

RELIGION

CALENDAR

homework
 with your home-Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 210 Belevs Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101, Thursday 5 p.m., Call 721-1959. Dr. James H. Williams, Sr., is pastor.

school program
 The school program will be held at the church office, 210 Belevs Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday. The program location is at the church office. For more information, contact the church office at 721-1959.

memorial service
 Memorial Baptist Church, organized under the pastorate of the late J. D. Monroe, will celebrate its 56th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. The guest will be the J.R. Samuels' Ensemble II, of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church.

anniversary celebration
 The Vacation Club and the Pastor's Aid auxiliaries of Ambassador Cathedral will celebrate their anniversary on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. Rev. O.T. McCray, pastor of the Remnant of Faith Christian Church, Gastonia, will be the guest speaker. The church is at 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive. Bishop Frederick D. Patterson is the host pastor. For more information about the service, contact the church office at 336-725-0901.

choir anniversary
 The Inspirational Choir of Center Grove AME Zion Church in Tobaccoville will celebrate its anniversary on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. Their special guests will be Eddie Bines and Friends. You are invited to come and worship with us. The church is on Boiling Springs Road. The pastor is Rev. George Erwin.

clothing show
 Antioch Christian Church Youth Ushers will sponsor a fashion show, "Stepping Out for Christ in the New Millennium," on Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. Original African designs from Liberia and Ghana will be showcased. The public is invited to attend. Rev. James A. Gilliam is the pastor.

trial sermon
 Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle will host a service on Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. where Demetria Ledbetter will preach her trial sermon. Ledbetter is truly a woman of God and may God continue to give her the words to win souls. Everyone is invited to join us in supporting her.

university day
 University Day will be observed on Nov. 19 at Mount Olive Baptist Church. The special guest will be the WSSU Gospel Choir. Thanksgiving services will also be held Nov. 22 at noon and 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The church is at 1301 E. Belevs Street. Rev. Charles E. Gray is the pastor.

choir anniversary
 The St. Mark Baptist Church Inspirational Choir will celebrate its anniversary on Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. We are inviting all groups and choirs to attend. The public is invited.

choir anniversary
 Dreamland Park Baptist Church will celebrate its Gospel Choir anniversary on Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. The guest will be the Streets of Gold from Raleigh. The church is at 2340 Dunbar Street. The pastor is Ronald Fisher. The public is invited to attend.

harvesting time
 Harvesting Time New World Cappadocia Outreach Center. Come join us! Help pray for the sick, shut-in, the downcast, youths, the homeless, leaders and the needy all over the world. Four days of fasting and praying together. Come hear the word preached by two dynamic preachers at 336-748-7577.

anniversary
 The choir of Zion Church will host a musical concert at 6:30 p.m. The choir will feature new musical featuring Youth Choir, P.J. Ensemble, P.J. Ensemble, P.J. Ensemble, P.J. Ensemble, P.J. Ensemble. The church is at 1100 Manley Street. Dr. James Fulwood is host pastor.

Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries holds training seminar at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

"Jesus needs you to be His hands and His feet ... while you are at the prison while you ministering to those who are incarcerated," Rev. Sandra Thigpen, assistant senior chaplain of Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, said at a training seminar recently at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

She went on to give practical tips to people interested in volunteering for jail and prison ministries:

- Areas of focus for inmates**
 - Honesty** - It is imperative that jail ministry volunteers impress upon offenders the need to be honest before God. Being honest about our emotions requires continuous self-examination, without which there is little possibility of significant growth.
 - Discipline** - Only discipline permits the spiritual nurturing that transforms people. Meditation, prayer, study and worship become superficial or nonexistent activities when there is no time allotted for them. Inmates need to know that discipline is essential for all aspects of life, including their spirituality.
 - Objectivity** - The church must continue to do its part to improve relationships between people with different beliefs and help stimulate personal growth.
 - Realistic expectations** - Prisoners are inclined to expect too



Photo by Paul Collins

Tonya Tate, left, a deaconess at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, listens intently during the jail and prison ministry workshop.

much from other people, which can ultimately cause distress. The incarcerated tend to have unrealistic expectations of family members, friends, government agencies and institutions. But prisoners can be led toward realistic goals and expectations with the church serving as guide and supporter.

- Understanding change** - Few offenders understand change as something positive. Understanding

change is crucial for inmates, all of whom live in the midst of extreme instability.

- Inmate stressors**
 - Socialization** - "Their life comes to a halt" when they enter prison, Thigpen said. "Everything is governed by the clock and police."
 - Loss of free will and control** - "They're told when to get up, when

to go to bed, when to do laundry," Thigpen said.

- Low self-esteem** - Prisoners usually don't get respect, and may react negatively.
- Relational loss** - Some prisoners' families have abandoned them, so they think, "Why should I trust you?" Thigpen said.
- Personal guilt**
- Living conditions** (noise, See **Prison ministry on B7**)

God is greater than a building, no matter the cost



Mildred Peppers
 Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 6: 37,38; 8:22, 27-30; 9:1-5

Lesson Aims: to review the construction and dedication of the temple, to understand that honoring God is more than a building and to encourage true worship.

Background: Once David established Jerusalem as the capital city, recovered the Ark of the Covenant, and built a palace, his desire was to build a "permanent house" for God (review the Oct. 29 lesson). God told David that he was not to build; one of his sons would. I Chronicles 22:7,8 explained why David wasn't to build. The leadership of Israel was passed to Solomon last week. God granted Solomon his heart's desire - wisdom.

Further along in I Kings 3:16-28 we saw the evidence of the "gift from God" in dealing with the child being claimed by two women. In chapter 4, Solomon expanded his father's administration and the kingdom prospered. God gave him wisdom and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon's intellectual achievements multiplied as well. He wrote many proverbs and songs and became a botanist and a zoologist.

Chapter 5 recorded his preparations to build the temple. Out of all of his accomplishments, this construction will surpass the others. The tabernacle had served as the center of worship from Moses to David. It was Solomon's task to build a permanent one.

The temple was built on the northeast hill of the city. The floor plan was like the tabernacle. "The rectangular building had a porch, a name with an inner sanctuary (Holy of Holies). It was twice the size of the tabernacle (Oxford Companion of the Bible). It was from stone, paneled with cedar and overlaid with gold. This structure used more than 180,000 laborers. According to "Richard's Complete Bible Handbook," it cost almost \$3 billion.

Lesson: It takes seven years to complete the project and 13 years

to build a place. Chapter 8 opens with the ark being brought into the temple. With great pomp and circumstance it is placed in the Holy Place and the priests withdraw. The cloud fills the temple (God is present) and Solomon delivers a sermon recounting their history up to the present. He prays a prayer of dedication, calling for the people to be committed to the Lord and His decrees. The end of this prayer reminds me of Joshua's plea to the people in Joshua 24: 14, 15. More sacrifices are offered with great rejoicing.

Afterward, God comes to him to put his seal of approval on all that has been done. Second, He restates the covenant made with David. Even though David sinned, God views him as having walked in "integrity of heart and uprightness." Solomon, having done what God wanted, is also expected to walk in the same path along with his sons.

Application: Having been given the gift of wisdom, Solomon realizes that God is too awesome to be confined to a building (8:27). Do we know that well? Solomon seeks God's approval and gets it because of his obedience. Commitment is what God dearly wants. Giving God your best for the right reasons is important. Lots of churches have built or are in some stage of building. The structures are grand and beautiful but when Jesus returns, He isn't coming for the bricks!

Our worship must be sincere. If our hearts are not right, it is for

naught. Unfortunately our worship becomes a ritual for entertainment if we aren't careful. Superficial ritual means nothing to God because we must remember that He knows

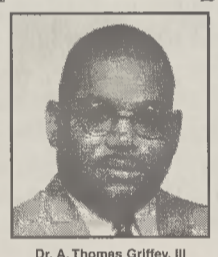
the heart! God is greater than a building, no matter the cost and time put into it. Buildings decay but our love for and commitment to Him shouldn't.

Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church of W-S, Inc.

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Schedule of Worship Services

Sunday Morning Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:00 p.m.
Monday Study Class.....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study.....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children's Choir Rehearsal.....	5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Bible Study and Preach Night.....	7:00 p.m.



Dr. A. Thomas Griffey, III
 Pastor/Teacher

"To Love, To Know, To Serve and To Grow God's Kingdom!"

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

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Listing of Services

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday	12:00 Noon &
Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Services

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.
Evangelistic.....	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Prayer & Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

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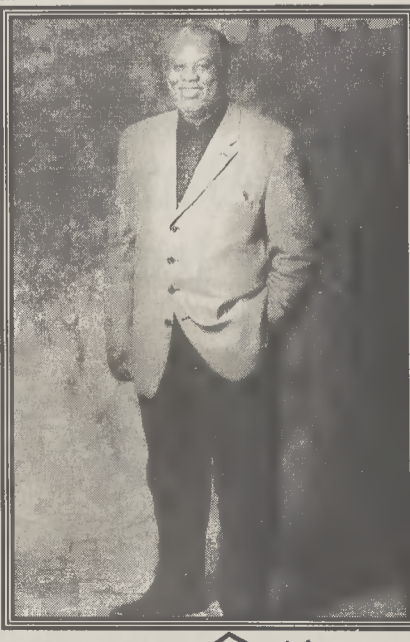
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