

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

#### Choir revival

The J.H. Heath ensemble of Greter Higher Ground Ministries, 440 Waughtown St., will have its annual choir revival today (Thursday, March 17) and Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be Bishop Sherwood T. Davis Sr. from Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, contact the church at 336-725-1125.



Bishop Davis

### March 18

#### Dinners for sale

The Chancel Choir and Concert Series Committee of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA), 3901 Carver School Road, will sell chitterlings, BBQ ribs and chicken dinners on Friday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of the dinners are from \$7.50 to \$8.50. Delivery service is available if ordering three or more dinners. For more information, call the church at 336-767-7530.

#### College/youth program

St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center 247 College and Young Adult Ministry will hold its monthly college/young adult service "The ATTIC" on Friday, March 18 at 9 p.m. Area college students and young adults are welcome to attend and enjoy a night of radical praise and worship and social fellowship. The ATTIC service will take place in the Administration Building located on the campus of St. Peter's at 3683 Old Lexington Road. For more information, call 336-650-0200, email theattic336@gmail.com or go to Facebook: The ATTIC336.

### March 19

#### Praise Fest Cafe

Praise Fest Cafe, a program for singles, will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity FGBC, 651 Akron Drive. There will be comedy, dance, poetry, singing, rappers Tribe of Judah, food and special guest Ethel Beasley. For more information, call the church office at 336-744-9293.

#### Fashion show

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 E. 25th St., will hold a fashion show on Saturday, March 19 at 5 p.m. Admission is a minimum donation of \$3. Minister Almeta Miller is the organizer of this event. Rev. Alice Mitchell is the host pastor.



Rev. Mitchell

#### Health Ministries Conference

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will host a Health Ministries Conference on March 19 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will include informative sessions, health screenings and more. The cost to attend the conference is \$10, which is to be paid at the door. Call 336-788-7023 to register.

#### Feast of Salads

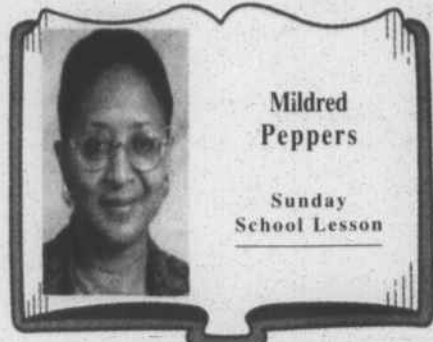
The Reynolds Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society will sponsor their annual Feast of Salads for a donation of \$7 on March 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Angela Brown-Neville. The church is at 2935 N. Glenn Ave. Rev. Jack Brown Jr. is the pastor.

#### Salad Feast

New Life Outreach Ministries, 3620-L Patterson Ave., will hold a Salad Feast on Saturday, March 19 from 2 - 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 per

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## Confronting False Teachings



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: I Timothy 4:6-16

**Lesson Aims:** To recognize that false teachings exist in the church; to know how to confront them; and follow the components of effective leadership in the church.

**Background:** Gnosticism developed during the early days of the church. It didn't get a name until the second century AD. The actual term came from the Greek word for knowledge, gnosis. The followers, called Gnostics, claimed to possess special knowledge that wasn't available to others. All of their principles were based on good (the spiritual/ immaterial) and evil (the body/ the material). Also woven into their beliefs was some Legalism. "To have a fulfilling life, Gnostics believed that the body could be ignored by practicing ritual, asceticism, abstinence, and rigid regulation of life." (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). The early church was fertile ground for proselytizing (converting) because Jews and Gentiles made up the body. A simple statement could ignite a firestorm, thus dividing and conquering. Young Timothy was in Ephesus facing a myriad of challenges from stabilizing the church to combating false teachings. His teachings had to be based on sound doctrine and an exemplary life. Paul wrote to his "dear" son to encourage and to instruct. While the apostle addressed matters of Timothy's personal life; he rebuke the church elders for being taken in by the false teachers.

**Lesson:** Paul opens by explaining to Timothy that false ideas come from evil. The argument that the false teachers are promoting here is "to abstain from marriage and follow other ascetic practices like rejecting gifts from God" (Richards'). First of all, Timothy (the leader) has to train himself. What Paul means here is that Timothy has to study the teachings of Jesus, for they are good doctrine. When confronted with false teachings, instead of arguing over them, live as Jesus taught, which leads to godliness. The physical training mentioned by the apostle refers to the false teachings. Its benefits are short lived as compared to

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The WSSU University Choir

## Youth Choirs to perform with WSSU singers

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem State University Choirs, which includes the Women and Men and the Burke Singers, will perform with the Winston-Salem Youth Choirs, which includes the touring chorus, young women's, young men's and residential choruses, on Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in WSSU's Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The Choruses will present short individual programs before combining their voices for two powerful choral works: "The Impossible Dream" and "Ave Maria." The accompanists for the concert are Myron Brown (WSSU Choirs) and David Pulliam (WSYC).

The Winston-Salem State University Choirs, under the direction of D'Walla Simmons-Burke, have just returned from a



The Burke Singers with D'Walla Simmons-Burke.

successful performance tour of Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. In May, members of the University Choir and Professor Burke will perform in Nassau, Bahamas in the 105 Historical Black Colleges and Universities Bahamian Concert.

In June, the Burke Singers will travel to Monrovia, Liberia and Ghana in West Africa.

In July, members of the Winston-Salem Youth Choirs will participate in the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival in Wintergreen, Va.

## St. James to hold Missionary Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Sarah Allen Missionary Society of St. James AME Church will celebrate its annual Missionary Day on Sunday, March 20 at 11 a.m. The guest preacher will be Rev. Arnita Davis.

Davis is one of six children born to Mrs. Lillian B. Brooks and the late John A. Brooks in Martinsville, Va. She is a 1969 graduate of Martinsville High School and a 1975 graduate of Patrick Henry Community College.

Davis proudly acknowledges that she is an identical twin to Bonita Brooks Smith of Martinsville. Davis has been married to Rev. Henry

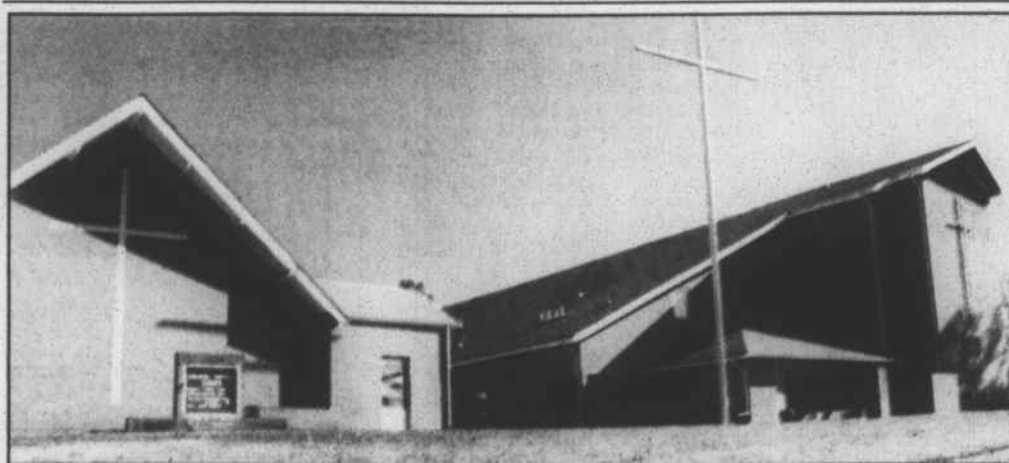


Rev. Davis

R. Davis for 22 years. The couple lives in Jamestown and are the parents of two daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

Presently, Davis serves as the First Lady and a minister at St. Joseph AME Church in Aberdeen. She is employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Greensboro. Davis shares with her husband a love for God's Word, the ministry and God's people.

St. James AME is located at 1501 N. Patterson Ave. The pastor is Rev. Steven L. Lyons. Mary E. Brown is president of the Missionary Society. All are invited to attend this celebration.



## WFU's Miles to preach at Emmanuel

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Rev. Dr. Veronice Miles, the Ruby Pardue and Shelmer D. Blackburn Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Christian Education at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, will give the keynote address at Emmanuel Baptist Church Women's History Month culmination program on Sunday, March 27 at 10 a.m.

An ordained Baptist minister, Rev. Miles' experience in academics is augmented by her ministry with local church communities and religious organizations, including serving as minister of Christian Education and interim pastor at the Greater Bethany Baptist Church in Atlanta. She has preached and taught extensively, and has presented papers and workshops for numerous academic and church conferences, meetings and organizations. Miles has been involved in various facets of church and community ministry for more



Rev. Miles

than 30 years.

A native of Florida, Miles teaches courses in Christian Religious Education, Preaching and Womanist thought at Wake Forest.

Other Women's History Month events include an aerobics session and breakfast on Saturday, March 26, starting at 9 a.m. The workshop, "Laugh it Off: Using Humor and Laughter to Combat Stress," facilitated by Carolyn Burns-Speller, will follow at 10:30 a.m. A lunch dialogue will be held at noon that day. Saturday events conclude with the play "A Woman at Sychar's Well: From Victim to Vessel" at 2 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is located at 1075 Shalimar Drive. Dr. John Mendez is the host pastor.

For more information, call the church office at 336-788-7023, or visit www.ws-ebc.org.

## Christian drama guild to stage latest production

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Royal Curtain Drama Guild, a Christian Theater and Arts Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Dr. Stephanie Barber Hurt and an affiliate of Hurt International Ministries, is presenting the stage production "My First Love" on March 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. at Atkins Academic and Technology High School, 3605 Old Greensboro Rd.

"My First Love" is an inspiring production that exemplifies how good God is and how He can help believers overcome any problem or circumstance. Characters include Tracy, a young, devoted Christian who is coming of age in a world filled with temptations, deceptions, violence and heartache. The drama is designed to make audiences laugh, cry and enable them to craft an understanding of God's love and how it's never too late to return to your "first love."

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. There also special group discounts. A portion of the proceeds will support local outreach ministries.

Tickets are available at True Cuts Barber and Beauty Salon in Marketplace Mall, Family Christian Bookstore, 1608 S. Stratford Road, or calling 336-575-3035, emailing redgboxoffice@yahoo.com or going to www.Royalcurtaindramaguild.org.



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