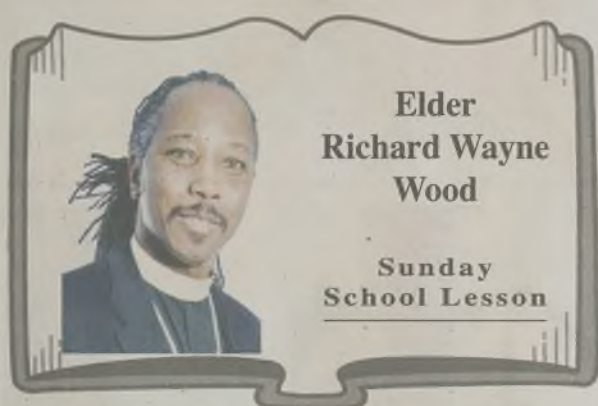


RELIGION



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Sunday
School Lesson

Love and Devotion

Lesson Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Affirm that loving God requires obeying God's word.

*Embrace the commandment of love God with all of ourselves.

*Think of ways to share God's love with the next generation.

Background: Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Law and means "repetition of the Law." It was written by Moses for the generation of Israelites who came out of the wilderness and would dwell in and possess the Promise Land. Moses urges the people to trust, love and obey God, because of what He has done and will do by way of blessings and punishments. Deuteronomy 6 is an explanation of the first commandment.

Lesson: The people already have the Ten Commandments. Here Moses tells them what God has said they need to know before entering Canaan. This is basically a reminder. Moses' concern is not just for them, but the successive generations to maintain the obedience to God's law that ensures life and prosperity (verses 1-3). Israel has an exclusive relationship with God, "The Lord our God is one Lord," and that relationship demands undivided loyalty. There must be a wholehearted commitment expressed in love to God - heart, soul and might (verses 4-5). Only those who love the Lord themselves can be effective in passing that love on to others. Moses continues here addressing the Israelites as parents who would be responsible to create an environment where their children would hear and embrace the teachings and principles of God's Law. The Commandments were to be the subject of conversation, both inside and outside the home, from the beginning of the day till its end. There was to be continual meditation upon God's word so that their character and their words conveyed spiritual and moral principles. They should be doers, not hearers only (verses 6-9). True faith commitment requires our human response of obedience. (The MacArthur Study Bible, NIV Leaders Bible, UMI and the Oxford Bible Commentary.)

For Your Consideration: How do you show your love for God to your children? How is fear a part of loving God? (verse 2)

Life's Application: God demands from us total love and devotion. How do we, in the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties, acquire the vision to make right decisions? God's word says that we must do it in informal and formal ways and that the basis for meeting all life's circumstances is to love God absolutely. We must be serious about knowing Him and begin to incarnate and exhibit what we profess. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

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Photos by Timothy Ramsey
Elder Tembila Covington was voted in as the new president of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity.



Conference members came out in full force to vote for their next officers.

Ministers' Conference elects new president

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) recently held elections for their new officers. The conference elected Tembila Covington as their new president.

Covington's election marks the second time a woman has been elected as president of the conference. The other officers are: Rev. C. A. Jones Jr., 1st Vice-president; Rev. Alvin Carlisle, 2nd Vice-president; Rev. Constance Lowery, Secretary;

Rev. Reginald McCaskill, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Dennis Leach, Treasurer; Elder Deborah Jeter, Parliamentarian; and Dr. Charolette H. Leach, Chaplain.

Covington succeeds Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams as president of the conference. Following last week's elections, she laid out her plan for her term, focusing on social and food justice, education, faith and health, community economics and the MLK Jr. seed fund.

"I am excited and honored to

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Photos by Timothy Ramsey
The community braved the frigid weather to come out for the Community Day for Cornerstone of Faith Ministries Inc.

Local church reaches out to community at new location

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Cornerstone of Faith Ministries Inc. held a Community Night at their soon-to-be new location on Urban St. on Nov. 20. The church fed the community hotdogs and snacks and gave away free turkey dinners to the residents.

Cornerstone will take over the vacant building that used to belong to Urban Street Baptist Church. Senior Pastor, Bishop Grosjean L. Stephens, says he wanted to relocate from their current location on Farrington Point Drive to the Urban Street address because their congregation was growing, which meant they needed additional space.

"Our old location just became too small for the kind of projects and things that we wanted to do," said Stephens. "I have had some things on my heart that I really wanted

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Bishop Grosjean L. Stephens, right, stands with his wife and co-pastor, Debra Terry Stephens, during the community day event.

CALENDAR

TODAY, Nov. 29

Lunch and Speaker series

The Faith & Justice Committee's 2018-19 Lunch and Speaker Series will continue on Thursday, Nov. 29, at noon in Colhoun A at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 520 Summit St. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome. For more info, see www.stpauls-ws.org.

Dec. 2

Annual Holiday Concert

WSSU Annual Holiday Concert - Mary's Song: A "Spiritual" Time - will be on Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. at the K.R. Williams Auditorium, 601 S. MLK Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem. Admission is free. For more info, contact burkedw@wssu.edu.

Dec. 2

Worship services

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-

Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will worship services on Sunday, Dec. 2. The Awake service will be at 9 a.m., and both the Explorations and Forum services will be at 9:15 a.m. The Traditional service will be held at 11 a.m. For more info, see UUFWS.org.

Dec. 2

Seven Churches of Asia service

Bishop Marvin, Pastor Clara Cremedy & Vessels of Honor Church Ministry, 3608 Ogburn Ave., will host "One Time Only" Seven Churches of Asia Minor Completion on Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. For more information and or transportation you may contact: Pastor Clara Cremedy@ (336) 624-9351 or email @ claracremedy@yahoo.com.

Dec. 2

Lovefeast

Wake Forest University will hold its annual Lovefeast services in Wait Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 2 at

4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Wake Forest Lovefeast celebrates the unique traditions of the Moravian community in Winston-Salem. The services are free and open to the public. The seating is first-come, first-serve. Both services will be streamed live at <https://lovefeast.wfu.edu/video/>.

Dec. 7-8; 13-14

Sock Sale

Goler Memorial Parent Body Missionary Society will have its annual Holiday Sock Sale on Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 13-14 at Goler Enrichment Center - 630 N. Patterson Ave. All socks are \$1. The sale each day is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (336) 529-2928 or e-mail phifer@roycetoo.com.

Dec. 8

Grief Care

The St. Paul United Methodist Church will host a

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