

CHURCH NEWS

News of note

• Hampton University will host its 83rd Minister's Conference, June 2-6. This year's theme will be "The Future of the Black Church: Where Are We Going and How Do We Get There?" Invited speakers and panelists include, Bishop John Hurst Adams, Bishop Cecil Bishop, Bishop Nathaniel Linsey and Dr. Henry Lyons. For more information, call (757)727-5255.

• Evangelistic Temple Outreach Ministries worships each Sunday at the Masters Inn, 2701 Independence Blvd. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., Morning worship 11 a.m. and evening worship at 4 p.m. For more information, call Evangelist Evetta Lyons, 372-6354.

Friday

• Stage production of "Two Thieves and a Savior," 7 p.m. at the King's Arena at Heritage Village, 9700 Regent Parkway, Fort Mill, S.C. Show features a holy march, reading of the Bible and concert. For more information, call (803) 802-2300.

Saturday

• **Calvary Christian**
3001 Kilbourne Dr.
Spring Fling '97 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Program features rides, games, prizes, moonwalk, book fair and food. Proceeds benefit the Early Learner Child Development Center.

• Big Gospel Explosion, 7 p.m. Kannapolis Middle

School, 525 East C Street, Kannapolis. Concert features The Brothers of Faith, The Gospel Expressions, The Carson Family, the Wondering Souls, and the Laboraires of Charlotte. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Mason and Eastern Stars of District 3.

• **Northeast Seventh Day Adventist**
827 Tom Hunter Road
Clothing giveaway 3-5 p.m.

• **Muhammad Mosque**
3300 Tuckaseegee Road
Minister Abdul Bey Muhammad, author of "Louisiana Lynching: A Modern Day Legacy of an X-Slave," will speak at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

• Pastors and Spouses Gathering and Continental Breakfast, at 9:30 a.m. Hilton Executive Park, 5624 Westpark Drive. Worship service and discussion of problems in the ministry. For information, call (719) 548-5807.

Sunday

• **Greater Hopewell AME Zion Church**
11333 Beatties Ford Road
Huntersville
The church will host its annual 12 Tribes program at 6 p.m.

• **Bethany Missionary Baptist**
4700 Willard St.
Women's Day will be observed Sunday. The speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Erma Kirkpatrick of Antioch Baptist Church. Special ser-

vices will be held at 2:30 p.m. and feature the Rev. Charlene Hendricks-Stewart, pastor of Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church.

• **Trinity Park Baptist**
9115 Trinity Road
The church will celebrate its 24th anniversary at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. C.N. Gray, pastor of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Huntersville.

• **New St. John Baptist**
2000 St. John's Church Road
Women's Day will be observed Sunday. The 8 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Annie Mae Massey of St. James Holiness Church. The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Daisy Grandberry of Macedonia Baptist Church, Mount Holly. Special services will be held at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Virginia McIlwain of Flintridge Baptist Church, Lancaster, S.C.

• **Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist**
3901 Heathcliff Road
Concord
The church will celebrate the anniversary of the Rev. E.R. Kirkpatrick at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. J.N. Coble, pastor of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m.

• **Second Calvary Baptist**
114 Nelson Ave.
Conclusion of Sewing Seeds, Harvest Reaping fund raiser will be held at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Osbey Roddey of Langrum Branch Baptist Church of York, S.C. A reception will be held afterward, and the Historical Archive Room will be opened.

• **New Shiloh Baptist**
2600 Elmin St.
Youth Spring Revival will begin at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Ervin Milsaps, pastor of Greater Fellowship Baptist Church. Services continue through Friday at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Anthony Jinwright, pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

• **Steele Creek AME Zion Church**
1500 Shopton Road
The Deaconess Board will celebrate its anniversary at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Ronald Stinson, pastor of Vestibule AME Zion Church in Kings Mountain.

Monday

• Youth for Christ Music Workshop, featuring the Rev. John P. Kee through May 3. Youth age 6-16 are invited to attend. The workshop will be held at Garr Memorial Church, 7700 Wallace Road. For more information, call 556-1853.

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Dr. Carl Arrington

Greater Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church

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Bishop can not support abortion

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WILMINGTON, Del. — The retiring bishop of Delaware's Episcopal Church says he no longer can support abortion rights because abortion is often used as a means of birth control.

"I am troubled by a society which will not be responsible for its sexuality. Increasingly, we are using abortion as a means of birth control. That is intolerable," Bishop Cabell Tennis told delegates gathered Saturday for the 212th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware.

Tennis, a lawyer by training, wrote an historic opinion last May for a church court saying the Episcopal Church has no

doctrine forbidding ordination of sexually active homosexuals.

The ruling threatens to further divide the church which has seen its ranks drop sharply over the last three decades.

The ruling followed a case in which a retired bishop was charged by the church with heresy for ordaining a deacon he knew was engaged in a homosexual relationship. The ruling averted the first heresy trial of an Episcopal bishop since the 1920s.

Tennis, 64, who has openly supported abortion rights in the past, said his new position is a reasonable response to nearly two decades of spiritual reflection on the subject.

"We are asserting so-called rights to deny life to the ultimately vulnerable," Tennis said. "I can no longer stand apart from the unborn and the unwanted. Something about the connection between abortion and rights of the unborn did not fit me."

Statistics show nearly half of abortions are performed on married women who do not want children, he said.

Tennis, however, said he still felt there are "situations in which abortion is the lesser of two evils, certainly in the case of rape or when the life of the mother is threatened."

Tennis also urged the church to speak out against capital punishment and suggested multiple divorces and mar-

riages among heterosexuals is more damaging to families than homosexual relationships.

"It is time to face the truth that serial polygamy, mostly by husbands who wish to replace their wives, is at the root of the collapse of family values," Tennis said.

Denial hurts AIDS efforts

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women.

AIDS is the No. 1 killer of African Americans age 25-44.

Going to the faith community is logical, Curry says.

"The faith community teaches morality and abstinence," Curry says. "It would help if they also had information on prevention methods handy as well. Churches should have info on what AIDS is and what AIDS isn't."

Tara Foster, a minority health educator for the Metrolina AIDS Project, says the church is the perfect launching pad for AIDS

information.

"The church for the African American community is a place we feel is ours," Foster says. "The church is a place where we feel we can get information. On Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, people know they can get a message."

Foster says that in the beginning churches were hesitant to get involved, but now she sees them asking more questions.

"It has been a slow process," she says. "But now we're seeing more openness about delivering info about AIDS and HIV. Ministers are beginning to see

that they have members who are affected or infected by the disease."

The N.C. African American Faith Initiative will present Clergy and Ministers HIV and AIDS Prevention Education Training Conference Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft St. The conference is free and lunch will be provided to participants. To reserve a space, call 393-2005.

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Police brutality topic at Charlotte mosque

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Muhammad will be in Charlotte Saturday at 7 p.m. at Muhammad Mosque, 3300 Tuckaseegee Road. Tickets are \$7.

Muhammad says he has a powerful message for Charlotte that will probably include a call for a citizens review board. Many Charlotteans are also calling for a review board in the wake of the shooting deaths of

three unarmed African Americans over the last three years.

"I'm in favor of a citizens review board that is not interested in covering anything up," Muhammad said. "Or not interested in lies. I'm interested in solutions. Not just for Charlotte, but throughout the country."

For more information, call 377-6937.

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