dinner at 8 p.m. and service starts at 10:30 p.m. The church is located in the Hidden Valley community at 6116 Montleth Drive. Rev. Alton C. Hunnicutt is the pastor.

GREATER PROVIDENCE

The Greater Providence Baptist Church will have its annual Watch Night service on December 31, beginning at 10:30 p.m. Rev. Ellazor Campbell along with Gallilean Baptist Church will serve as special guest. The public is invited.

Dr. Fred Gibson is the pastor.

UNIVERSITY PARK

There will be a Watch Night service held at University Park Baptist Church December 31 at 11 p.m. Devotion and praise will begin at 10:30 p.m.

The sermon for this event will be given by Rev. William H. Height, associate minister of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. The University Park Baptist Church family invites the general public to come and praise God for another year. A fellowship breakfast will be served following the service.

EBENEZER

Ebenezer Baptist Church will hold their watch night service Sunday at 10 p.m. along with New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. Ervin Millsaps, pastor of New Hope, will bring the message. Both choirs will have music.

The church is located at 733 E. Trade St. Rev. A. B. Sutton is pastor.

SEIGLE AVENUE

The W. D. Bailey Vocal Ensemble of the Seigle Avenue Church of God will present "Deliverance" in concert Sunday at 6 p.m.

Deliverance is comprised of seven vocalists from Charlotte: Dione Dunston, Phillip Dunston, Trent Dunston, Arnie Epps, Tammie Ford, Sharla Reed and Sandy Taylor.

The church is located at 1620 Seigle Ave. The pastor is Rev. W. D. Bailey.

NEW ZION

Rev. Gregory T. Robinson Sr. of Lakeland, Fla. will be the guest speaker of the 11 a.m. service Sunday at New Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Robinson is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jeremiah Robinson of Mt. Holly, N.C.

The church is located at 217 W. Todd St.

NAZARETH PRIMITIVE

The Frieson Concert Choir of Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church will present a New Year's Eve concert Sunday at 4 p.m.

The church is located at 2230 Bancroft St. The pastor is Dr. James A. Frieson.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Bessie Wilbon

INTRODUCTION:

God so loved the world - the swarming billions of humanity - that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever - whatsoever insignificant individual - believes in Him might be saved from death to life eternal. God's concern for the globe - encircling forest is expressed in Jesus care for each seedling and sapling and lightning - scarred snag in the whole stand.

While on earth, Jesus performed many healing miracles; but with one exception they are reported as being accomplished one at a time, with great consideration for the special needs of each person. He did heal ten lepers in one batch, but that experience was disappointing. In today's lesson we read of His finding - one hopeless invalid in a mass of more hopeful ones, and making the hopeless one whole. It's just like Him to do it that way!

Today's lesson calls attention to two examples of Jesus' healing. The first recorded in John 4:46-54. The second healing takes place some eighty miles southward to Jerusalem on a festival occasion.

THE LESSON:

"After this, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a religious festival. Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool with five porches; in Hebrew it is called Bethesda. A large crowd of sick people were lying on the porches - the blind, the lame, and the paralyzed. A man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus saw him lying there, and he knew that the man had been sick for such a long time; so he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered, "Sir, I don't have anyone here to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first." Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking. The day this happened was a Sabbath, so the Jewish authorities told the man who had been healed, "This is a Sabbath, and it is against our Law for you to carry your mat." He answered, "The man who made me well told me to pick up my mat and walk." They asked him, "Who is the man who told you to do this?" But the man who had been healed did not know who Jesus was, for there was a crowd in that place, and Jesus had slipped away. Afterward, Jesus found him in the Temple and said, "Listen, you are well now; so stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." Then the man left and told the Jewish authorities that it was Jesus who had healed him." (John 5:1-15) (Also read John 4: 46-54)

John does not indicate which of the several annual feasts this was. Jesus' respect for the law would have caused Him to interrupt His Galilean ministry to attend one of the three pilgrim feasts (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles); or His love for God's people could have drawn him to be with them and serve them even at a lesser occasion. He liked to be present where the tides of human need and opportunity were most full.

Bethesda's reputation as a place for healing drew crowds of fall who were not able to function normally. The surrounding porticoes provided a sort of hospital waiting room for these who came everyday. Attention is focused on one invalid in the multitude. The man's infirmity his disability, is not described. Jesus was making a hospital call! The Lord had come to Jerusalem for a religious festival, but this time He was not lingering in the temple as He had done almost twenty years ago. He was drawn instead to the place where He would encounter the greatest number of folk who might recognize their need for his help. Once there He singled out a patient whose condition was most long-lasting and hopeless. He did not need to look at medical charts; He "knew what was in the man."

Did the man really desire healing? The man didn't answer Jesus directly. Almost defensively, he offered an explanation, implying his earnest desire for his healing. "I have no man - - - to put me in the pool." If anyone had assisted this man in getting to Bethesda, that person had not remained to assist him at the critical moment. Not totally helpless, the man was slow enough that he was left behind in every effort to reach the pool. Those who needed help the least would be most likely to get whatever help was available. It is ever thus, un-

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Church DIRECTORY

CHAPPELL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Norman E. Kerry, PASTOR

Sunday: Sunday School - 9:45AM
Morning Worship - 11AM

Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study - 7:30

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DOW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
John W. Wallace, Jr. - PASTOR

Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship Services 12:30 pm

Thursday: Bible Study & Sunday School Workers Meeting - 7:00 pm

Day Camp: Mon.-Fri. - 7:30am-5:30pm

Remember: "Be Ye Doers of the word, and not hearers only" JAMES 1:22

4921 Randolph Road

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. F.A. Griffin, PASTOR

Sunday School - 9:45AM
Worship - 11AM
Sunday School Study - Wed. 7PM
Prayer Service - 8PM

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Gethsemane African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Dr. George E. Battle, Jr. - PASTOR

Sunday: Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 11:00am
Wednesday Night Prayer Service - 7:00pm

Gethsemane Enrichment Program & Daycare

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Mass - Sat. - 7PM; Sun. - 8&11AM

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ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Benjamin W. Stewart, PASTOR

Sunday School - 10AM
Worship - 11AM

917 Clanton Road-Off I-77 South 523-7483

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Rev. James Graves, PASTOR

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Worship - 11AM

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Sunday Night Worship - 8PM
Tuesday Night Service - 8PM
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ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

GREATER MOUNT MORIAH
Thomas W. Samuels, PASTOR

Church School - 9:45AM
Morning Worship - 11:00AM
Evening Services - 6:00PM

Thomas W. Samuels

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