

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Oct. 26, 28

### Cathedral of Refuge Church celebrating anniversary

Pastor Anthony B. Wilson and the Cathedral of Refuge Church family invite you to celebrate in the closing of our fourth annual church anniversary. On Friday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., we will worship with Pastor Alvin E. Carlisle of A Resting Place Church in Winston-Salem. On Sunday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., a Founder's Day celebration will be held with Bishop Edwin D. Newsome of Spirit-Filled Church in Goldsboro. For more information and/or transportation, call the church office at (336) 595-1960.

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### Smith Grove AME to hold homecoming

Homecoming celebrations will be held on Oct. 28 at Smith Grove AME Zion Church, 3707 S. Hwy. 158, Mocksville. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Evangelist Sylvia Campbell, associate minister of Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. The 3 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Reginald Hunt, pastor of Mennonite Brethren Church of God in Boone. Recording guest artists and choirs will sing. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Conita A. Hunt is pastor.

Directions to Smith Grove: travel 40 West to Exit 801. Turn left at stoplight. Go one block to Hwy. 158. Turn right. Travel about five miles on Hwy. 158. Church is on the right.

### Phillips Chapel Baptist to hold Women's Ministry Fellowship

Women's Ministry Fellowship will be held Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church fellowship hall, 132 Glenn Ave. in Winston-Salem, 723-9451. The guest speaker will be Rev. Conita Hunt, pastor of Smith Grove AME Zion Church in Mocksville.

### St. Stephens to install deacons

On Oct. 28 at 6 p.m., St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church will install nine new deacons. They are Ronald Carlton, Leon Farrow, Aldine Gibson, John Greer, Lafonzo Hairston, Roosevelt Hopkins, Clifford Hubbard, Darryl Jackson and Emanuel Mickens Sr. The speaker will be Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr., executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. The public is invited.

### St. Mark Baptist to have its annual Men and Women Day

On Oct. 28 at 4 p.m., St. Mark Baptist Church will have its annual Men and Women Day. Rev. Joseph Parks and the members of Grace United Community Baptist Church will be the host guests. The public is invited. The church is at 1100 Manley Street. Dr. Rev.

James Fulwood is the pastor and teacher.

### First Waughtown Baptist to break ground for multi-purpose worship center

First Waughtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia Street in Winston-Salem, will have a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$1.7 million multipurpose worship center on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. Batten Construction Co. is the general contractor for this project. Dennis W. Bishop is the senior pastor.

### Young Adult Usher Board of First Waughtown Baptist to celebrate anniversary

The Young Adult Usher Board of First Waughtown Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary on Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. Elder Robert Edmond of Kimberly Park Holiness Church will be the guest speaker. Dennis W. Bishop is the host pastor. The church is at 838 Moravia Street in Winston-Salem.

### Choir anniversary at Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance

On Oct. 28, the Young Adult Choir of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will host its choir's anniversary at 4 p.m. The church is at 4951 Manning Street in Winston-Salem. Bishop Claude C. Turner is the pastor. The public is invited. For more information, call 721-3290.

### True Temple Holiness Church of God will have Family and Friends Day

True Temple Holiness Church of God will have Family and Friends Day on Oct. 28 during the 11 a.m. service. Pastor Apostle Wallace Gaither will be the speaker. Immediately following, they will have their first annual Calendar Tea. The church is at 1232 Mint Street in Winston-Salem in the Happy Hill Garden community. For more information, call 748-0965.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2

### United Triad Fellowship service will be held at True Temple Holiness

The United Triad Fellowship service will be held at True Temple Holiness Church Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 with services at 7:30 nightly. The speakers will be Bishop Antonio Johnson, pastor and founder of Love Fellowship Church in Winston-Salem; Apostle Wallace Gaither, pastor and founder of True Temple Holiness Church in Winston-Salem; and Apostle D.L. Hunter, pastor and founder of Love Cathedral in Jamestown. There will be guest choirs and guest musicians from around the Triad. The United Triad Fellowship consists of eight churches in the Triad. Everyone is invited. The church is at 1232 Mint Street. Apostle Wallace Gaither is the host pastor.

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## St. James AME to hold Family and Friends Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The annual Family and Friends Day at St. James AME Church will be Oct. 28.

This annual occasion had its beginning in 1989, when members of the Green family transferred their membership from Allen AME Church, Jamaica, Queens, New York.

Former Congressman Dr. Floyd Flake, accompanied by his choir and congregation, was in charge of the 11 a.m. service. Former Congressman Steve Neal was also present.

Edward Green passed in 1998, but his wife, Vandelia, and family continue to promote his annual occasion. For 12 consecutive years, the Russell family has represented the largest family, followed by the Miller and Green families, respectively. Families will

travel from far and near to fellowship with each other.

Service will begin at 9:30 a.m., with Ward B. Miller in charge of Sunday school. A memorial service will be held for those affected by the terrorist attacks (during the devotional period).

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service will be Arthur G. Affleck, J.D. Affleck serves as vice chancellor for university advancement at Winston-Salem State University. He also serves as vice chair for operations for



Affleck

the Winston-Salem State University Foundation. Within the University of North

Carolina system, he serves on the state relations and federal relations committees.

His professional memberships and associations include the N.Y. State Bar, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, 100 Black Men of America Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He is a member of the Piedmont Club and Bermuda Run Country Club.

Affleck earned a bache-



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lor's degree in biology from Tuskegee University, a master's degree in administration and supervision of higher education from Auburn University, a juris doctor degree from the American University Washington College of Law and a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is married with three children.

The 2001 theme is "Importance of Family and Friends in Trying Times."

Pastor Mary F. Peterson, first female pastor of the local church, will open the doors to Christian discipleship and bring the closing remarks. Nigel Alston is the pastor's steward and chairperson of the occasion's activities.

The public is invited.

## Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. to celebrate pastoral anniversary

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Union Baptist Church will celebrate the second pastoral anniversary of Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Rev. Bruce Hurst, pastor of Miles Chapel Baptist Church in Mebane, will be the morning speaker. Rev. John Wilkins, pastor of Wake Chapel Church in Raleigh, will preach the afternoon service.

Mack was called as the pastor of Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem in April 1999. Under his spiritual leadership, the church has experienced significant growth.

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Mack answered the call to ministry and delivered his initial sermon on June 10, 1990, at Emanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. On July 25, 1991, he was ordained into the Rowan Baptist Association. Responding to the spiritual and academic preparation for ministry, he graduated from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, with his doctor of ministry degree. He received his degree under tutelage of Drs. William Augustus Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh

Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; the notable C. Eric Lincoln, author and professor emeritus of Duke University; and William C. Turner, preaching professor at Duke University.

The title of Mack's study is "A Prophetic Praxis That Empowers Reconciliation Among Male Juvenile Delinquents in the African-American Community." Mack developed a program titled the Reconciliation Empowerment Program (REP), inspired by a mission trip to Haiti, where he provided ministry among male orphans.

Mack is a native of Winston-

Salem. He is the son of Frances Jones Mack and the late Dr. Sir Walter Mack Sr.

Mack Jr. began post-secondary education at Elon College, from where, in 1989, he earned his bachelor of arts degree in mass communications. He is a man who has touched the lives of old, young, near, and far, spreading the word of God as he was commanded to do.

Union Baptist Church is at 1200 N. Trade Street. Mack is pastor and teacher. For more information, call 724-9305 or visit the Web site at [www.union-baptistswnc.org](http://www.union-baptistswnc.org).

## We can fool each other, but we can't fool God



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

**Lesson Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Lesson aims:** to recognize that individuals are not the judge for humanity, to understand that the way you treat others is a reflection of your love for Christ and to concentrate on being prepared for His return instead of when He returns.

**Background:** Jesus and His disciples left the temple at the beginning of Chapter 24. They commented on the beauty of the temple. Jesus responded that it would be torn down. That generated many questions about the future. The major ones were: When will the temple come down? What will be the sign of His coming? What will be the sign of the end?

Jesus answered them in reverse order using a parable.

Very common ideas from the Old Testament were used as the signs for the end of the age: great distress, wars, growing wickedness and persecution. Jesus didn't give them any signs about the destruction of the temple.

The remainder of Chapter 24 (verse 36) through Chapter 25 focuses on watchfulness instead of a timetable. Jesus wanted them to be ready because no one knows the day or the hour that He will return. The first two parables in this chapter highlight what believers ought to be doing: serving faithfully and putting talents to use for Him.

**Lesson:** When Jesus comes the second time, He will be in "His glory." Not bound by flesh and earthly cloths, He will be wrapped in light upon chariots of the sun ("UMI Direction Teacher"). Close examination of this passage makes it more of a prophecy than a parable.

Holy angels will accompany this King of Kings as He sits on the throne. The judge of humanity will summon all nations. This judgment is not

collective but based on the actions of each individual. Jesus exemplified humility, honesty and compassion, and now He comes for those who are godly. He is the Good Shepherd and He knows His sheep. By the same token, they know Him.

Sheep are mentioned often in Scripture. Many times sheep and goatherds graze together. The shepherd leads them, finds water and suitable grazing, and protects them. Goats, on the other hand, have an offensive odor and are strong willed.

"These animals will eat anything, including bark and twigs" ("The Bible Almanac"). The returning Lord will separate the people into one of the previous categories. This division is based on how people are treated. The criteria are given. The sheep that are on the right followed the standard by Christ and the goats didn't. The sheep symbolize blessing, honor and favor. On the left, goats represent worthlessness and condemnation.

**Application:** Sooner or later, the Last Judgment is coming. Far too often we get

"caught up in the "when" instead of concentrating on "preparedness." Stop fretting. Are you ready?

There's no stopping it; you don't need to call anyone. Jesus is our role model; follow Him. You do get tired and yes at times it can be inconvenient. At times it is costly.

On Sunday at St. Stephens Baptist Church, the Pastor's Aide had a program. The drama "Company's Coming" was a part of it. It is a delightful play in which a Christian woman is expecting an important visitor. She turns away all of the people who needed her in preparation for her guest. At the end, she gets the message.

Sometimes we lose sight of the Lord's standards and forget about the "least" of these. We must remain humble (all have sinned), do justly and have compassion for others. Our motives must be pure (love)! We know the expectations. As Nike puts it, "Just do it!" Jesus is coming back to judge all of humanity. Don't you want to be on the right? We can fool each other; we can't fool the all-wise and all-knowing God.

See you in Sunday school.

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