

# God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us

**Lesson Scripture:** John 20: 1, 11-17; Romans 6:3-8

**Lesson Aims:** to describe the details of His life and the events surrounding His death and Resurrection, to understand the implications of a new life in Christ and to demonstrate His love toward others.

**Background:** He suffered, bled and died for humanity's sin. He arose on the morning of the third day. This is the foundation of our faith! Let's take a closer look at these events. The King of Kings came through 42 generations to be born in a stable. His earthly parents were from "across the tracks." Upon reaching the age of 12, He conversed with the elders in the temple. The Scriptures were silent about Him until the age of 30 when John the Baptist (His cousin) baptized Him.

The Holy Spirit led Him to the desert to be tried by the devil. For 40 days and nights,

He fasted. After that, the tempter confronted Him. Jesus was victorious over the devil and began His public ministry.

Because of His socioeconomic class, teachings, and miracles, the religious leaders (Pharisees) didn't believe or trust Him. They felt that He was a troublemaker who wanted to usurp their power. The Pharisees wanted to get rid of Him.

Every opportunity to expose Jesus as a fake failed. The common people loved Him! A plot was designed to rid themselves of Him once and for all. Eventually they arrested Him. The trial was a farce and the Roman government was brought in to give it an air of legitimacy.

Jesus was humiliated and went to Calvary. While the two thieves were tied to their crosses, Jesus was nailed to His. He suffered a horrible death and was buried in a borrowed tomb quickly because the Jewish



**Mildred Peppers**  
Sunday School Lesson

Sabbath was about to begin.

**Lesson:** It is the first day of the week and Mary Magdalene approaches the tomb to properly prepare the body. The stone has been rolled away and the body is gone! She runs to tell the disciples. When they complete their examination of the tomb, they leave. Mary remains there and begins to cry. She enters the tomb, where two angels ask her about the tears.

Realizing someone else is there, she turns to that person

and presumes that He is the gardener. He asks about the tears and whom she is looking for. She doesn't recognize Him until her name is called. He gives her

instructions and she is on her way. Research the Scriptures for His other appearances.

Paul uses the baptism and Resurrection of Jesus as the bases for our union with Him. The believers are united with Him by faith. Both represent a transformation. It's for everybody. That change signifies a newness of life that no longer binds believers to sin.

Instead they are freed from it. "NIV Standard Lesson Commentary" states that "freed from sin" simply means just-

fied from it. Paul cautions them not to take sin lightly. It is costly and deadly. They must be able to recognize their power over sin due to the Resurrection.

Baptism and Resurrection symbolize the death of the "old" and birth of the "new" person with Christ. The importance of this union is to never be a slave to sin again, because His Resurrection gives us the power.

**Application:** "Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour. Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord. Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose the victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose. HALLELUJAH, Christ arose."

Without it there would be no hope, no joy, no peace with-in and no victory over sin! God sent His only Son to redeem each and every one of us. Are

you glad about it? I am! While our physical bodies look the same, our spiritual selves are transformed. The old temptations no longer have strangleholds on our lives. For most of us, the changes are gradual but for some people the changes are radical and fast. We are now identified with Christ so our actions and thoughts should be like His. Being free from the power of sin doesn't mean that we don't sin anymore. The Holy Spirit, along with this freedom, empowers us not to fall to every whim of nature.

We are a changed people. Our new nature influences the manner in which we look at ourselves, others, and the whole creation! No longer are we carried away with our desires. Instead we live and witness for Him. Our aim is to give Him all the glory and praise so others will want to live for Him also. Hallelujah, Christ arose!

## Carol Lisenby preaches initial sermon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Carol White Lisenby of Spencer Memorial Christian Church preached her initial sermon at the church on Sunday, March 17. Minister Lisenby spoke on Psalm 46: 1-11 and her sermon topic was "An Ever Present Help."

It was evident that this sermon was divinely

inspired, and Lisenby did much preparation for this timely message. She preached with authority, confidence and conviction in front of a packed congregation.

Lisenby is the daughter of the late James White and Deloris Griffin White. She is married to Rodney Lisenby

and they are co-owners of C&L Accounting Services in Winston-Salem.

She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, where she obtained her bachelor of arts degree in 1991. Last year, she received her associate degree in biblical studies from Vintage Bible College. She plans to pursue

a master's degree in biblical studies.

The members of Spencer Memorial are well pleased with her accomplishments and are grateful that she has answered her call to the ministry. She is an asset to the church. She serves as church treasurer, youth minister and Holy Dancers adviser.

## Goodwill Baptist Church will sponsor Easter drama

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Goodwill Baptist Church invites you to its Easter production, which will depict the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The production will be Saturday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at Goodwill Baptist Church.

Transportation is available for all church functions and events. For more information, contact the church

at (336) 764-3930.

Goodwill Baptist is a church that is "Building Ministries, That Build People, Who Lift Jesus! Goodwill Baptist Church is shepherded by Rev. P.A. Samuels, who has been in the ministry for more than 20 years. He and his wife, Prophetess Gloria Samuels, have a powerful teaching anointing upon them.

Goodwill Baptist invites

you to any of its services or Bible studies. Christian Foundation Class and Sunday school begin at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. on Sundays. On Wednesdays, morning Bible study begins at 9:30 and evening Bible study begins at 7.

Directions to the church from Winston-Salem or Greensboro: 1-40 to Exit

192 (Peters Creek Parkway/Highway 150). Peters Creek Parkway South (Hwy. 150 West) into Davidson County. Travel about three miles past Hickory Tree Crossing Shopping Center to Twin Brook Drive (at top of hill the Masonic lodge is on the corner) and turn right. Go one block to Goodwill Road and turn right. The road will lead to the church.

## Emmanuel Baptist Church commemorates Easter

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will hold special services as this Easter season unfolds.

On March 29 at 7 p.m. the following ministers will preach the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus: Rev. Paul Lowe, Shiloh Baptist

Church; Rev. Gloria Gerald, Grace Baptist Church; Rev. Joseph Samuels, St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Matthew Johnson, Manasseh Baptist Church; Rev. L. Bruce Ford, Beulah Baptist Church; Rev. Patrick Cheston, Zion Baptist Church; and Rev. Dr. John Mendez, Emmanuel Baptist

Church. In commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, an Easter sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, followed with breakfast for everyone at 8 a.m. The Sunday school department will present "The Risen Lord" at 9 a.m., under the direction of Ann Fulton.

Finally, a combined worship service with the 7:45 and 11 a.m. worshippers will be held at 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is a church where everybody is somebody and Christ is Lord of all. Rev. Dr. John Mendez is pastor at Emmanuel.

## United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist will hold Parade of Hats in the Spiritual Fashion

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 450 Metropolitan Drive, will demonstrate the fruit of the spirit by presenting a Parade of Hats in the Spiritual Fashion on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. in the

church fellowship hall. The Birthday Committee and the General Fellowship Club are sponsoring the program.

Women from United Metropolitan as well as women from other local churches will model hats to

represent the fruit of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Denise Franklin will be the mistress of ceremonies. Wear your favorite hat and be spiritually enriched.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Dr. J. Donald Ballard is the senior pastor of the church.

## Mechanics Baptist Church will install Daryl A. Young as its pastor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mechanics Baptist Church in Asheboro invites you to the installation of Daryl A. Young as pastor of the church on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Dr. A. Thomas Griffey III, pastor of Pentecostal Lighthouse and Mount Carmel Baptist

Church, will be the guest speaker.

To get to the church, take I-40 East to Hwy. 220 South. Continue for several miles to the Hwy. 64 West exit. Make a right off of the ramp. The road will then split into Hwy. 49 South (on the left) and Hwy. 64 (on the right). Keep to the left

on Hwy. 49 South. Keep straight for about six miles to the second Tot Hill Farm Road (the sign for the church is on the left). Turn on that road and the church will be on the right.

For more information or directions to the church, contact Rev. or Mrs. Daryl Young at (336) 767-0007.

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<b>Original Seven Last Words</b> Friday, March 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.	<b>New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church</b> 1212 North Dunleith Avenue Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius—Host Pastor
<b>First Word</b>	Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
<b>Second Word</b>	Rev. James Fullwood St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
<b>Third Word</b>	Rev. Dr. Ray Watlington Christian Fountain Church
<b>Fourth Word</b>	Bishop John Heath Higher Grounds Deliverance Tabernacle
<b>Fifth Word</b>	Bishop Freddie Marshall Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance
<b>Sixth Word</b>	Rev. Dr. A. T. Griffey, III Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
<b>Seventh Word</b>	Rev. D. B. Salley Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> Sunday, March 31, 2002 at 5:45 a.m.	St. Matthew Apostolic Church 3640 New Walkertown Road Bishop Joseph P. Lowery—Host Pastor

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