

# RELIGION

## Interfaith youth leader to speak at WFU

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Eboo Patel, the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based organization building the global interfaith youth movement, will speak at Wake Forest University March 1.

Named one of America's Best Leaders of 2009 by U.S. News & World Report, Patel will give a talk, "Acts of Faith: Interfaith Leadership in a Time of Global Religious Crisis," at 6 p.m. in Wait Chapel.

The event is free and open to the public and is part of Wake Forest's Voices of Our Time speaker series, which brings to campus the world's leading thinkers—including scholars, scientists, writers, business and public policy leaders, activists and religious leaders—for discussions on the important national and international issues of our time.

Patel's Interfaith Youth Core facilitates interfaith bridge-building among young people by involving them in service projects around the world. Author of the award-winning book, "Acts of Faith," Patel served on President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

He is a regular contributor to the Washington Post, USA Today, National Public Radio and CNN. In 2011, he was profiled in the New York Times.

Patel speaks often about his vision at places like TED conferences, the Clinton Global Initiative, and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. As a Rhodes Scholar, he studied at Oxford University and earned a doctoral degree in the sociology of religion.



## CALENDAR

Feb. 24

**Young ladies' fellowship**  
Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries, 3608 Ogburn Ave., is inviting young ladies between the ages of 12-18 to the "Night Of Refreshing" women's fellowship on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Elder Waltena Robinson will speak. For transportation or more information, call Pastor Clara Cremedy at 336-624-9351.

Feb. 25

**Gospel showcase**  
The musical event "P.U.S.H.: Praise Until Something Happens" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. in the Anderson Center Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. It will feature Willie Mason & Friends, JoJo the 3rd, Lamb of God and many others. Admission is free with a donation of canned food or non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to the Second Harvest Food Bank. For additional information, call 336-750-2321.



Willie Mason

**Plates for sale**  
The Trustees of New Hope AME Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Rd. in Lewisville, will sell fish and chicken dinners from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. Plates are \$7. The pastor is Rev. Allen Stimpson. For further information, call 336-945-9083 or 336-945-5618.

**Concert**  
The First Baptist Church Music Ministry will present a black history concert on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist, 700 Highland Ave. The theme of the concert is "Embracing the Music of African American Composers through Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs." Rev. Darryl W. Aaron is the pastor. Call Kenetta at 336-722-5605 for more information.

**Penrod to perform**  
The ministry of multi-award winning singer Guy Penrod, formally of Bill Gaither's "Vocal Band," will appear at First Wesleyan Church, 1701 Westchester Drive in High Point, on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets start at \$18. Tickets are available at Lifeway Christian Stores in Greensboro and at First Wesleyan Church and online at itickets.com or charge by phone at 800-965-9324.

Feb. 26

**Livingstone Choir to sing**  
Friendship Baptist Church, along with their Pastor Stacey L. Frazier, will welcome the choir from Livingstone College on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the 11 a.m. morning service. The church is located at 1317 Cherry St. For more information, call 336-723-6105.

**Hairston to preach**  
Minister Steven Hairston will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at Faith Unity Missionary Church on Sunday, Feb. 26. Faith Unity Missionary Church is located in the chapel of the Masonic Lodge Prince Hall at 1025 E. 14th St. The host pastor is Rev. Nathaniel P. J. Williams Jr. and the associate pastor is Rev. Wanda H. Williams. Everyone is cordially invited. The church can be contacted at 336-771-0023 or faithunitymc@yahoo.com.



Minister Hairston

**Missionary Union meeting**  
The Forsyth County Missionary Union will meet on Sunday, Feb. 26 at St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St. All youth and young adults will meet at 1:30 p.m. The

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## A&T Choir again performs at White House

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North Carolina A&T State University Choir, under the direction of Maestro Travis W. Alexander, performed at the White House on Feb. 17. The choir was invited by President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle and the Visitors Office to help celebrate Black History Month. The choir also performed there last year in February.

"What an extraordinary honor and privilege it is for me and my students to be allowed to perform in the most prominent venue worldwide. Even most world renowned performers can't boast of having performed in the White House," said Alexander. "This is an experience that my students will forever cherish, and hopefully, will spark a greater academic enthusiasm within them toward practicing and perfecting their musical craft. This is a once in a lifetime experience, and we are not taking it lightly."



Alexander

The choir's repertoire included "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Way Over in Beulah Land," "God So Loved The World," "Ezekiel Saw The Wheel" and "Anthem of Praise"

A&T was only allowed to take about three dozen students from the 40-plus choir White House. The performers were: Tanesha Anthony, Brandon Bellerand, Jasmine Boone, Arquize Bowser, Lateisha Boykin, Micaela Bundy, James Canty, Jasmine Carter, Chelsea Davis, Deja Edmond, Latisha Goode, Aaron Graham, Hasan Hairston, Tiffany Jackson, Adrienne Jernigan, Phillip Jones, John Jones, KaLaisha Knight, Stacey Lyles, Terry McLean Jr., Anjelica McRae, Brandon Miller, Brandon Monroe, Ashenna Moore, Marktavious Patton, Najaya Ruffin, Chelsey Stanley, Laurence Thompson, Xavier Williams and Alexis Wooten.

## A Song Before the Lecture



Larry Hardy Jr., a retired Winston-Salem State University staffer, entertains the audience during the recent James A. Gray Lecture Series lecture at WSSU. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, gave the Feb. 9 lecture in the school's Anderson Center.

## Fruit of the Spirit

**Background Reading:** Galatians 5:1- 21

**Lesson Scripture:** Galatians 5:22-6:10

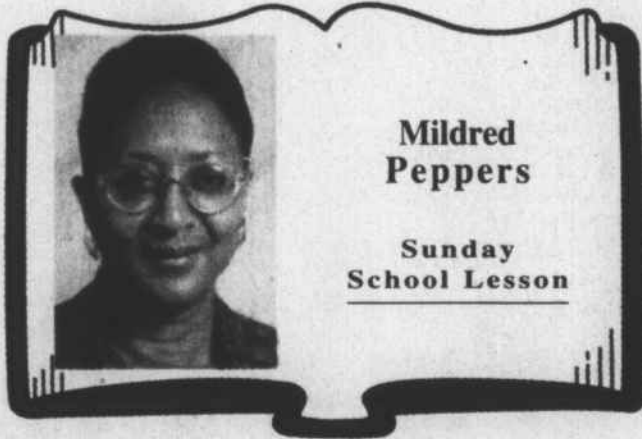
**Lesson Aims:** To contrast the Law and faith (covers lessons 10 -12), to understand "Walking in the Spirit," and to live the love of God daily.

**Background:** Our journey this quarter has carried us from Genesis to Galatians. We made one stop in Luke (lesson 4) and another in Exodus (lesson 9). The focus has been on "God establishing a faithful people." For that to be accomplished, the Covenant had to be acknowledged and examined. The Promise to Abraham was passed on from one generation to another through faith, not works.

When the Promise was given, Abraham knew nothing about the Law (430 years later) and had not been circumcised. Paul connects the early church to Abraham in order to refute the Judaizers' teachings that they must act like Jews. By the way, those people also attempted to discredit Paul as an apostle. Paul heard what was going on in the Galatian churches and penned this epistle to address the false doctrines.

The purpose of the Law was to expose sin not give salvation. It is faith in Christ that fills that bill. The believers' salvation was not based on works or obedience to the Law. Within his arguments, Paul introduced the concept of freedom. Lesson 12 dealt with this. Paul was

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Sunday School Lesson

## Dozens attend College Day service

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St. Paul United Methodist Church recently hosted College Day, hoping to reverse the growing trend of young adults who do not attend religious services.

The church recognized the 100th anniversary of the CIAA, inviting the Winston-Salem State University Men's and Women's Basketball teams as its special guests.

The church has a connection with Women's Head Basketball Coach Steve Joyner, Jr. His great grandfather, Allen White, was a longtime St. Paul member, according to Shareka Brown, co-chair of the Higher Education and Campus Ministry at St. Paul.

Invitations to the service were also extended to area students. Nearly 80 students from WSSU, Wake Forest University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, North Carolina A&T State University and Forsyth Technical Community College were on

hand. They enjoyed a home-cooked meal after a spirited service.

"Overall, traditional mainstream Protestant denominations are experiencing a decline in membership and this is particularly true among Methodist churches," said Pastor Donald Jenkins. "We wanted to let young people know that our church is a vibrant, passionate place to worship and grow spiritually and emotionally while in college. This was a first for us and we were pleased with the response to our invitation."

St. Paul has a number of outreach programs. Church members feed hundreds of families monthly through its food pantry; it serves Healy Towers through the Meals on Wheels program; and supports the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries.

St. Paul UMC is located at 2400 Dellabrook Road.

For more information, email: office@stpaulumcws.org or by call 336-723-4531.



Pastor Jenkins



Students enjoy the post-service meal.

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