

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Dec. 22

Food Pantry offers emergency food

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center's RICH CDC Food Pantry, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will offer emergency food assistance on Saturday, Dec. 22 from 10-11:30 a.m. Call 336-784-9347 for more information.

Evening of Elegance

Second New Bethel Baptist Church is sponsoring an Evening of Elegance with good food, great comedy and soulful jazz on Dec. 22 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn on Hawthorne Road. The attire is black and white. The fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets or additional information, call 336-672-5759.

Dec. 23

"A Soulful Celebration" at First Calvary

First Calvary Baptist Church, 401 N. Woodland Ave., will present its annual Christmas program, "A Soulful Celebration," on Sunday, Dec. 23 at the 11 a.m. service. Pastor Derwin Montgomery is host pastor. Call 336-724-2611 for more information.

Wentz Christmas candlelight service

Wentz Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ, 3435 Carver School Rd., will present its annual Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. with Parkway United Church of Christ's choir and pastor, Rev. Craig Schaub. Rev. Renee Griffin is the host pastor.

Dec. 24

St. Philips Christmas Eve service
St. Philips Moravian Church, 3002 Bon Air Ave., will have its Christmas Eve Love Feast service on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Call 336-722-3933 for more information.

Beginning Dec. 30

Revelations of Faith New Year's schedule

Revelations of Faith, 3710 Maverick St., will have a Dutch Sunday brunch service on Sunday, Dec. 30 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Golden Corral on 4965 University Pkwy. The church will also hold a Watch Night service beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 with Pastor Emeritus Sarah Rowdy Hauser as speaker. Rev. James D. Rowdy Jr. is the host pastor. Call 336-671-8822 for more information.

Dec. 30

Women's Day at House of Prayer
House of Prayer of Deliverance Ministries, 5723 Country Club Rd. - Suite J, will hold its Women's Day program titled "Women of Expectancy" on Sunday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. Pastor K. P. Tapp will speak. Call 336-708-1417 for more information.

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve at Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will have its annual New Year's Eve Celebration on Monday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. Richard Sr. and Ernestine Miller are the host pastors. Call 336-784-9347 for more information.

Jan. 6

United Progressive's new service time

United Progressive Baptist Church, 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle, will begin Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. starting on Jan. 6. Sunday school will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday beginning Jan. 2. Call the church office at 336-724-1266 for transportation.

Child enlists church family to give the homeless Christmas meal, gifts

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wynter Guess, 11, has a burning desire to help those who are less fortunate than she is.

She is showing her benevolent spirit this holiday season. When her parents asked her what she wanted for Christmas, she had two wishes: to feed the homeless breakfast on Christmas Eve and to give a gift of warmth to each breakfast attendee.

To help fulfill her wishes, she asked the members of her church family at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church to kindly donate new hats, scarves, gloves and socks. The donated gifts will be given out on Christmas Eve in the multipurpose room of the Goler Family Enrichment Center, which is adjacent to the 630 N. Patterson Ave. church. Goler is led by Pastor Dr. George C. Banks.

"This is what God would want me to do," said Wynter, a sixth-grader at the



Wynter Guess

Piedmont School in High Point.

Wynter does not view her acts of kindness as unique or unusual, not even for a child of her age.

"What is the big deal? Kindness is what everyone should do all year round, not just during the holiday season," she said matter-of-factly.

Tamela Gethers Guess, Wynter's

mother, said that selflessness was not a lesson that she had to teach her daughter.

"It is a blessing to know she is learning that the material things in life are not what offer true happiness. It is kindness, service and healthy relationships which create moments that become etched in our minds forever," Guess said.

Faith Unity brings sound of Christmas to Somerset Court

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Residents of Somerset Court, an assisted living home off of Fifth Street, joined in as members and friends of Faith Unity Missionary Church sang Christmas carols to them last Saturday.

The carolers came dressed for the season, in reds, whites and greens and Santa hats or other holiday-appropriate head gear. Children, some as young as two, joined in by either singing along with the adults or playing tambourines or bells.

The 60 residents were expecting the group's arrival and were eager to enter the facility's dining hall for the joyous occasion. Judy Williams, a co-founder of Faith Unity, kept things moving along as she introduced the group and each song. They began with one of the children's favorite songs, "Jingle Bells," and proceeded to "Deck the Halls" and "Joy to the World" before closing with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The group ended its visit by distributing Christmas cards to each resident and personally wishing them a Merry Christmas. Each card was colored by a child or adult and personally signed. In return, the residents thanked Faith Unity for thinking of them and for spreading a little Christmas joy.



The group entertains Somerset Court residents.

Submitted Photo

Living in the Light

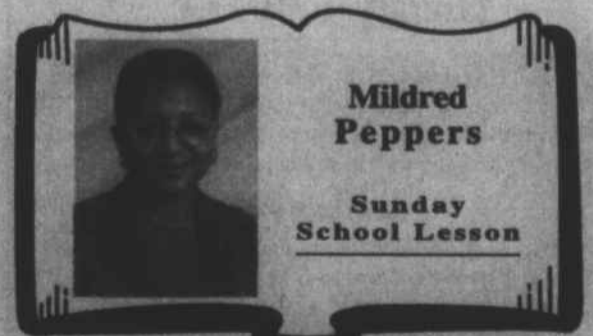
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-6

Lesson Scripture: John 1: 1-5; Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-14

Lesson Aims: To explain the contrast between darkness and light; to understand that as believers we imitate the Light of Jesus; and to shine the Light of love, humility and patience daily.

Background: John, the beloved apostle, wrote his Gospel from a different perspective than the other three. His was more theological in nature. He taught by contrasting opposite concepts. Faith was used "ninety-eight times

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Sunday School Lesson

Nuns' work led to retirement community's creation

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Pennybyrn at Maryfield and its sponsors, the Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, are celebrating a legacy that stretches back 65 years in the Triad.

Today's Pennybyrn, a continuing care retirement community in High Point, was rebuilt entirely in 2007. However, the legacy of caring and compassion began 65 years ago when the Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God began providing services in the Triad area at what is now Pennybyrn at Maryfield.

Over the years as the needs of the community have grown, the Sisters' dedication to caring has evolved into the new, vibrant retirement lifestyle for people of all faiths.

The Poor Servants of the



This 1947 photo shows some of the Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God with a priest.

Mother of God was founded in 1872 by British-born Mother Magdalen Taylor. The Sisters' ministries focus on healthcare

and housing, education, the non-profit sector and on those who are poor, ill or at the end-of-life.

"Respect, compassion and care are Pennybyrn's foundation; the Sisters who first came to America were on a mission to care for others and to create an environment of true hospitality; welcoming all and helping each person feel at home," said Pennybyrn at Maryfield President and Community Leader Rich Newman. "From these roots has emerged a unique retirement lifestyle emphasizing wellness of the whole person—mind, body and spirit. The new Pennybyrn extends the Sister's original mission in new and exciting ways."

Several 65th anniversary events were held last month at Pennybyrn at Maryfield, which is nestled amidst 71 acres of rolling, landscaped lawns and scenic walking trails.