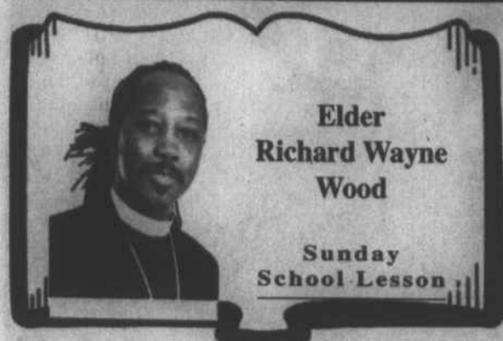


RELIGION



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Sunday
School Lesson

The Express Image of God

Lesson Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-9

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Acknowledge the deity of Christ and His superiority over all people and things

*Have a greater sense of awe of Jesus Christ because of who He is

*Want to express the deity and superiority of Christ to others

Background: The writer of Hebrews is called into question as maybe being Timothy, Apollo, Barnabus or Priscilla, but for our purposes we will continue to acknowledge Paul as the author. Hebrews is written to Jews, many who may have been ostracized because of their faith in Jesus. The book reinforces the fact of Jesus fulfilling Old Testament promises.

Lesson: Paul starts this book by acknowledging how God used a long line of prophets to speak to His people for centuries. (vs 1) Continuing, he says recently though, God has spoken to us through Jesus, His Son. He said that all that was created is now His to claim at His second coming. (See Psm 2:8, 9; 89:27; Rom 11:36) In verse 3 Paul tells us that Jesus perfectly mirrors God and is like Him in all ways. Jesus holds everything together with the power of His words. There is power in the word. Verse 3 continues to tell us after Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins, He took His honored place high in the heavens right alongside God. He has been made higher than all angels, including the archangels. Hebrews says rhetorically, "Did God ever say to an angel, 'You're my son; today I celebrate you' or 'I'm his Father, he's my Son'?" (vs. 5) (The Remix: Pause) When Jesus was born, God said "All angels must worship Him." (vs 6) The angels, according to God, are messengers as the wind, and of the ministers, he says they are tongues of fire. (vs7) Ministers or ministering angels? (ponder). To be sure that there is no doubt who Jesus is and that He is indeed His Son, God addresses Him directly as "God" and tells He will sit on the throne permanently. Jesus' reign on earth will be one of righteousness (vs 8). His rule makes everything right. (The Message, Remix, Pause). Jesus loves it when things are right and hates when things are wrong, and because of this mindset, this delight in pleasing God, He is anointed King with an oil of gladness far above any other. (vs9).

For Your Consideration: Why do you think it was important to God to say Jesus was above the angels? How will you fair with God's "therefore"?

Life's Application: I'm sure none of us equate the angels with the same status as Jesus. I'm even sure that many of us don't consider angels as relevant today as they were in Old Testament times. Jesus, however, we must and do acknowledge as ever relevant and even more importantly, He is the sovereign (supreme power) Son of God and superior (higher in all ways) to all. It's good practice for us to express to each other and to God that we acknowledge Him as such, the exalted one, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the express image of God.

Flonnie Anderson helps Wentz Memorial celebrate

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

As a prelude to the 95th anniversary celebration of Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, located at 3435 Carver School Road, Flonnie T. Anderson, revered actress, director and teacher, will perform her highly acclaimed one-woman show called "The Quarters."

"The Quarters" is adapted from "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." It will be presented on Friday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.

Tickets for the performance, which will be held at Wentz Church, will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. The cost for dinner will be \$7 per person.

Dinner will be available on Friday, Oct. 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the church from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., before the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church at 336-722-0430 or at the door.

Her previous performances of this show (from 1990-1994) have included the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem, the Hickory Museum of Arts, Inc., the First Night Celebration sponsored by the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at the Benton Convention Center, and for the National Women of Achievement Inc., at the Hawthorne Inn. Her one-woman show was set aside when she began to direct large casts for the Winston-Salem Community.

But, she's back at age 86 with her powerful rendition, of "The Quarters" in one act that she performed 26 years ago.

"This was always a favorite show of mine to do," said Anderson. "I never really felt I got the chance to do all I could with it. So, the revival of this show is something that I am really excited about."

Surrounding community gains attention from church

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Many churches who invest in the community say as a church, they must go beyond the walls and engage the people. The Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle, at 741 Moravia St., believes in this principle and held its annual Community Day Saturday, Sept. 24.

This was the fifth annual Community Day that the church has held. They brought out a bounce castle for the kids and hot dogs, popcorn and dough-

nuts for the community to snack on. The church also provided free giveaways such as office and school supplies, along with donated items from Hanes, like socks and t-shirts. Other items were donated from Regional Hospital, Forsyth Tech and ADT.

Representatives from the Winston-Salem Fire and Police Departments were on hand to inform those in attendance about safety issues and to show off the capabilities of the fire truck.

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey
During the Community Day at Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle, the kids were treated to a bounce castle.



Photo by Timothy Ramsey
The ladies sing at the beginning of service to honor the youth and youth choir last Sunday at New Direction Movement Cathedral.

Church celebrates young people and youth choir

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Celebrating the youth in our churches is the positive reinforcement that our young people need. The youth choir of New Direction Movement Cathedral celebrated their first anniversary Sunday, Sept. 25.

The youth were involved throughout the service by serving as ushers, making the announcements and leading

prayers, and the youth choir performed during the 11 a.m. service. A special choir anniversary service was held at 5 p.m. on Sunday to honor the forming of the youth choir a year ago.

Youth coordinator Kamryn Barr said the idea for the anniversary came to her because the youth choir has not been consistent in recent years and wanted to praise the efforts of the young people in the church.

"We haven't had a steady youth choir in years and our

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CALENDAR

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2
General Assembly

The 99th General Assembly of the Holiness Church of God, Inc. with General Bishop Theodore R. Rice presiding, will gather Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 2, at Kimberly Park Holiness Church, headquarter church for the Holiness Church of God, Inc., located at 1640 S.M. Caesar Drive where Elder Robert R. Edmond Jr., is the host pastor. Presiding First Vice-Bishop James Ijames and the Elders Board of the Holiness Church of God Inc., will assist the presiding Bishop, Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m., there will be a meeting of the Rules and Regulations committee. Ruling Elder Anthony Bell will deliver the 11:30 a.m. message. Pastor Jacqueline Moses will deliver the 2 p.m. message and Designate Bishop David Terry will conclude the day with a message at 7:30 pm. On Friday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m. the Ordination Committee will meet. The service sessions for the day are 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Respective speakers are Elder Antwan Clemmons, Overseer

Jonathan Shuler, and First General Vice-Bishop James Ijames. The evening will conclude with an Ordination service, followed by presentation of awards. On Saturday, Oct. 1, at noon there will be an Installation Service for our General Bishop Theodore Roosevelt Rice. On Sunday, Oct. 2, General Bishop T. R. Rice will close out the 99th General Assembly with the delivery of the final message at 10 a.m. The General Assembly choir will provide the music for all services. The general public is welcomed to come, fellowship and hear the Word.

Oct. 1
Cancer Survivor Prayer
Breakfast

The Frances J. Mack Cancer Survivor Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St. The breakfast will include testimonials, prayer for persons battling all forms of cancer, and praise for deliverance from cancer. Frances Jones Mack, the mother of Bishop Sir Walter L. Mack, Jr. and the

Church Mother of Union Baptist, is a breast cancer survivor. This is a great way for families and friends to come together to honor and remember those affected with cancer. The prayer breakfast is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Union Baptist Church office at 724-9305 ext. 222 or visit the website: www.unionbaptistws-nc.org. Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr. is pastor and teacher.

Oct. 1
Community Outreach Event

Providence Baptist Church will hold a community outreach event at Civitan Park, 319 Nelson St., Kernersville, on Oct. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m. The community is invited to a worship experience. Free food and free health information will be available as well as entertainment for children of all ages. To participate as an individual or group, or if more information is needed, email ojcis@providencebcknc.org.

Oct. 1
Singing Concert

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