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Chase, Greene picked as Heart Ball leaders

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Robert E. Greene and Dr. Chere Chase will lead this year's American Heart Association Winston-Salem Heart Ball as chairman and vice chair, respectively.

Greene serves as senior executive vice president and manager of Administrative Services at BB&T Corp. and president of Branch Banking and Trust Company, Inc. Greene, who joined BB&T in 1972, is currently a board member of Wake Forest University Health Science, the Winston-Salem Foundation and United Way of Forsyth County.

Chase is medical director for Neuroscience and Neurocritical Care of Forsyth Medical Center. A board certified Neurologist, she moved to North Carolina in 2003. She received her B.A. in human biology at Brown University

and her masters in Health Finance and Management at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, where she was the first African-American woman to complete a fellowship in Neurocritical Care.

The Winston-Salem Heart Ball is the social event in support of the American Heart Association's mission of building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. It will be held on May 20 from 6-11:30 p.m. at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, 251 N. Spruce St. in Winston-Salem. All funds raised through the Winston-Salem Heart Ball benefit heart disease and stroke research and prevention education.

For more information about the event, contact Sarah Fedele at 1-800-950-2482 x2211 or sarah.fedele@heart.org.

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to Paul, that he called him his "dear son" (1 Corinthians 4:17). Titus also joined Paul (not mentioned in Acts). As they journeyed, these two young men became the apostle's troubleshooters. Very often, they were sent back to various churches (the people, not the building) to teach and to correct and perform tasks for Paul. As the Christian churches grew in number, so did the opposition. Paul sent Timothy back to Ephesus to establish order in the church. Ephesus was one of the fastest growing commercial centers in the Roman Empire. Located in Asia Minor (modern Turkey), the temple of Artemis (Diana), a fertility goddess, was nearby and drew many pilgrims annually. That cult was very influential. "The city was also known for its philosophers, artisans, historians, and rhetoricians" (The Oxford Companion to the Bible). According to Josephus (historian), a Jewish community thrived there as well. The young church had to deal with all of those distractions. The epistle encourages and instructs Timothy in his task. This new community had to be different or why would people desire a change? Last week we focused on worship; what it is, why and how it was to be done. Worship was/is based on sound doctrine (chapter 1), love, thankfulness, and inclusiveness (chapter 2).

Lesson: Paul is shaping the early church in this pastoral as he spells out the character traits for leadership. We must not minimize the influence that leaders have on the followers. Therefore, the apostle tells Timothy to concentrate first on "who they are" instead of "what they do." The false teachers are corrupting the church (and us too). Paul's instructions to his "dear son" promote stability and give guidelines for the new community. Yes, we have to recognize culture, but we must always remember that God uses whomever He chooses (Deuteronomy 10:17 KJV). Let's not get sidetracked here! Paul specifically addresses the

offices of bishop (elder, overseer, pastor) and deacon. Notice that education, material possessions and specific spiritual gifts are included in the standards. The qualities mentioned are parallel to the character of God. There is no mention of perfection! To develop a new lifestyle, an inward transformation must occur. One has to be faithful in marriage (God's faithfulness), have self-control, not be a lover of material possessions, be respectful, gentle, hospitable, a lover of good and well respected by nonbelievers. The passage also states that the bishop has to be calm, fair, unselfish and apt to teach. Novices are too easily fooled; they must mature first. Deacons pretty much follow the same criteria with the exception of teaching. Verse 11 implies that women served as deacons in the early church. Wonder how we missed that for so long? What does all of this mean? Church leaders represent God in the community by keeping His truths and caring for the congregation.

Application: Careful consideration for leadership is vital. This does not only apply to pastors and deacons but to all lay leaders as well. Leadership makes a big difference! The "church of the living God" is predicated on love, patience, forgiveness, peacefulness and faith. How can this be fulfilled if the leaders don't measure up? Formal education is necessary but if individuals lack God's standards, that education will mean nothing!! Now what about friendships? That standard is not mentioned either. As Christians, we have an awesome responsibility to choose wisely. That also means that we must know God's requirements (go to Sunday School)! We, like Timothy, must pray and observe. If the church doesn't look any different from the world, why would people convert? Leaders set the example (don't worship them) but they are not perfect. The Bible Expositor and Illuminator puts it well: "Spiritual leaders must be qualified. God insists on it and the church depends on it."

Spiritual Renaissance Singers performing at Grace

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Grace Presbyterian Church (USA) Concert Series Committee will sponsor a performance by the Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro on Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Patricia Trice is the group's founder and director. Trice is a former educator, having taught at NC A&T State University for nine years before going to Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla., from which she retired as a professor of music after 27 years of service.

While at Hillsborough, she coordinated piano and choral studies for the music department, developed student, faculty and artist recitals for the College, and was an active solo- and duo-pianist. She co-founded the Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Tampa in 1989 to preserve and perpetuate through performance the unaccompa-



Publicity Photo

The acclaimed Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro will perform at Grace.

nied choral arrangements of the African-American Spiritual.

Jerrye Williamson Mooring serves as the assistant music director of the Spiritual Renaissance Singers.

This will be the group's

third year performing at Grace, which is located at 3901 Carver School Road. The general public is cordially invited to attend this event.

The members of the church's Concert Series Committee are James D.

Smith (chairman), Shirley Bynum, Louyse Tuffin (secretary), Kenneth N. Jones, Rudolph V. Boone Sr. (treasurer), Elder William E. Shouse (clerk of session) and Dr. Stephen McCutchan (moderator of the session).

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