

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Ongoing

Free lunches

Christ Rescue Temple Church, where Bishop Willie Davis Jr. is pastor, will serve free lunches every Thursday, starting at noon, to the first 100 people who arrive at the church, 1500 Dunleith Ave. For more information, call 336-722-9841.

Restoration Christian Fellowship services

Pastor Halbert Richardson Sr. and Restoration Christian Fellowship will hold services at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, 420 High St. Sunday worship will begin at 10 a.m. and Bible Study will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Nick Rumph at 336-327-1921.

Dec. 11

Daughters of Zion Banquet

The Daughters of Zion 10th Annual Prayer Banquet will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 from 6-7 p.m. at Genesis Victory Outreach Center, 1882 Old Hollow Road in Walkertown. Dinner will be served and Bishop Alicia P. Patterson, pastor of The Crystal Cathedral Empowerment Center in Danville, Va., will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Minister Sharon Pinkney at 336-413-3097 or 336-595-4029.

Praise service

The Women's Day Committee of Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 1751 New Walkertown Road, is sponsoring a Praise Service on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Peggy Pittman will deliver the message. The public is cordially invited.

Beginning Dec. 12

Gospel Expo

House of Faith World Outreach Center, 1384 West Sedgfield Drive in the Morningside community, will have its first ever Christmas Gospel Expo on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. Various choirs and praise dancers will perform.



Rev. Jordan

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m., House of Faith will have a Pastor's Aide Service. The guest speaker will be Pastor Johnnie Johnson of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church. Apostle Stephan Jordan is the pastor. For more information, call the church at 336-831-0447.

Dec. 12

Prayer breakfast

The Pastor's Aid Society of Second New Bethel Baptist Church, 1901 New Walkertown Road, will host a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m., featuring Minister William Koger Jr. of Ministries of Truth of the Apostolic Faith Inc. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the church at 336-722-0128 and leaving a message. The host pastor is Shannon L. Jessup.

Dec. 13

Friends and Family Day

Revelations of Faith Deliverance Center, 3710 Maverick St., will have Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the 11 a.m. service. Minister Denise Douglas Barr, an associate of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, will be the special guest. For more information, call Pastor Sarah Hauser at 336-777-8092.

Anniversary

United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, 2745 Patria St., will celebrate its 18th anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Bishop Sherwood T. Davis Sr., pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, call 336-785-1268.

Choir anniversary

The Unity Choir of Second

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From left: Mother Elizabeth Johnson, Sister Carolyn Archie-Todd, Mother Lillie Calhoun, Mother Hattie Bradford, Mother Mary Phifer, Mother Leona Gist and Mother Catherine Gainey.

Church mothers treated to evening of fun

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Greater Higher Ground Ministries and Bishop John H. Heath and Pastor Janice O. Heath honored church mothers by treating them to an evening out. The mothers were escorted by Bishop Heath as they were chauffeured in a limo to the Fire Mountain restaurant in

Kernersville. The evening was full of storytelling, laughter and lots of fun.

Bishop Heath believes that the mothers of the church are its backbone because they continue to pray and fast, allowing blessings to flow and fill the house.

"Church mothers are there to guide our

youth, mentor our young mothers, encourage our young men, support the men and women of God and make the ministry strong," Bishop Heath and Pastor Heath said. "God continues to bless our mothers everywhere, today, tomorrow and always. Remember, love is not love until you give it away."

Homeless women to be treated like royalty at gala

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Phenomenal Woman Gala will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. John CME Church, 350 Northwest Crawford Place, from 7-9 p.m.

Founded by Marviette Usher, Phenomenal Woman is a ministry designed to encourage women to see themselves as unique, beautifully and wonderfully made creations of their Phenomenal God.

The gala will honor the women of Bethesda Center for the Homeless who have attended Phenomenal Woman Empowerment Workshops for the past five months. They will receive a Certificate of Completion and a gift

to celebrate their accomplishments and commitment to a better life.

Thus far, Phenomenal Woman has had the opportunity to touch the lives of 20 women who are housed at the Bethesda Center. The honorees will begin the day with a pampering session in preparation for the gala. Their makeovers will include new hairdos, manicures, a make-up session and special evening attire.



Usher

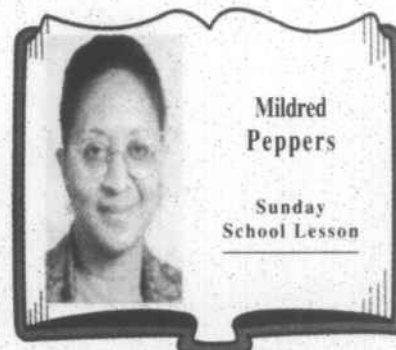
Gala/dinner tickets are available for a small donation of \$10. Please email musher@thephenomenalwoman.org or call 281-808-1704 for tickets or more information.

KING AHAZ'S DILEMMA

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 7:13-17; Luke 1:30-38

Lesson Aims: To review the situation confronting King Ahaz; to appreciate the prophet's words of comfort; and to be excited about the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Background: Our focus today is on the prophets foreshadowing (sign of things to come) Jesus' birth. There are numerous references of that prophecy in the Old Testament. Like last week, a connection is made between the prophecy and its fulfillment. Dr. John Mendez often states that the Old Testament conceals the prophecy while the New Testament reveals it. Chapters 7-12 in Isaiah are referred to as "the Book of Immanuel," because it offers hope during a troubled period in history. Ahaz sits on the throne of Judah (Greek - Judea). An evil king who doesn't deserve God's mercy, by our standards, gets it anyway. Glory to God for His mercy, because we don't deserve it either! The kingdom is under the threat of attack from Aram and Israel, the northern kingdom. He allied with Assyria for protection. His army is defeated, making Judah a "sitting duck" for her enemy. God sends Isaiah to reas-



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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SACRED AND SWEET SOUNDS



Verizon Wireless' How Sweet the Sound co-hosts Donald Lawrence and Lisa Kimmy-Winans announce "The Best Church Choir in America" for 2009 on Nov. 9 during a program in Basking Ridge, NJ. The winner is (drum roll) ... Atlanta West Pentecostal Church Choir. This year's runner up was the The Remnant Concert Choir of Pittsburgh's Mount Ararat Baptist Church.

Grace Presbyterian wins grant for financial seminars

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Grace Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with Prodigy Capital Management, has been awarded a grant from the Black Philanthropy Initiative of The Winston Salem Foundation for "The Foundations of Wealth."

The seminar series will focus on basic financial literacy - showing disadvantaged communities how to obtain financial knowledge, build wealth and sustain long-term economic goals.

The series will also strive to promote wealth-building strategies designed to close the minority wealth gap and cultivate and develop the entrepreneurial spirit.

Kenneth R. Sullivan Jr., the Youth Director at Grace, is the managing partner and CEO of Prodigy Capital Management, which is coordinating this project. Sullivan is a 2006 honors graduate of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy at Wake Forest University, where he earned a BS in analytical finance. A schedule for the seminar and additional information will be announced in the coming months.



Sullivan

