

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Aug. 1 Women's Conference

Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church, 149 N. Wheeler Street, will hold its annual Women's Conference on Saturday, Aug. 1. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and program starts at 10 a.m. The theme is "Women United In Christ." The Rev. Ann Dalton, associate minister of Emanuel Baptist Church, will be among the guest speakers. The public is invited to attend. The host pastor is Pastor William J. Purvis. For more information, contact the church at 336-724-3106.

Community Day Fair

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 2411 Urban St., will have a community day fair on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be table set up that will feature each auxiliary of the church. Information on each auxiliary will be displayed. School supplies will be given out at each table. Health care vendors will be present. For more information, contact the church at 336-771-7000.

Aug. 2 Choir anniversary

St. Mark Baptist Church Vocal Choir will be celebrating its 18th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 4 p.m. at the church, 1100 Manly St. Guest will be The Queenette and The Gospel Styletic. All are invited to come. For more information, call Virginia Ellis, choir president, at 336-661-1186.

Beginning Aug. 2 Homecoming and Revival

Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church, 21020 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd., will hold its annual Homecoming and Revival Services, Aug. 2 through Aug. 7. Sunday morning (Aug. 2), Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem District, will deliver the 11 a.m. message. The Rev. Elston Hart, pastor of St. John A.M.E. Zion Church of Thomasville, will be the 3 p.m. speaker. The speakers for Aug. 3-7 are as follows: Rev. Belinda Harris, pastor, Hickory Grove A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. Dairl Scott Jr., pastor, Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; Evangelist Toni Lowe, member of Oak Grove Missionary Church; Rev. Ronald Speas, pastor, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; and Rev. Dairl Scott Sr., pastor, New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church. All evening services will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited. For more information call 336-924-1706.

27th annual convention

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., will host the 27th annual convention Aug. 2-9. The theme is "Keeping it Real." Empowered to Serve (Mathew 16:26). Bishop Claude C. Turner is founder, pastor and teacher. For more information call 336-744-2700.

Aug. 2 Church anniversary

Pastor Richard C. Miller Sr. & Co-Pastor Ernestine W. Miller of the Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, is having their 79th Church Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. with guest Pastor Eddie McNair of Fountain of Life Full Gospel Baptist Church of Plymouth and 4 p.m. with guest pastor Aldine Ingram and the Steadfast Life Changing Ministries. For more information, contact the church administrative office at 336-784-9347.

Beginning Aug. 3 Vacation Summer School

The Love Community Development Corporation will have its Vacation Summer Camp from Aug. 3-7, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 3980 N. Liberty St. The theme is "Gotta Move (Keepin' in Step with the Spirit)." For more information, call 336-306-8119.

Aug. 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.

Beginning Aug. 6 N.C. Church of God of Prophecy Convention

The Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Av. Dr. SE, will be the place where the Church of God of Prophecy's biennial State Convention will be held from Aug. 6-9. The conference will help feed needy families and individuals by forwarding canned goods donated by conference attendees to Hickory area organizations. A business and community expo will be held. For more information call Tracey Haire at 336-454-4118.

Aug. 8 Griefshare support group

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, will hold the GriefShare support group on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the church conference room. The topic for this session is "Why." All persons who are experiencing grief due to the loss of someone close are invited to attend. Sessions are free, non-denominational, with biblical teachings on grief and recovery topics. GriefShare is designed to give encouragement and support, providing tools for a person to use on their journey from "mourning to joy." For further information, call 336-723-4531 or 336-722-5517.

Youth Conference

Whole Man Ministries Church presents Youth

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Third DivorceCare seminar offered

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

After months of planning, preparation and training, the Stephen Ministry at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (UMMBC) is offering its third, 13-week DivorceCare seminar next week.

A broad range of topics were covered during the seminar, including how to face anger, loneliness and depression, developing new relationships, financial survival and single sexuality, reconciliation and forgiveness, moving on and growing closer with God.

The UMMBC Stephen Ministry DivorceCare program provides help and healing for those hurt from separation and divorce. The next seminar starts on Monday, Aug. 3, and ends on Monday, Nov. 2 (find complete meeting schedule www.divorcecare.org/groups/43363.)

Here is a testimonial



DivorceCare Facilitator and Stephen Minister Carlton Ray discusses program outcomes with Stephen Ministry Leader Cornelious Flood.

from one of the participants in the seminar last year:

"Thank you, Stephen Ministry. Thank you DivorceCare! When the worst happened, when my vows were trampled and 'Tiill Death do Us Part'

turned into 'I'm Out of Here!', you were there for me and for my children. Thank you! For much of the past 5+ years, I've felt trapped in a life between a horror movie and a Tyler Perry screenplay. Just when I thought I couldn't take it

and wouldn't make it any longer, DivorceCare was introduced to me. (Further evidence of an On Time God.)

"Out of desperation, my initial hesitation of 'not

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Father Basile Sede comes to St. Benedict the Moor as its new officiating priest

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The congregation of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 1625 E. 12th St., welcomes Father Basile Sede as its new officiating priest.

Father Sede comes to St. Benedict from St. Vincent de Paul Church in Charlotte. He is from the Diocese of Buea, located in the Southwest region of Cameroon, in central Africa. Father Sede was ordained in April of 1998, and has been a Priest for 17 years.

According to Father Sede, African culture and its intrinsic values are very similar to the Christian principles of

loving and serving one's neighbor. And, as the African continent becomes increasingly Christianized, he said,



Father Basile Sede is shown at his farewell party at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Charlotte.

"This ties with us, too, because we believe that life should be about helping one another."

To welcome Father Sede to the community, St. Benedict will host His Excellency the Right Rev. Immanuel Banlanjo Bushu of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buea and Chancellor of the Catholic University of Buea. He was ordained a priest in 1973 and appointed Bishop of Yagoua, Cameroon in 1992. He became Bishop of Buea in 2007.

Bishop Bushu will be the principal speaker at a public forum, which will be held in the church fellowship hall of St. Benedict from 9 a.m. to noon, on Aug. 8. The Bishop will share with us information about the entrepreneurial model

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Nehemiah Worship Center celebrates its first year

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...The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: (Nehemiah 2:20)

Nehemiah Worship Center of Winston Salem reports that Pastor Paul P. and Lady Virginia Thombs and members held the first-year celebration for their church recently. The celebration was held from at the Union Chapel Baptist Church fellowship hall at 300 W. 25th Street in Winston Salem.

The first worship service was held on April 13, 2014 at 4873 Phelps Road, Winston Salem, with a philosophy that "If we build people's lives, people will build the temple. Our church serves men, women, children, the hun-

gry, the imprisoned, the naked, and the sick. We've been blessed in our commission that 33 souls have been added to our ministry."

And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate;... (Nehemiah 8:1)

Rev. Connie Robinson, pastor of Union Chapel Baptist Church, brought forth a mighty and encour-



Pastor Paul P. and First Lady Virginia Thombs

aging word as friends and family witnessed what God has done in just one year, the church reports.

"It is by the grace of God we have established church by-laws, developed a church organizational structure, created a church logo, purchased office equipment and have been blessed with our first pulpit designed specifically for NWC," the church reports.

"We were also blessed to deliver coats, shoes, and clothes to local charities in the Winston-Salem area," the church reports. "Our Food Ministry continues to give bread away. We gleaned 6,230 pounds of food and we distributed an additional 11,500 ponds to those in need throughout the community. Our Men's Ministry gave away 17,000 bottles of water in the community. We've been

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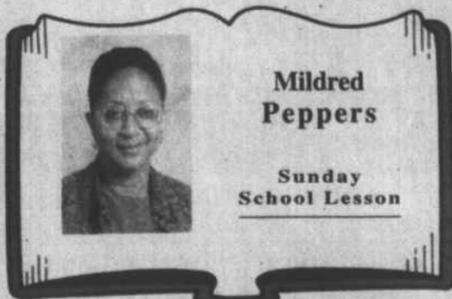
The Redeemer Cometh

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 59:15-21

By the end of this lesson, we should:

- Recognize how sin drives us away from God
- Understand that no human can get us in right relationship with God
- Appreciate that God alone redeems humanity

Background: Isaiah meaning "Yehweh saves" was a contemporary of Amos, Hosea, and Micah. This major prophet (length of book) began his ministry in the year that King Uzziah died in 740 BC. He was called "the prince of prophets" due to his extensive writing. "The New Testament alluded to his writings more than 250 times and quoted him directly 50 times" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). The book



has 66 chapters divided into two sections - Judgment chapters 1-39 and Restoration chapters 40-66. Like his contemporaries, Isaiah's message was given during a stormy period in the history of God's People, Israel in the north and Judah in the south. In both kingdoms, the leadership (kings, judges, priests and false prophets) rebelled against God and exploited the people. As their hearts turned further from God (their rebellion), corruption and injustices became commonplace. God's prophets warned the people about the impending judgment of God; however their arrogance led them to ignore His mouthpieces. Assyria crushed Israel in 722 BC and scattered most of the Jews who lived there.

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