

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

#### Films

Temple Emanuel's Environmental Movement (TEEM) will push its mission to "educate and empower" with a screening of "Bringing It Home: Industrial Hemp, Healthy Houses and a Greener Future for America" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6. The 52-minute documentary tells the story of hemp – past, present and future – and the global industry that has evolved around it. The screening will be followed by a group discussion at Temple Emanuel, 201 Oakwood Drive. For more information, email Gayle Tuch at [ggtuch@yahoo.com](mailto:ggtuch@yahoo.com).

#### Singers needed

The Chancel Choir of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church needs singers for its upcoming "The Glory of Easter" cantata by John W. Peterson. Call 336-724-9263 for more information. Willette Anthony is the director of the choir. Terry Kelly is the accompanist. Rudolph V. Boone Sr., a retired music educator, will be the guest director. Rev. Dr. Paul A. Lowe Jr. is pastor of the church. The cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### Beginning Feb. 7

#### 'Women on the Move' event

The Women's Ministry of True Temple Outreach Ministry will sponsor "Women on the Move Friday Night Live" on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. Speakers will include Elder Trevia Turner of Cathedral of Refuge Deliverance, Minister Rhonda Faye Caldwell of Fresh Fire Worship Center and Lady Alice Carlisle of Exodus United Baptist Church. The church is located at 1415 S. Main St. The host pastor is Apostle Wallace Gaither, and the co-pastor is Evangelist Shirley Gaither. For more information, contact Renee at 336-972-0447.

### Beginning Feb. 8

#### Substance abuse ministry

St. John C.M.E Church, 350 N.W. Crawford Place, is starting its "Genesis 1 New Beginnings Drug Ministry Outreach" a Christian-based substance abuse counseling/discipleship program, on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Meetings will be held every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Peris J. Lester is the host pastor; Min. Carman Williams is the director of the program. Call 336-725-3968 for more information.

### Feb. 8

#### Grief Ministry session

The next St. Paul United Methodist Church Grief Care Ministry session, "From Mourning To Joy," will be held on Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. at the church, 2400 Dellabrook Road. This is a special seminar and support group for persons experiencing grief due to the death of someone close. Sessions are free. The seminar features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. For further information, call 336-723-4531 or 336-722-5517.

#### Fashion show and luncheon

The Women's Ministry of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 630 North Patterson Ave., will host its 3rd Annual First Ladies Go Red Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 8 at noon. This fun-filled educational event is dedicated to promoting awareness about the fight against heart disease in women and supporting the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Campaign. Admission is a donation of \$15. Red attire is suggested but not required. Call 336-724-8629 for further details. Reverend George C. Banks is the host pastor.

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## Minister details pitfalls of dating

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Valerie Blakeney Cruse's new book, "Waiting, Dating, or Mating," has been called a useful, Bible-based resource for those in the dating arena.

In "Waiting, Dating, or Mating," Cruse exposes what she calls the "schemes, lies, and tricks" of the enemies who target "innocent children and lonely young adults" looking for love in all the wrong places and are desperate for marriage and companionship.

Cruse, who received her doctorate degree from Life Christian University, calls her book a resource for parents that will provide keys to

keep their daughters from being abused, controlled and/or manipulated.

"After heeding the warnings, instructions and detailed information from this book, a parent will be able to quickly identify the characteristics of a young lady who has come under the influence of a sociopathic lover or boyfriend," says Cruse, a Pfafftown resident who serves as an associate minister at Center Grove A.M.E. Zion Church in Tobaccoville.

To peruse the contents of "Waiting, Dating, or Mating," visit Cruse's web site, [www.http://valeriecruse.tateauthor.com](http://www.http://valeriecruse.tateauthor.com).



Dr. Cruse

## MILLER WILL BE MEN'S DAY SPEAKER

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1345 East Fourth St., will hold its annual Men's Day celebration on Sunday, Feb. 9 during the 10 a.m. service. Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem District of the A.M.E. Zion Piedmont Episcopal District, will speak. The theme will be "Men of God – Men of Goler; Each One Teach One." The host pastor is Rev. Johnny L. Ruff.

Miller graduated from North Rowan High School in East Spencer before attending Rowan Technical College and Livingstone College, where he earned a BA in sociology. He also has a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary and Doctor of Christian Counseling Psychology degree from Carolina University of Theology and N.C. Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Seminary. He was appointed as presiding elder of the Winston-Salem District on July 1, 2007.



Miller

Miller is involved in both church and community activities. He serves as chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the Western North Carolina Conference and Piedmont Episcopal District and is a former Charlotte district director of Christian Education. He has also served on the District's Budget and Finance Committee, the Trustee Board of Camp Dorothy Walls Conference and Retreat Center, the Christian Minister's Fellowship Association, the Rules and Local Preachers Committee, the Presiding Elder's Council; Admissions Committee and the board of the Jamaican Council of Churches.

Miller is married to the Rev. Dr. Karen Roberts Miller. They have two daughters, Pamela (John) Miller Mack and Jacqueline Miller Wilson; two grandchildren, Alicia J. Mack and John S. Mack Jr.; and one great grandson, Josiah D. Holloway.

The community is cordially invited to attend the Men's Day program. Music for the event will be provided by the Goler Metropolitan Men's Choir, under the direction of Kevin Douthit. The Men's Day co-chairmen are Ronald Kilgore and Thomas Morgan.



## Love Power

Devotional Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Lesson Scripture: James 2:1-13

**Lesson Aims:** To explain the "royal law," to recognize that favoritism is not of God, and to practice mercy towards others.

**Background:** In societies all over the world and throughout the ages, people were and still are divided into classes. There was/is the wealthy powerful class and the poor, servant class including the skilled craftspeople. The world system dictated that the poor were not as important as the wealthy that they served. The poor were subjected to little or no respect, low wages and terrible living conditions (sound familiar?). The implication was that the poor were a necessity for the wealthy.

**Lesson:** The Gospel message is based on radicalism. First and foremost, Jesus sacrificed Himself to redeem humanity back to God. Another radical notion is that all people are equal in

God's world. This definitely goes against the world view. James' words of wisdom point to a distinctive lifestyle that parallels the believer's faith. Simply put, James moves the believer's faith from "believing in right things" to living them. Another way to put it is to move faith from the head to the heart!

James says to believers that there is no room for favoritism in the community of God. His example is quite clear. How often do we size a person up by their appearance? Do we bring the world standard into our Christian community? When we discriminate, we actually judge or become judgmental. Prejudice of any type is not like God, for He has no respect of persons! He made all of us in His image. Read verse 5 carefully. Being wealthy is not condemned

here. James is suggesting that the poor depend on God more because they have nothing, whereas the wealthy rely on their resources, connections and power. While this is a general statement, we can see evidence where this doesn't pan out. It is important for the poor to recognize that the wealthy must keep

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**Mildred Peppers**  
Sunday School Lesson

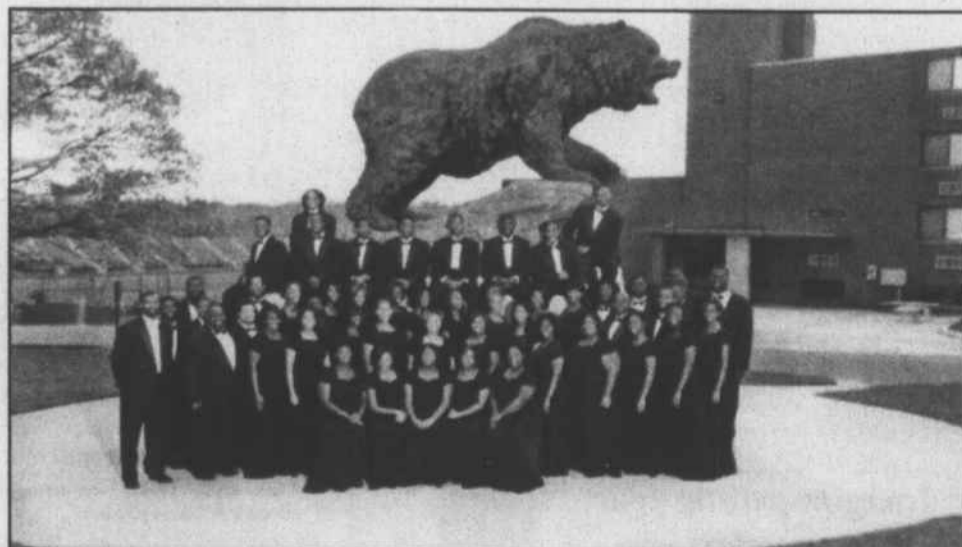
## Livingstone College Concert Choir to perform

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Livingstone College Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter will host a Black History Month performance by the Livingstone College Concert Choir on Sunday, Feb. 26 at Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1345 East Fourth St. The free concert will start at 4 p.m.

Staff from the Livingstone Admissions Office and recruiters will be on hand to share information with interested students.

Through the years, the Livingstone Concert Choir – which performs classics, sacred and secular music, spirituals and gospel – has traveled throughout the United States, uplifting the name of the college. In October 1991, the Choir was invited by the U. S. Ambassador of Ghana to perform during the International Week Celebration at the United Nations in New York. In 2001, the Massachusetts Legislature hosted the Choir in an afternoon concert at the State House. For many years, the Choir has rendered regional performances along with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.



The Livingstone College Concert Choir

For several consecutive years, the Livingstone College Concert Choir has received the prestigious Lula Montgomery Award, an honor for the Livingstone organization that has made the most significant contribution to the college community in a single year. Students majoring in various disci-

plines perform in the choir. Many choir alumni have excelled in education, Christian ministry, medicine, science, the arts, social work and other careers.

Dr. DaVaughn L. Miller is the Choir's director. Dr. Joanne Harrison is the accompanist.