

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Aug. 6 & 7 Homecoming Cookout and Anniversary Celebration

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center with Pastor Richard C. Miller, Sr. & Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller are celebrating The Process beginning with their Homecoming Cookout on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Little Creek picnic shelter. All events are free and open to the public. The 80th Church Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, Aug. 7. Morning Speaker: 11 a.m., Joseph A. Miller Sr. Evening Speaker: 4 p.m. Overseer B. Stephen Brown. Come help us celebrate. The church is located at 5307 Peter's Creek Parkway. For more information, contact the church office at 336-784-9347.

Aug. 7 Sermon and Forum

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. Robert Hughes, a UU minister and social worker, give a sermon titled "Coming Home to Yourself" at 10:30 a.m. At the 9 a.m. Forum, Tim Hughes of the WFU Center for Memory and Cognitive Research will speak on "Aging Smartly." For more information, visit www.uufws.org.

Aug. 7 - 10 Homecoming and Revival Services

Bethania AME Zion Church, 2120 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, will hold its annual Homecoming and Revival Services on Sunday, Aug. 7 - Wednesday, Aug. 10. On Sunday morning the Rev. Dr. Selester Steward, Jr., Associate Minister, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, will deliver the message. At 3 p.m., the Rev. Jimmy Griffin, pastor of New Jersey AME Zion Church, Lexington, will be the speaker. Our speakers for Aug. 8 - Aug. 10 are: Aug. 8, the Rev. Dr. James Hunt, Jr., pastor of New Birth Worship Center; Aug. 9, the Rev. Dr. Gloria Thomas, pastor of John Wesley AME Zion Church and Aug. 10, the Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, Presiding Elder Winston-Salem District. All evenings services will begin at 7 p.m. The host pastor is the Rev. Dr. Karen Roberts Miller. The public is invited. For more information, call 336-924-1706.

Aug. 11 Free concert featuring Dove award-winning artists

First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 N. Main St, Kernersville, will be hosting Dove award winning artists The Collingsworth Family for a free concert on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact Drew Grounds at drewgrounds@gmail.com or (336) 996-7388.

Aug. 12 - 19 116th Church Anniversary/Biennial Homecoming

First Waughtown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St. will celebrate its 116th Church Anniversary/Biennial Homecoming Service and Annual Revival beginning Friday, Aug. 12. The week-long schedule of events will begin with the Friday Family Movie Night showing of "War Room," the dynamic film about the power of prayer, at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. On Sunday, Aug. 14, Sunday school will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by morning worship service at 9:45 a.m. featuring a Reunion Choir composed of former youth choir members from the 1980s and 90s. A fellowship dinner will be served after the worship service. The theme for the celebration is "No Sweat: Take off the wool," drawn from Ezekiel 44:17-18. Revival services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 15-19, with the following guest ministers and their congregations: Monday, Pastor Rodney Barker, Refuge Community Church, Cooleemee; Tuesday, Bishop Stephen Williams, Goodwill Baptist Church, Clemmons;

Wednesday, Pastor John W. Cade, Files Chapel Baptist Church, Lexington; Thursday, Overseer Michael Ellerbe, New Beginnings Full Gospel Ministries, High Point; Friday (Youth Night), Elder Justin Spencer Marshall, Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance, Winston-Salem. Pastor Dennis W. Bishop is senior pastor.

Aug. 13 Women's Day

Dr. Gina Spivey-Brown will be the guest speaker for Women's Day on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave. The theme is "Joy Cometh In The Morning." Services will be at 11:00 a.m. and the earlier service is at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Brown has written numerous religious and academic articles and publications. She most recently served as the Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Howard University in Washington, D. C. The community is invited to hear Dr. Spivey-Brown's message. Godwin Mitchell, Jr. is the pastor.

Aug. 14 124th Church Anniversary

Shiloh Baptist Church at 12th and Highland is celebrating its 124th Church Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 10:45 a.m. with Dr. Paul A. Lowe, Jr. as the speaker. Events leading up to this are a Family Night on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7:00 p.m. when we will be recognizing families, followed by a picnic at Walkertown Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13. Please come and share with us. Dr. Manderline Scales is the 124th Anniversary committee chairperson.

Aug. 14-19 Church Revival

New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, will celebrate its Annual Revival, Aug. 14-19. The Rev. Dairl L. Scott, Sr., pastor of New Hope AME Zion Church, will deliver the 11:00 a.m. message. The 3 p.m. message will be delivered by the

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Church completes first Bible Boot Camp

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Sixteen recruits completed the inaugural Bible Boot Camp at First Waughtown Baptist Church (FWBC) on Friday, July 22. The new soldiers, ranging in age from 5 to 14, celebrated their new assignment in God's Army with a Saturday trip to see the stage production of "Samson: The Last Judge" at the NarroWay Productions Christian Theater in Fort Mill, S.C.

During the two-week camp, recruits worked in groups of four, each named for a lollipop flavor. Breakfast and lunch served in the FWBC mess hall ensured that the soldiers kept up their strength. Every day offered a rigorous

schedule of activities that included lessons on the meaning and organization of the Bible, selected stories from the Bible, role plays of biblical events, and physical activities with questions and agility tasks to earn points. The recruits also visited the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum in Gibsonville, N.C. and wrote a booklet of personal psalms.

The Bible Challenge closing event followed a game-show format similar to Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, with parents and other family members in the audience. After a spirited contest, the final scores show that all the recruits competed enthusiastically and learned a lot in

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The married couples who participated in the outing from Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center share experiences of married life.

Church uses fellowship to strengthen marriages

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY THE CHRONICLE

Maintaining a successful marriage in today's society can be strenuous and demanding.

The Marriage Ministry of Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center acknowledges this. To help couples in the congregation navigate through the ups and downs of marriage, the ministry conducts marriage outings to help strengthen the bond between husband and wife.

The ministry feels that through counsel with other married couples, everyone in attendance will be able to relate and understand that they are not alone in their walk through married life. Olympeia and Rick Howell, married for 21 years, are head of the Marriage Ministry at Holy Trinity.

"The biggest pleasure I get from this is knowing that what we've shared from our personal experiences have helped other couples save or enhance their marriage," Olympeia said.

Rick followed up with, "Seeing the way God has brought us from the way that we were, I never thought we would be the head of this ministry, to put us in a position to share our lives with others and let them know God can take the impossible and make it possible. God is still

working on us and we are able to share that work with others at the same time."

Olympeia used a candle with two scents as a metaphor for a marriage. She stated the two scents have to blend together like two people in a marriage.

The years of marriage for the four couples in attendance ranged from just over a year to 49 years. Richard Miller, pastor of Holy Trinity, and his wife, Ernestine, bestowed some helpful advice to the other couples who were there. They spoke about the role of husband and wife in the home as well as the importance of making it through turbulent times that can occur during the first five years of marriage.

"What has brought us this far is our relationship with God and with each other," Pastor Miller stated. "God put us together, and us learning how to appreciate and love one another is what caused us to

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-Rick Howell

make it 49 years."

Mrs. Miller said that God is the glue that holds a marriage together. She said that she will always apply the Word of the Lord to her life and marriage because it says, "If we do the Word, the Word in turn will hold us and keep

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Safe in God's Love

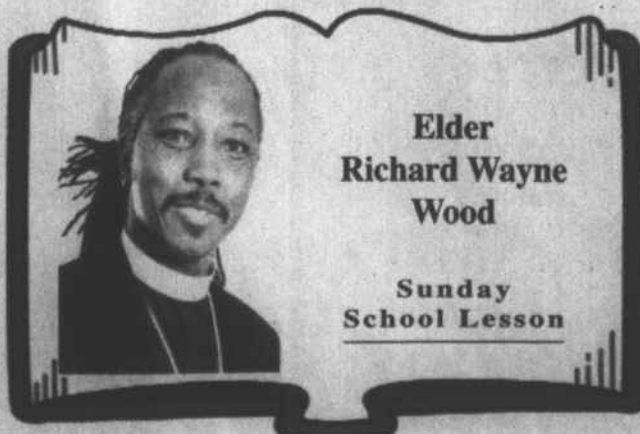
Lesson Scripture: Romans 8:28 -39

By the end of this lesson, we will

*See our position in the plan of God for our safety

*Recognize that God is all-powerful and that His works and desires cannot be set aside or ruined by anyone

*Learn that we can rest in God's provision for our salvation and our eternal safety in Him



Elder Richard Wayne Wood

Sunday School Lesson

that when we look beyond present pain we find future heavenly glory.

Lesson: Paul makes clear to the Roman church that there is a divinely intended outcome. He emphasized that the controlling power of the spirit freed believers from the controlling power of sin and death. The intended outcome is that hardship in the life of believers brings about Christlike fruit in them.

Romans 8:29-30 deals with the underlying process of the believers call to salvation. Paul pointedly states that God chose in "eternity past" those who would become spiritually like Christ. The divine intent was that Jesus would be "exalted as first-born" (vs. 29 "preeminent one") among the redeemed.

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