

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Beginning Feb. 4

Revival

Vessels of Honor Church Ministry, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will have its "Igniting the Fire Revival" on Thursday, Feb. 4 and Friday, Feb. 5. Bishop Alicia Peak-Patterson of Danville, Va. will be the revivalist speaker. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Call 336-624-9351 for more information.

Beginning Feb. 5

Dinners for sale

The Concert Series of Grace Presbyterian Church will be selling dinners on Friday, Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the church, 3901 Carver School Road. The dinner menu will consist of fried and baked chicken, barbeque pork ribs, vegetables, bread and dessert. Delivery is available for three or more dinners. For more information, call the church office at 336-767-7530.

Feb. 6

Gospel concert

Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will hold a gospel singing program on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 198 Anderson Road in Rural Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Rev. Eddie L. Fortson is the host pastor.

Feb. 7

UUF services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear Shawn Angell speak on "Are Your Fundamental Beliefs Keeping You From Laughing?" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Helen Ethers and Robert Vorsteg will discuss "Ethical Eating: Bringing Our Seventh Principle to the Table." For more information, visit www.uufws.org.

'The 7 Ups'

True Temple Holiness Church will host "The 7 Ups," a fundraiser service, on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. It will feature Minister Pam Wilson, Minister Cynthia Wilson, Minister Karen McDowell, Co-Pastor Bertha Mickens, Minister Crystal Toney, Evangelist Terri Gibson and Minister Rhonda Caldwell. True Temple Church is located at the SBC Complex on Highland Avenue, across from Shiloh Baptist Church. For more information, call Co-Pastor Shirley Gaither at 336-995-6240.

Kids Super Bowl event

St. Peter's Family Life Enrichment Center's KidZone Children's Ministry will host a Super Bowl Kick-off on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. The event will be held in the gym, where youngsters will do pre-game warm-ups, football sprints and sports challenges. There will also be a cheer-leading camp. For more information, call 336-650-0200. The church is at 3683 Old Lexington Road.

'Fruit of the Spirit'

The Missionary Circle of St. Mark Baptist Church will sponsor "The Fruit of the Spirit" on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. Pastor Gary Walker and members of Redeemed Baptist Church will be the guests. All missionaries from other churches are especially invited to attend. The church is located at 1100 Manley Street. The Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is pastor and teacher.

Super Bowl Party

The R.I.C.H. CDC M.A.L.E. Program at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Drive, will host a Super Bowl Sunday Party on Feb. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. The free event will feature food, fun, fellowship, door prizes and video games. The entire family is invited to take part. For more information, call the church office at 336-744-9293.

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SINGING CHEFS



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Celebrity chef and style guru B. Smith poses with Professor Wilbur Belton & the LADWEC Choir of Forestville, Md., the winners of the first-ever Soul Food Cook-Off at the 2010 Allstate Gospel Superfest. The Cook-off, sponsored by Bounty, invited choirs taking part in the Superfest, which was held Jan. 13 at the Cintas Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, to submit their best kid-friendly recipes. The choir won with its Pineapple Delight.

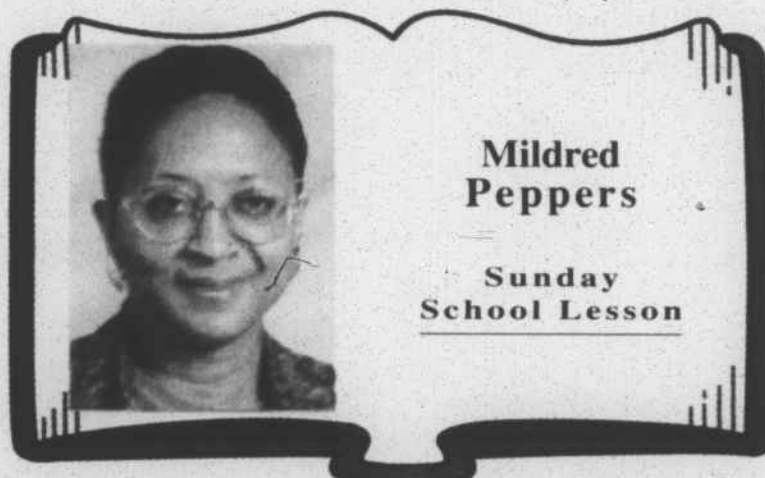
IN HIS TIME

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28

Lesson Aims: To summarize the account of the Canaanite woman; to understand and accept that He acts on His time not ours; and to exhibit humility as we witness for Him.

Background: Matthew presented sound evidence in the case of Jesus' identity. According to this disciple/apostle, Jesus the Christ, is the fulfillment of prophecy. Writing primarily to the Jews, Matthew used their religious and cultural backgrounds to prove that Jesus is Messiah. First, His lineage and the prophecies were shared. Then, various types of evidence was gathered to undergird Matthew's claim. During the month of February, we study individuals' testimonies that supported Matthew. We begin with a Gentile woman who seeks healing for her daughter.

Lesson: Mark 7:24-30 records the same episode found in today's



lesson. After the rejection in Nazareth, Jesus continues His ministry. John the Baptist is beheaded as Jesus feeds five thousand. He walks on water and later begins His discourse on clean and unclean based on traditions after the Babylonian exile. He leaves the region (Galilee) for Phoenicia (modern Lebanon). The two cities mentioned are Tyre (TIGHR) and Sidon (SIGH duhn) located approximately 30 miles northwest

of Capernaum. His withdrawal from Galilee enables Him to teach the disciples privately while avoiding the mounting opposition. Even in this Gentile region, word has reached them about the Jewish miracle worker. Matthew calls her a Canaanite and Mark refers to her as Syro-Phoenician. Nonetheless, she has a problem - her daughter needs healing. This Gentile addresses Jesus as Lord and the Son of David. Her approach to some degree is

deceiving; she isn't a part of the covenant. Jesus ignores her. She pleads her case to the disciples to the point that they grow tired of her. They ask Him to send her away! His first harsh remarks are found in verse 24. There seems to be a contradiction here because in chapter 8, He healed the centurion's servant. Maybe His response is based on cultural prejudice. She didn't give up in the face of rejection! I can envision her falling on her knees praising Him and asking for His help. This image suggests total humility - depending on His grace and mercy alone. Jesus brings out her faith by making a derogatory statement. She recognizes the insult, but instead of anger, she points out that even the dogs get the crumbs from the table. "Her humility, determination, and willingness to accept her place touches Jesus" (UMI Direction). Messiah declares she has great faith and honors her request.

Application: The woman's daughter is healed! Do you think

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Gospel label cleans up at Stellar Awards



BET Photo

Crystal Aikin performs on "Sunday Best."

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Verity Gospel Music Group was a big winner at the recent 25th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards. Verity, formerly Zomba Gospel, is a division of Sony Music Entertainment and has under its umbrella the labels of such gospel heavyweights as John P. Kee (New Life Records) and Kirk Franklin (Fo Yo Soul Entertainment).

Verity artists won 12 Stellar Awards, including Artist of the Year (Hezekiah Walker); CD of the Year (Souled Out/Hezekiah Walker) and Producer of the Year (Donald Lawrence). Walker was the evening's big winner, taking home statues for Choir of the Year, Contemporary CD of the Year and Contemporary Choir of the Year, in addition to Artist of the Year and CD of the Year.

The awards ceremony took place Jan. 16 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn. The program began airing in syndication late last month. It will air nationally on the Gospel Music Channel on Feb. 28 and on WGN on Feb. 24. The show featured perform-

McGowens to hold services in Midway

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Robert L. McGowens, the current pastor of Greater Galilee Baptist Church of Charlotte and the former pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, is expanding his ministry to the Triad.

He will offer Saturday services at Greater Galilee Baptist Church Midway, beginning on Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. with "church school," and the worship service at 10:50 a.m. The services will be held at Sweet Holy Spirit Cathedral (111 Back Forty Drive), where Keith Tuttle is pastor.

McGowens' mission is to serve with what he calls "HEART:" Holistic approach to ministry; Equipping the Body; Aiding the disenfranchised; Reaching and teaching the lost; and Transforming our environment. Pastor McGowens is dedicated to serving God, His people and preaching and teaching the Gospel. His desire is for every soul to have an opportunity to be saved. His passion for ministry birthed the vision for Greater Galilee Midway.

Under his leadership at Greater Galilee, the church has licensed 11 ministers to preach the Gospel; birthed many ministries; and increased membership by 600. About two dozen members travel each week from the Triad to Charlotte to attend services at Greater Galilee Baptist.



Rev. McGowens

For more information, call 336-918-9689.

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