

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

House of Faith services
House of Faith, 1384 W Sedgefield Drive, is having appreciation services for Apostle Stephan A. Jordan at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. A banquet will be held May 19 at 5 p.m. at the church. On May 20 at 5 p.m., Pastor Johnny Johnson of United Deliverance Church Of God will speak. For more information, contact Evangelist Jane Braxton at 336-775-6077.

Women's Revival

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries, 2001 N. E. 25th St., will hold its Women's Revival on Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Beverly Alexander will be the guest speaker. The host pastor is Rev. Alice Mitchell.

Beginning May 18

McConnel anniversary

Pastor Mack H. L. McConnel will celebrate his 54th Ministerial Anniversary from May 18-20. A special anniversary banquet will be held on Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Village Inn Conference Center in Clemmons. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dwight Hash, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Tickets for the banquet are \$25. On Sunday, May 20 at 4 p.m., Pastor Darryl E. McConnell and his congregation from Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Gibsonville will be the guests. For more information, call 336-788-4207 or email the church at saintjamesmbc@yahoo.com.

Women's Conference

Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will host a Women's Conference on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. Elder Arlene Crump-Peebles of Greater Cleveland Avenue Church will speak on



Crump-Peebles

Friday at 7 p.m. On Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., Elder Waltena Robinson of Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries will speak, followed by Prophetess

Nichole Clark of Let Us Revive With God Ministry of Greensboro at 10 a.m. Events are free and open to the public. The host pastor is Bishop Marvin Cremedy. For more information and/or transportation, contact Elder Clara Cremedy at 336-624-9351 or Elder Lynn Roseboro at 336-423-6903.

May 18

Greater Faith Women's conference

Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1354 North Trade St., will hold its Third Annual Women's Conference May 18 at 7 p.m., May 19 at 9 a.m. and May 20 at 4 p.m. Rev. Clyde L. Lindsay is the church's founder and pastor. There will be special programs for the youth. Call 336-727-8844 for more information.

Beginning May 19

Women's conference at Born Again Free

The Women Alive Unto God Conference will be held at Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God The Apostle's Faith, 741 Moravia St. On Saturday, May 19, a Women's Bible Study will be held at 8:45 a.m. A praise and worship service will take place at 6 p.m. On Sunday, Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. The host pastor is Apostle Lindsey W. Adams Sr.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Women's Day

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will hold their 58th Annual Woman's Day on Saturday, May 19 with a free luncheon program entitled "Your Heart & Your Health" at 11 a.m. On Sunday, May 20 at the 11 a.m. worship service, Larretta Williams will be the speaker.

New Bethel Women's Day

The women of New Bethel Baptist Church will observe their 65th Annual Women's Day

See Calendar on B5

Native American community advocate to speak at church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Saints Home United Methodist, 1390 Thurmond St., will hold Women's Day on Sunday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Daphne Locklear Strickland, a member of Triad Native American United Methodist Church in Greensboro, will speak. Guilford Native American Dancers will render a special performance.

Strickland is a member of the Lumbee/Tuscarora tribe and a graduate of Guilford College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies and Justice and Policy, with a concentration in African-American studies.

She has the distinction of being the first Native American to serve on the Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women, where she is still remembered for speaking out about the discrimination against Native Americans and women in particular. She served on the Ad Hoc Committee of Greensboro's first Human Relations Commission, where she was recognized as an effective investigator and mediator of racial problems in the community. As a member of the first Board of the Legal Aid Foundation, she served the indigent of Greensboro by her input as a layperson on the legal problems of the working class and the needy.



Strickland

For decades, she promoted her Native American culture through lectures and storytelling. Today, Strickland spends most of her time volunteering at her church, where she is a founding member, Sunday School teacher, administrative chairperson and grant writer.

She and her husband, Daniel, have raised four children and have three grandchildren. The church's senior Women of Distinction will be honored. They are Geneva Blackburn, Evelyn Carter, Mary Davis, Mae Belle Eccles, Margrett Hanes, Queen McKnight, Helen Thompson and Eva Young. Kathryn Harris will be awarded a Special Mission Recognition pin for her service of more than 20 years to Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries and Samaritan Ministries. UMC Laity Service Awards will go to Jacqueline January, Helene Livingston and June Soares. Ruth Brock will receive the 2012 Woman of the Year honor for her many years of service as a United Methodist Woman.



Stephen and Michele Powell stand outside of the Transformed Lives Community Center.

Walk to benefit Resource Center

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Transformed Lives, Inc. is sponsoring a 5k Community Love Walk on Saturday, June 2 to benefit under-served communities in Winston-Salem.

The walk will begin at 9 a.m. at Transformed Lives Community Center, 2610 New Walkertown Road. It will also end there.

The 5k Fun Walk will include a cookout, educational exhibits, fun stations, door prizes, tours of the Center and live entertainment.

The Community Love Walk will raise funds for the Community Resource Center. Founded by Michele Powell and Stephen Powell, Transformed

Lives, Inc. is a faith-based nonprofit organization that strengthens underserved communities by building support systems to help people become healthier, live within their means and have web access in their communities. It operates a community center, a mobile unit, a community food bank, and a transitional house for men coming out of incarceration.

The Community Resource Center offers programs in reading, computer, financial and health literacy for adults and children.

To register for the walk or make a contribution, go to www.transformedlivesws.com or call 336-293-7959. All donations are tax deductible.

Performers to minister through dance

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Union Baptist Church Music and Fine Arts Department will host a dance festival on Sunday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

"Sacrifice of Praise" is the theme of the event, which will include performances by the church's Women of Worship (WOW), God's Anointed Praisers (GAP), Favor and the Golden Angels dance troupes.

These praise dancers minister through dance during worship services and programs. Dance has been used and continues to be used in celebration, praise and spiritual warfare. Union's dance ministries include groups for members of all ages.

The Music and Fine Arts Department encompasses a mixture of many forms of art to foster the worship experience. It is under the direction of Deaconess Walteria Spaulding. The Dance Festival is free and open to the public. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. is Union's pastor and teacher.

Union Baptist is located at 1200 N. Trade St.



Members of the church's dance ministry perform.

Friendship's Frazier marking fifth year as pastor

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Friendship Baptist Church, 1317 North Cherry St., will honor Pastor Stacey L. Frazier on his Fifth Anniversary on Sunday, May 20.

A pancake breakfast will take place at 8 a.m. The Sunday Morning Worship Service will start at 10:30 a.m. Rev. David A. Bullock, senior pastor of Greater Saint Matthew Baptist Church in Highland Park, Mich., will speak.

Rev. Bullock, who has taught at several universities, is the current president of the Highland Park Branch of the NAACP, president of the Detroit chapter of Rainbow-Push and the chairman of the Issues Committee of the Council of Baptist Pastors.

An anniversary dinner will be held at 1 p.m., and at 3 p.m., Rev. Nathan Scovens, senior pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, will speak at an evening service. Both Scovens and Frazier matured in their faiths while serving at Greensboro's New Light Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Cardes H. Brown Jr.

Frazier was licensed to preach at New Light Baptist on December 27, 1987. He earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse and has been conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree by the Apex School of Theology in Durham.

He has performed numerous revivals and preached innumerable engagements all across the United States. He was privileged to speak at the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, National Baptist Convention of America, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Southern States Division of National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He is the past coordinator of the Young Pastors' and Ministers' Division of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

So far, he is the youngest person to be inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. Frazier is on the Board of Trustees of the Apex School of Theology and chairperson of ACT-SO and youth advisor of the Greensboro Branch of the NAACP. Reverend S. L. Frazier is affiliated with many professional and social organizations including the Greensboro Young Professionals and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

For more information, call the church office at 723-6105 or go to www.friendshipbaptistws.org.



Bullock



Scovens



Frazier

The Resurrection and The Life

Background Reading: John 11:1-16

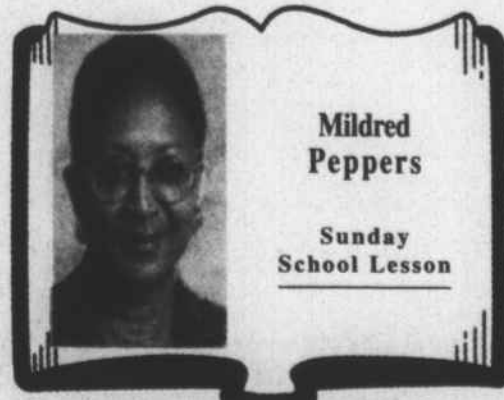
Lesson Scripture: John 11:17-27

Lesson Aims: To appreciate Jesus' teachings more; to explain how Jesus is The Resurrection and The Life; and be willing to share the Gospel of Christ.

Background: Jesus deliberately stayed away from Bethany (of Judea) when word came that His friend Lazarus was sick. Two days later, He announced that Lazarus was dead and that they would go to Bethany to raise His friend from the dead.

Jesus' actions would be more than a miracle; they would bring God glory! It was custom at that time to bury the dead as soon as possible. Many Eastern cultures continue this practice today. The people also believed that "the soul hovered around the body for three days. When the body doesn't respond, the soul leaves permanently." (The Interpreter's Bible Commentary, Vol. 9). Lazarus was in the tomb long enough to confirm his death. By now, the body was decaying thus there was an odor. Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary appeared in Luke 10:38-42 where Jesus as their guest taught the people. Mary (unnamed) in Mark 14:3-9 anointed Jesus. Their relationship was very close (see vs. 5). Even though her brother was dead, Martha's faith in Jesus didn't waver. Mourners were there; no doubt some Jerusalem residents were present as well as the disciples, who would get to witness God's glory. What should they expect for, after all, the man had been dead four days!

Lesson: Jesus knows everything. He shares knowledge with the people, but they don't understand because their sight doesn't go beyond the



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

See Peppers on B7