

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Ministries' new location is open
 Ordered by God Ministries has a new location, 112 West Northwest Blvd., where it will offer a day shelter and resource center for the homeless. The Ministries also offers substance abuse counseling, case management, food stamp applications, tax services, a soup kitchen and a clothing closet. It is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, call Prophetess Patterson at 336-986-7725.

Tickets available for Winter Wonderland Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Wonderland Ball, sponsored by the Wedding Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church. This event will be on Jan. 15, 2011 from 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom at the Quality Inn and Suites Hotel, 2008 South Hawthorne Rd. Entertainment will be provided by Sandra Crenshaw and the Crenshaw Band. Tickets are \$20 or \$35 for a couple. For more information, contact Dana Powers at 336-473-6829.

Dec. 26

UUF

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem,



Rev. Livingston

4055 Robinhood Road, will have a visiting minister, the Rev. Eileen Livingston, give a sermon titled "Ring Out, Wild Bells"

at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. At the 9 a.m. pre-service forum, Geoffrey Hughes will speak on "The Politics of Friendship: Marriage in Contemporary Jordan." For more information, see uufws.org.

St. Peter's Christmas service

St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center, 3683 Old Lexington Road, will have a Christmas Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 26 at 9 a.m. This will be the church's only service on this day. Bishop James C. Hash will deliver the message. For more information, visit www.spwoc.com.

Beginning Dec. 27

'Crusade for Christ'

Unity Cathedral Church of God In Christ, 3612 N. Glenn Ave., will host "Crusade for Christ - Preparing for the Blessings in 2011" from Dec. 27-29 at 7:30 p.m. Apostle Simeon Frazier of Victory in Praise International Church of Charlotte will speak. On Thursday, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Elder Todd Hurt of Power Outreach Ministry of Roaring River will speak and The Chosen will perform. On Friday, Dec. 31 at 8:30 p.m., Apostle Matthew Vaughers of Mocksville's New Life Resurrection Life Christian Center will speak. Bishop K.J. Rogers is the host pastor.

Dec. 28

Pre-New Year's Service

Greater Galilee Winston-Salem and Pastor Robert McGowens will have a Pre-New Year's Service on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 7:15 p.m. at Sweet Holy Spirit Cathedral, 111 Back Forty Drive. Pastor Shannon Jessup and Second New Bethel Baptist Church; Elder Deon Jones and Higher Hope Ministries; and Pastor Corey Barr and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Mt Ulla will be the guests. McGowens will bring



Rev. Jessup

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'Boot camp' aims to strengthen relationships

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"Birth," the First Annual Interfaith Relationship Boot Camp, will be held at Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The keynote speaker will be Nisa Islam Muhammad, who was featured on CNN's Black in America II for her innovative program designed to help strengthen families. Other speakers will include N.C. A&T Professor Dr. Marvin Hall (also of MCH



Nisa Islam Muhammad

Consultants) and Pastor Ron A. Neil of Living Word Fellowship Church.

The seminar will offer workshops like "Creating a Successful Marriage," "Blending Families," "Salvaging a Marriage" and "Effective Communication" to participants of all faiths who are married, single and divorced. Consumer Credit Counseling will also offer a budgeting workshop. There will also be dialogue, food, live entertainment, prizes and giveaways.

Organizers say that attendees will walk away with the tools and resources needed to strengthen their marriages or foster healthy future marriages for those who are single or divorced.

The registration fee is \$25 and includes a tote, lunch and study materials. The deadline to register is January 02, 2011.

For more information, visit www.greenscapes.org or call 336-837-9242.

St. Peter's to present 'The Journey'

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St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center, 3683 Old Lexington Rd., will celebrate New Year's Eve with a musical trip entitled, "The Journey," which is being billed as a one-of-kind evening of worship.

The audience's guide as they "live, love and laugh" will be

Marcus Dawson,

a Triad native

who is the

traveling

musical

director

to Bishop

T. D. Jakes.

"Over

17 years,

I've trav-

eled

around the

world, playing

the organ and

piano for

Bishop Jakes,"

Dawson said. "While

presenting 'The Journey,' I often ask the audience to

consider me their tour guide ... My goal is to describe

the world through my eyes... my ears."

Hosts Bishop James C. & Mrs. Joyce Hash are

welcoming the community to this free event, which

will start at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31.

Dawson says attendees can expect to hear spirited

music from around the world.

"You will laugh, learn, love and most of all, worship

to original music from South Africa to Rome,

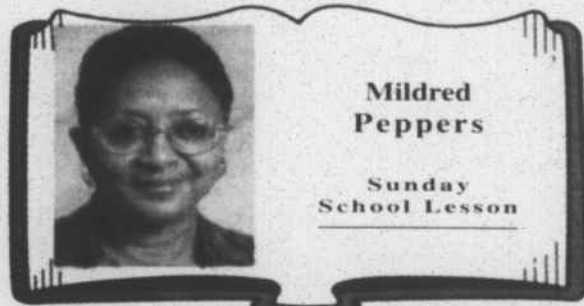
from Israel to Argentina, from Jamaica to Japan, from

Spain to the Ukraine ... and many places in

between," he said.

For more information, call 336-650-0200 or www.spwoc.com.

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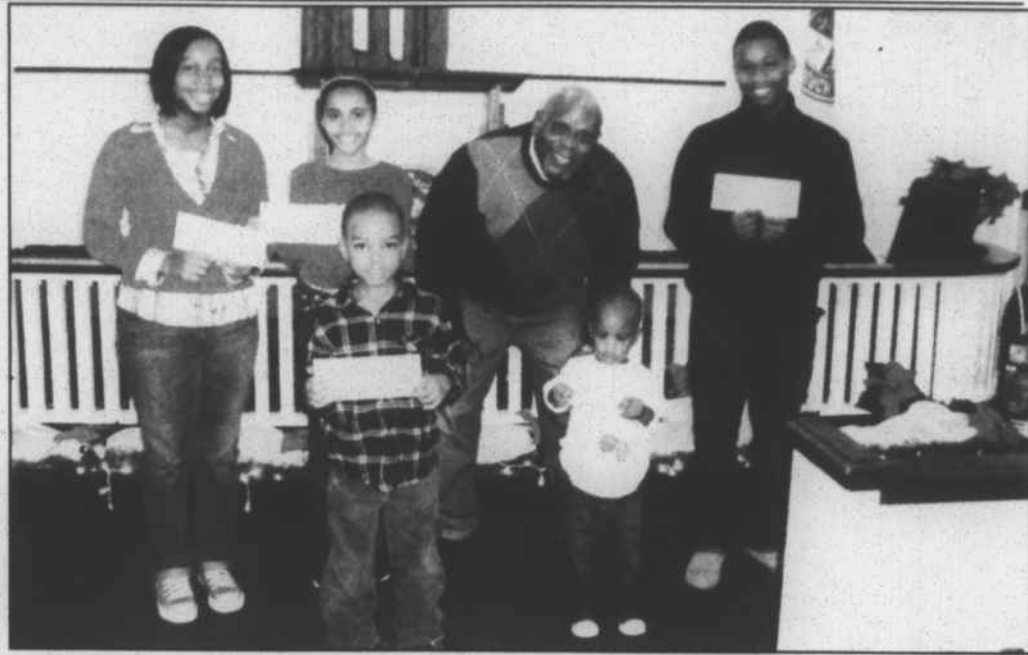
Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-12

Lesson Aims: To realize that God is in relationship with humanity; to recognize that His commitment is not based on human behavior; and to appreciate His presence in our lives.

Background: The book of Isaiah can be divided into two distinctive parts. Chapters 1-39 are referred to as the "Book of Judgment." Isaiah delivered a harsh picture of God's Judgment upon Judah. The second portion, chapters 40-66, is called the "Book of Comfort." Judah will be judged by God but He will not forsake them. The prophet warned them, creating a dismal picture, yet there is hope through God. Throughout the entire book, dramatic shifts occur between retribution and restoration. In the chapter preceding today's lesson, the prophet brought comforting words: God will send a gentile Messiah who will establish justice, redeem the outcasts and free the captives. Because of this, the people will sing a new song - "Praise to the Lord" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). The words were very soothing as the prophet makes another shift. Israel, the failing servant, is compared to Messiah, the unfailing servant. God was angry in verses 18-25. Judah is blind and deaf. Physically, their eyes and ears work, but spiritually nothing is happening. They simply don't connect their behavior and attitudes with God's Word. Arrogance leads to destruction. Now before we get too holy, we are exactly like them. Human nature hasn't changed.

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Pastor Richard C. Miller with the young people who won cash playing games.

Holy Trinity hosts social and youth holiday event

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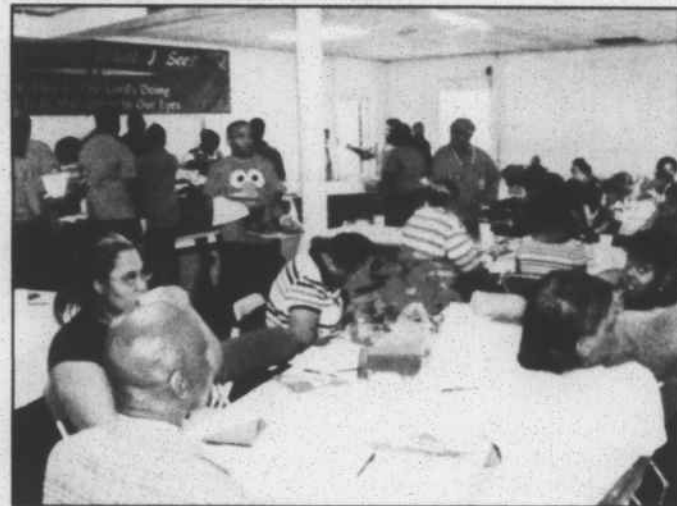
Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church held its annual Christmas @ The Post and annual Church Appreciation Social on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Christmas @ The Post is especially designed for youthful praise. The event featured fun and games for kids of all ages. Several attendees earned cash prizes, including Corey Williamson (\$100), Jenee Miller (\$75), Odasia Joyner (\$50), Jeremiah Cox (\$25) and Darrell Jeter Jr. (\$10).

Minister Joseph Miller Sr. brought forth the word of God, and the young people listened attentively and received encouragement. Each child left the event with a gift and a goody bag full of fruit and candy.

The First Family of Holy Trinity FGBC hosted the Appreciation Social, which was held following morning worship.

Pastor Richard C. Miller and all of his family invited the entire body of Holy Trinity to stay for the specially prepared social gathering.



Members gather for the Appreciation Social.

While last minute preparations were being made in the lower fellowship hall, Pastor Miller and members of the First Family entertained the church body in the sanctuary with games. Each game brought the members closer together and encouraged all members to get to know a little bit more about one another.

Soon, the call was given and everyone exited to the fellowship hall. There, the members of the church were greeted and seated by members of the family. Pastor

Miller then took the opportunity to thank each member for their love and support of the ministry. The church ministry enjoyed a delightful meal including barbecue, slaw, hush puppies and baked beans with tea and desserts.

After serving each table, the First Family then passed out Christmas candy to each family. And just before everyone departed, representatives from the church gave a big thank you to the First Family for their hospitality and love.

Carver Road Church of Christ spreads cheer through song

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The Christmas Holidays represent a time for friends and family, joyfully giving and receiving, and showing love and caring.

The Carver Road Church of Christ Choral Ensemble recently carried forward this concept by spreading spiritual warmth throughout Somerset Court and Quality Independent Living with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

This marks the 5th year the Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Adolphus Coplin, has shared its God-given talents with the residents at the two facilities. More than 100 residents enjoyed the performance. One Somerset Court resident stated that music brings joy to her heart and reminds her of the days when she listened to her choral group at

her home church.

Coplin said that "the goal of the group is to create a performance that transforms God's word in song, brings inspiration to the audience, and contributes to the vitality and continuity of music as the songs can be truly heard



Bro. Jefferson Caruthers

and experienced." The Carver Road Choral Ensemble sings a capella and performs around the community as a part of its music outreach ministry.

Those in the audience at ensemble performances also frequently hear a motivational message from Bro. Jefferson Caruthers, minister of the Carver Road Church of Christ. "Our musical outreach is a unique way of sharing the word of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the love and caring in our hearts with our brothers and sisters in the community - especially those who have special needs," said Bro. Caruthers.