

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Starting May 21

#### Women Seeking Wisdom

The Women Seeking Wisdom Conference will be held Thursday, Friday and Sunday, May 21, 22 and 24 at Miracle Temple Deliverance Church, at 2930 Prescott Drive. The Conference theme will be "Stand Firm," taken from Ephesians 6:10-17. Speakers will be: Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m., Co-Pastor Earline White (Abba Father Ministries); Friday, May 22 at 7 p.m., Pastor Alice Mitchell (Miracles Outreach International Church); Sunday, May 24 at 11 a.m., Worship Speaker Prophetess Camille Calhoun. There will be singing, teaching, preaching, fellowship, freedom from bondage and dynamic worship. Bishop Charlie Jenkins and the Miracle Temple Congregation and Apostle Barry Spates and the Calvary Ministries Congregation are sponsoring the conference.

For conference information please contact Joan Gray at 336-201-2155 or e-mail gray322004@yahoo.com.

### May 23

#### Health and Wellness Fair

The Health and Wellness Ministry of the Reid Memorial C.M.E. Church is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 1010 Bennett St. in Greensboro. There will be displays and information on Blood Pressure, Heart Health, Chiropractic Health, Female Reproductive Health, i.e. Breast and Cervical Health, Sickle Cell, and HIV/STD's. Representatives from GTCC and Shaw University will be available with information on adult education GED and degree programs. For more information call 336-929-7171.

### May 24

#### Patriotic Sunday Service

The Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church will have Patriotic Sunday on May 24 at the 10 a.m. service. The theme is "Honoring those who Answered the Call to Serve." Service members and veterans will be recognized. Congregation will wear red, white or blue attire in their honor. The church is located at 1435 E. Fourth Street in Winston-Salem. Reverend Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor. For more information, call 336-723-2325.

#### Seven Up Program

Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church at 198 Anderson Road, Rural Hall, N.C., will have its Seven Up Program on Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m. The Seven Ups are wake up, dress up, hush up, stand up, look up, reach up and lift up. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Eddie L. Fortson is the host pastor.

#### Missionary Meeting

The Forsyth County Missionary Union meeting be on Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church on 319 Nelson St. in Kernersville. Youth and Young Adults will meet at 1:30 p.m. Seniors will meet at 3 p.m. For more information call R. J. Gore at 336-817-8424.

#### Family and Friends Day

The Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church is having a Friends and Family Day on Sunday, May 24 at 11 a.m. on 1400 Fitch St. in Winston-Salem. For more information, call the church at 336-748-0265.

#### Memorial Day Service

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem will have a Memorial Day Service entitled "They Stand Among the Stones" on Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. on 4055 Robinhood Road in Winston-Salem. Judy Biedrycki will be speaker. There will be a forum at 9 a.m. discussing current events. For more information, go to [www.uufws.org](http://www.uufws.org).

#### Youth Choir Anniversary

New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) Youth Choir will celebrate their 18th Anniversary on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 3:30 PM. The guest choirs will be youth choirs from Tabernacle United Church of Christ of Yadkinville, NC, and Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Winston Salem. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The pastor at NBWC is Dr. James L.E. Hunt. The address is 1033 New Birth Dr. East Bend, NC. For additional information, please call 336-699-3583 or visit our website at [www.newbirthworshipcenter.org](http://www.newbirthworshipcenter.org).

### May 26

#### Mime Ministry Program

Jarett Terry of "Greater is He" Mime Ministry will host a program Sunday, May 24 at 4 p.m. at New Direction Movement Cathedral on 3300 Overdale Drive in Winston-Salem. For more information call 336-771-2111.

### Beginning May 29

#### Women's Convocation

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will host the Annual Women's Convocation from May 29-31 at 2721 Manchester Street in Winston-Salem. Host will be Pastor Yvonne H. Hines. Keynote speakers will be Pastor Sarah Barbour on May 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Evangelist Sharon Sellers will speak on May 31 at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. For more information call

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## St. Paul United Methodist Church celebrates its 144th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, will celebrate its 144th anniversary on Sunday, May 24 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Donald Jenkins, pastor, will deliver the anniversary message on the theme "Remember, Celebrate, Give Thanks". His sermon will be grounded in the words from Psalm 124:1 — "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side." A reception will immediately follow in the church's fellowship hall.

St. Paul is the first church founded for African-Americans in the town of Winston and is the second oldest African-American church in Winston-Salem.

Initially known as "the church by the railroad" because of its location, St. Paul was established as St. Paul

Methodist Episcopal Church in 1871 and held its first gatherings under a secluded brush arbor near Liberty and Main streets. In 1967, the church merged with Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, which was founded in 1897.



Rev. Donald Jenkins

Today, the church serves as a beacon of faith and hope in the community. Located in East Winston, on the corner of Dellabrook and New Walkertown Roads, the congregation is deeply focused on

its mission to be a passionate church. This passion is exemplified in St. Paul's commitment to demonstrating God's love to serving those in need and helping people mature in their faith through biblical teaching.

The church supports many outreach programs, including a weekly

food pantry, Meals on Wheels, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry, as well as North Hill and Ashley Elementary Schools.

St. Paul members plant seeds for the future by donating funds to provide scholarships for its graduating high school members. This year's chairwoman, Shelia Robinson, acknowledges, "After all, it is all about God, anyway."

Rev. Jenkins has served as pastor since 1993. He leads the congregation in its passion, which is guided by five core values:

1. God is the center of all we do.
2. Dynamic worship is mandatory.
3. Prayer is our power.
4. Accountability is required.
5. Communication is essential.

The public is invited to this event.

## Ministers' Conference partners with FaithHealth to care for caregivers

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, led by Bishop Todd Fulton, is partnering with FaithHealth in the Unit Adoption Program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma and Academic Medical Center.

The Ministers' Conference has adopted the trauma unit. The goal of this collaboration is to provide prayer, support, care and comfort to the nurses, physicians, house staff and employees within the trauma units. The employees will, in turn, be able to offer more fully, compassionate care along with nursing and medical skill to patients and families.

The Ministers' Conference strives to be active in community engagement and considers this collaborative to be a wonderful opportunity to work together for wellness, wholeness, and connection within the full community.

Members of the conference attended a special program in Davis Chapel at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center on Friday, May 15, where clergy came together to learn more about the FaithHealth Unit Adoption Program. Rev.



Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity

Working with the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity are (L to R) the Rev. Kendall Jones, Elder Lamonte Williams, Elder Tembila Covington, the Rev. Graylin Carlton, the Rev. Dee McCullough, the Rev. Maria Jones, Bishop Todd Fulton, Ms. Jimmie Hairston, Elder Debra Jeter, the Rev. Dianne Horton and the Rev. Anthony Jones.

Maria Teresa Jones, chaplain for staff ministries, shared tender stories about the amazing work of the hospital staff and the needs they experience.

The Ministers' Conference aims to share loving kindness in the community. The partnership with FaithHealth provides an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of professional caregivers and thus participate in an ever evolving healthy community for all.

## Saints Home to hold Women's Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Saints Home United Methodist Church, 1390 Thurmond St., will hold its annual Women's Day celebration service on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Sherise Lindsay, assistant pastor to two United Methodist churches: Brooks Temple and St. Stephen in Lexington.

She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she received her undergraduate degree in political science and master's degree in adult education, respectively. She responded to her call to the ministry in 2009 and was subsequently licensed as a local pastor

under the United Methodist Church.

The theme of this year's Women's Day service is "Healing Hands of Love," indicative of the role of women in reaching out to others in need with love and compassion. In light of the theme, Saints Home Church will host the Beta Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., an organization of women dedicated to fostering and promoting high ideals and standards in the teaching field. The sorority will share in the morning worship service as a part of its 92nd Founders Day celebration.

The community is invited to this event. For information concerning the event, contact the church at 336-724-2514. The Rev. Ronnie Roseboro is the presiding pastor.

## The Gift of Tongues

**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 2:1-7 and I Corinthians 14:13-19

By the end of this lesson, we should:

- Understand the importance of all spiritual gifts
- Recognize that God uses miracles to accomplish His aims
- Use our gift(s) to benefit the body

**Background:** There is something woven in the nature of humans that makes us want to be better than others. That desire, if not controlled will wreck families, communities, churches and social organizations. The need to be on top is also evident in governments. Humans aren't robots, therefore it becomes their responsibility to "recognize" who they are.

Self control kicks in to tame "the beast within." Good intentions alone are not enough! It is only through the power of the

Holy Spirit and knowledge that keeps "the beast" at bay.

That thread in human nature rears its head in the church as well. The Tower of Babel, recorded in Genesis 11, illustrates humans' egotistical efforts to dominate God's creation. Having the same language made it easy to unite for a common goal. God comes to visit and confuses their language to end their plans. He also scattered them! Different tongues like that aren't mentioned again until the New Testament. People who display ecstatic behavior and utterances are commonplace in the early cultures that symbolize divine presence. Society actually held them in high honor for they believed that these people had some mysterious power. Speaking in tongues is also considered a divine utterance by many. Paul addresses this gift that is dividing the church at Corinth.



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

**Lesson:** Pentecost is the Jewish festival coming 50 days after Passover. The "feast of weeks" thanks God for the first-fruits of the harvest. Those gifts are always taken to the Temple. It also commemorates Moses receiving the Law at Sinai. Can you see Jesus' sacrifice in this celebration? On the Day of Pentecost, Jews coming from 15 places in the Roman Empire, including Judea, are in the city. Recent scholars suggest that "the disciples are in a

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