

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Today, Nov. 4 and 5

Transportation for prospective voters and rally

Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church, 819 Highland Ave., will offer transportation to any citizens who are voting early Thursday, today, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4. Also, transportation will be provided to anyone who needs a ride on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Citizens who need a ride to an early voting site can receive transportation on Thursday and Friday. The church will provide a complimentary meal to everyone who presents an "I Voted" sticker during the early voting period and on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The church will hold a Pre-Go-To-Vote Rally on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the church. There will be food, refreshments, music and voter education information. Call 336-724-7151.

Nov. 5

Church clothes give away

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1317 North Cherry St., will be hosting a free clothes, shoes, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Rev. Dr. Lester Boyd and first lady Sharon Byrd will be overseeing the giveaway.

Nov. 5

Salem College Domestic Violence and Homelessness Awareness Walk

Salem College will hold the rescheduled Handle with Care walk to raise awareness about domestic violence and homelessness on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The walk will focus on the financial issues that take place during and after abuse. The fundraiser will benefit the Next Step Ministries and Bethesda Center. The two organizations are constantly assisting victims of domestic violence.

Nov. 6

Concert Series

The Burke Singers will perform at the Music that Matters Concert Series for the 2016-2017 season at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2151 Silas Creek Parkway, on Sunday, Nov. 6. The Burke Singers are a female a cappella ensemble from Winston-Salem State University, founded in 1995 by D'Walla Simmons-Burke, director of Choirs and Vocal Studies. The group displays a variety of African-American sacred music and civil rights songs.

Nov. 6

Mortgage Burning Ceremony

Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will hold its mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. worship. The mortgage represents improvements made to the church edifice during the centennial celebration in 2007. A fellowship dinner will follow in the John D. Peterson Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Toure C. Marshall is the senior pastor.

Nov. 6

Festival of Faith and Culture

The Enterprise Center Banquet Hall, 1922 S. MLK Jr. Drive, will hold the Festival of Faith and Culture on Nov. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. The festival is for kids grades kindergarten through grade 5, with adults also welcome. There will be arts and crafts centered on Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Catholic, Unitarian Universalist and other traditions. The event will also have music, dance, a chance to register for door prizes and the opportunity to learn sign language. The festival is free. To register and print your free tickets, visit 2016faithandculturefestival.eventbrite.com.

Nov. 6

Church Forum

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Road, will have a forum on Sunday, Nov. 6. The Rev. Lisa Schwartz will speak on "The Art of Civility," at the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Ken Ostberg will discuss "Bravehearts: Whistle-Blowing in the Age of Snowden," by Mark Hergaard at 9:15 a.m. A discussion of "Family Reunions," will be led by Cynthia Braun and Anne Murray, at Explorations at 9:15 a.m.

Nov. 6

Veterans Honored

The Mount Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., will honor its veterans on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the 11 a.m. worship service. The service will take time to recognize the veterans and give thanks for their patriotism. One honoree of the church is Terry Bailey, a Winston-Salem native who was one of the first black pilots to serve in the US military. During the service, Ernest Squire, a veteran, will give remarks. Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Jr. will give closing remarks and offer a special prayer for veterans and their families. The service is open to the public. For more information, contact 336-722-2325.

Nov. 6

Annual Anniversary

The Willing Workers Auxiliary of the St. Matthew Apostolic Temple Church, 3640 New Walkertown Rd., will celebrate their Annual Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. The theme for the celebration is "Celebrating the Willing Workers through Music." The Auxiliary workers sponsor improvement and beautification projects in and around the church. This year program will display various local Gospel musical artists and groups such as Miss Kayla Jackson, Trinity Male Chorus and St. Matthews Male Chorus. The featured artist for the event will be Rev. Joseph Cobbs and Peculiar People. The Master of Ceremony will be

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Church holds Fall Festival as alternative to trick or treating

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Halloween is the day many kids across the country head out to trick or treat for candy. With the unknown dangers of going door to door, Galilee Missionary Baptist Church held a "Trunk or Treat" fall festival for the children of its congregation.

The different ministries

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey
A member of the congregation decorated an RV into a candy land shop.

Women's conference strengthen bonds at local church

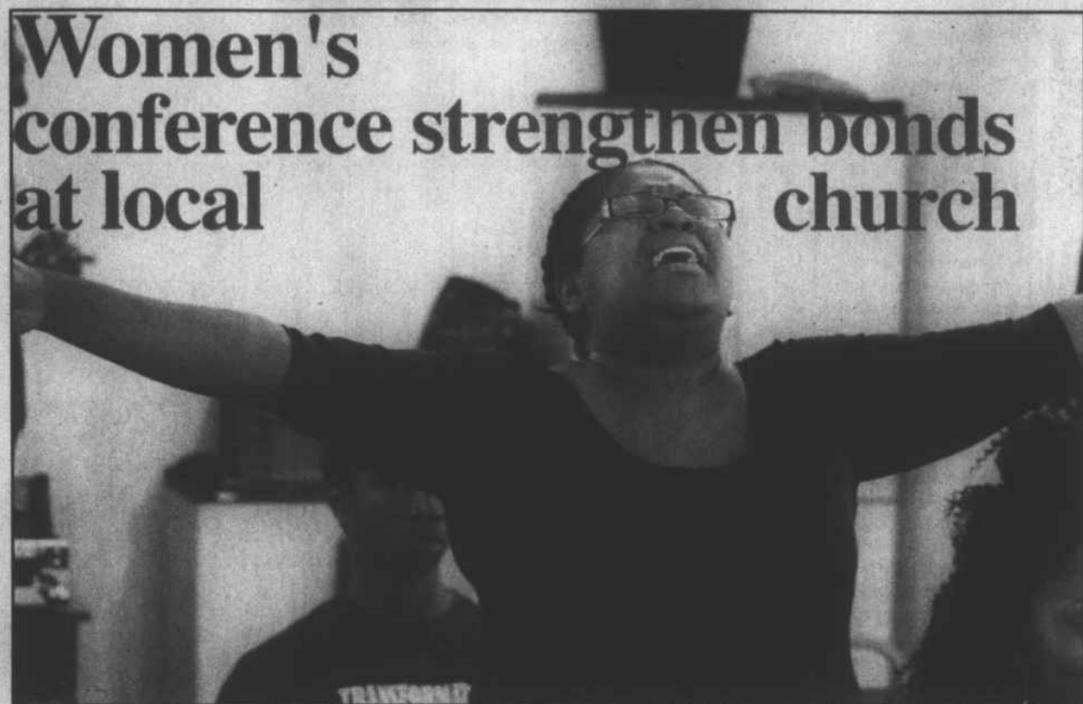


Photo by Timothy Ramsey

A young woman prays during the praise and worship portion of the conference.

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The women of Transformation Ministries held their annual Women's Conference this past Sunday. The day included choir singing, a dance ministry and guest speaker Pastor Regina Harrell. The church also gave away gift cards throughout and served dinner afterward for those in attendance.

Mother of the Church, Marcella Hauser, said she loves doing things for the Lord and loves being a part of the conference.

"What I hope is that just one soul comes to God," said Hauser. "People go through life and experience many different things and they don't realize all they have to do is seek the Lord and He will be there.

My desire is to do things for the honor and glory of God."

This is the fourth year the conference has been held at the church.

Pastor Harrell is a native of Winston-Salem. She is the CEO and founder of Myrtle Tree Ministries, with active leadership in The Kingdom Purpose Church and H2TKO-Heels, Harley's and The Kingdom Outpour Women's Ministry.

She is quoted as saying, "In my life, I've known loss, I've known pain and suffering and I've known failure. But through all these things I have encountered the unwavering, unconditional love and power of Jesus Christ." Her message to the women Sunday afternoon reflected her quote.

When asked what inspired her message

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Church pastor Bishop Stephone Samuels speaks to the congregation.

Union Baptist to hold voter turnout service

N.C. NAACP President Barber to speak

SPECIAL TO
THE CHRONICLE

Seeing a need to increase voter turnout in North Carolina, Bishop Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor of and teacher at Union Baptist Church, is setting the First Sunday in

November to reinforce the importance of getting out to the polls to vote.

This service at the church, 1200 N. Trade St., comes on the heels of a lawsuit filed by the North Carolina NAACP against the North Carolina State Board of Elections, alleging that state officials in at least three counties have canceled "thousands" of voter registrations.

Dr. William J. Barber

CAMPAIGN

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II, president of the North Carolina NAACP, will speak at Union Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. This non-partisan service is being held as a part of the church's efforts to increase voter

registration, education, and voter participation. During the service, there will be a prayer for all candidates. The service is open to the community.

According to CNN, early voting among African-Americans voters in North Carolina has dropped to 23 percent, down from 29 percent four years ago when President

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Everything's Brand New

Lesson Scripture:
Revelations 21:1-8

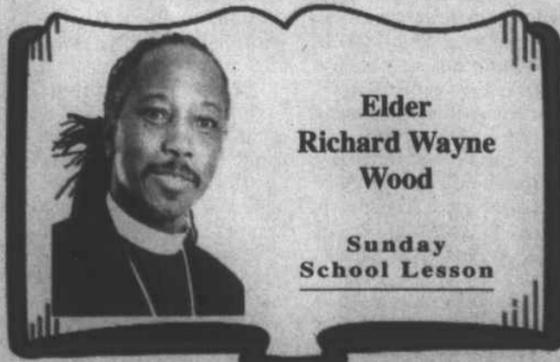
By the end of this lesson, we will

*Understand what things Christ will make new in eternity

*Look forward to the time when Christ will make all things new

*Be able to describe the new things we will enjoy in eternity

Background: The time given for this writing is 96 A.D. on the Isle of Patmos. Revelations is an extended look into the future afforded to John by God. It is an apocalyptic literature with symbolism, poetry and prophecy all expressing the end times. The book is an affirmation of Christ's sovereignty and covers His second coming, His victory over sin and the beauty of the new heaven and earth. It is both warning and hope.



Elder
Richard Wayne
Wood

Sunday
School Lesson

Lesson: Now in the 21 chapter of Revelations, John has already been shown Christ on a white horse, the beast and his armies defeated, Satan bound for 1,000 years, the reign of the saints with Christ for 1,000 years, a satanic rebellion crushed and the judgment at the Great White Throne. Now God reveals a new heaven and a new earth. The old one is not repaired, but has "passed away." The environment itself is changed ... "there is no longer any sea."

By the way, three-fourths of the earth's surface today is water (verse 1). Jerusalem is called the "holy city" because God's presence is said to dwell there (UMI Annual Commentary 2016-2017). "And I saw the holy city, 'new' Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from

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