

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now Fall revival

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will have its annual fall revival on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., on 1711 N. Claremont Ave. Guest speaker will be Dr. James Linville and the congregation of Piney Grove Baptist Church. Rev. L. Dwight Hash Sr. is pastor. For more information, call 336-723-1297.

### Happening Now Bake sale

St. James A.M.E. Church is now taking orders for its Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale. Valerie's Bakery is providing homemade Sweet Potato Pies and Tarts. Verne's Bakery offers homemade cakes (Pound, Pineapple, Red Velvet, Red Velvet Cheesecake, German Chocolate). Orders must be placed by Nov. 17 for delivery Nov. 21 between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. St. James is located at 1501 N. Patterson Ave. The Rev. Steven L. Lyons is Pastor. For more information or to place an order, call 336-724-3865.

### Beginning Oct. 23 Women's conference

Transformation Ministries, 4880 Burnette Drive, will be having a women's conference on Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. The conference will feature performances from Chris Good of the Mime Ministry, and Gospel Artist Christina Stewart. Guest speaker will be Pastor Clara T. Cremedy of Vessels of Honor Church. For More information, contact Bishop Stephone Samuels or First Lady Sandra Samuels at 336-298-1153.



Samuels

### Oct. 23 Pastoral anniversary

Diggs Memorial United Holy Church will celebrate its pastoral anniversary for Elder Lamonte Williams on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at 125 N. Graham Ave. Guest will be Elder James Blake and the congregation of Guiding Light UHC of Graham. For more information or transportation, call 336-724-3060.

### Oct. 23 'Fry-Day' fish fry

Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 620 N. Patterson Ave., will have its "Fry-Day" fish fry on Friday, Oct. 23 from noon to 6 p.m. Dinner with dessert is \$8 and a sandwich is \$5. For more information, call 336-724-9411.

### Oct. 24 Fish dinner sale

St. Andrews United Methodist Church will be selling fish dinners (\$8) and fish sandwiches (\$5) on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1840 Butler St. Sodas will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact the church at 336-788-3421.

### Oct. 25 Pastoral anniversary

Red Bank Baptist Church will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. James R. Clyburn Sr., and First Lady Bernadette Clyburn on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at 6405 Red Bank Road. The theme is, "Celebrating our Pastor: Chosen to Lead, Called to Serve." For more information, contact the church at 336-767-0981.



Clyburns

### Oct. 25 Laymen's Day

The Laymen's League of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Laymen's Day on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at 1016 NW Trade St. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. James D. Ballard, pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. There will be special presentations by Laymen's League President, Deacons Charles R. Hunt and James Brown. All are welcome. For more information, contact the church at 336-724-1824.



Ballard

### Oct. 25 Church anniversaries

The Pastor Aide Society and Ladies Progressive Auxiliary of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversaries on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at 1711 N. Claremont Ave. Rev. Dwight Hash, Sr., is pastor. For more information, call 336-723-1297.

### Oct. 25 Evening service

The Forsyth County Missionary Union will get together on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, located 1317 North Cherry St. Youth and Young Adults will meet at 1:30 p.m. Seniors will meet at 3 p.m. Ether Joe is president of the Friendship Union. The president of the Forsyth County Union is Mrs. Lenner P. Jefferies. For more information, call 336-817-8424.

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Officials with the Forsyth County Sunday School Union (FCSSU) are shown at the Gala Celebration on Sept. 26. They are: (L-R) Elder Richard Wood, chairman of the executive board of the FCSSU; Minister Velma McCloud, president of the FCSSU; and James Lewis Jr., dean of Christian Education for the FCSSU.

## Sunday School Union celebrates 115 years

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Sunday School Union (FCSSU), which was organized in 1900, hosted its first Gala Celebration to commemorate 115 years of ministering to God's people.

The FCSSU's mission is to support the Sunday School/Christian Education administrative and teaching ministry of churches of the Lordship of Jesus Christ according to biblical truths, through training, missionary giving, fellowship and various Christ-centered programs.

The membership consists of 20 local church Sunday school ministries that meet every third Sunday at member churches for training and various programs.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines gave greetings.

The guest speaker for the Gala was Dr. Haywood T. Gray of Raleigh. Gray serves as executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist Sate Convention of North Carolina Inc. "He gave a dynamic message emphasizing the importance of



Gray

"Transforming the Minds" of individuals who are taught in the Sunday School ministry," FCSSU officials said in a statement.

"Solos rendered by First Lady Hattie Fulwood and Ralph Meadows blessed us. Mimist Antwain Scrivens of Rizzzen Mime Ministry stirred our souls with his anointed performance," the officials said.

The FCSSU used this Gala occasion to honor individuals who have served in their churches and in the FCSSU. The honorees include those Sunday school superintendents who had served 25 years or more in their local churches.

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## Protestants discuss personalizing the Kingdom of God

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY FOR THE CHRONICLE

Interfaith Winston-Salem sponsored a forum on "God's New Day" at the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church at 450 Metropolitan Drive in Winston-Salem. This is the third event in the series "Ties That Bind, Protestants in Conversation."

The forum was on Sunday Oct. 18.

Interfaith Winston-Salem is an all volunteer nonprofit that works to build understanding among religious and non-religious traditions.

The first event in the series centered around bringing different faiths in the community together to worship God in the wholeness of spirit and the truth.

The second forum focused on understanding individuals within the faith community who had issues that some deem in the church as not normal, and how the church can meet people where they are and let them see the truth of Christ no matter their race, sex or economic situation.

Sunday's forum, which included a panel, touched on how the truth itself is progressive and how individuals within the church can take the Kingdom of God to each individual and help them to see that God

will meet them wherever they are.

The Rev. James C.

associate pastor of Winston-Salem First church; Mia Sloan, community activist of St. Peter's World Outreach Center; and the Rev. Emily Hull McGee, senior pastor of First Baptist Church on Fifth Street.

Leonard started the forum off with a group prayer, then each panelist gave his or her response to the topic at hand. Once the

"I've been to the last few of these "Ties that Bind" gatherings, and I like how people from different traditions and denominations are coming together and talking about how we can exhibit the love of God more in Winston and beyond," said audience member Tasha Gibson. "I like these gatherings for us to be able to sit at a table for a period of time and just



Audience members discuss topics during Interfaith Winston-Salem's forum at the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on Oct. 18.

Hash Jr., board member of the "Ties that Bind" movement, stated, "We need to understand that it's not that we are waiting on God, but God is waiting on us to interact with our culture and our world and to bring Christ to this generation."

Dr. Bill Leonard, also a board member of the "Ties that Bind" movement, served as the moderator for the panel, which included the Rev. Terrance Hawkins,

panelist had his or her say, the audience broke into groups to discuss the matter further, then presented their findings to everyone table by table. This elicited some insightful responses from each group.

"We must refuse to buy the lie that anyone is a non-neighbor, but we must embrace the reality that everyone who was made in God's image is our neighbor," Hawkins said.

listen to each other. Even though we come from different traditions and sides of the Protestant church, we can find common ground and who knows what that can lead to."

Miranda Green stated, "One thing that I will take from here is the idea of us becoming a church and what that would look like in our different faith com-

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## Sunday School Lesson column expected to resume

Sister Mildred Peppers has retired as the Sunday School Lesson columnist. We thank her wholeheartedly for her years of service to The Chronicle and the Winston-Salem community. Look for the column to resume with a new columnist in the future.