

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Month of May

1st Pastoral Anniversary, remembrance

Greater Higher Ground Ministries invites you to the first Pastoral Anniversary, celebrating Pastor Janice O. Heath and remembering the great late Apostle John H. Heath during the month of May. To help celebrate, the following speakers will be bringing the word of God throughout the month of May at the date and time listed:

*Sunday, May 15, Pastor Toni Burton, Freedom International, Statesville, 4 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 18, Pastor Anthony Wilson, Cathedral of Refugee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 22, Bishop S.T. Green, New Hope Holiness Church, Lexington, 4 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 25, Apostle Annette Ross, Grace and Mercy Cathedral, Charlotte, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, May 29, Apostle Andria Weeks, Greater Works Deliverance, West End, 4 p.m.

The late Apostle John Heath's life and valiant service in the army of the Lord will be recognized and remembered during the services. All services will be held at the church headquarters located at 4175 Most Drive. For more information, please contact us at 336-725-1125, Pastor Janice O. Heath, Senior Pastor.

May 10-15

General Missionary and Evangelistic conventions

The Community Deliverance Holiness Church of God at the Love Community Center located at 3980 North Liberty St. will host the 71st General Missionary Convention and the 22nd Evangelistic Convention Of The Holiness Church Of God Inc., through Sunday, May 15. The presiding General Missionary President and Host Pastor Overseer Angeline Sumpter and the General Missionary Vice President Brenda Kirby, along with the General Evangelistic President Minister Glenda Thacker and the General Evangelistic Vice President Elder Maurice Middleton, invite all members of the Holiness Church of God Inc., as well as the community at large, to join us in worship throughout the various sessions during each day of the convention. Service times vary beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Sunday and closing session will begin at 10 a.m. The theme verse is taken from Luke 4:18-19: 'The Year Of Jubilee,' and the Proclamation: 'This Is God's Year To Act!' For more information, contact Fannetta H. Gore at 336-745-1375.

May 11 - 13

Prophetic Conference 2016

Fresh Fire Worship Center Inc. presents final session of "Prophetic Conference 2016" on Friday, May 13, at 1538 Waughtown St. The workshop is from 1 to 2:30 p.m., facilitated by anointed teachers including Pastor Pam Phillips, Word of Truth International Ministries; Apostle Robbie Carswell, Glory of Christ International Ministry, Chicago, Ill.; and our Pastor Phillip McCloud, Sr. Nightly services will begin at 7 p.m. with powerful praise and worship from guest worship leaders in our area and special guest speaker Apostle Robbie Carswell. This is a free event. There will be door prizes and much more. We invite everyone to come and experience what God has in store for you. Conference host is Prophetess Cynthia Hill and the Shepherd's Care ministry of Fresh Fire Worship Center, Inc. Pastor Phillip G. McCloud, Senior Pastor. For more information, call the church at 336-833-4208 or visit www.FreshFireWorship.org.

May 14

Glory Train

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance United by the Blood Women's Ministry will present the "Glory Train" on Saturday, May 14, at noon at First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave.

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Yard sale

First Christian Church, located at 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, will have a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday May 14, 6:30 a.m.-noon. You may purchase a spot in advance for \$25 to sell your items, or you can show up and shop. All funds raised will go directly to our Student Ministry so students can attend summer enrichment events like MOVE, WinShape, Park Springs, Mission Trips, etc. For more information, contact Pete Ramsey at 336-996-7388 or peter@fccministries.com.

May 14

Community Day

St. Matthew Apostolic Temple, 3640 New Walkertown Road, presents Community Day on Apostolic Square on Saturday, May 14, from 1-4 p.m. Principals and pastors of the community will attend and there will be free food, crafts, face painting, health booths, and games galore! Some of the choirs and groups featured are: Anointed Brothers of Faith, Raleigh; Minister Michael Whisonant, and other guests. The community is invited to attend. For more information, please call the church at 336-724-1780 or email info@smatinc.org.

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Family and Friends Day

Rev. Keith M. Davis and members of Benbow Chapel AME Zion Church, 453 East Main St., East Bend, invite you to celebrate Family and Friends Day on Sunday, May 15, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. William Puryear, the choir and congregation of Torrence Grove AME Zion Church, Charlotte, will be special guests. For more information, call Thomasine Malloy at 336-682-3731.

May 15

Church anniversary celebration

New Birth Worship Center, 1033 Newbirth Dr., East Bend, will celebrate its 19th church anniversary

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Dellabrook Presbyterian celebrates Women's Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Presbyterian Women of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, 115 Dellabrook Road, will observe their annual Women's Day on Sunday, May 15, at 11 a.m. The speaker for the morning will be Dr. Toni Sims-Muhammad.

Sims-Muhammad completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1991 from Northeast Louisiana University. After earning a Masters of Arts Degree in 1993 from Grambling State University, she began teaching Sociology in the department of Sociology & Psychology at Grambling.

In 2002, she earned the Doctor of Arts in Humanities with an ethnic studies concentration, African and African-American Studies, from Clark Atlanta University. She is one of the first women in the United States to complete a dissertation about the practice of Islam among African-

American women.

Sims-Muhammad is a trailblazer and torchbearer for Muslim and non-Muslim girls and women. She is known and respected by her students and colleagues for her tireless mentoring and service toward academic excellence.

A master teacher, Sims-Muhammad's higher education career spans 20 years. She currently teaches at Kennesaw State University in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department, African & Africana Diaspora Program and the Sociology Department.

In addition to Grambling State, previous faculty positions include Western Illinois University; the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where she earned tenure; Livingstone College; Guilford College; and Salem Women's College.

Her areas of teaching, research and expertise include social inequality; conflict resolution and communi-

cation; race and ethnicity; black studies;

black women in American society; and marriage and family, among others. She also serves as Executive Director of Vanguard Educational Services, a not-for-profit organization that models self-improvement as the basis for community development.

Sims-Muhammad's many publications include a series of self-help books, including "The Application: A Couples Guide to a Healthy, Happy, Successful Courtship & Marriage" and "Mothers & Daughters: A Self Help & Best Practices Guide for African-American Mothers & Their Daughters."

The public is invited to the event. Rev. Dr. Carlton A. G. Eversley is the Pastor.



Sims-Muhammad



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Karen Abercrombie delivers a message to members of Fellowship Church on Mother's Day.

'War Room' actress 'could hear Ms. Clara's voice'

Abercrombie joins local church for worship on Mother's Day

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY FOR THE CHRONICLE

Last Sunday, on Mother's Day, Karen Abercrombie, who played Ms. Clara in the movie "War Room," joined Fellowship Church in its Mother's Day service.

Ms. Clara was a prayer warrior in the movie. Abercrombie was born in Aliquippa, Pa., but her family settled in Mooresville, N.C. She is an award-winning actress, singer-songwriter, and storyteller. She has appeared in multiple TV shows such as "Saved by the Bell," "Alley McBeal" and AMC's "Turn."

"I would watch television shows and movies and would have to act them out," said Abercrombie.

"I would bring all the kids in the neighborhood together and give them parts, so it was just in me. Honestly I think it was the only thing I could do, and I love it and I'm grateful."

After years of performing in church productions, she was encouraged to audition for the role of Ms. Clara. Auditions for the movie were to take place at her home church. After reading the dialogue, she said she "could hear Ms. Clara's voice." She said after her audition "the

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Humble Faith

Lesson Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Know why Pharisee's words were wrong and the tax collector's words were right.

*Appreciate God's mercy and grace

*Inspect, and if necessary correct; our motivation for our own piety

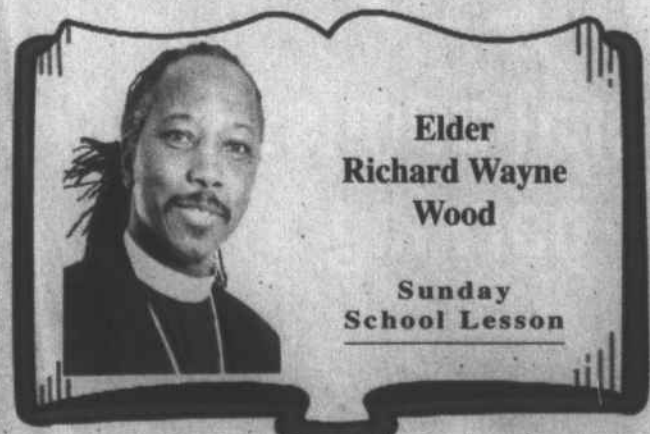
Background:

Jesus is still teaching the disciples of faith and now prayer. Prior to our lesson, Jesus has told a parable meant to stress the importance of constant prayer. The parable uses a widow and an unjust judge. The outcome is that constant pleading with the unjust judge results in the favor of the widow - the contrast here is if an unjust judge, who only cares for his expediency,

that the disciples need to go beyond what custom dictates if they want to affect God's response time to their situations or circumstance.

Lesson: The lesson really deals with arrogance. There are those who deem themselves righteous

can be persuaded to change his mind and deal justly with the widow, then how much more will God who loves us be persuaded by constant prayer when His children need justice. The Jews by custom prayed at least three times a day, but Jesus suggests that this is really not enough. We must cry to Him day and night for the justice we seek from Him. Jesus is teaching



Elder Richard Wayne Wood

Sunday School Lesson

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