

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Now-June 21

First Christian Church women's Bible study
First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main St. Kernersville, will host a women's Bible study, "The Battle Plan for Prayer" by the Kendrick Brothers on Tuesday nights from 6:30 until 8 p.m., through June 13 in room C005. This Bible study was inspired by the film "War Room." Study guides will be available in class on a first-come, first-served basis for \$14. No sign-up is required for this study. For more information, contact Helen Peddycord at hpddy-cord@triad.rr.com.

**Now-May 5, May 7
Pastor's Anniversary**

The Shiloh Baptist Church Family will continue to celebrate the Rev. Dr. Paul A. Lowe Jr.'s 25th Pastoral Anniversary May 4-5 and May 7 at 7 p.m. nightly at the church, 916 East 12th St. The Church will have guest ministers. Culminating on Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m., will be Rev. John Mendez and Emmanuel Baptist Church. The public is invited.

**May 5
Church Women United**

Church Women United will hold its 2017 Friendship Day on Friday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. worship service. The Bible Study will be presented by Crystal Rook, MDIV from Wake Forest University. There will be a Fellowship of the Least Coin offering as well as regular offering. The event will take place at St. Philip's Moravian Church, 3002 Bon Air Ave. NE, Winston Salem. Contact Mallie Graham for more information at 336-924-9409.

**May 6
Joy Fest**

The Mt. Zion Chancel Choir is sponsoring a Joy Fest in observance of their church anniversary that will be held Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Events will consist of singing, dancing, fast painting, fish fry, hot dogs and many other events. For further information, call 336-722-2325.

May 7 - Police Prayer Circle

Please join us outside the Winston Salem Safety Building (Police Station) on Sunday, May 7, from 3-4 p.m. to pray for our law enforcement and first responders. May 15th begins National Law Enforcement Week. Join us on Sunday, May 7 to show support for our men and women who put their lives on the line every day for US.

**May 7
Mars Hill Baptist Church**

Mars Hill Missionary Baptist Church, at 1331 4th St., Winston Salem, the church's 80th Founder's Day on Sunday, May 7. The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Christopher Young, Associate Minister at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, High Point, and our 3 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Konnie Robinson and the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church congregation. Everyone is invited.

**May 7
White Supremacy Teach-in**

At the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, on Sunday, May 7: Worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. will be a "White Supremacy Teach-in." It will mirror services on this topic at about 500 other Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country. Speakers include Takiyah Amin, Ph.D., and Ann Zimmerman. At the Forum at 9:15 Smeeta Souza-Roy and Himanshu Gopalan will talk about their Spanish language and cultural immersion among the indigenous populations of Guatemala and Mexico. At Explorations at 9:15 Dr. Gloria Fitzgibbon will present "God of the Oppressed," James Cone's contribution to Liberation Theology.

More information, go to UUFWS.org.

**May 13
Mother/Daughter Luncheon**

Greater Higher Ground Ministries, 4175 Moat Drive, will hold a 2017 Mother/Daughter Luncheon on Saturday May 13, at 1 p.m. Special speaker First Lady Hope Williams, Goodwill Baptist Church in Advance, N.C. Donation of \$10 requested. For more information call 336-725-1125. Pastor Janice O Heath, is senior pastor.

June 18

Father's Day/Men's Day Worship Service

The Presbyterian Men of Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will have its Father's Day/Men's Day Worship Service on Sunday, June 18, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The guest speaker will be County Commissioner Fleming A. El-Amin, recently elected and installed to fill the seat of the late Commissioner Walter Marshall. The general public is invited. Special music will be provided for the service. Rudolph V. Boone Sr. will be honored as "Man of the Year." The Rev. Toure' C. Marshall is the senior pastor of Grace.

Ongoing

**Sundays and Wednesdays
Clothes closet**

The Ambassador Cathedral Clothes Closet will be open on Sundays from noon to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive. Free to the public. For more information, call 336-725-0901.

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Goler Metropolitan celebrates anniversary and visit from MLK

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Goler Metropolitan is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Instead of just having a one-day celebration, the anniversary committee decided to have an all-year celebration, where they honor the church each month of the year.

On Sunday, April 29, the church held its wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic visit to the church on April 13, 1964. There were several members of the congregation in attendance

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The church members who were present during King's speech in 1964 stand with the ceremonial wreath outside of the church.

Rev. Rivers says goodbye



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Rev. Prince Rainey Rivers hugs a member of the congregation at his goodbye celebration on April 28.

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The Rev. Prince Rainey Rivers was ordained at Union Baptist Church in Durham under Rev. Dr. Kenneth Hammond. Twenty-three years later, Rivers has come full circle as he will take over as pas-

tor of Union Baptist after leading the congregation of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church for the past 12 years. He says that Hammond was and still is a very good mentor in his life.

Rivers delivered his last sermon at United

Metropolitan on April 23 and a special reception was held in his honor on Friday, April 28. He says he is scheduled to deliver his first sermon at Union Baptist on May 21.

Rivers said that he was offered a position as a youth pastor at Union

Baptist straight out of seminary and served in that capacity for a few months before taking his first full-time senior pastor position. After spending some years at a church in Newport News, Virginia, Rivers landed at United

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Habitat for Humanity holds kickoff

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Since 1985 the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) has served 462 families in the Forsyth County area with new homes, remodels and repairs. To kick off their 2017 year the HFH held their Faith Build Kickoff Breakfast at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 25.

The breakfast brought together churches of all different faiths and denominations to discuss the plans for this year's Faith Build. Individuals also spoke about their



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experiences volunteering for the Faith Builds in the past.

Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County Executive Director Mike Campbell said he really enjoys the Faith Builds because it allows people of all faiths to come together for a common goal and do God's will by helping others.

"Our basis is putting God's love into action by bringing people

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God's Disciplinary Love

Lesson Scripture:
Jonah 1:7-17

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Understand that our sinfulness and disobedience will lead to God's discipline of us.

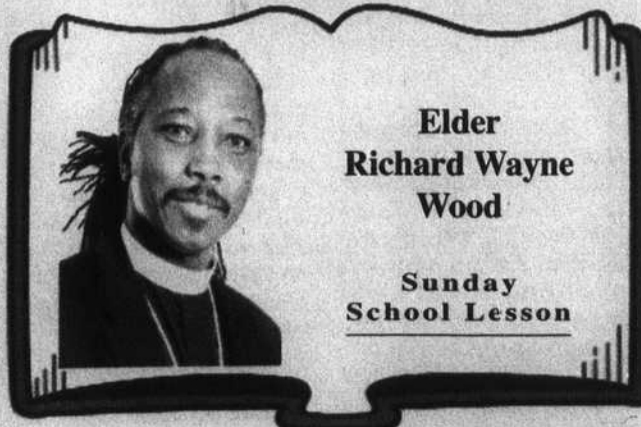
*Realize that God disciplines us because He loves us as His children.

*Know to accept any discipline from the Lord as an evidence of His love for us.

Background: The time is 780 B.C. and the place is Joppa, or more accurately on route to Tarshish in the open waters. Jonah was commissioned by God, didn't agree with God, was disobedient to God and he angered God. All because of his hate for the Assyrians.

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Elder
Richard Wayne
Wood

Sunday
School Lesson

Lesson: Casting lots ... why? The crew has already prayed to their gods with no results and decided to cast lots and through the lots God reveals that Jonah is the cause of the storm that cannot be calmed or escaped (verse 7). So Jonah ... who are you and what have you done that would warrant such a disturbance of the sea (verse 8)? His response: "I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the land" (verse 9). Jonah also told them that he was running from God (verse 10). Their question then is ... what does God then require us to do ... to you ... to save us? (verse 11). Jonah was disobedient, but he was also honest and he also knew that getting him off the boat