

RELIGION/OBITUARY

RELIGION CALENDAR

Ongoing Events

Worship services are being held at the New Liberty Full Gospel Baptist Ministries, Inc. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. The church is located at 7842 North Point Blvd. (across from the New North Point Post Office) The Rev. Linda M. Beal is the pastor.

Learning Adventures

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem winter schedule: "Conversational Spanish," "Race Relations," "American and British Short Stories," "Tai Chi," "Old Testament Bible Study," "Music," "Woodcarving," "Growing Spiritually" and "Bridge." The special core class will be on "World Politics." The winter session of classes is five weeks long and will run from Jan. 28 - Feb. 25. Classes will be held on Thursdays at Knollwood Baptist Church at 330 Knollwood St. Classes are \$6 each for Shepherd's Center members and \$8 each for non-members. The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is an interfaith ministry that supports and promotes successful aging-through edu-

cational support and service opportunities for older adults. For more information contact the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem at (336) 748-0217.

January 7

Preaching Mission

The Forsyth County Deacon Union is celebrating its 17th annual Preaching Mission which it has been convening since Jan 4. The union will continue with its services today at 7:15 p.m. with the Rev. Sam Hickerson, pastor of New Light Baptist Church, preaching. Jan 8 the Rev. Philemon Samuels, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church, will preach.

January 8

Seminar

The Ministries of Truth Apostolic Church will conduct a seminar on marriage at 6 p.m. which will be facilitated by the District Elder William E. Koger. The theme will be "Marriage Is Honorable." For more information call Vennell Mensah at (336) 723-9802.

January 9

Open House

The Muslim community

of Winston-Salem will hold an open house offering people of other faiths an introduction to Islamic culture. It will be held at Masjid Al-Mu'minin at 1500 Harriet Tubman Blvd. The free event called "A Taste of Islam," will feature displays of Islamic handicrafts, clothing and books as well as samples of foods from around the Muslim world. The open house is designed to help people of all faiths gain a better understanding of the positive role Islam can play in American society. For more information call (336) 784-7328.

January 10

Guest Speaker

The Rev. George A. Pass, minister at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Greensboro, will speak at Ambassador Cathedral at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the pastor.

January 11

Ecumenical Classes

Houston Graduate School of Theology's North Carolina extension site, located on the campus of John Wesley College in High Point, will begin the

first half of its spring semester today. Classes include: The Pentateuch, The Life of David, Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Psychology of the Religious Experience, Introduction to Christian Theology I, The Sermon on the Mount and Intermediate Biblical Hebrew. Night classes are available.

Houston Graduate School of Theology is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada. For more information call Dr. Frank Scurry, Dean of HGST/North Carolina, at (336) 889-2262 (office) or 800-987-8442 (home). E-mail him at hgstnc@game-wood.net.

January 16

Celebrating the Dream

The "Celebrating the Dream" Martin Luther King Jr. annual celebration will be held at 10 a.m. at University City, United Methodist Church, Charlotte. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. J. D. Ballard, pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Special music will be delivered by Hmong UMC Youth Choir of Charlotte, Cherokee UMC Youth Choir of

Cherokee and The J. Barnes Mass Choir of Rockingham County.

Homecoming Concert

It's a homecoming concert featuring God's woman, the songbird of the South, Deborah Patterson-Brown and the Ambassadors for Christ Choir at 7:30 p.m. Ambassador Cathedral is located at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the pastor.

January 17

Concert

Gaither Homecoming video recording artist Ann Downing will be in concert at the Victory Baptist Church in Clemmons at 6 p.m. There will be no admission charge. Downing, a former member of the Downings, appears regularly on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and travels worldwide to share her testimony. Victory Baptist is located at 4756 Hampton Road in Clemmons just off Highway 158. The pastor of Victory Baptist is the Rev. Michael K. Duffield. For more information call (336) 766-7071.

Ministerial Staff Service

The Ministerial Staff of

Ambassador Cathedral will present "Words to Live by," a service of inspirational messages at 7 p.m. at Ambassador Cathedral which located at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the pastor.

January 18

MLK Jr. Celebration

The Community Choir will start rehearsals for the High Point Ministers Conference's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at 7 p.m. at Greater First United Baptist Church, 1409 Deep River Road, High Point. The last rehearsal will be held at Temple Memorial Baptist Church, 1458 Cedrow Drive, High Point Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Patricia Randleman, Marlo McRae and Richard Nixon will be in charge.

January 24

Fashion Show and Talent Extravaganza

The Youth Department of Ambassador Cathedral will sponsor a Fashion Show and Talent Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Ambassador Cathedral is located at 1500 Harriet Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the pastor.

Examining Jesus' teachings on materialism and top priorities


Lesson Scripture: Luke 12: 13-21, 29-31

Lesson Aims: To examine Jesus' teaching on materialism, to understand that top priority is to God and not things and to measure personal priorities to the teachings of Jesus.

Background: Jesus, the Master Teacher, often used parables to get an idea across. At times He taught the disciples separately. On a number of occasions, He taught great masses of people while the disciples were present. In the first portion of chapter 13, Jesus taught the disciples about hypocrisy. He explained that hypocrisy was the yeast of the Pharisees (remember their perspec-

ive from last week). Their hypocrisy manifested itself as their love of status and wealth ("Richard's Complete Bible Handbook"). The disciples as well as the other listeners were not to copy those attitudes. In the midst of this discourse, someone in the crowd asked a question.

Lesson: The question raised centered on the issue of inheritance. Jewish law has an answer, but the young man respecting Jesus' authority wanted Him to overrule it. At first Jesus replies very strongly, "I am not a judge." Looking beyond the mere question, Jesus goes to the root of the problem - the young man's greed. He says not



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

only to the young man, but to all of the others as well "Watch out, a man's life does not consist in the

abundance of possessions." Being envious of others violates the 10th commandment. He then uses a parable. Simply put, a rich man has a good harvest. Where will he store it since his barns are already full? He builds bigger ones! Then he says to himself, sit back and enjoy all of it. God then requires his soul that night. The question arises who gets the wealth? The rich man is called a fool because he rejects the precepts of God (Old Testament definition). The lesson here states that he who lays up treasures for self is not rich toward God. Jesus then says to the disciples not to be overly concerned about their life, what to eat, nor what to wear. Life is more than

food and the body is more than clothes. The world uses different standards than God. God's standards are lasting - the world's aren't. If God is first, all of the other possessions will be added unto them (v.31).

Application: Money and the desire for the material things tend to be human inspiration. Those desires motivate us to ignore God, self, family and the well-being of others. The Scriptures never say that being wealthy is a sin but if that is priority one, then that is sinful. So often in the news and on television we see evidence that money and things don't equate to a good life. They (money and things)

don't keep us healthy; neither do they create lasting relationships. Old folks used to say, "Give me Jesus and that's enough." What a retirement plan according to Trent C. Butler! To ensure the good life, God has to be first (v.31). Our search for the things that matter must be based on God. It isn't based on money, power and good health!

Seasoned Christians have a calmness about possessions. If we all aren't careful, we too can fall prey to greed. Examine your life today! If selfishness and greed take priority over the things of God, then check yourself.

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LEWIS
 Mrs. Dorothy Lyde Lewis, of 1228 Ghoulson St., Winston-Salem, died Dec. 29 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.

She was a native of Whiteville, born on Feb. 8, 1912 to the late Mary L. McDougal Lyde and Pinkney Lyde and had resided in Winston-Salem for more than 60 years. She was a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church and was a devoted homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter Mary Lyde Roshell of Estill, S.C.; five sons, Allen J. (Arcola) Lewis Jr., Melvin Lewis, Rayvon Lewis, Albert (Arlene) Lewis, all of Winston-Salem, and Jimmy Lewis of Arlington, Va.; 17 grandchildren; four grandchildren she raised as her own, Jonathan, Terry, Lisa and David of the home; 24 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five foster children; one brother Len (Margaret) Lyde and one sister Mary Ann Shaw both of Philadelphia; a sister-in-law Mattie Lewis of Winston-Salem; two very special friends, Mary and Ken Brockton; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Jan. 2 at 12 noon at the Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Donald Salley officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

WARREN
 Nannie Lucinda Harbour Warren, of 713 Summit Road, in Eden died, at the age of 96, Jan. 5 at her home.

She was born in Patrick County, Va. and was welcomed into the flock of Christ at the tender age of 15. She was the last living charter member of the North Spray Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Clyde Warren and son Garvin Warren.

Nannie leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Mert Warren of Eden, Pete Warren of Lynchburg, Va., Jerry Warren of Winston-Salem and Don Warren of Stoneville; her daughters, Reba Hancock, Vera Santos and Jewel Warren, all of Eden and Brenda Gilbert of Winston-Salem; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; a half-brother Wilbur Harbour of Fieldale, Va.

Funeral services will be held today, at 2 p.m. at North Spray Christian Church with burial at Ridgeview Memorial Gardens. Fair Funeral Home was in charge of burial arrangements.

Ministers' Wives and Widows usher in new year

Special to THE CHRONICLE

The Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Winston-Salem and Vicinity enjoyed ending the 1998 year with a gala evening at the Holiday Inn Select with music, fun and games and gift giving.

The incoming president Dora Martin and the new slate of officers, for 1999-2000, were introduced to members and guests. Those in attendance included the Rev. and Mrs. W. Cockerham, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Damon, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Fulwood, the Rev. and Mrs. D. Holness, M. B. Hedgley and guests, Evelina Clyburn, Minnie Lucas, Julia Cobb, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. H.L. Moore, Jackie Moore, Susan Jenkins, Ethel Thomas, D. Newkirk, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Walker, the Rev.

and Mrs. G. Wooten, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Wright and the Rev. and Mrs. R. Williams.




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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Radio Broadcast (WAAA 980) 2:00 p.m.
 M.Y.P.U. 6:30 p.m.
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