

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Vacation Bible School

Piney Grove Baptist Church will continue Vacation Bible School today (July 2) and tomorrow (July 3), from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PGBC Family Life Center on 4633 Grove Garden Drive. The theme is "Winning Souls and Teaching God's Word for the Advancement of the Kingdom." A light dinner will continue to be served from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. All ages are invited to attend. For more information call 336-744-5759.

Summer Revival

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church is having their annual Summer Revival today (July 2) and tomorrow (July 3) at 7:30 p.m. on 1100 Manley St. Guest speaker is Rev. Darryl R. Napper, Sr. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is the pastor and teacher. For more information, call 336-788-4411.

July 5

High Cost of Patriotism Sermon

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem will hear Steven Hewett speak on "The High Cost of Patriotism" on Sunday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. on 4055 Robinhood Rd. Hewett will also lead a discussion at the Forum at 9 a.m. For more information go to www.uufws.org.

Beginning July 5

Pastoral Anniversary

True Temple Outreach Ministry will celebrate the 39th Pastoral Anniversary of Apostle Wallace Gaither and Co-Pastor Shirley Gaither from July 5 to July 26 on 1415 S. Main St. The guest speakers will be as follows: Bishop Tyrone Green of New Hope Holiness Church of Lexington at 4 p.m. (July 5); Pastor Essie McCullough of New Direction Movement Cathedral at 7 p.m. (July 10); Elder Gregory Robertson of St. Matthew Apostolic Temple at 4 p.m. (July 12); Pastor Dairl Scott of Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion of Lexington at 4 p.m. (July 19); Elder Eugene Kirby of Bethlehem Holiness Church at 4 p.m. (July 26). For more information contact Renee Hauser at 336-972-0447.

Beginning July 8

Vacation Bible School

Nehemiah Worship Center will be having their Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, July 8 through Friday, July 10 on 4873 Phelps Dr. the public is invited to come, transportation will be provided. For more information, call 336-712-7408.

Beginning July 10

Women's Conference

The Women of New Birth Worship Center is having a women's conference on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on 1033 New Birth Dr. in East Bend. The guest speakers will be Sister Michelle Houser, Founder and Director of W.O.W., and Evangelist Clara Goode. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the church at 336-922-2692.

July 12

Church Ministry Anniversary

Vessels of Honor Church Ministries is having its sixth church and pastor's anniversary on Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m. on 3608 Ogburn Ave. Pastor Fredrick Smalley of Sanctuary of Faith Ministry will speak. At 4 p.m., Pastor Johnny Scoot of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Yadkinville will speak. Bishop Marvin and Pastor Clara T. Cremedy lead the church. For more information contact the church at 336-624-9351.



Pastor and Bishop Cremedy

Beginning July 13

Vacation Bible School

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will have their Vacation Bible School from July 13-17 at 5:30 p.m. on 810 N. Highland Ave. Dinner will be provided afterwards. The theme is "Jesus, the True Superhero". For more information, call 336-724-2614.

August 3

Lunch and learn

The Trinity Glen Church will be having a lunch and learn on Monday, Aug. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 849 Waterworks Road. The subject will be about "Conversation in Death and Dying." Key speakers of this event will be Gary Cook, M.Div., LSCW, pastoral counselor and psychotherapist; and Christopher Ehrlich, hospice chaplain from Hospice of the Piedmont. Please RSVP with number of people attending to bwoodard@trinityglen.net.

September 14

Bible Class

The Sovereign Grace Bible Institute will begin its fall classes on Sept. 14. This will be a one-and-a-half year certificate program. On Monday nights we will be studying Ephesians and Practical Lessons on the Christian Life. Then on Tuesday nights there will be classes on the book of Romans and studies in Systematic

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New Birth Worship Center to celebrate 15th pastoral anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) church family will celebrate the 15th pastoral anniversary of its pastor, Dr. James L.E. Hunt, and First Lady Elvita A. Hunt on July 18 and July 19.

On Saturday, July 18, there will be a banquet at the Elks Lodge, 2585 Griffith Road, Winston-Salem. During the banquet there will be catered food, live gospel, jazz, guest soloist, etc.

The Rev. Timothy W. Bridges, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in East Spencer, will be the guest speaker. There will be a \$25 cash non-members fee. To RSVP, contact 336-699-3583. On Sunday, July 19, minister Kevin Gibson, associated minister of Friendship Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker at 10 a.m. at NBWC, 1033 Newbirth Drive in East Bend.

The theme is "A New Beginning, And A New Start." Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call the church at 336-699-3583 or visit www.newbirthworshipcenter.org.



Dr. James L.E. Hunt and First Lady Elvita A. Hunt

Episcopal Church elects first black presiding bishop

Bishop Michael Curry used to work locally at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina waves to the crowd after being elected the Episcopal Church's first African-American presiding bishop at the Episcopal General Convention Saturday, June 27, in Salt Lake City. Curry won the vote in a landslide.

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SALT LAKE CITY —The Episcopal Church elected its first African-American presiding bishop, choosing Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina during the denomination's national assembly Saturday.

He served at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem as he rose through the ranks.

Curry was elected by a landslide in a vote at the Episcopal General Convention, the top legislative body of the church. Curry earned 121 of 174 votes from bishops on the first

ballot. The other three candidates had 21 votes each or less. The decision was affirmed on an 800-12 vote by the House of Deputies, the voting body of clergy and lay participants at the meeting.

Curry's election is the second consecutive historic choice for the New York-based church of nearly 1.9 million members. He will succeed Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was the first female presiding bishop and the first woman to lead an Anglican national church. The Episcopal Church is the U.S. body of the Anglican Communion, an 80-million member worldwide fellowship of

churches with roots in the Church of England.

According to reports, Curry served initially as deacon-in-charge and subsequently as rector of St. Stephen's (1978-1982) in Winston-Salem. He was elected 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina on Feb. 11, 2000, and consecrated bishop on June 17, 2000. He continues to serve North Carolina until he is sworn in on Nov. 1.

At a news conference, Curry said his selection as the first black leader of the denomination was "a sign of our church growing more deeply in

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St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church holds Pew Rally, hat event

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Sunday School Department of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, at 1100 Manley St., held its annual Pew Rally on Sunday, June 7. There was a contest held between each class, and the New Member Class won first place with the most

money.

Each class was responsible for its own talents. The class teacher is Mack Nowlin.

Also, the Missionaries of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church hosted its annual "Ladies in Hats" on Sunday, June 14. Prizes were given

for the most unique, colorful, biggest and smallest hats.

Various ladies from different churches along with ladies at St. Mark came out and supported and participated in this program.

Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is the pastor and teacher.

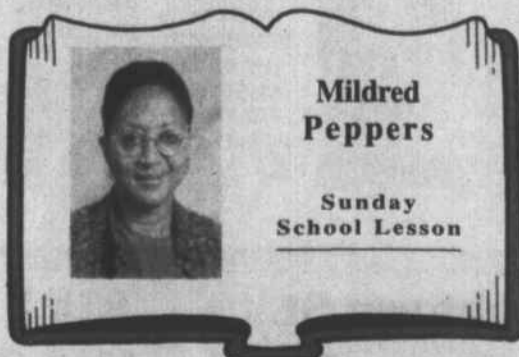
The Truth Hurts!

Lesson Scripture: Micah 2:4-11

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Realize God continues to warn, but His patience wears out
- Evaluate our actions as individuals and nations to determine if God is pleased
- Recognize that judgment is not only in Scripture

Background: Micah, born in Moresheth Gath, prophesied mainly to Judah the Southern Kingdom. He shared his visions from God during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah from 740-710 BC. Isaiah and Hosea were his contemporaries. Like the other prophets, Micah was charged with confronting



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

God's Chosen about their wicked ways — breaking covenant with Him, ritual worship, and exploiting the poor. He presented God's message by balanced interplay between God's impassioned wrath and promised mercy. Throughout the book, Micah gave oracles of judgment and oracles of promise (a remnant would return). He reiterates to both Israel and Judah that God hates idolatry, injustice, empty ritual, and government corruption but delights in repentance and restoration!

Lesson: In chapter one and two of this book, the prophet issues his first interplay of judgment and restora-

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