

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Revival services

St. Mark Baptist Church will have its summer Revival July 1-3 at 7:30 p.m., nightly. The Rev. Dr. Johnny Freeman, moderator of the Rowan Association, will be the revivalist for the week. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at 1100 Manley Street. Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is pastor and teacher.

Piney Grove VBS

Piney Grove Baptist Church will have its annual Vacation Bible School from June 29-July 3 from 6-8 p.m. Classes will be offered for ages three to 60+. Light refreshments will be served from 5:15-5:45. Classes will be held in the Piney Grove multipurpose building located at 4633 Grove Garden Drive. The Pastor is Rev. Dr. James F. Linville.

July 5

Family & Friends' Day

Mount Olive Baptist Church will celebrate Family & Friends' Day on July 5 at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the 4 p.m. service. The church is at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive. The pastor is Dr. C.E. Gray.

Anniversary event

There will be a closing ceremony event for Grace Outreach Ministry's first anniversary on Sunday, July 5 at 4 p.m. at the Hewitt Business Center, 1001 Marshall St., Suite B-13. Pastor Anthony Ray Johnson and First Lady Tameka Johnson are founders of Grace Outreach. The couple are former members of Genesis Victory Outreach Center and received the blessing of Dr. Claude D. Thomas Sr. to open Grace Outreach.

July 6

Free lunch program for kids

Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson and the Macedonia Worship Center, 500 Kinard Drive, will sponsor a free summer lunch program for children 18 and under in July, beginning on July 6. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday from noon-1 p.m. Registration is preferred by calling the church office at 336-725-2190.

Beginning July 6

Fine Arts Camp

Covenant Presbyterian Church will host a Fine Arts Camp for grades 5-12 from Monday, July 6-Thursday, Aug. 13 (on Mondays-Thursday only). The camp, which will offer piano, voice, strings, drawing, painting and photography, will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 3627 Konnoak Drive. There are no fees for the camp and lunch will be provided. Call 336-788-7511 for more information.

VBS

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will conduct Vacation Bible School from July 6-10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes are for pre-K to adult. Refreshments will be served each night. For more information, call the church's office at 336-724-2614. The Rev. Hector Sintim is Priest-in-charge.

Beginning July 12

Summer Revival

Pastor Timothy L. Porter of New Philadelphia Church of God will render a three-day Summer Revival July 12-14. Pastor Lewis B. Florence of Greater Galilee International Pentecostal Holiness Church of Reidsville will be the guest speaker on Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Purvis Morris of Revelation of Faith of Madison will be the guest speaker on July 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. New Philadelphia Church of God is located at 307 Harrison St. in Yadkinville. For additional information, e-mail gkfreid@yahoo.com or call 336-409-0952.



Porter

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Anniversary events will honor Gaithers

PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

True Temple Holiness Church will hold its 33rd Pastoral Anniversary services for Pastor Apostle Wallace Gaither and Co-Pastor Evangelist Shirley Gaither beginning July 5 at the SBC Complex, 1125 N. Highland Ave.



Elder Kirby

The speakers will be: On Sunday, July 5 at 4 p.m., New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church's Dr. Sam T. Cornelius; Monday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Holiness Church's Elder Eugene Kirby; Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m., Tabernacle of Faith Church's Pastor Brenda McCloud; Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m., New Direction Movement Cathedral Church's Pastor Essie McCullough; Friday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m., New Hope Holiness Church of Lexington's Bishop Tyrone Green; and Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m., St. Matthew Apostolic Temple's Bishop Joseph Lowery.

For more information call 336-765-2471 or 336-972-0447.



Apostle Wallace Gaither and Evangelist Shirley Gaither.

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Gospel singers Erica Campbell, left, and Trecina Campbell pose on the red carpet at the BET Awards in Los Angeles on June 28. The sister duo is known as Mary Mary and is best known for the song, "Shackles." Trecina is expecting her third child.

Ministers' wives group attends convention

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The local Interdenominational Ministers' Wives & Widows recently attended the 59th Annual State Convention in Fayetteville.

Local members Dorothy Patterson (president), Hattie Fulwood, Shirley Wright, Elaine Ragland, Gloria Lewis, Geraldine Moore, Anita Gilliam and Mattie

Walker travelled to the convention.

Four of the local wives were among those who graduated from the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives & Widows class. The graduation was held at the Holiday Inn-Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

The Ministers' Wives has closed its sessions for the summer. They will resume in October.



Dorothy Patterson

Youngsters have a ball at VBS events

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church recently held its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS).

The week-long slate of activities began with the annual "Post on The Lawn" service on Sunday, June 14. The outdoor service geared toward young members featured rapping, dancing, games and prizes. Three blessed youths even walked away with new iPod Shuffles. Minister Joseph Miller Sr. delivered the sermon.

Vacation Bible School officially kicked off on Monday, June 15 and continued until Friday. The classes were divided into four groups - Pre-K thru 1st grade; 2nd-5th grades; middle school; and high school. The theme of the week was "Studio Go!" and each night, classes went to different



Some of the youth attendees.

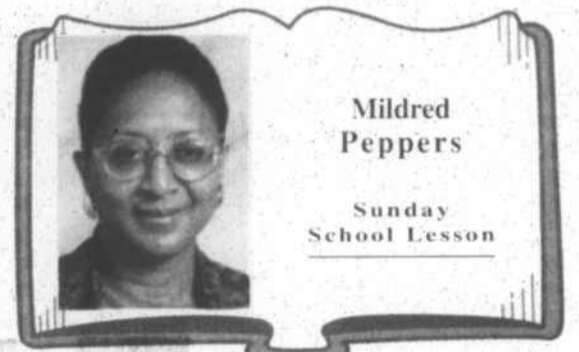
music-themed stations set-up throughout the church. The sections included "Backstage Fun" and "Backstage Food." Each class had its own Bible lessons and Spotlight Creations, an arts-and-crafts activity.

On the last night of VBS, each class presented an exhibi-

tion of what they learned during the course of the week. They also performed a song for the parents, family members, friends and the community residents who came out to show the kids some support.

Pastor Richard Miller and Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller gave closing remarks.

As God's Children, We Must Represent Him Well



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-9, 11-13, 16-21

Lesson Aims: To understand the need for guidelines in life; to comprehend that being His children, we are to represent His values; and to become disciplined in our allegiance to God first and then each other.

Background: There had to be some serious rejoicing when the Israelites realized their deliverance. Unfortunately, many of them took God for granted and had little faith in Him. He continued to lead and feed them daily. Each time the people grumbled, God met their immediate need. Even with all of that, their faith didn't grow. When you look back at what He has done, when trouble comes again your faith-is to kick in and calm you. Having faith during difficult times grows character. Three months after they left Egypt, they arrived at Mount Sinai (Horeb). Chapters five through 11 mark Moses' second sermon before his departure. He summons them to the mountain in order for God to renew His covenant with them. You see they've been wandering for 40 years. The adults now were not the ones who originally received the Covenant. God entered into a national relationship with them where before His relationship was with individuals (indirectly with descendants). The Chosen People were about to enter the Promised Land and Moses wanted them to be ready. In the valley near Beth Pear (east of the Jordan River), Moses calls them together. Joshua was commissioned to lead them into Canaan in chapter three. In chapter four, Moses applied the lessons of their deliverance in an impassioned plea for "allegiance to God by being obedient and remembering who He is." (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). The undisciplined people needed guidelines to live by in order for them to become the "holy community."

Lesson: Moses urges the Israelites to be loyal to God and to remember His mighty acts on their behalf. He wants them to recognize that their behavior represents what they believe. Unlike the previous covenants, God is making one with a nation and not individuals (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). Moses recites the Commandments. The first four establish their relationship with God. Since He "is the author of their Salvation nothing and no one is to come before Him" (Echoes Adult Teacher's Commentary). Allegiance is to Him is first and foremost simply because He is! His name is not to be taken lightly (in vain). This goes much deeper than using His name while cursing. "Not taking His name in vain" implies that using His name for personal gain, false oaths, frivolous sayings, and being callous with it is forbidden. To prevent misusing His name, the people began to use Adonai or Lord instead of Yahweh. After six days of labor, the people are to rest unto the Lord. While slaves in Egypt, there was no rest. Now, freedom brings rest for everyone. The six remaining Commandments direct their relationship with one another. First honor is to be given to parents (all adults) in order to have a long and blessed life. While it isn't stated here, adults you must mind how you behave in order that honor is bestowed unto you. To live in a community, everyone must care for each other by loving them and respecting their life, property and reputation. The final Commandment

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