

**Lesson**

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year period of wandering is now over and, once again, The Chosen are at Kadesh Barnea without water. They have followed a specific pattern ever since they left Egypt. That cycle began with a problem or obstacle followed by complaints and grumbling. Moses and Aaron go to the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle) to pray on the behalf of the rebellious people. God would then respond to their needs. Over and over they replayed this pattern without realizing that God wants them to believe in Him and Him only. After all that He has done by now, you would think that they got it.

**Lesson:** Upon their return to Kadesh, Miriam dies. The sister of Moses and Aaron, she watched her baby brother float on the Nile and managed to get his mother as the "wet nurse" for pharaoh's daughter. Exodus 15:20 calls her a prophetess

who led the women in dance and song after crossing the Red Sea (Reed Sea). She and her brother, Aaron, had their faults as well. Soon after her burial, the people complain about the lack of water. Instead of consoling the men, they wished to return to a land that once enslaved their ancestors. What they know about Egypt is hearsay, yet they want to go back. Going to the Tent of Meeting, Moses and Aaron fall facedown to petition God on the behalf of the rebellious crowd. The Lord tells Moses to take his staff and to speak to the rock in the assembly. There is no anger in His voice as the needs of the people will be met. At the beginning of the Exodus, the lack of water posed a problem. That time (Exodus 17:1-7) Moses was told to strike the rock. The aim of God over and over is for the people to believe in Him. Throughout their many years of wandering, He supplied all of their needs and some of their wants. Where is their faith? Where is ours? Moses' sin is striking the

rock (twice) making it seem as if he is doing it. His anger and frustration got the best of him! Rebellion against God always leads to sin. His lashing out is actually against God, not the people. He doesn't honor God as the Provider, Guide, Protector, and Way Maker! Simply put, Moses upstages God. The people needed to see God, not Moses! Water comes from the rock, but God informs the leaders that they will not enter Canaan. Moses names the water "Meribah" meaning place of strife.

**Application:** 1 Samuel 15:22 states that obedience is better than sacrifice. Moses walked with God for many years. As the leader, his sacrifices were great, but obedience is better. God loves this better than a sacrifice. It is important for believers to recognize that we represent God in all that we do. Notice, I said "represent" not equal to. In all that is done God gets the glory, not us! Can we relate today's society to that of the wandering Israelites??

**Women's conference will feature health fair**

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mount Moriah Outreach Center is preparing for its 2009 women's conference and health fair - "A Ministry For Such A Time As This."

Ministering to women in every aspect of their lives - mind, body and soul - is the purpose of the event, which is designed to give women spiritual guidance and the tools to help protect them from the many health issues that plague the black community. The Health Fair will be on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 317 Jefferson St. in Kernersville.

Local health care professionals will be on hand to offer information on breast self exams, diabetes, blood pressure, BMI, portion control, sex education and heart health. The conference begins on Wednesday,



Hairston, Jeter and Halls

Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. with special guest speaker Elder Yolanda Hairston; Elder Debra Jeter will speak at 7 p.m. on Aug. 20; and Elder Vickie Halls will be the Aug. 21 speaker at 7 p.m.

Bishop Todd L. Fulton is the church's senior pastor.

For more information, call 336-997-0516 or go to [www.mtmoriahoutreach.org](http://www.mtmoriahoutreach.org).

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On Aug. 16, during the 11 a.m. morning worship service, United Progressive Baptist Church will have an Ordination Ceremony for United Progressive's Juan Williams and Brother Elijah McNeil of Disciples of Faith. The public is invited to attend.

**Thoughts of the Quran**  
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will take note of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan when the Rev. D. Charles Davis will speak on the Quran at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16. A pre-service forum at 9 a.m. will feature Sean Hughes speaking on "If the Street Were Time: Memory and the Moment in Early T.S. Eliot." For more information, call 659-0331.

**Back-to-school carnival**  
St. Peter's World Outreach Center's Children's Ministry will have a Back-to-School Outreach Carnival for rising first through fifth-graders on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. It will feature good food, music, games and the distribution of back-to-school supplies. St. Peter's World Outreach Center is located at 3683 Old Lexington Road. Dr. James C. and Joyce Hash are the pastors. For more details call 336-650-0200 or visit our [www.spwoc.com](http://www.spwoc.com).

**Starting Aug. 18**

**Summer revival**  
First Church of God in Christ, 635 Ontario St., will hold its Summer Revival from Aug. 18 - 21, at 7:30 nightly. Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard, presiding prelate of the Greater N.C. Jurisdiction of the Church of

God in Christ, will be the guest speaker.

**Aug. 22**

**Praise Cafe**  
The Rich CDC, located at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church (651 Akron Drive) will host Praise Fest Cafe on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. for singles, couples and teens. It will be a night of singing, poetry dancing and comedy. For more information, call 336-744-9293.

**Aug. 23**

**Homecoming**  
First Baptist Church, 700 North Highland Avenue, will have its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 9:45 a.m. The theme is "The Ties That Bind." The public is cordially invited to attend this service. The Rev. Darryl W. Aaron is the church's senior pastor.

**Aug. 30**

**Dedication service**  
Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries, Inc. will be having a church dedication service on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. Bishop Alicia Peak-Patterson of Danville, Va., will be the guest speaker. The services will be held at the Sundance Plaza Hotel, 3050 University Parkway. Bishop Marvin and Elder Clara Cremedy are host pastors.

**Community Day**  
Ordered by God Outreach, 1384 W. Sedgfield Drive, will have a Community Family & Friends Day on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. Special guests will be the many of the victims of the rash of local apartment fires. For more information, call 336-986-7725.

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

**Sunday Services**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
M.Y.P.U. .... 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Services**  
Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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