

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now Fall revival

Vessels of Honor Church Ministry will have its fall revival today (Oct. 8) and tomorrow (Oct. 9) at 7 p.m. at 3608 Ogburn Ave. Guest speakers will be Pastor Scottie White, senior pastor of Abba Fathers Ministry (Oct. 8), and Pastor Johnny Scott, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville (Oct. 9). For more information or transportation contact Pastor Clara Cremedy at 336-624-9351.

### Oct. 10 Pre-Women's Day

The women of Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 916 E. 12th St., will be having their first pre-celebration event on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food and beverage, cost of a small plate is \$5 and a large plate is \$9. For more information, call 336-724-9263.

### Beginning Oct. 10 Women's Day

Union Chapel Baptist Church, located at 300 W. 25th St., will have their Women's Day beginning Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11. The theme is: "The Power of Prayer". The celebration will begin at the church from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday (Oct. 10), followed by a fellowship at Northside Bowling Lanes (3550 Patterson Ave.) from noon to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 per game per person and \$2.50 for shoe rental. On Oct. 11, worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Evangelist Dr. Vanessa Duren-Robinson, associate minister of Kimberley Park Holiness Church will be guest speaker. The celebration will conclude with the Light House services at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 336-748-8644.



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### Oct. 10 Fish fry/chicken sale

The Young People's and Children's Department of St. James A.M.E. church will sponsor a fish fry/chicken sale on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. at 1501 N. Patterson Ave. Pre-orders are welcome. Rev. Steven L. Lyons is pastor. For more information, contact the church at 336-655-7848.

### Women's conference

Macedonia Worship Center Women's Ministries present "Sisters Saturday Morning Table Talk" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Worship Center, 500 Kinard Drive at S.D. Johnson Lane. Registration is \$10, which includes payment for lunch. For more information, contact the church at 336-725-2190. Bishop Jacqueline Cassberry Hill, associate pastor is in charge of Women's Ministries.

### Oct. 11 Worship service

Jarett Terry, Director and Choreographer of the "Greater is He Mime Ministry" will host an afternoon program on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. at the New Direction Movement Cathedral, located at 3300 Overdale Drive. For more information, call 336-771-2111.

### Beginning Oct. 11 Pastoral anniversary

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center is celebrating Apostle BJ McCloud's 15th Pastoral Anniversary. On Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4:00 p.m., Bishop Marian Hickman from Word of Life Pentecostal Church of Christ will be the guest speaker. On Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7:00 p.m., the guest speaker will be Apostle Andria Weeks from Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries of West End. On Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. the guest speaker will be Pastor Janice Heath from Greater Higher Ground Ministries and on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 p.m. the guest speaker will be Apostle Allan Hinnant from Power of Praise Tabernacle of Deliverance Ministries of Benson. There will be an Appreciation Service Talent night on Saturday, Oct. 17 for Apostle BJ McCloud at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 18 at 4:00 p.m., Overseer John Ford from Healing House of God will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 336-777-1113.

### Oct. 11 'Through a Glass Darkly'

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, located at 4055 Robinhood Road, will have a sermon by Rev. Lisa Schwartz called, "Through a Glass Darkly" at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. At the Forum at 9:15 a.m., Mari Jo Turner, the executive director of the Hispanic League, will talk about the Hispanic community in Forsyth County. For more information visit [uufws.org](http://uufws.org).

### Oct. 11 Celebration of Thanksgiving, Praise

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will have a Celebration of Thanksgiving and Praise at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11. The following will be featured: Voices of Praise, Phillips Chapel Men's Choir, New Zion Baptist Church Praise Team, Fourhim, and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir. For more information, call 336-724-5401

### Beginning Oct. 15 Church anniversary

The Miracle Temple Deliverance Church will have its 17th annual church anniversary beginning

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Dionn "Maestro" Owen, director of Renaissance, a gospel choir, leads the choir during the 2015 Gospel Fest at the Dixie Classic Fair on Sunday, Oct. 4.



The JH Heath Mass Choir performs during the 2015 Gospel Fest at the Dixie Classic Fair on Sunday, Oct. 4.

## Cloudy skies, rain and wind couldn't stop Gospel Fest

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Day one of Gospel Fest at the Dixie Classic Fair was held on Sunday, Oct. 4 in Winston Salem.

As with the Awakening Festival the week before, Sundays' event was accompanied by cloudy skies, rain, and wind. With the inclement weather, the crowd was somewhat subdued at the onset of the concert but everyone's mood quickly rose as the St. Paul Mass Choir took the stage and had everyone bobbing their heads.

There were familiar faces from previous years, such as the JH Heath Mass Choir, Raymond and Kim Larkin, The Big 4 Choir and Pastor Grosjean with NU Sound.

Anthony Bailey of the Big 4 Choir said, "We have come here to not only give God His praise, but we have come to support the other groups as well."

Dr. Raymond O'Neal of the Renaissance Choir added: "I enjoy

the fellowship, the coming together to lift up the name of Jesus. To let some crying person know that God is the answer to everything regardless if you're sick or going through whatever, God is the answer."

The Renaissance Choir, which also participated in the Awakening Festival, was a crowd favorite and has been for many years at Gospel Fest.

Dionn "Maestro" Owen, director of the Renaissance choir, said "I've never been on the stage with Mercy Me, Jeremy Camp, or Kirk Franklin and it was totally different, but God really blessed us and I really enjoyed the unity that we had there."

When asked what he enjoyed most about Gospel Fest, Owen replied, "I love it when we all come together. It's not about just one particular group that's singing, everybody supports everybody, and that's what I really like about it."

There was a diverse group of performers, from contemporary artists,

traditional choirs, and there was even a mime group, so there was something for everyone, young and old alike.

The organizers of the event also held raffles in between acts and gave away many prizes to the audience members, who were excited to participate. There were even individuals that stopped by to enjoy the music that was not previously aware that the event was taking place, but just heard music and came to watch.

Benita Matthews of the Big 4 Choir said, "I just enjoy gospel music, and this is some good gospel singing tonight."

Bobby and Emma Chavis said they came out to cheer for Raymond and Kim Larkin, who attend the same church as well, and participate with the praise and worship team.

The Gospel Fest will continue next weekend on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Dixie Classic Fair, and with better weather a larger crowd is expected.



Members of the community both young and old enjoy the 2015 Gospel Fest on Sunday, Oct. 4.

## Earning Credibility

**Editor's note:** This is the last Sunday School Lesson column by Sister Mildred Peppers. We thank her wholeheartedly for her years of service to The Chronicle and the Winston-Salem community.

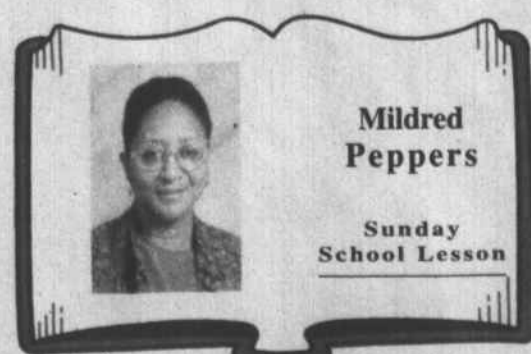
**Lesson Scripture:** Acts 9:19b-31

**By the end of this lesson we should**

\*Remember that Salvation is open to all

\*Church folk beware who you write off

\*Stay the course and people will recognize your trans-



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

formation

**Background:** Jerusalem and the surrounding areas are ablaze with excitement and caution. The Holy Spirit came in Acts 2 and the Gospel spread more. The numbers of believers were growing daily. They shared everything, which made others curious. Eventually, the Sanhedrin attempted to stop the apostles from preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus. It didn't

work! Saul, a Pharisee, committed himself to wiping out

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