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10. Rev. Gloria Thomas, pastor, will speak at 11 a.m. Rev. Johany Ruff, pastor of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, will speak at 3 p.m. For more information, call 336-723-5453.

Mt. Olive anniversary Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will celebrate its Unified Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. Dr. Charles E. Gray is pas-

Redmond at Mt. Sinai Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will host Rev. Monica D. Redmond as guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Feb. 10. Call 336-722-2624 for more infor-

New Hope Fruit of the Spirit

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will host its Third Annual Fruit of the Spirit Program on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. Guests include Apostle Marcus James' Barr, Lyons Productions, the Anointed Dancers, Christ Minister Beverly Alexander, Willie Mason & Friends and Bishop John Parks and the New Hope Mass Choir. Call 336-724-5401 for more information.

St. Mark hosts Fruit of the

Spirit St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St., will host its Fruit of the Spirit program on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Warren Napper, Canaan Baptist Dr. Church. James Fulwood is the host pastor. Call 336-723-6396 for more information.

Feb. 12

Mt. Zion hosts Heart Health speaker

The Health Ministry of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., will host Pamela Burge from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center who'll speak on Heart Checkup, Cardiac Ultrasound and What to Expect on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in observance 01 Heart Month. Call 336-722-2325 for more information.

St. Anne's Pancake Supper St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Dr., will host its Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. Suggested donations: \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and students. Call 336-768-0174 for more information.

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human nature or lies about the nature of God.

Human traditions and worldly standards don't measure up to God's truths! Once a person accepts Christ, he or she has all they need to be complete. It is not about the individual anymore. They are authentic! The truths of God don't bind; they liberate. Christ's circumcision of the heart far outweighs physical circumcision. No longer bound by sin, the believer is empowered to live a life that pleases God! Rituals and asceticism are not required. Paul points out that forgiveness came through Jesus' death on the cross. Needless to say, His death and resurrection made the believer complete; there is nothing else to do to be in the family.

Application: When we accept Christ, we are complete (whole)! Our physical nature has trouble wrapping its worldly mind around the simple Gospel. The longing in us should be to know Him St. Stephen's Pancake Supper

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., will have its Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 4-7:30 p.m. Eat in or carry out for \$5.

Feb. 15

Friendship hosts couples

affair The Couples Ministry of Marriage Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1317 NW Cherry St., presents "A Night of Love and Elegance" for couples (unmarried or married) on Friday, Feb. 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Attire is semi-formal and attendees should wear red and white. Admission is \$10 per cou-

Feb. 16

Greensboro Prayer Walk North Eugene Street Prayer Walk will meet at the corner of North Eugene St. and Bellemeade St. in Greensboro on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. with the mission of praying for revival and citywide transformation, along with other requests. Contact 336-377-2750 for more information.

Beginning Feb. 22

Goodwill hosts leadership conference

Baptist Goodwill Church, 541 Goodwill Rd.. in Clemmons, will host The Elisha Movement Leadership Conference 2013 on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cheryl Moore from Zion Temple in Durham will minister Friday evening. Bishop James C. Hash of St. Peter's World Outreach and Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. of Union Baptist Church will be the main conference speakers on Saturday. Registration is \$20. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Call 336-422-7596 or email awcoleman65@gmail.com for more information. Bishop Stephen L. Williams is the host pastor.

St. Stephen's celebrates Absalom Jones' Life

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., and The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina present the Annual Celebration of the Life of Absalom Jones, the first African American priest of the Episcopal Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry will be Celebrant.

better; not to search for some hidden message or strange practice. Recognizing spiritual maturity is a process based on study, prayer and a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't get caught up in "who is the holiest." None of us are! Concentrate on your relationship with Him as He molds you into His will. False doctrines live today; don't be fooled and get distracted! You are complete when you accept Jesus. AMEN!

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UL takes issues to General Assembly

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Urban League took a proactive stance by conducting a press conference at the General Assembly on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

"When you look at the major issues the state is going to address such as tax reform, job creation, health care exchange programs and education reform, these issues overwhelmingly affect those we serve," said Urban League President and CEO Keith Grandberry. "It is imperative that we start a positive dialogue about the most effective and positive way to address these issues, better serve our community and move forward."

Guildford County Democrat Rep. Marcus Brandon sponsored the press conference.

"Everyone's biggest concern is jobs, and it should be," he said. "I



As Keith Grandberry speaks, (from left) the UL's Patricia Sadler, Rep. Marcus Brandon, Rep. Rodney Moore and Rep. Larry Hall stand nearby.

think it is a great opportunity for the Urban League, (which) does tremendous work on this issue along with many other issues, to come to the table and speak about the structural issues that prevent job creation and how we can work together to build a sustainable workforce."

Mecklenburg County Democrat Rep. Rodney · House Moore and

Minority Leader Larry Hall, a Democrat who represents Durham, were also on _ hand. Democrats vowed to offer amendments to the bill that would cut maximum unemployment benefits for future displaced workers.

Grandberry said he hoped Democrats and Republicans would come together to expand job training and provide displaced workers with the skills to find new careers. While North Carolina's employment rate is 9.2 percent, Grandberry said some communities have much higher unemployment levels.

"It is a very difficult economic time for people right now," he said. "We're really not out of the recession from where I





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