

**Peppers**

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The actions we take and/or the words we utter can oftentimes put us in tempting situations. We ask God to direct our paths around the clutches of evil. Again we are helpless without Him! UMI Direction puts the model prayer into five key points - adoration, submission, supplication, repentance and protection.

The lesson continues as Jesus teaches with a parable on persistence. Praying persistently is

not to get God's attention or a sign of little faith but it allows us to examine the request in light of God's will. Persistent prayer also helps us to clarify what we're asking for.

In verses 9-13, three action verbs jump out at them and us - ask, seek and knock. Asking God means that we know who can answer and direct. We know the source from which all blessings come. Seeking indicates honest intentional pursuit of His will.

When we follow God's direction for our

lives, we come to a door to knock in faith and God opens it for us. Like any good parent, we want the best for our children. We steer them away from anything that we think will harm them (stone, serpent, and scorpion).

If this is what we do, how much more does our compassionate and loving Father want for us? He gives Salvation (Jesus) to save us and the Holy Spirit to sustain us on our journey back to Him.

**Life's Application:** How appropriate to begin the New Year. "How we

understand God influences our relationship with Him" (Dr. John Mendez).

Let's become more disciplined and intentional in our prayer life. If you don't have a church home, pray about it and follow God. When He leads you to the door, knock on it. The believers on the other side are waiting just for you and your family. Don't ever forget that there is power in prayer.

May God bless each of you with good health, sound finances and genuine relationships!



Ed and Jean Christman

**Christman**

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amous with the Moravian Christmas Love Feast, held annually in Wait Chapel for the past 50 years and helped found the University's Volunteer Service Corps in the late 1980s. He was among the first administrators to champion integration of the student body in the early 1960s. He received the University's Faces of Courage Award in 2012 for advocating integration and supporting the first black student Ed Reynolds, who enrolled in 1962.

"When you look at the entire institution, there are few people who have had an impact on Wake Forest in a way that transcends their individual assignment. Ed Christman is one of those few," said Wilson, who had known Christman since their days on the old campus in the town of Wake Forest.

Christman received the University's highest award, the Medallion of Merit, in 2007, and the divinity school's first Distinguished Service Award in 2005. He was named administrator of the year by the Old Gold and Black in 1971 and Alumnus of the Year by the Residence Hall Council in 1982.

When he retired in 2003, Christman said, "The more I think about my life, I am beset by the word grace. Grace is gifts that you don't deserve. My life has been a series of these kinds of events. I'm not a saint. I'm a person. But I have been given more than I deserve."

A remembrance website, "Remembering Ed Christman," can be found online at [edchristman.wfu.edu](http://edchristman.wfu.edu).

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Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones, pastor of Zion Memorial, invites the general public to attend, participate in and be blessed during this service. For additional information, please call the church at 336-725-7390 or consult the website at [www.zion-memorial.org](http://www.zion-memorial.org).

**New Year's Eve service**  
Dr. James L.E. Hunt and the New Birth Worship Center Church family will bring in the New Year with a worship service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31. There will be special music rendered by the NBWC choir. The theme is "A New Beginning, And A New Start." Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 1033 Newbirth Drive in East Bend. For additional information, call 336-699-3583 or visit [newbirthworship-center.org](http://newbirthworship-center.org).

**Starting Jan. 3**

**Church anniversary**  
Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., will hold services to celebrate its 32nd anniversary. On Saturday, Jan. 3 at 10:30 a.m., the "First Fruits Brunch" will be held. Monique Ellison of Wake Forest School of Divinity and April Young of Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, will speak. On Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m., Pastor Essie C. McCullough of New Direction Movement Cathedral will speak. Apostle BJ McCloud is pastor. For more information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.



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**Jan. 3**

**Missionary Planning Meeting**  
The Forsyth County Missionary President and Officers Planning Meeting is scheduled for

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Golden Corral Family Restaurant, 4965 University Parkway. The Forsyth County Missionary president is Lenner P. Jeffries. For more information call R. J. Gore at 336-817-8424.

**Starting Jan. 4**

**New Year's Revival**  
Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1001 E. Washington St. in Greensboro, will hold a New Year's Revival from Jan. 4-6. International evangelist Dr. Patricia Lewis of Memphis, Tenn., Supervisor of Brazil for the Church of God in Christ, will lead the revival at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4; at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5; and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6. The public is invited. Dr. Herman Platt is pastor. For more info, call Wells Memorial at 336-272-6564.

**Jan. 18**

**Family and Friends Day**  
St. James AME Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will celebrate Family and Friends

Day at 10 am. Sunday, Jan. 18. The public is invited to attend. Contact Michelle Johns at 336-995-1464 for more information.


**GospelFest**

The 10th annual GospelFest sponsored by the Wake Forest University Office of Multicultural Affairs will be Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, at 3 p.m. The event will feature Jonathan Nelson, Alexis Spight, Big Redd and the WFU Gospel Choir. Tickets are on sale at Brendle Recital Hall, in the Scales Fine Arts Center at Wake Forest University. Tickets are free for Wake Forest students with a valid ID and \$12 for general admission.

**'Men Helping Men'**

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., will sponsor the biblically based "Men Helping Men be Men Gathering" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Bishop Claude C. Turner is the pastor. For more information contact Elder Kevin Gary at 336-767-4326. All men are invited.

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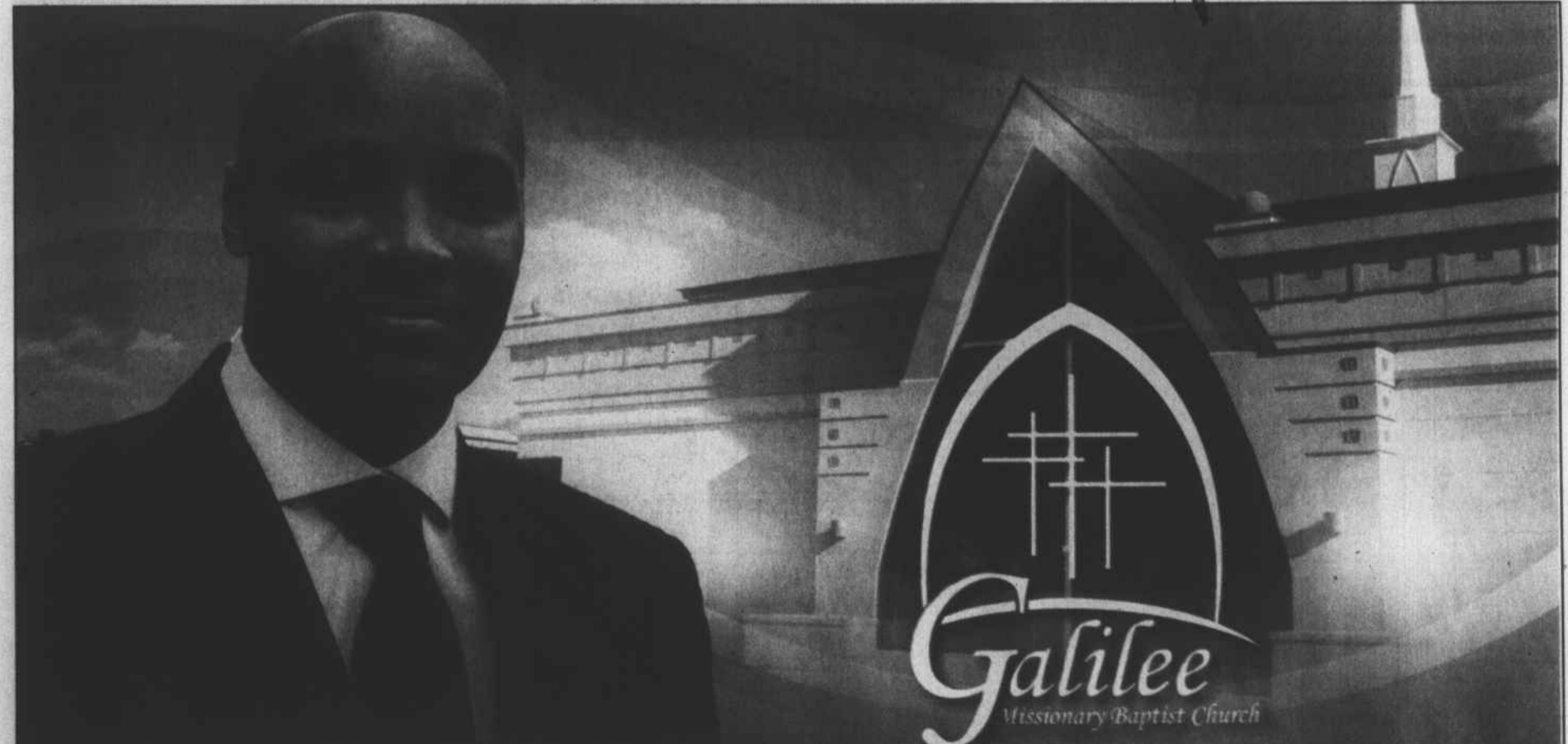


**Bishop R.L. Win, Sr.**  
D.D.; S.T.D. - Pastor

**Sunday Services**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 M.Y.P.U. .... 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Services**  
 Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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