

RELIGION

CALENDAR

July 29

Health Fair

Love Fellowship Outreach Church, 205 East 25th Street, will have a health fair on July 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., that is open to the community. There will also be a cookout and free food, a bounce house, and games for children.

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Worship and praise service

The Inspiration of Faith Choir and the Young Adult Ministries of Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church, 900 Free St., will have a worship and praise service on July 29 at 9 p.m. Various choirs and ensembles will be in attendance. The community is invited to attend.

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Couples Event

Apostle Gloria Samuels and Great Commission Community Church Presents An Evening In The Garden. All married and engaged couples are invited to experience a romantic night of food, fun, and music on Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m. The address is 3733 Ogburn Ave. Tickets are \$30 per couple. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the church office at 336-577-3420.

July 30

Yard sale

The North Carolina area of the Northwestern District Missionary will sponsor a yard sale and fish fry Saturday, July 30, on the grounds of Kimberly Park Holiness Church, 1640 SM Caesar Dr., beginning at 10 am.

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Married couples fellowship

Rich CDC and Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will sponsor a married couples fellowship on Saturday, July 30, at 5 p.m. This program is a community outreach program for married couples of all ages to come together and share issues and concerns as it relates to having successful marriage. Contact the administrative office at 336-784-9347 for more information.

July 31

Service and Forum

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will feature six middle-school youths in a Coming of Age Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 31. The Rev. Lisa Schwartz will be worship leader. At the 9 a.m. Forum, Don Woodward will review "Dark Money" by Jane Mayer. More information, go to www.uufws.org.

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Missionary and Family and Friends Day

The Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1905 N. Jackson Ave., will have its quarterly Missionary and Family and Friends Day on Sunday, July 31, at the 11 a.m. worship service. The speaker of the hour will be Minister Eddie Moser of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. All are invited to this service.

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Pastoral Appreciation Celebration

St. John CME Church will celebrate the pastoral appreciation celebration of its beloved pastor, the Reverend Omar L. Dykes, on July 31 at 11:00 a. m. during the morning worship service. The theme is "A Good Man Out of the Good Treasure of the Heart Bringeth Forth Good Things" based on the Word of God in Matthew 12:25.

Rev. Omar L. Dykes is a native of Chester, Pa. He holds a B.A. degree in History from Miles College in Birmingham, Ala. and a Master of Divinity from the Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga. He is a candidate for the Master of Sacred Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa. A special presentation will be presented by the Children's Ministry and the Pastor's Aide Ministry. A reception in the Family Life Center will immediately follow the worship service. The public is welcomed to attend the service.

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Fifth Sunday Session

The High Point Educational and Missionary Association will convene for the 5th Sunday Session, July 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Locust Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 4707 Hwy 150 West, Brown Summit. Some of the churches are located in Reidsville, Wentworth, Madison, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Stoneville, and various other cities. The Youth Literary Program will start at 3:15 p.m. The president is A. McLaughlin and the moderator R. McLaughlin.

Beginning Aug. 1

DivorceCare seminar

The Stephen Ministry at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (UMMBC) is offering its fourth, 13-week DivorceCare seminar starting on Monday, Aug. 1. A broad range of topics are covered during the seminar, including moving on and growing closer with God. Group facilitators have been trained and all have experienced divorce. Separated or divorced people who would like to join the 13-week program should complete an online registration form at <https://beyondthesanctuary.wordpress.com/divorce-care-ministry>.

DivorceCare is a comprehensive, Christ-centered divorce recovery ministry. The 13-week program holds meetings once per week for two hours. There is a nominal registration fee of \$15 to cover participant workbooks. Child care is also available.

For additional information, contact the church office at church@unitedmetropolitan.org or call 336-

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

More than 30 volunteers came out to help build the Habitat for Humanity "Unity Build" home on Wednesday, July 20.

Habitat for Humanity fosters unity in latest home build

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

The Boston-Thurmond area was a thriving community in the 1950s, but fell into a period of decline. The area is now being revived with new homeowners by the Habitat for Humanity.

In the past seven years, the Boston-Thurmond community of Winston-Salem has undergone a major face lift. Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County has built or remodeled 112 homes in the community during that span. They have also repaired 56 more homes in that same time frame.

Alice Everett is next on the list. She will be the recipient of a home that stems from the "Unity Build." The

Unity Build is an interracial multi-faith collaboration to build a home for a local family. The build was brought together due to the racial unrest in the country and to signify unity.



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"We are doing a Unity Build here today where we brought a number of religions, churches, and congregations together to help provide the sanctity in what Habitat does as a Christian organization," said Mike Campbell, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County.

BB&T has also partnered with Habitat for Humanity

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Members of Fresh Fire Worship Center listen to hymns during their annual youth conference July 22-24.

Local church inspires youth during conference

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Connecting with the youth of a congregation can be a daunting task for some churches. Members of the millennial generation are the future, not only for the country but for places of worship.

The Fresh Fire Worship Center, which held its youth conference last week, July 22-24, has seen this first hand.

This year's conference theme was Resistance. The church is holding worship services at Waightown Baptist Church because of its growing number of members. With the rising number of deceased members, Waightown Baptist's membership has fallen rapidly in recent years, so they chose to allow Fresh Fire to worship at their location.

Fresh Fire has been worshipping at Waightown Baptist for about seven months and Pastor Phillip McCloud says

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Death Becomes Life

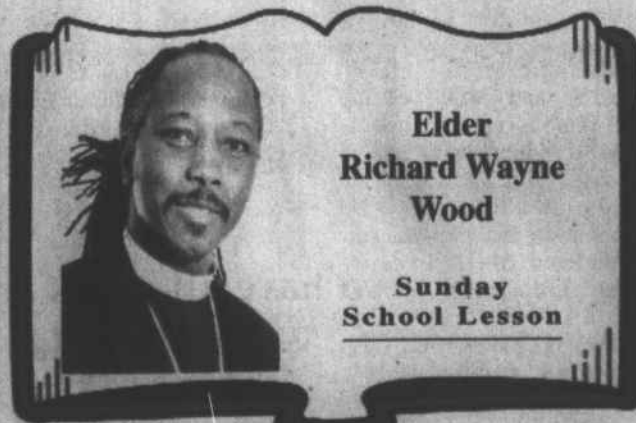
Lesson Scripture:
Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

By the end of this lesson, we will

Know that believers are dead to sin
Recognize that believers are instruments of righteousness
Conclude that believers are servants of God

Background: The time is about A.D. 57 in Corinth. Slavery in Rome during this time was quite common. About one third of urban Rome was made up of slaves. Slaves were acquired through warfare, piracy, kidnapping, seizing infants and criminal sentencing. Slavery was not based on race and slaves could buy themselves out of slavery. Paul uses this type of slavery when referring to himself and other believers as slaves to Jesus Christ.

Lesson: Paul starts with the rhetorical question:



Elder
Richard Wayne
Wood

Sunday
School Lesson

"What shall we say then? ... How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Rom. 6:1-2). The answer is that baptism into the life of Jesus means ... when we are lowered into water, it's like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus (Pause, Eugene Peterson). Theologically speaking, when a person trusted in Jesus, he or she died to sin at that moment. The idea here is that when the lost

trust in the Son, the Spirit joins them to the body of Christ (see 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal.3:27). Now alive to God, vss. 12-14 is prefaced by the resulting reality of Jesus' resurrection. First, believers were joined by faith with Him. Second, they were to continually regard themselves as dead to the

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