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James L.E. Hunt. For more information, call the church at 336-699-3583.

Feb. 20

BHM event

St. Peter's Church & World Outreach Center's KidZone will hold a Black History Living Museum on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. Joining the KidZone family are special guest students from First Assembly Academy. The event will be held in the St. Peter's Family Life Enrichment Center, 3683 Old Lexington Rd. For more information, call the church at 336-650-0200.

Bethlehem to honor ancestors

Willie Mason and Friends will appear in concert at Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. for the church's annual observance of Black History Month and Memorial Service. Angela Sowell, Burlie Bailey and Shirley Phillips are the chairpersons for this event. The event will remember and commemorate the accomplishments of blacks' ancestors. The church will recognize several members, including the late Nicie Lambeth, Inez P. Hairston, William Blackburn and Walter Phillips. Rev. Beverly W. McMillian is the pastor of Bethlehem, which is located at 6475 Yadkinville Rd. in Pfafftown. For more information, contact the church at 336-945-2221.

Deacons, Deaconess, & Trustees Day

Solid Rock celebrates Deacons, Deaconess & Trustees Day on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. Rev. Randy Morrison of White Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Greensboro will be the guest preacher. The public is invited. The church is located at 3010 Carver School Rd. Rev. Waymon L. Monroe Jr. is pastor.

Musical Tribute

The Celestial Voices of Hanes Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will present a musical tribute to The Mississippi Mass Choir on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. The theme is "God Will Fix It." Special guests include vocalists Diana Tuffin, Michael Thomas and Carlotta Samuels-Fleming; vibraphonist Roberto Orihuela; bass guitarist Leroy Roberson; guitarist Jimmy Moody; drummer Anthony Smallwood and organist Justin Parker Thomas. Carmen Russell-Bonham will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. The church is at 819 N. Highland Ave., where the pastor is Rev. Clarence W. Cox III.

Thomas

UUF services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will have members of Young Religious Unitarian Universalists present a program titled "How Music Affects Our Generation" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, the Rev. George Briggs will review "Paul Was Not a Christian" by Pamela Eisenbaum. For more information, see uufws.org.

Carver Road BHM program

Carver Road Christian Church, 3200 Carver School Rd., will host a Black History Month program entitled "Look Where We Come From The Last Fifty Years" on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. It will include dramatizations, dances and songs. All are welcome.

BHM program

Holy Trinity FGBC, 651 Akron Drive, will celebrate Black History Month with a program on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. This event will be sponsored by the Christian Education Department. For more information, contact the office at 336-744-9293.

Beginning Feb. 24

Three-day service

Llyold Presbyterian Church, 748 N Chestnut St, will hold its Divine Miracle and Healing Service from Feb. 24-26 from 1 – 4 p.m. Natasha Reed will be the guest speaker.

Feb. 22, 1910 - March 10, 1995 *Bishop J. C. Richardson, Sr.*

Feb. 16, 1921 – Oct. 6, 1968 *Mother Margaret T. Richardson*

A Lasting Tribute to Our Parents

Bishop J.C. Richardson, Sr.

To most of you, was a true integrity that possessed an amazing sense of humor, he taught us to continue to be very strong. Daddy had a very unusual way with people. They gravitated to him because his love, strength, compassion and caring spirit. He helped everyone in need with out being judgmental. He could preach and teach with out bragging and he was a man of impeccable faith, yet he realized that our time is not God's time.

Sister Margaret Thompson Richardson

Just who was this great lady? To Pastor Richardson, Jeanette and Mary Ann, she was Momma. To others, she was thought of as a precious jewel, a confidant, and spiritual, loving, compassionate, friendly, articulate, intelligent, beautiful, and classy.

The one thing that stands out vividly in our mind about our mother was her mastery of the English language. We never heard our mother "split a verb". She would give us a brief lesson if we ever slipped and said anything incorrectly in her presence.

Writer: Pastor James C. Richardson, Jr.

With love– Your daughters,
Jeanette Richardson Millner & Mary Ann Mason

Peppers

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Beginning with the subject of divorce, Jesus enlightens all those who will listen. He and His followers are in Judah. As they approach Jerusalem, Jesus again predicts His death. Two of the inner circle come to Jesus with a request: can we sit on your right and left? Now don't be so hard on them, a lot of us do the same thing. Humanity (some of us) seek fame, fortune and power. James and John are still caught up with the worldly view of Messiah. They are referred to as the Sons of Thunder in Mark 3:17. This title is probably based on their ambition. They simply want to be great! Is Jesus angry with them? I don't think so, but he stresses that they must endure the same cup that He will drink from. Do they understand? No! But they have a desire for greatness. Then they are informed that He doesn't make that decision, God does (Matthew 20:23). Like us, the other disciples are upset because they really want those seats for themselves. Jesus uses this opportunity to teach. It is definitely a teachable moment. The lesson, a paradox, is simple: to be great, one has to serve, putting themselves last. Greatness comes from within and is expressed outwardly as serving others. Service is by deed, not word of mouth. Using Himself as the example, not once does He expect people to wait on Him. The epitome of service is His sacrifice of suffering and death for humanity. They are to do as He does for His words and actions are parallel!

Application: For the Christian, it is paramount to remember that our standards are different from the world's standards. With that being the case, we should not get confused. Our banner is service not fame, fortune or power. To really serve, we must be comfortable with who and whose we are. There is no room for jealousy, hidden agendas or back stabbing. "The world says leadership, favoritism and authority are what matters" (Echoes Adult Teacher Commentary). When the love of God is accepted within, your perspective on everything changes. If we think about it, God already knows us, including every hair on our heads. Lasting greatness is found in service, nothing else. Servanthood, humility and discipleship counts!

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