

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

#### Youth revival

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church on 1100 Manley St., will continue their Annual Summer Youth Revival today (July 16) and tomorrow (July 17) at 7:30 p.m. The guest Minister that will be speaking is Rev. Christopher Hinton from Greater Community Baptist Church, where their Pastor is Rev. Melvin Frazier. Pastor and teacher is Rev. Dr. James Fulwood. For more information call 336-723-6396.

#### Vacation Bible School

Miracle Temple Deliverance Church and Bishop Charlie Jenkins Jr., will continue their Vacation Bible School today (July 16) and tomorrow (July 17) from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. located at 2390 Prescott Dr. The theme is "Coat of many Colors". On Saturday, July 18, there will be a Fun Day with games, food and activities at 11 a.m. For transportation call 336-473-6689. For more information call 336-391-2887.

#### Youth Week

The Greater Tabernacle Worship Center will continue its youth week. Today (July 16) will be a trip to the Andy Griffith Museum at 10 a.m. On the same day that evening, service will start at 7 p.m. at GTWC featuring Sunday's Best contestants Dangelo Gardner, Mime 3, Youth Choir, Dancers and Praise Team. Following the service Truth Nation presents Wildin Out church edition. Fun Day will be on July 17, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be field events followed by a cookout. On July 18 at noon Elder Aaron McNair, Jr. will deliver the Bread of Life and afterwards there will be a pool party. Youth prayer is held daily from 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. during the Off the Wall Youth Week. VIP Registration \$35 for ages 17 and up, 16 and under \$25 this will cover all the events for the week and a T-shirt. Host pastor is Apostle BJ McCloud. For more information call 336-777-1113.

#### Vacation Bible School

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will continue their Vacation Bible School today (July 16) and tomorrow (July 17) from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. on 810 N. Highland Ave. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The theme is "Jesus, the True Superhero". There will be sessions for all ages as well as Arts and Crafts. All are welcome. For more information, call 336-724-2614.

#### Food Box Giveaway

The Greater Tabernacle Worship Center will have a food box giveaway on today (July 16) from noon - 2 p.m. at 2058 Dellabrook Rd. For more information contact the church at 336-777-1113.

### July 18

#### Gospel program

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries at 2001 N.E. 25th St. will feature a gospel program on Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. The following will appear on the program: The Gospel Jewels, Bishop James Wright, The Sons of Glory, Bethlehem Baptist Church Male Chorus and Bill Pratt & The Gospel Crusaders. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Bill Pratt at 336-773-1694.

### July 19

#### Church anniversary

Piney Grove Baptist Church at 4715 Indiana Ave., will celebrate its 123rd Church Anniversary on Sunday July 19 at 4 p.m. Pastor Vince Hairston and Calvary Christian Church of Greensboro will be the guest. For more information call 336-744-5759.

#### Night Service

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at 1201 New Hope Ln., will hold a Sunday night live service on Sunday, July 19 at 5 p.m. Pastor Billie Bivens and the Upper Room Baptist Church of High Point will be the special guests. Bishop John C. Parks is the host pastor. For more information call 336-724-5401.

#### Guest speaker

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem on 4055 Robinhood Rd. will hear the Rev. Mary Frances Comer speak on "Embracing Our Vulnerabilities" on Sunday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. The 9 a.m. forum will be a discussion of current events by Ken Ostberg. For more information, go to [www.uufws.org](http://www.uufws.org).

#### Empowerment service

The Ministerial Staff of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester Street, Winston-Salem, NC, will host Elder Kevin Sturdivant of Grooms Missionary Baptist Church, in Reidsville, as the keynote speaker for an empowerment service, Sunday, July 19th at 6 p.m. Yvonne H. Hines is Senior Pastor. For additional information, contact the church office at 336.722.2624 or [msfgdc@bellsouth.net](mailto:msfgdc@bellsouth.net). Rev.

#### First sermon

Minister Teresa Reynolds of Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will be giving her first sermon on Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. on 4951 Manning St. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact the church at 336-744-3012.



Reynolds

#### Choir anniversary

The Mount Zion Baptist Church Inspirational Choir will celebrate its 38th choir anniversary on Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m. at 950 File St. the anniversary theme is "All My Help Comes From the Lord". Guests choirs and musicians will help the Inspirational Choir to celebrate: The David R. Hedgley Choir of First Baptist Church, Kevin & IV, ensemble Just Sangin', and the Mount Zion Baptist Church Praise Dancers. The Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. is pastor. For more information, contact the church at 336-722-2325.

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Photos by Donna Rogers

Winston-Salem officials attended the Voting Rights Ecumenical Service on Sunday, July 12, including, Mayor Allen Joines, in the middle, front row; Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke is next to the mayor on the right, and North Ward Council Member Denise "D.D." Adams is far right.

## Prayer and worship precede historic trial, Moral Monday activities



The Rev. Jeremiah Wright, President Obama's former pastor, speaks briefly as a special guest at the NAACP Voting Rights Ecumenical Service on Sunday, July 12.

#### CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The N.C. NAACP spearheaded a Voting Rights Ecumenical Service on Sunday, July 12, that packed Union Baptist Church on Trade Street. The service was designed to motivate people to support the N.C. NAACP as it begins a long trial in its case N.C. NAACP v. McCrory, a federal lawsuit against the state of North Carolina over voting rights. Religious leaders from various faiths said prayers: Christian, the Rev. Dr. John Mendez, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church; Muslim, Imam Khalid Griggs, Community Mosque, Winston-Salem; and Jewish, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Temple Beth Or.

During the service, which featured praise, worship and a message from the Rev. Dr. William Barber II, president of the N.C. NAACP, "A Litany for Voting Rights Sabbath" was recited.

Barber spoke from Isaiah 58 and Jeremiah. His topic was "Necessary Interruptions."

He said he obtained a litany from a rabbi, who told of how he orchestrated interruptions to the annual Yom Kippur service to help his congregation understand the challenge of the Scripture. Barber translated it into a voting rights litany. He said the people and the nation need interruptions, such as Moral Mondays, to

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## Summer Praise concert to support Sister2Sister Outreach Ministry

BY NIKKI BALDWIN FOR THE CHRONICLE

The first Summer Praise benefit concert will be at the First Presbyterian Church Worship Center from 2 to 5 p.m. at 200 N. Cherry St. on Saturday, July 25, to support the Sister2Sister (S2S) International Outreach Ministry Inc.

Admission to the concert is free and will consist of collections for love offerings.

The proceeds from the concert will go toward the construction of the S2S children's home and school in Ngong, Kenya. The S2S board members in Kenya and Purity Ruchugo will be over the construction of the home and school in Kenya.

The concert will consist of dance troupes, mime troupes, spoken word and singers such as Alfred Clements. The treasurer of S2S, Martha Alberton, and the board members of S2S will manage the proceeds raised from the concert.

The concert idea was formed when Alfred Clements walked into Umoja store, which is owned by Purity Ruchugo, founder of S2S. Ruchugo, who had just attended Clements' spring concert, was hoping to use his singing talent to help raise money for the children in Kenya. The chance encounter led to Clements agreeing to the idea upon hearing it.

Clements, who is an educator, said his motivation for wanting to participate in this concert was sparked by his passion for ministry, as



Photo by Nikki Baldwin for The Chronicle

In this photo (L-R) are volunteer Joan Falls, S2S founder Purity Ruchugo, concert organizer Alfred Clements and volunteer Beverly Beaty.

well as the passion to start his own visions and to be apart of "this great cause." Clements believes in uplifting and inspiring others with the gift he has been blessed with.

Purity Ruchugo, who was born and raised in Kenya, started the Sister2Sister International Outreach Ministry Inc. Ruchugo, when asked why she started S2S, said she wanted to be a voice to the voiceless and raise awareness of the needs of women and children.

"HIV/AIDS robbed Africa with over a generation of young men and women. This left many children without parents. There are no programs to help empower women and children, so through ministry we are changing lives by educating orphans and providing feeding programs," Ruchugo

said.

Ruchugo, who was raised by her widowed mother after her father died when she was 4 years old, said she wanted to reach out and help those in need. Ruchugo believes if you help a woman, then you can help the community, including the children as well.

The S2S headquarters is in Winston-Salem in the Umoja store, for it is a part of the ministry. S2S is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For more information about the benefit concert, contact Alfred Clements at 336-624-5577. For additional information about Sister2Sister International Outreach Ministry, contact Purity Ruchugo at 336-655-0347 or email [www.sistersinternational-women.org](http://www.sistersinternational-women.org).

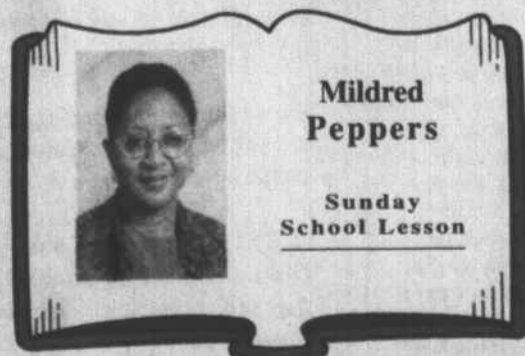
## The Lord's Requirements

Lesson Scripture: Micah 6:3-8

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Recognize that the prophet's words apply to us today
- Understand that honoring God is not a show but heartfelt commitment
- Ask for the strength to daily represent God in our lives

**Background:** Micah gave his first two cycles of judgment and restoration in chapters 1-2 and 3-5. Each time the leaders were indicted for corruption, injustice, greed and immorality. The leaders - politicians, judges, priests, and false prophets - were more interested in their own well being while ignoring/exploiting the masses. Micah declared God's words to a stiff-necked people who were



so arrogant as to believe that God wouldn't judge His own! His final cycle opens with the Lord presenting His case against Israel (Judah).

**Lesson:** This cycle is set in a courtroom where God issues His complaints against Israel's leaders. He calls the mountains, which were there when the covenant was made, to be His witnesses. God reminds them of His graciousness from Egypt to Moab (Numbers 22-24), to Shittim (sh TEEM) and Gilgal (Joshua 4:19-5). Over and over His compassion delivers them from their enemies. The question is raised "Has He asked for too much?" Micah responds in verses 6-7 to God's indictment by asking questions that he

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