

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Jan. 10-12

**New Year's revival**  
Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc. is hosting a three-night New Year's revival Jan. 10, 11 and 12. The guest minister is Rev. Keith Martin of Rehoboth Baptist Church in Gastonia. Join us. Services will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. at Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle, 111 Back Forty Drive in Winston-Salem. Bishop John H. Heath is pastor and founder. For more information, call 336-784-5683.

Jan. 11-13

**Women's conference**  
The New Generation Praise and Worship Christian Church will host its first annual Women of Virtue, Vision and Victory Conference Jan. 11-13. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 and will end on Saturday with a prayer breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. Guest speakers will be Prophetess Gloria Samuels of Goodwill Baptist Church, Pastor Cindy Parker of Total Victory Ministry and Minister Tammy Simon of A Resting Place Ministry. For information, call the church, 771-2710.

Jan. 12

**MLK celebration planned**  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration will held Jan. 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2001 Pittsburg Ave. in the Kimberly Park community. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information call 727-2740.

Jan. 14

**56th anniversary celebration**  
The Senior Choir of Zion Memorial Baptist Church has rescheduled its 56th anniversary celebration for Sunday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m. The choir's special guest will be the J.R. Samuels Ensemble of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church.

The church is at 101 N. Dunleith Ave. in Winston-Salem. Parking is available in the rear of the church at the corner of First Street and Jackson Avenue. Sister Lottie Cunningham is the choir's president. Sister Vivian Webber is program chairperson. Dr. Joseph Jones is pastor of the church.

**MLK worship service**

First Baptist Church Highland Avenue and Wake Forest Baptist will join in a worship service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m. in Wait Chapel on the Wake Forest University campus. Dr. Brad Braxton, Wake Forest Divinity School, will preach. Denise Peyton, supervisor of music instruction for Cumberland County Schools, will conduct the combined choirs. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Wendell Johnson is pastor of First Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Groves is pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church.

Jan. 17-19

**Three-day revival**

The ministerial staff of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will host a three-day revival Jan. 17-19 at 7 p.m. There will be a different speaker each night. The pastor, Bishop Claude C. Turner, and the congregation invite you to worship with us. The church is at 4951 Manning Road, Winston-Salem. For more information, call Ms. E.G. Fletcher, 721-3290 or 744-2700.

Jan. 19

**"Women to Women in Unity"**

Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend the "Women to Women in Unity" Celebration on Jan. 19 at First Wauhtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia Street, Winston-Salem, where Dennis Bishop is senior pastor.

The speaker for this kickoff celebration will be Evangelist Sandra Young of New Faith Holiness Church. Come and be blessed.

## Goodwill Baptist Church announces 2000 Spirit of Excellence awards

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

At its annual year-end Spirit and Truth Banquet, Goodwill Baptist Church announced the member and ministry that received the Spirit of Excellence awards for the year 2000. The member of the year is voted on by the members of the church. A vote of recognition by your peers is one of the most memorable recognitions a person can achieve. The award this year was presented to Deacon Willie "Q" Cuthrell Jr.

Cuthrell has been a member of Goodwill Baptist Church since birth. He was born to Willie Cuthrell Sr. and Eva Cuthrell. He is married to Belinda Cuthrell (nee Foulks) and they will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary this year. Deacon Cuthrell has four children: Timothy, Sherika, Wesley and Christopher.

Deacon Cuthrell became a deacon in 1999 and has held many positions throughout the ministry. He is currently president of the Men's Ministry,



Public Relations Ministry: sitting - Evangelist Alberta Cuthrell, Esther Bryant; standing, left to right - Rufus Cuthrell Jr., Minister Shirley Vinson, Aisha Jains, Geigh Jackson, Clyde H. Rich Jr., Belinda Rich, Taijuan Clodfelter. Not shown: Anita McKnight, Diauna Horton and Deacon Rufus Cuthrell Sr.

which includes the transportation ministry. He is the former president of the usher/security ministry, which, through his efforts, has become a highly effective and visible ministry at

the church. Cuthrell works for the city of Winston-Salem in the transportation division.

When asked to remark on his achievements and recognition

awards, he said: "I love God, my pastor and first lady. When I keep these three things in mind, walking and ministering in spir-

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## The cost and expectation of discipleship



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-33

**Lesson Aims:** to understand the expectations of discipleship and to recognize that true discipleship demands total commitment.

**Background:** After Nazareth, Jesus' ministry stepped up a notch. The demon in a possessed man recognized Jesus. When he refused to be quiet, Jesus drove him out of the man. Peter's mother-in-law and others were healed. The fishermen were called to follow Him. People were healed and Matthew (Levi) became a disciple.

In chapter 6, Jesus established the priority God has on human need. The Beatitudes were stated, further showing the value of each person. Love and forgiveness were also stressed. The foundation for life in both areas isn't just knowing the truth, it is practicing it. Jesus concentrated on the role of faith in chapter 7. In chapters 8 and 9, He trained the disciples.

**Lesson:** Jesus' popularity is growing. "Training is vital, for the disciples will carry out his mission after the departure" (Bible Expositor and Illuminator). Many want to become His followers for various reasons. The lesson records three people making the request.

"The first potential disciple is concerned more with material security" (UMI Direction Teacher). This person, no doubt, is under the impression that following Jesus is the popular thing to do, just like James and John, who wanted to sit on both sides of Jesus. Could they stand the pressure? Anticipating a political movement against the oppressive Romans, he wants to get in on the ground floor. Jesus' response is a stern one. All of creation has a place to rest yet the Son of Man does not. Can you live with that?

Another person comes to Jesus and He invites him to "follow Me."

This person offers an excuse. "Let me bury my father first, then I'll come." This response places tradition above the ministry.

Jesus' response here has often been misrepresented. It isn't that Jesus cares so little for the dead but emphasis is on the present: A similar excuse by non-believers is, "When I get right, I'll come to church." A real problem with this first statement is that you cannot get right without God. Second, the church is the refuge center for the sick. Don't put off today for tomorrow, especially when it comes to discipleship.

The third person wants to be a disciple after he bids his family farewell. The man puts human relationships above Christ. Jesus tells him not to look back once you give your life to Christ.

In teaching the multitudes to follow Him, Jesus tells them to "hate" their relatives. The literal meaning of this word doesn't apply. This language is used to convey the message of total commitment. Jesus tells them that before a major project is started, "count the cost" first.

**Application:** Discipleship is a lifestyle pure and simple. Americans often look for the quick fix, the easy and painless way out and the road to fame and fortune. We desire lives of comfort and ease. Jesus is popular. Why not be in the mix? Why not get material security and earthly fame? Unfortunately, we want a

painless and convenient faith.

Jesus tells us that this isn't happening. Following Him is at times painful and uncertain. No, we aren't expected to neglect our

families but we must keep Him first. As believers, God wants us to be truly committed to the mission. It may not always be pleasant, but we're not alone.

### Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church of W-S, Inc.



Dr. A. Thomas Griffith, III  
Pastor/Teacher

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Schedule of Worship Services

Sunday Morning Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Monday Study Class	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Bible Study and Preach Night	7:00 p.m.

"To Love, To Know, To Serve and To Grow God's Kingdom!"



Pastor & Mrs. C. E. Gray

### Mt. Olive Baptist Church

1301 E. Belevs Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
336-724-5842 or 721-1959

Listing of Services

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday	12:00 Noon &
Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

"Let God Be God"

### Macedonia Holiness Church Of God Of The Apostolic Faith, Inc.



Bishop R. L. Wise, Sr.  
D.D.;S.T.D. - Pastor

Sunday Services

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast (WAAA 980)	2:00 p.m.
M.Y.P.U.	6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Prayer & Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
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## Installation and consecration at Galilee Baptist Church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Galilee Missionary Baptist Church family will hold its annual Installation and Consecration Service on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. The special guest for this service will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Jackson and members of the Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C.

This service will include the installation of the Galilee 2001 ministry leaders and officers.

The consecration service will include the following members of the deaconess ministry: Dorothy Withers, Tonya Tate, Delphine Dennis, Deirdre Robinson, Linda Hairston, Dianna Ball, Wanda Hart, Sandra Hart, Patricia Holiday and Deborah Mobley.

The guest minister, the Rev. Dr. Charles Jackson, is a native of West Columbia, S.C. He was called to pastor Brookland Baptist Church in 1980. He is a graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School and Benedict College in Columbia S.C., where he received a bachelor of

science degree in mathematics. He earned a master of divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Morris College in Sumter, S.C.

He is the former president of the S.C. Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the Gethsemane Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He has held and still holds membership in a number of denominational, civic and community organizations. He is a life member of the NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the Golden Square Lodge 283 of the Free and Accepted Masons of the World. He is married to the former Robin Hoefler, and they are the parents of two children.

The Rev. Robert E. Lee McGowens Sr. is the pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

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