

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Today, Dec. 1

Movie and Speaker Discussion

TEEM (Temple Emanuel's Environmental Movement) will have a free environmental movie and speaker series at Temple Emanuel, 201 Oakwood Drive. The film and discussion will be today, Thursday, Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. focusing on the movie "Before The Flood." The speaker will be Bill Blancato, attorney and citizen climate lobby activist. The film calls for action for environmental advocate Leonard DiCaprio. For more information, contact Gayle Tuch at gtuch@yahoo.com or call 336-766-2767.

Dec. 1 & 2

Holiday Sock sale

Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 N. Patterson Ave., will have the annual Holiday Sock Sale on today, Thursday, Dec. 1 and Friday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will have a huge selection of packaged first-quality socks. All the socks are \$1 for a pair. Special discounts are available for multiple quantities purchased. The Country Store will be open where homemade goodies and handmade crafts are available. The event is sponsored by Goler Memorial Parent Body Missionary Society. The proceeds will go toward charitable work in the community. For more information, call 336-529-2928 or email gphifer@roycetoo.com.

Dec. 2 - 11

'Black Nativity' play

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company, 610 Coliseum Drive, will present the play "Black Nativity" by Langston Hughes on Dec. 2 -11. The play, directed and choreographed by Mabel Robinson, focuses on a Christmas story combining gospel music, dance and spoken word. The play will have special school performances on Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.; Dec. 2-11 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$26, students are \$21 and children 15 and under are \$18. All seats are \$18 on Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. For group rates, call 336-723-2266 for more details.

Dec. 3

20th Church and Pastoral Anniversary

The House of God, 1992 Bloomfield Drive, will hold the 20th Church and Pastoral Anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 3. The service will begin at 11 a.m. For more information, call 336-692-9868.

Dec. 4

Community Celebration

Messiah Community Christian Church, 2651 Belevs Creek Road, will hold a community celebration on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-1:45 p.m. The celebration will have free clothing for adults and children such as shoes, shirts and more for those who need warm clothes for the winter. The theme of the event is "I Am Somebody Special." For more information, call 336-602-1440. The pastor is Rev. Louis Threatt.

Dec. 4

31st Choir Anniversary

Mount Zion Baptist Church Youth Ensemble, 950 File St., will celebrate the 31st Choir Anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 4, beginning at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The choir will showcase the voices of the Mount Zion Inspirational Choir. The choir will minister traditional Christmas hymns, as well as contemporary gospel favorites honoring the birth of Jesus Christ. The theme is "O Come, All Ye Faithful"; the hymn was written in Latin as *Adeste Fideles*. The supervisor of the Youth Ensemble is Shirley B. Churn and the choir's president is Jacora Lane. The Inspirational Choir president is Mia Bryan, the musicians are director Dionn Owens, Everette Funches is percussionist, Kevin Scott is pianist and Marty Petty is bass guitarist. The pastor is Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. For more information, contact church office at 336-722-2325.

Dec. 16

Christmas Concert

New Birth Worship Center Music Ministry, 1033 Newbirth Drive, East Bend, N.C., will present "The Joy of Christmas" concert on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Mass and Youth choirs and the Angels of Mercy Dance Ministry. The senior pastor is Dr. James L.E. Hunt. For more information, call 336-699-3583 or visit www.newbirthworshipcenter.org.

Dec. 20

Holiday Concert

Home Moravian Church, 529 S Church St., will hold a holiday concert by Salem Band on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will consist of a mix of sacred and secular music of the season with guest vocal soloist Ted Federle and Salem Band Principal Horn Richard Saylor. Pre-concert music will be performed by the small ensembles. Donations from the community to the charity partner Sunnyside Ministry are welcome. Admission is free.

Dec. 22

Community Holiday Concert

Trinity Moravian Church, 220 E Sprague St., will have a holiday concert by Salem Band on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will have a mix of sacred and secular music of the season with guest vocal soloist Ted Federle and Salem Band Principal Horn Richard Saylor. Small ensembles will perform pre-concert music. Donations for Salem Band are welcome. Admission is free.

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St. Mark Baptist feeds the sick and shut in on Thanksgiving



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The members of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church volunteer their time on Thanksgiving to prepare meals for the sick and shut in.

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

We all enjoy sitting around the dining room table and fellowshiping with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. For some, that is not a luxury they can afford. For others, they may not be physical-

ly able to do so because of illness.

To assist with those who did not have a hot home cooked meal for Thanksgiving, the congregation of St. Mark Baptist Church held its 19th annual "Sick and Shut in Thanksgiving dinner" on Thanksgiving Day.

The church prepared a large

amount of food that included: turkey, ham, potato salad, green beans, stuffing, bread and cake. The church welcomed individuals from the surrounding community to come to the church and eat but their main focus was to receive call-in orders from

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Bishop Oscar Davis LeGrant is escorted in by Mary Saincine, left, and Delphine Bias.

Pastor, 91, celebrates 49 years in the pulpit

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

To be the senior pastor of the same church for nearly half a century takes dedication, commitment and a love for what you do. For Bishop Oscar Davis LeGrant of Progressive Apostolic Church, it has been an honor and a

pleasure.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, Bishop Grant celebrated his 49th year as senior pastor of Progressive. The church was packed in every pew. There were friends and family visitors from all over, including members of the United Churches of Jesus Apostolic (UCJA).

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Local church and school combine to feed over 500

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

When two separate entities can pool resources and serve a greater good, everyone benefits. St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kernersville connected with Hall Woodward Elementary in Winston-Salem to feed over 500 people.

According to school Principal Celena Tribby, Hall Woodward is a high-needs school where nearly 100 percent of the students are on free or reduced lunch. She felt as though there was a need to be met, especially during the holiday season, so she got the wheels turning on put-

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The Promise of a Savior

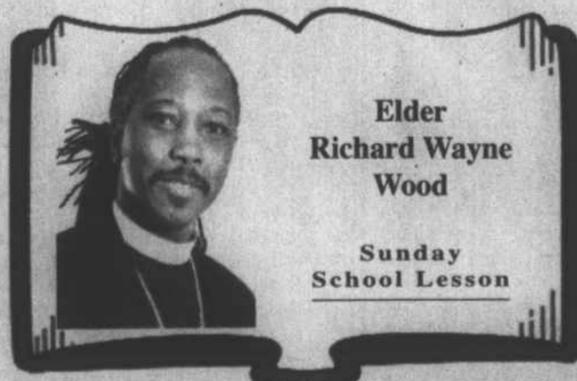
Lesson Scripture:
Luke 1:26-38

By the end of this lesson, we will

*See that God makes and fulfills promises

*Know that we can trust every word from God

*Realize that we can rest confidently in God's promises as the basis of our security in life



Elder
Richard Wayne
Wood

Sunday
School Lesson

remember that there have been false messiahs who failed at delivering the people from political bondage and Roman rule.

Lesson: In our lesson, Gabriel, whose name means "man of God," is again delivering a message from God. Formerly he explained to Daniel his vision of the ram and goat (Daniel 8:15-27, 9:20-27). More recently, he has visited Zacharias and

Background: The time given for this writing is 7-6 B.C. and the place is Nazareth. The Jews are expecting a messiah. Because of the Old Testament prophets who had lived through exile and depression, the messiah they expected was one with military might and skill, strong love for the Lord, and the ability to lead. We must also

announced the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:11-20). Mary, who Gabriel is visiting, is espoused to Joseph "of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary" (verse 27). Gabriel informs Mary that God has chosen her

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