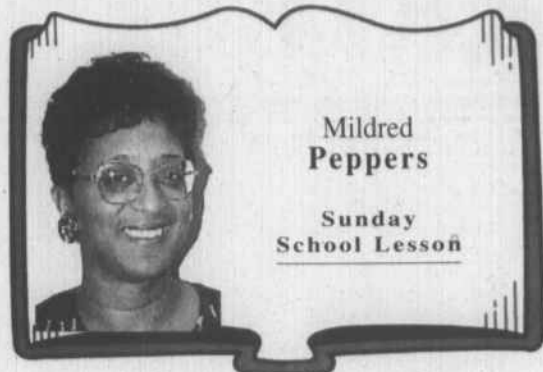


True repentance comes after an admission of guilt

Lesson Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-14, 28-29

Lesson aims: to express three perspectives on the "Day of the Lord," and to understand that repentance is necessary to be in right relationship with God.

Background: The book of Joel was written during the ninth or eighth century B.C. The author's name means "The Lord is God." "The Day of the Lord" is the theme. God sent the prophets to deliver His message. Most messages had a twofold meaning: one for that time and the other for the future. "Joel's urgent message meant life or death for Judah" ("UMI Direction Teacher") as well as for the current and future generations. The book opens with a pronouncement of judgment by God. Locusts were to come



Mildred Peppers
Sunday School Lesson

and totally destroy Judah. In the Hebrew language, nine terms mean locust. From the grasshopper family, locusts came in several varieties. Those grasshopper-like insects terrified people. When they came in large numbers (swarms), destruction was the outcome. At any

given time the swarms were so large that the skies turned dark. Once again the people strayed from God, and He decided to fix the problem. Before He brings judgment, the people were warned.

Lesson: Many of the

prophets speak of the "Day of the Lord" or "that day after the exile." It signifies "God's direct intervention in human history to restore His righteous order" ("Echoes Adult Teacher"). Obadiah 15, Joel 2:13 and Malachi 4:1-2 give several aspects of this phrase. Obadiah says that it is the day of reckoning for all nations. In other words, each nation will reap the seeds it has sown.

Joel says that it is a day of repentance and renewal. God wants to see evidence on the outside that denotes an inward change. If repentance comes, He will bless instead of punish.

Malachi pictures the day as one of purification and healing.

The term also is found in the New Testament.

Joel's call is one of repentance or face the consequences. Doom is on the horizon unless people go back to God. We have strayed as the Jews strayed. True repentance comes after an admission of guilt - not "The devil made me do it" but "I alone am responsible for my sins."

Stop pretending holiness and examine yourself. God is not impressed with our rituals and outside shows of righteousness. He knows our hearts. The Day of the Lord is pending. That's not a maybe; it's a fact. Will we heed the prophet's call and return to the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent God?

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Mary F. Peterson reappointed pastor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mary F. Peterson recently received her third appointment as pastor of St. James AME Church.

The annual Western North Carolina Conference convened in Durham with St. Joseph AME Church as host

church. During the conference, Peterson was one of the first female ministers to be elected as a delegate to the General Conference, which will be held in 2004 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Peterson has announced to her congregation that this con-

ference year will be one of "preaching, teaching."

She began a four-sermon series on "Why We Do What We Do in Worship" July 30 with the sermon topic "What's the Use?" (II Timothy 3:16,17). "Do You Hear What I Hear?" (Acts 9:1-6) was the sermon topic July 27, and

"Prayer" (Colossians 4:2-6) was the sermon topic Aug. 3.

Peterson will preach the fourth sermon topic, "Experiencing God's Presence" (Psalm 16:11), on Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. Dr. Nigel Alston will preside. The public is invited. The church is at 1501 N. Patterson Ave.

Pastor to be installed at Bethabara Moravian

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Littrell will be installed as pastor of Bethabara Moravian Church at the 11 a.m. worship service on Aug. 17. The service will be presided over by Betsy Bombick, vice president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Southern

Province, Moravian Church, North America.

A luncheon will be held after the service.

Littrell most recently served under call as interim professor of theological education at the Moravian Seminary in Bethel, Alaska. He also has served as interim pastor at Leaksville Moravian

Church in Eden and as pastor of Peace Moravian Church in Charlotte. Littrell served the Methodist Church before he joined the Moravian Church.

Littrell graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1978 and received his master's of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University

School of Divinity, Nashville, Tenn., in 1983. He received a doctor of ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., in 2002.

Littrell and his wife, Jenny, have eight children.

The Moravian Church is the oldest Protestant denomination. It dates back to 1457.

Solid Rock will sponsor women's conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Solid Rock Baptist Church Deaconess Board will sponsor An Opportunity to Prove God's Faithfulness Women's Conference 2003 from Aug. 7-9.

Here's the schedule:
• Aug. 7, 7-9 p.m.: 1. When God Calls, Faith Answers; 2.

Women on the Move.

• Aug. 8, 7-9 p.m.: 1. Women From Yesterday, With Visions of Tomorrow; 2. Women Overcoming the Glass Wall Effect.

• Aug. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: 1. Preparing Our Christian Women for the 21st Century; 2. God Is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Saturday's schedule: 8:30 a.m.,

deaconess arrival time; 9-9:30 a.m., registration and prayer breakfast; 9:30-9:40 a.m., assemble in sanctuary; 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., first session; 10:35-11:20 a.m., second session; 11:25 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., third session; 12:15 to 1 p.m., fourth session; 1 p.m., dismissal and remarks.

Note that Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., ladies-only workshops will be held. Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday afternoon, everyone can attend (men and women).

For additional information, call 723-2910. Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church is at 3010 Carver School Road.

Ministers Conference announces four winners of \$1,000 scholarships



Mendez

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem, presided over by Dr. John Mendez, and its special events committee, chaired by Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., announces its 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Seed Scholarship winners.

"We find it imperative that we continue to invest in the future of our gifted and promising African-American students," Churn said.

The four \$1,000 award winners are:

• Jerry Brown, a graduate

of Carver, son of Jerry and Cassandra Hairston. Jerry Brown is entering N.C. Central University to study computer engineering.

• Benjamin Mandela Eversley, a graduate of North Forsyth, son of Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley and Professor Luellen Curry. Benjamin Mandela Eversley is entering N.C. A&T State University to study elementary education.

• Monique Hairston, a graduate of North Forsyth, daughter of Pamela Alexander. Hairston is entering Winston-Salem State University to

study nursing.

• Theodrick McCollum, a graduate of North Forsyth, son of Theodrick McCollum Sr. and Barbara McCollum. Theodrick McCollum is entering N.C. A&T State University to study mechanical engineering.

Eversley and McCollum will be freshman roommates. Brown, Hairston and McCollum are members of St. John CME Church, where Rev. Bobby Best is pastor. Eversley is a member of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley is pastor.

Dellabrook

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Kendra Sawyer, who recently gave her life to Jesus the Christ by coming down Dellabrook's aisle of invitation. She said: "This will help fulfill my intellect and become closer to the black community and to help others. I'm very excited about our studies!"

Yet another new member of Dellabrook is Otto Gaither, son of Rev. Otto Gaither, associate pastor, and Debra Gaither. "The black spirituality will teach me how it connects to the community with overall knowledge. That it is very Afrocentric sparked my interest in Dellabrook Church and what it has to offer the black community. I've been telling my friends about Dellabrook."

Finally, another student who

recommitted to Jesus as Lord and Liberator of his life by responding to Dellabrook's invitation is Dale Bennett, an educator at North Hills Elementary School. "The bottom line for me is education," he said. "I need to strengthen my beliefs and knowledge to understand more and be actively pursuing some training, through the courses, that I know is necessary for the journey ahead."

The public is invited to join the students (and more) at Dellabrook on Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. to study "Biblical Faith and the Black American." All that's needed is a Bible and notebook. There's no fee. Call 725-4274 for more information.

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Have you been missing the UH-OH? Then you need to come join us at WWW@beulahland.com. That's

Wild Wednesday Worship at Beulahland.com. You are invited to attend our Wednesday worship service every week from 6-8:30 p.m. Call the church at 722-2907 for more information.

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Clarification

An article that was submitted to The Chronicle about 10 couples who renewed their marriage vows July 12 at St. Matthew Apostolic Church accidentally omitted four names. The article was published in the July 24 issue of The Chronicle. These names were omitted: wedding couple - Ronald and Mary Caldwell, married five years; matron of honor - Catherine Kirkland; best man - Bobby Kirkland.