

**Baptists**

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about race before we set our own house in order," said the Rev. Dwight McKissic, a black Southern Baptist pastor in Arlington, Texas.

While he praised recent statements by SBC leaders, he also noted that the denomination continues to employ all whites as top executives and seminary presidents.

"It's obvious the rhetoric and reality is not matching," he said.

Nonwhite congregations made up 20 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention's nearly 51,000 congregations in 2012, the most recent year statistics are available from the denomination. But less than 1 percent of those congregations are multiethnic. The vast majority of Southern Baptists attend a church predominantly filled by people of their own race, be it black, white or Hispanic. The situation is nearly identical in most Christian denominations in the United States.

Despite that lack of integration, a phone survey of about 1,000 churchgoers by Lifeway Research recently found that only 37 percent of evangelicals thought their churches needed to become more

ethnically diverse. The survey was not broken down by denomination.

David W. Key Sr., director of Baptist Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, said the convention adopted a resolution in 1995 recognizing and apologizing for its historic role in supporting slavery and Jim Crow policies. If the denomination had also set out to address the inequalities those policies had wrought, it could have done a lot over the past two decades, he said.

Moore said he agrees that things are changing too slowly within the SBC, but he sees signs of hope. He points to the work of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary President Danny Akin, who has made recruiting and educating a racially diverse group of future pastors a key goal.

Akin said he doesn't think the patterns and structures built up at the SBC over more than a century can be changed without an active and intentional effort.

"My grief is we're late to this party," he said. "We should have been leading the way. The Christian church should be the first to speak to issues of discrimination and injustice ... not sitting back."

**Peppers**

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people. The poor Jews left in Samaria intermarried with the foreigners, polluting their heritage and religion. The Jews in the south (Judah) returned from Babylon (last group) in 444 B.C. and rejected the mixed race people as inferior. "Their hatred deepened when around A.D. 6-9, the Samaritans entered the Temple littering it with human bones" (David C. Cook's Adult Teacher Commentary). According to devout Jews, their neighbors were only other devout Jews.

Jesus uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to expose the Jews' narrow perception of their neighbor. The devout men rely on their righteousness to set the standard instead of the love of God. The priest and the Levite walked on the other side ignoring an injured Jew. The Samaritan sees the victim and goes to render his services even though there was "bad

blood" between them. It's dangerous, inconvenient, and costly; he goes beyond society's boundaries. Jesus asks the young man to identify the real neighbor. The key point here is anyone who needs help of any kind is our neighbor.

**Life's Application:** It is easy to help people that look and act as you do. The real test comes when we step outside our comfort zone. God's love transcends community, economics and politics! Believers are to follow God's model. God looks beyond our faults and is there for us. God shows us His mercy over and over; how then can we ignore others? Society sets up barriers to divide and conquer. The barriers keep us at each others' throats thus rendering our voices weak or non-existent. We shouldn't help someone because they may help us later. Did Jesus do that? Remember now that God sees us everyday all day. He isn't fooled by our Sunday faces!!!

**Airman Walker graduates from basic training**

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principles and skills.

Air Force Reserve Airman Chris L. Walker graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.



Walker

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Walker is the son of Russell Walker of Winston Salem and nephew of Bernard McCoy of Greensboro and Lisa Walker of Winston Salem.

He graduated in 2011 from Ronald Reagan High School, Winston Salem.

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 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
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deep discography. "I had no idea of the impact of this guy that was packing out Carnegie Hall, big arenas in London, tours and all of this big stuff."

Crouch and his twin sister, Sandra Crouch, were pastors at the New Christ Memorial Church in the Los Angeles suburb of San Fernando. An emotional Sandra recalled her brother's final days to the crowd gathered for the four-and-a-half-hour-long service.

"I tried to keep my twin here, but God said, 'He's suffered enough, and I want

him home with me.'"

Sandra later lifted the mood by jokingly reminding everyone that her twin was born 30 minutes before her and was therefore her "opening act."

Crouch was awarded seven Grammys throughout a career that spanned more than a half-century. His work graced songs by Michael Jackson and Madonna and movies such as "The Color Purple" and "The Lion King."

Crouch died Jan. 8 at Northridge Hospital Medical Center, where he had been admitted after suffering a heart attack, according to his spokesman. He was 72.

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**Faith and Power Day**

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will hold a service for Faith and Power Day on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. Apostle Edward Allen of Ambassador Cathedral will be the guest speaker. Charles Tate is the program leader. Bishop John C. Parks is the senior pastor of the church.

**Officers to be installed**

CHRIST Community Outreach Ministries, 615 Coliseum Drive, will have the installation of new officers on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. Bishop Marvin Cremedy Sr., senior pastor of Vessels of Honor Church Ministries, will be the guest speaker. C.C.O.M. is a church where the supernatural power of GOD is revealed and manifested in the lives of believers in Christ. Rev. Nathaniel P. J. Williams Jr. is the host pastor. For more information, call 336-575-0148.

**Feb. 10**

**Heart health discussion**  
 On Feb. 10, Super Tuesday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., will feature "A Heart Health Talk" by Porsche Jones, an educator from Community Outreach at Novant Health/ Forsyth Medical Center. The event will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call the church office 336-722-2325.

**Starting Feb. 11**

**Reality challenges**  
 Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, invites you to attend the open forum of WOW

**Wednesday's called**

"What's Your Reality Challenge" every second and fourth Wednesday (Feb. 11 and 25) at 7 p.m. The service is an open forum for people of all ages who have questions about reality challenges. Questions and answers will be shared with those who are seeking knowledge on how to handle day-to-day events that sometimes go unanswered. No question is too big or small to ask. The public is invited. For more information, call the church office at 336-784-9347.

**Feb. 14**

**Extravaganza**

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, where the pastor is Dr. Charles E. Gray, will host an Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Food, fun games, Christian Comedy featuring Rev. Clee and Christian fellowship will be provided. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. "The Greatest Gift of all is Love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). The public is invited. The church can be contacted at 336-721-1959.

**Feb. 15**

**New Hope anniversary**

New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, will celebrate its 131st church anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 15. Pastor Dairl L. Scott Sr. will deliver the 11 a.m. message. Rev. Dr. Darren H. Mitchell of Trinity AME Zion Church of Greensboro will deliver the 3 p.m. message. Dinner will be served after the service. All are welcome. For more information, call 336-945-9083 or 336-945-5618

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