

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Goler's 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 Patterson Avenue, will hold its annual 21 Days of Spiritual Renewal Services from Jan. 1 - 21. This year's theme is "Reconnecting the Family Back to God through the Ministry of Reconciliation." Monday through Friday worship services begin at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday services begin at 4 p.m. Extraordinary ministers from Winston-Salem, Mooresville, Raleigh and the surrounding community will preach during the event. The host pastor is Dr. Seth O. Lartey. For more information, call 336-724-9489.

New location

The Seed Worship Center has moved to a new location - 1530 Martin St., Suite 208. Martin Street is between Miller and Ebert streets, off of Silas Creek Parkway. The pastor is Dr. Brenda M. Rowdy.

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Jan. 22

Grand opening events

Ordered by God will have a grand opening and dedication service for its new ministry, resource center and day shelter for the homeless and substance abusers on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at 112 W. Northwest Blvd. For more information, contact Prophetess Patterson at 336-986-7725.

Food pantry/ women's program

Holy Trinity FGBC's RICH CDC Food Pantry will be in operation on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Also on this day, at 6 p.m., the church will have its S.I.S.T.A. fellowship program, which provides mentoring and activities that strengthen wives, mothers, grandmothers, aunts and young ladies in all aspects of life. The church is at 651 Akron Drive.

Jan. 23

Forsyth County Missionary Union meeting

The Forsyth County Missionary Union will meet on Sunday, Jan. 23 at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1016 N. Trade St. All youth and young adults will meet at 1:30 p.m. All seniors will meet at 3 p.m. New members are welcomed. The Union president is Susie B. Nance. Dr. Kendall D. Jones Sr. is senior pastor at New Bethel.

Shekinah Glory services

Shekinah Glory Praise Center is inviting the community to fellowship with the congregation at the Brookstown Inn, 200 Brookstown Ave. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.; Morning Worship is at 11 a.m.; and Bible Study is Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. For more information, please call Shelby Powell at 336-293-6915.

UUF services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will have the Rev. David Johnson give a sermon titled "You're Not As Real As You Think" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, David Coates, who teaches Anglo-American studies at Wake Forest University, will speak on immigration and his book, "Getting Immigration Right." For more information, see uufws.org.

First Waughtown 'Celebration'

First Waughtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St., will hold its annual "Celebration" service on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m. The church will honor new members and new converts during a dynamic service that will feature preaching, singing, praise and fellowship. Musical selections will be rendered by the entire music ministry of First Waughtown. The

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Local singers perform at the White House

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Kim and Maggie Sharpe and the KMS Gospel Singers were selected to perform gospel music at the White House's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 18. They were the only North Carolina group invited to take part.

Kim and Maggie Sharpe have been writing, recording and performing gospel music for more than 25 years.

Kim Sharpe, a 1976 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, has worked as the musical director at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church. Maggie Sharpe is a 1969 graduate of Forsyth Technical Community College. The Sharpes are currently members of Middlefork Christian Church.

KMS Gospel Singers members include William "Preacher" Ray, Taneva Cummings, Sonya Melton, Cynthia McCummings, Leon Davenport Jr. and Kenta Sharpe. Former members include Lula Gray, Al Williams, Phiphine Moore and Jerry Jackson.

The Sharpes will soon release their new CD. It will feature the song, "I'm Thankful For Our Love," which is dedicated to the President and First Lady.

For more information, go to www.myspace.com/kmsinc or call 336-988-1059.



Kim and Maggie Sharpe



Potter's House celebrating 10 years of Godly service

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The Potter's House Community Outreach Ministries, Inc. is celebrating 10 years of good deeds.

This local non-profit ministry is characterized by its mission to teach individuals and families living in shelters how to triumph over their life circumstances. The organization offers Employment Skills Training, a Parents as Teachers and Family Leaders Program, Family Support Services, Mentoring Services, a Retreat and Conference Ministry and a Care Package Ministry. The Potter's House Community Outreach Ministries, Inc. celebrated its anniversary with a banquet on October 18.

Founder and Executive Director Valerie Rorie Bailey is no stranger to triumphing over life circumstances. Born with sickle cell disease, she has had to reinvent herself and rebuild her own life many times. Each extended hospital stay brought life-altering challenges. During one three month-long hospital stay, she missed her daughter's first steps, developed muscle atrophy and had to learn how to walk again and was faced with the difficult decision of retiring from full-time employment.



Bailey

After much praying and seeking of God's will, she decided to pair her faith and education. She graduated from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center's Chaplaincy program and began volunteering with Hospice as a spiritual care worker. Feeling led by God into deeper service she began The Potter's House Community Outreach Ministries in 2000.

"God is greater than your circumstance," says Bailey. "He sent His Son to live, die and be raised from the dead into victory, for you that you might overcome your circumstance and lead victorious lives. God is also a God of second and third chances. He doesn't give up on you, so don't ever give up on yourself. He can take the broken pieces of our lives and remold us into beautiful creations. He is The Potter, we are merely the clay."

In addition to directing The Potter's House and its team of more than 50 volunteers and 10 board members, Bailey is the author of the children's novel "The Colors of Our Hope" and several other Christian and inspirational publications and instructional materials.

For more information about The Potter's House Community Outreach Ministries, visit www.tph-ministriesinc.org



Attendees fellowship during the recent Watch Night service.

HTFGBC BRINGS IN '11 WITH SONG AND PRAYER

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church family flowed into the new year with a spirited Watch Night Service on Dec. 31.

Beginning at 10 p.m. members and friends from the community gathered in the sanctuary of the church for a worship and praise service like never before. For more than an hour, the Praise Team led the congregation in worship and song.

In between songs, attendees were allowed time to give testimonies. They expressed their thoughts, love, gratitude and appreciation to the Lord for his many blessings.

After dance selections were performed, Pastor Richard Miller Sr. ministered the word from Deuteronomy 27. He used the theme "The Law of Connection" (Proverbs 23:26), for the new year. Miller said that in the new year, Christians must be connected with God and the laws of connection are presentation, separation, transformation and demonstration.

Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller closed the event with prayer, thanking God for never leaving nor forsaking His followers. She prayed that each and every attendee would delight in the Lord and that they each would fulfill his or her destiny and purpose.

The crowd embraced and wished one another a Happy New Year before enjoying breakfast prepared by the church's H.U.G. Ministry in the Fellowship Hall.

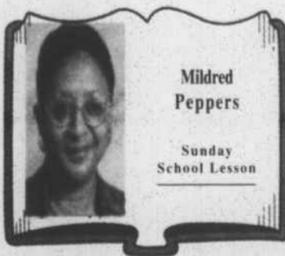


Pastor Richard Miller and Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller

'THE GREAT SERVANT'

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1-6

Lesson Aims: To understand why Israel was chosen; to recognize Jesus as the Great Servant; and to examine our lives in light of His service.

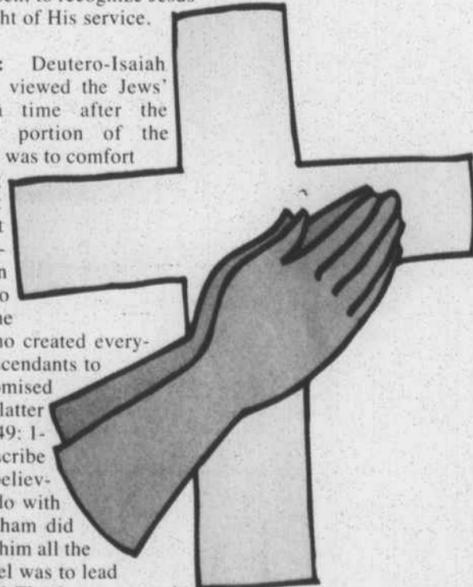


Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Background: Deutero-Isaiah (chapters 40-66) viewed the Jews' history from a time after the Captivity. This portion of the prophet's writing was to comfort the people during their distress. It offered hope that God had not forsaken them. Sin was/is real and so is forgiveness. The

Majestic God who created everything from nothing; who chose Abraham and his descendants to be servants; who led them from slavery to the Promised Land continued to be there for them. Found in this latter portion of the book are four Servant Songs (42: 1-4; 49: 1-6; 50: 4-9; and 52:13-53: 12). The songs (poems) describe God's Servant (Israel at first, Jesus, and then all believers). When God chose Abraham, it had nothing to do with the man's beliefs, wealth, power or intellect. Abraham did nothing; it was all God! Genesis 12:13 stated that by him all the families of the earth would be blessed. You see, Israel was to lead the surrounding nations to God. They didn't; do we? The four songs told the calling, the mission, and the experiences of a true servant of God. In the midst of turmoil, destruction and uncertainty, God restores. Don't forget this.



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