

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening now New Year's Revival

Pastor Janice O. Heath and Greater Higher Ground Ministries invite the community to the 2016 New Year's Revival today, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 8. Special guest speaker is the dynamic Dr. Dorer Scott from Detroit, Mich. All services will be held at the church headquarters, 4175 Moat Drive, starting at 7 p.m.. The public is invited. For more information, contact the church at 336-725-1125. Pastor Janice O. Heath is senior pastor.

Jan. 10

Pastoral appreciation service

Christ Community Outreach Ministry and Reynolds Temple C.M.E. Church have merged to become Christ Temple C.M.E. Church, 2935 N. Glenn Ave. Pastor Nathaniel P.J. Williams Jr. and co-pastor Wanda J. Williams are God's shepherds. Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. will be the Pastoral Appreciation Service. The speaker will be Bishop Melvin Wilkins of New Generation Praise & Worship International. All are welcome.

Jan. 10

33rd Church Anniversary

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., is celebrating the 33rd Church Anniversary on Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. One Word Fellowship Worship Center under the leadership of Pastor John Bailey and Lady Michlin Bailey will deliver the Bread of Life. Host Pastor is Apostle BJ McCloud. For more information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.

Jan. 16

23rd Church Anniversary

Pastor Janice O. Heath and the Greater Higher Ground Ministries Family will celebrate the church's 23rd Anniversary. The late Apostle John H. Heath laid the foundation, and the church will be celebrating his legacy on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m. Special guest speaker will be the anointed Bishop Derrick Kelly from New Forth Full Gospel Fellowship in Lexington, N.C. Service will be held at the church, 4175 Moat Drive. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact us at 336-725-1125. Pastor Janice O. Heath, Senior Pastor.

Jan. 17

St. James Family & Friends Day

The annual Family and Friends Day at St. James A.M.E. Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will be Jan. 17. Church School will begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by the Worship Service at 10 a.m. The Rev. Steven L. Lyons is the Pastor.

Jan. 17

MLK Jr. Day Choristers concert

The Presbyterian Men of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA), 3901 Carver School Road, will sponsor a concert by the Twin City Choristers on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. The show will be the Choristers' 20th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Concert.

The Choristers, founded in 1957 by Dr. Permillia Flack Dunston, is directed by Dr. Fred D. Tanner.

The Grace Presbyterian Men's ministry is led by Edward Allen. Willie C. Gray is the vice moderator and chairman of the program committee. Rev. Toure' C. Marshall is the senior pastor of the church. For more information, call Willie C. Gray at 336-725-4105.

Jan. 23

Winter Blues

The Women's Ministry of First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, is excited to welcome best-selling author Angie Smith to Winter Blues 2016 on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. One of the most popular speakers and bloggers in the country, Angie Smith is the author of "Mended," "I Will Carry You," and "What Women Fear." Tickets are \$15 each in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at fccministries.com.

Jan. 24

Thorpe Sr. to be installed as pastor

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem & Vicinity reports that the Rev. Dr. Derrick Thorpe Sr. is the new pastor at First Baptist Church in Graham. Thorpe is the dean of Graduate Studies at Carolina Christian College (Director of Mountagnard Campus) in Winston-Salem and will be installed as pastor on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 420 N. Maple St., Graham. The public is invited to come celebrate him, his family and congregation for this new divine assignment.

Ongoing

Food and pantry, clothes closet

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1 to 3 p.m., Love Community Development Corporation, located at 3980 N. Liberty St., will serve those in need of food and clothes. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing assistance with resumes or seeking employment. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

Emergency food give-away

Christ Kingdom Building Worship Center, 3894 North Hampton Drive, in partnership with second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC, provides to the community at large an Emergency Food Assistance Program on Tuesdays (2 p.m.); Wednesdays (4:30 p.m.); first and third Saturdays (10 a.m. to noon); and second and fourth Saturdays, (8 to 10 a.m.).

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St. Matthew Apostolic Temple Church of Jesus Christ Sanctuary Choir is shown.

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Sanctuary Choir Gospel Concert to feature soloist, musical groups

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Sanctuary Choir Gospel Concert will be held at St. Matthew Apostolic Temple Church of Jesus Christ, 3640 New Walkertown Road, on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m.

The concert's theme, "A Breakthrough Praise," will feature special guests JPA & Ascension, soloist Sandra Crenshaw, Focus, and other area groups. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Evangelist Sally Heath Glenn. Elder Gregory Robertson is pastor of St. Matthew Apostolic Temple. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact: Minister of Music Kenny Anderson at 336-345-8922 or email kanderson@budgroup.com; or Church Secretary Janet Tucker at 336-682-6241 or email marshall.tucker@att.net.



Patricia Sadler reads a biography of honoree Mildred Peppers and prepares to present an award to Peppers' daughter Joniece Pledger on Friday, Jan. 1.

Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Community celebrates 'Imani'

Former Chronicle columnist Mildred Peppers honored

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The final day of Kwanzaa celebrates the seventh principle, "Imani" or faith, which means to believe in our parents, our leaders, our teachers, our God, our community, and the righteousness and the victory of our struggle.

Emmanuel Baptist Church culminated the community-wide, weeklong

Kwanzaa event with excerpts from an original play "When Courage Becomes Contagious." Adapted from the struggle in Selma, Alabama, during the civil rights movement, the play was written by church member Felecia Piggott-Long and honored Mildred Peppers, former columnist for the Chronicle.

"It means that not only is she a role model for my sisters and I, but she is a role model to her church and her community and God is good and she will keep on teaching in whatever fashion God has her to do. She will teach the word of God because that's what she truly enjoys," said Joniece Pledger, daughter of Mildred Peppers, who accepted the award in

the absence of her mother, who is again battling cancer and was not able to attend.

Songs and chants that required audience participation from the onset of the celebration got everyone excited and engaged. The children were involved in the event as well by lighting the Kwanzaa candles and giving an example of the principles of Kwanzaa.

The excerpts from the play were an adaptation of the voter rights efforts for African-Americans in Selma and were shown to elaborate on the principle of faith. The participation of the youth and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were highlighted in

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The Most Beautiful Bride

Lesson Scripture:

Song of Solomon 6:4-12

By the end of this lesson, we will

Explore love and adoration as pictured in the Song of Solomon.

Reflect on romantic relationships and the way to nurture them.

Seek ways to recognize and express appreciation, in appropriate ways, for inner and physical beauty.

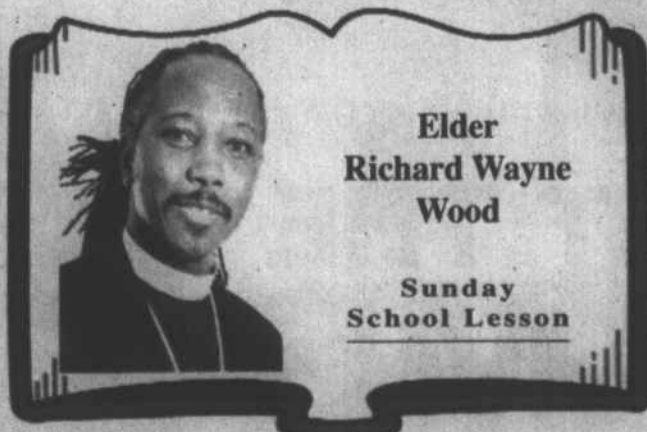
Background:

The Old Testament is classified based on subject matter as follows: Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy), Historical Books (Joshua - Esther), Poetical Books (Job - Song of Solomon, Lamentations), Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel), and Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi). The Song of Solomon then is a poem also referred to as "Song of Songs" and is thought to be an exchange between David's

meanings to God's fierce love for Israel, as well as the church as the ravishing bride of Christ." (UMI Precepts for Living, 2015-16).

Lesson: "One of the main lessons to be learned from a study of Solomon's song is that God intends for rock-

son Solomon during his reign and the Shulamite woman who captured his heart. Also in the mix were other women from the palace known as "daughters of Jerusalem." Solomon's harem was documented to number upwards of 1000 women; 700 wives and 300 concubines (Kings 11:3). This book is a collection of poetry or songs that artfully represents the drama and passion of human love. "Scholars have interpreted the allegorical



Elder Richard Wayne Wood

Sunday School Lesson

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