

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Jan. 9-11

Conference 2002: "A New Thing for a New Year"

God is doing a new thing in the body of Christ. Those who submit to His authority, wisdom and guidance will reap the blessings and benefits of His love.

Join us and celebrate a "New Thing" at New Trinity Baptist Church on Jan. 9, 10 and 11. The service starts at 7:15 each night. The church is at 1240 E. 22nd Street. The pastor is Michael D. Samuels.

Jan. 9-11, 13

Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle is holding 2002 Winter Revival

Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle is holding its 2002 Winter Revival Jan. 9, 10 and 11. The special guest speaker is an anointed, dynamic man of God, Bishop George Bloomer from Bethel Family Worship Center in Durham.

The revival will continue on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m. with a special anointed service by our very own Bishop John Health. Join us. Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle is at 111 Back Forty Drive. Heath is pastor and founder.

Jan. 13

Forsyth County United Usher Board to meet

The monthly meeting of the Forsyth County United Usher Board will be held at First Waughtown Baptist Church on Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. All ushers are invited. For more information, contact Rodney McCormick at 788-1664.

St. James AME Church to hold Steward and Trustee Day

The annual Steward and Trustee Day at St. James AME Church will be held Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. The speaker for the occasion is the Rev. Annie H. Dalton. Nigel Alston, pastor's steward, and Edward Russell, vice chair of the Trustee Board, are in charge of this occasion. The Rev. Mary F. Peterson, pastor, will bring the closing remarks.

The public is invited. The church is at 1501 Patterson Ave.

Jan. 15

Piano concert will help support food bank

George Winston will perform a solo piano concert Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Maple Springs United Methodist Church, 2569 Reynolda Road. Join us in support of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina by bringing a donation of canned food to the concert. Call (336) 813-0701 for tickets and information.

Jan. 19

Wadsworth Congregational Church will hold women's workshop

On Saturday, Jan. 19, Wadsworth Congregational Church will hold a women's workshop. The theme is

"Empowered Women for God." The first session will begin at 10 a.m. Minister Annette Dickens, associate minister of Faith Baptist Church in Gibsonville, will conduct this session. Lunch will be served at noon. The second session will begin at 1 p.m. Deaconess Carolyn Gray of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem will conduct this session.

The church is at 1301 Rock Creek Dairy Road in Whitsett in Guilford County. Rev. George A. Wooten is the pastor.

Other

Bible study class for women at Oak Grove Baptist

A Bible study class for women is being held at Oak Grove Baptist Church every first and third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. All interested women are encouraged to attend. The church is at 3978 Pine Hall Road, Walkertown. Rev. I.L. Anthony is the pastor.

St. Peter's World Outreach Center announces community services

St. Peter's World Outreach Center announces community services: Main switchboard - 650-0200. Bookstore hours - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 784-3088. Child development center - 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-4 years, 650-1830. Family life enrichment center - before/after-school program, aerobics classes, fitness track, lunch service in food court, meeting spaces, facility-rental for special occasions, 784-3121. Family support program - GED classes, community resources for families, Smart Start workshops, 784-9339. Worship services - Sunday, 10 a.m.; first and third Sundays, 6 p.m. Prayer - noon Monday and Friday; Wednesday, after 7 p.m. Bible study; Saturday at 8 a.m. Healing school - Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Healing service - Tuesday at 7 p.m. Bible study - Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

House of Judah Church opens doors for worship

The House of Judah Church has opened its doors for worship at 2411 Urban Street in Winston-Salem. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., with morning worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday prayer and worship service is at 7 p.m. The pastor is Elder Ricky A. Pounçy. For more information, call 721-3290.

New Calvary Apostolic announces services at new location

Pastor Donnell D. Miller and members of New Calvary Apostolic Church invite you to attend services at their new location, 4370 Pinehall Road in Walkertown. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service is at 4 p.m., and Tuesday night Bible study is at 7.

For more information, call Miller at (336) 595-9625.

What Grace Provides



UNC-TV will pay homage to the legendary Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth, with a special look back at his career, their marriage and their family. "Ruth and Billy Graham: What Grace Provides" will air Monday on the station at 8 p.m.

In the face of our sins, God offers restoration



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Lesson Aims: to understand an appreciate the "Great Invitation," extended to all, to realize that God wants us to seek Him first in all that we do, and to recognize that restoration and redemption are universal.

Background: During the mid-eighth century, B.C., Israel and Judah experienced a period of prosperity that rivaled their Golden Age (David and Solomon). The period was characterized by material gain, "business and political corruption, exploitation, and fragmented families" ("UMI Direction Teacher"). As usual, the more they got, the more they wanted. God sent prophets to encourage them to repent and be redeemed. If they refused, His judgment would come. Israel (Northern Kingdom) ignored the warnings and fell to Assyria in 722 B.C. More prophets brought God's Word to Judah, the Southern Kingdom, along with the promise of judgment.

Isaiah served God for about 54 years. During that time, the economy began to slow and the threat of enemy takeover became real.

The prophet brought stinging words of judgment from God along with hope. His message was twofold. First, it was to the current people of Judah, and second, it was to future generations. Like their sister nation (Israel), the people of Judah did not heed the warnings. Sin ran rampant. Isaiah declared God's Word to the entire nation from the king down to the poor. Chapters 54-59 are often referred to as the universal "message of restoration and redemption" ("UMI").

Lesson: Most scholars call Chapter 55 the "Great Invitation." While it is directed to the Judeans when they return from exile (hadn't happened yet), it is also aimed at future generations of Gentiles. Quite easy to understand, the symbols are universal. Everyone can grasp the meaning of thirst and hunger. Isaiah, maybe in the marketplace, cries out for them to return to God. His words force them to examine themselves. Satisfaction based on things is void. There will always be something missing, so they continue to run after things that perish! The prophet wants them to know that true satisfaction comes from God alone. They are cautioned to stop wasting their time, money and efforts on fruitless things. God's New Covenant will be the fulfillment of all of the previous ones (Abraham, Moses, David). "The New Covenant

(Jesus) is everlasting, unconditional and universal" ("UMI").

Nations that Judah didn't know as well as many that didn't exist will come to her for a better understanding of God. Judah will survive because God favors its people. They are told to repent and renew their relationship with God. He is merciful and forgiving, and He will pardon abundantly. God's thoughts and ways are higher than man's. There is

no comparison!

Application: My God is an awesome God! In the face of our sins, He offers restoration. When we didn't know Him, He offered redemption! Most of us can't fathom this. We don't deserve His mercy yet it is freely given. Our "becoming" takes time, yet He is long-suffering. He is for us as well as the remainder of His creation. He delivers, frees and

satisfies all who seek after him. The world doesn't think as God does. How can mankind? His ideals are higher than high. His covenant is everlasting and is free. There is no need for wealth, and power, high social standing in the community nor beauty to get in right relationship with Him.

The invitation is to all. Accept it today, and thirst and hunger no more.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the construction of the following projects will be opened and read in the auditorium of the transportation building in Raleigh, NC at 10:00 AM on January 15, 2002. No bids will be received after 10:00 AM. Bids, submitted on the same day they are to be opened. Shall be delivered to the auditorium of the transportation building.

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the standard specifications.

The Department of Transportation will provide upon request to any prequalified bidder a diskette on each project to assist him in preparing his bid on IBM compatible personal computers and a program used to enter the bid upon diskette.

The bidder shall furnish a non-collusion affidavit with each bid. Affidavit forms will be included in the proposal as part of the signature sheets.

A bid bond or deposit in the amount of 5% of the total amount bid will be required. The bidder shall use the standard bid bond form of the Department of Transportation. Unless he elects to furnish a bid deposit. Copies of this bond form will be enclosed with each proposal form. Additional bond forms may be obtained from the Raleigh office. (Phone-919-250-4124).

The minimum wage for labor will be shown in the proposal form for Federal Aid projects.

Contractor's License: A General Contractor's license is required in order to submit a bid on any non-federal aid project where the bid is \$30,000.00 or more. Except for certain specialty work as determined by the licensing board. For additional information or to make application for a license, apply to the Executive Secretary of the Contractor Licensing Board, P.O. Box 17187, Raleigh, NC 27619, (919-571-4183).

State Privilege License Taxes: Contractor's who bid upon and/or are awarded North Carolina Highway Construction Projects are subject to Contractor bidders and/or Contractor Project privilege license taxes under G.S. 105-54 of the State Revenue Laws. For information, write the North Carolina Department of Revenue, License and Excise Tax Division, P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640, or call 919-733-3673.

Prequalifying To Bid: All Prospective bidders shall be prequalified with The Department of Transportation prior to submitting a bid. Contractor's who are not prequalified may obtain information and forms for prequalifying from the Manager of Construction, Division of Highways, Department of Transportation, 1543 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1543. All required prequalification statements and documents shall be filed with the Manager of Construction at least two weeks prior to the date of opening bids.

The Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation to bid. Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in compensation to this award.

Proposal forms at \$25.00 each, 3.5" diskettes (for prequalified bidders only) (no charges). Plans (small size) at \$40.00 per set. Plans (large size) at \$100.00 per set, and cross-sections at \$40.00 per set, plus sales tax for N.C. Residents, may be obtained by telephoning (919-250-4124), faxing (919-250-4127), or writing to: Plans and Proposal, Design Services Unit, Department of Transportation, 1591 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1591. These charges are not deposits and will not be refunded. All orders for proposal forms, plans and cross-sections delivered in North Carolina are subject to 6.5% sales tax. Orders mailed to out of state Contractors are not subject to sales tax. Make all checks payable to the "NC Department of Transportation".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Today's date is December 18, 2001.

By Order of the Department of Transportation (The work will consist approximately as shown on the following sheets)