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First Waughtown outreach

Feed My Sheep Day at First Waughtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St., will be on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The church will reach out to underprivileged men, women and children by providing hot meals, gift bags of toiletries and clothing. Vans will go out and pick up all those who desire to come. Call the church office at 366-784-7386 if you desire to attend and need transportation.

Nov. 17

Concert

Bro. Bill Pratt & The New Gospel Crusaders will host "The Gospel Train is On the Move Again" on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at United

Memorial Holy Church, 2518 Gilmer Ave. The program will feature In God's Ministry, Bishop James Wright, Anthony Davis & The Gospel Intruders and others. Willie B. Conrad Sr. will be the master of ceremonies, and the host pastor is Rev. John P. Williams.

Usher Board anniversary

The combined Usher Board of Kimberly Park Holiness, 1640 S.M. Caesar Drive, will welcome Pastor Dennis W. Bishop and the members of First Waughtown Baptist Church as its guests for an anniversary program at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17. The theme of the program is "Moving Forward, Part II," taken from Zechariah 4:6. Elder Robert R. Edmond is the host pas-



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tor.

UUF guest speakers

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Rd., will welcome Rev. Ann Marie Alderman on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. She will speak on "Making Space for Grace." At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Bill Roberts will review the book "Year Zero: A History of 1945" by Ian Buruma. For more information, go to www.uufws.org.

Parks' anniversary event

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will celebrate the 21st Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop John C. Parks on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. The theme is "Walking in the Grace of God."

Piney Grove conference

Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will hold its 19th annual "Woman to

Woman" conference from Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. each night. The New Jerusalem Baptist Church Male Chorus will be the guest on the opening evening. Events on Thursday, Nov. 21 will include a praise and testimony session from 6-6:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be First Lady Wyvondalynn Scovens of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. On Friday, Nov. 22, Minister Gwendolyn Dervin of St. Peters World Outreach Center will be the speaker. For more information, call 336-744-5759.

Nov. 23

Zumba at St. Paul

Zumba classes will be held every other Saturday at St. Paul UMC, 2400 Dellabrook Rd. The next session is Nov. 23 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sessions are \$5 each. RSVP to Michelle Wilkins at 404-573-1861.

Nov. 28

Thanksgiving service

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy., will host its annual Thanksgiving worship service on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. Call the church office at 336-784-9347 for more information. Pastor Richard Miller and Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller are the hosts.

Dec. 1

World AIDS Day

Chosen Generation Connection will present World AIDS Day on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 3-5 p.m., hosted by Love and Faith Christian Fellowship in the Life Enrichment Center, 4344 Blackberry Rd. in Greensboro. Visit www.chosengenerationconnection.org for more information.

Ongoing

'Messiah' rehearsals

First Baptist Church, 501 Spruce St., will host "Messiah" rehearsals every Sunday through Dec. 1 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and every Tuesday through Dec. 3 from 7-9 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at Reynolds Auditorium, 301 Hawthorne Rd. All singers are welcome. Contact Jamie Allen at 336-785-9842 or send an email to jallen9@triad.rr.com for more info.

Sunday service schedule

Trinity Chapel Church, 4670 N. Patterson Ave. in Hidden Valley Business Park, invites the public to attend its services every Sunday with Sunday school from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Call 336-723-4626 or 336-978-0801 for more information. The host pastors are Rev. James E. Gaskins and First Lady Donese Gaskins.

Peppers

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and her gods. The final plague broke the pharaoh's back - he released the Children of Israel from bondage.

Lesson: God decides their exit route (Exodus 3:17, 18), for the people must now be prepared to enter the Promised Land. Once Israel leaves, pharaoh has a change of heart (also in God's plan). He orders his soldiers to bring them back. When the people see the Egyptians in pursuit and the sea in front of them, they

turn on Moses. In reality, they turn from God, because they have little faith. We've been there. Moses reassures them that God will fight on their behalf all they have to do is fear not, stand firm (faithful) and be still.

The lead angel goes to the rear to confuse the Egyptians, thus slowing them down. Moses stretches out his hand and the strong east wind blows. The people are told to cross over on dry land. The Egyptians, in hot pursuit follow them. At this point, the Egyptians acknowledge the true God before the Israelites do! Moses lifts his hand again and the "walled water" swallows the

enemy completely. Moses and the people all witness this and recognize that God is The Almighty and is with them. The crisis is over and their faith in God is restored. God alone has saved them!

Application: Moses and the parting of the Red Sea are central for the Israelites in the Old Testament. Their first steps of freedom indicate that God is more powerful than any superpower and He keeps His promises. Now, on the other side of the water, what will His people do? When we find ourselves in desperate situations, what do we do? God is no respecter of persons; He loves

and cares for His creation. We are free - do we choose wisely or foolishly? Every time He delivers, our faith should mature. Do we tell our story to the next generation? Freedom is much more than a list of do's and don'ts.

The lesson today hinges on physical and emotional bondage. Our freedom has expanded to include not only freedom from the Mosaic Law but physical, emotional and economic chains that cripple us. God has the power to free us from anything that hinders our growth. Our freedom centers on worship, love, grace and justice. Amen for freedom!

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