

This page is devoted to happenings around Cobb in the religious community — upcoming and recent events, fundraisers, ministry news, seminars, honors and awards, and more. Send news and photos (jpegs) to [lifestyle@mdjonline.com](mailto:lifestyle@mdjonline.com).

RELIGION ■ BRIEFS

Shiloh Hills Baptist Church to host Triumphant Quartet and Soul'd Out Quartet in evening concert on April 9

Staff reports

Triumphant Quartet and Soul'd Out Quartet will perform in concert on Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

Nationally acclaimed Triumphant Quartet has been voted Favorite Male Quartet of the Year for five years; and Eric Bennett has been voted Best Bass Singer of the Year for six years. They have had several #1 hits, including "Love Came Calling" (Song of the Year) and their "Awesome God" album was voted Favorite Album of the Year by Singing News Magazine.

Also appearing will be the Soul'd Out Quartet, a full time ministry touring 25 states each year.

They have won the Singing News Magazine Horizon Group of the Year Award as well as SoGospelnews.com's Breakthrough Artist Award.

The Exodus Trio will perform in a special "pre-concert" event at 5:30 p.m.

Plan now to enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel singing. Tickets are available at the door. Shiloh Hills Baptist Church is at 75 Hawkins Store Road in Kennesaw.

For more information, contact Robert York at 770-617-0359.

Three Youth in Mission scholarship recipients will be serving next week on mission trips across globe

Staff reports

Three Youth in Mission scholarship recipients will be serving next week on mission trips. The organization assisted with travel fees for their trip.



Dean Whiting

The scholarship recipients are Dean Whiting, who will be traveling on his mission trip to Romania with Marietta First Presbyterian Youth Group, and and Julia Whitten and Maggie Langheim, who will be traveling on their mission trip to Nicaragua with Amigos for Christ and Prince of Peace Life Teen group.



Julia Whitten

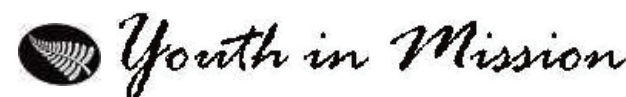
According to the organization website, Youth in Mission has been sending teams of young adults from the USA and Canada Nazarene Colleges/Universities to the far reaches of the globe for participating in missions since the 1960s. Youth in Mission alumni can be found across the world engaging in various vocations.



Maggie Langheim

Youth in Mission's main goal in equipping young adults is to join God in what He is already doing by sending team members to mission alongside location coordinators in the local church context in various postures of ministry, including but not limited to local church ministry, sports and athletic camps, community volunteer projects, volunteering with shelters, nursing homes and children's programs, as well as various promotion efforts.

For more information, visit [www.youthinmission.org](http://www.youthinmission.org).



MARIETTA ■ COMMEMORATION

Zion Baptist Church to celebrate 150th anniversary with services

Staff reports

MARIETTA — Zion Baptist Church will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary on Sunday, April 10 with special worship services at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Zion is pleased to announce the following will serve as guest speakers for each service: the Rev. Robert Crummie, President and CEO of Carver



Bible College in Atlanta, and Pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

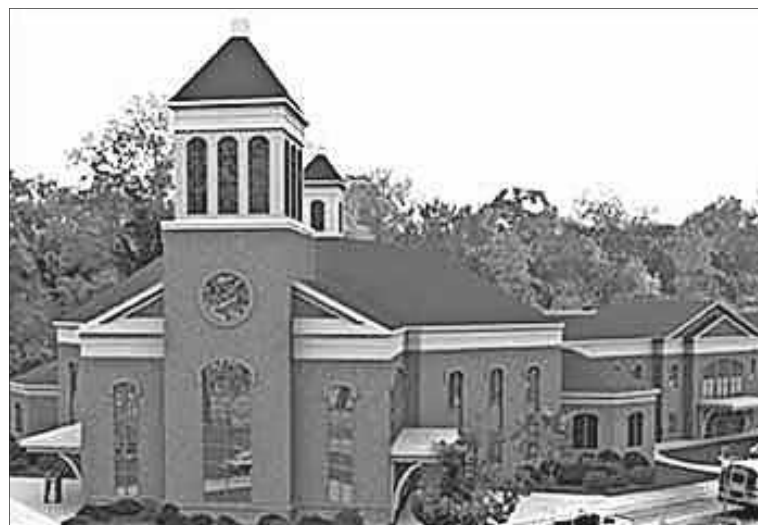
in College Park, at 10:30 a.m.; Monica Kaufman Pearson, former news anchor for WSB-TV, Channel 2 (Atlanta); and guest speaker Rev. James McCarroll, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The theme for this monumental occasion is "Remembering the Past, Rejoicing in the Present, Ready for the Future." The community is invited to attend this memorable, once in a century event.

Zion Baptist Church, led by Pastor Harris T. Travis since 1992, has a rich heritage in serving as the oldest African American Baptist church in historic Marietta. Zion's year-long celebration will culminate with three spectacular events: 150th Anniversary and Pastor Travis' Retirement Gala on April 8 at 6 p.m.; 150th Church Anniversary Worship Services



Above: The Rev. Harris Travis, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church. Zion Baptist Church, below, led by Pastor Travis since 1992, has a rich heritage in serving as the oldest African American Baptist church in historic Marietta.



on April 10, and Zion, The Play on May 21-22. This will be a time of great celebration and individuals of all faiths are invited to join in any of the

upcoming festivities. The church is at 165 Lemon Street, Marietta. Visit [zion-150marietta.org](http://zion-150marietta.org) for additional information.

MARIETTA ■ EVENT

New Friendship Missionary Church to have three-day Spring Revival starting Wednesday

MARIETTA — The New Friendship Missionary Church, at 1251 Villa Rica Road in Marietta, will have a three-day Spring Revival beginning on Wednesday, April 6.

The Rev. Willie Caldwell and Zion Missionary Baptist Church will participate on Wednesday.

On Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8, the revival will see the Rev. Robert Holmes and

Hickory Log Missionary Baptist Church as guest speakers.

Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

For further information contact, 770-427-3303.

COLUMNIST ■ BILLY GRAHAM

Thank God for making you the person you are

**Q:** Why did God make me such a shy person? I want to make friends and be accepted by people, but whenever I get in a crowd I just freeze up and don't even talk to anyone. Sometimes I wish I was someone else. — D.C.

**A:** We're all different, and I suppose most of us have looked at someone who seemed more talented or personable than we were, and wished we were in their shoes. But of course we aren't, and being envious of them never gets us anywhere. Job declared, "Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple" (Job 5:2).

Instead of wishing you were someone else, thank God for making you the person you are. No one else is exactly the way you are — and God had a reason for making you into the unique person you are. For example, over the years I've found that people who are self-assured and proud often don't feel any need for God. Why envy them or wish you were like them? The Bible says, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (James 4:6).

At the same time, God wants to help you overcome your shyness and become more confident around others. This probably won't happen suddenly — but step by step, you can learn to reach out



Billy Graham

to others and become their friend. All around you are people who may be just like you are — and they'd welcome your friendship.

The most important step you can take, however, is to discover the One who will always be your friend: Jesus Christ. If you have never done so, ask Him to come into your life today. Then ask Him to lead you to a church where you'll not only grow spiritually, but you can meet others who will value your friendship.

**Q:** I do the same boring thing every day, and I wonder sometimes why God didn't give me a more interesting job. Maybe I daydream too much about living the way celebrities and people like that live. Does God actually care about our jobs? — Mrs. J.T.

**A:** Yes, God cares about every part of our lives — including our jobs. After all, every workday our jobs probably consume at least a third of our time — so why wouldn't God be concerned about them?

But it goes far deeper than that, because our responsibility to work actually comes from God. Even in the Gar-

den of Eden — before Adam and Eve rebelled against God but were living in perfect harmony with Him — He provided work for them to do. In other words, work has dignity and significance in the eyes of God. The Bible says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15).

This doesn't mean our work is always easy or pleasant — because it isn't. Like a deadly virus, sin now corrupts everything we do, including our work. But God has not forgotten us, and He wants to transform our work into something that brings blessing to others — and to us.

Thank God for the work He has given

you; many today can't find work and would be grateful to be in your position. Then pray for your fellow workers, and ask God to help you encourage them and point them to Jesus. Above all, ask God to help you do your work well — and for His glory. The Bible says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters" (Colossians 3:23).

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-877-2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: [www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org).

VERSE OF THE DAY

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