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## Community Calendar

### Unveiling

Artist Lance Crumley will unveil his "The Black Pearl," an homage to Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring," on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 6-9 p.m. at the Viaggio Gallery, 1911 Margaret St. Learn more at [www.viaggiogallery.com](http://www.viaggiogallery.com).

### 'Black Nativity'

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will perform Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity" on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$24, and group rates are available. Call 336-723-2266 or go to [www.ncblack-rep.org](http://www.ncblack-rep.org) to purchase tickets.

### Equalization and Review meetings

The Forsyth County Board of Equalization and Review will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 in the Board of Equalization and Review room on the first floor of the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 North Chestnut St.

### Session for caregivers

A "Lunch & Learn" for caregivers will take place at Senior Services, 2895 Shorefair Drive, today (Thursday, Nov. 21) from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council's Teresa Jackson will present, "Where Can I Turn for Help?" Kelley Ryan of Hospice & Palliative CareCenter will also speak. Lunch will be provided. The event is free and care for loved ones will be provided. Registration is required by Nov. 18 by calling 336-721-6918.

### Class of '72 meeting

The Atkins High Class of 1972 will meet at noon on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Southside Library, 3185 Buchanan St., to plan next year's reunion. For more information, contact David Timmons at 336-624-1469 or Wendy Wallace Banks at 336-995-2789.

### Lupus support

The Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter (LFANC) will host its November support group meeting for those living with lupus, their family and caregivers on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, 2380 Cloverdale Ave., in the Activity Building across the street from the church. The group meets every fourth Sunday of each month. Contact the LFANC at [patient-services@lupuslinks.org](mailto:patient-services@lupuslinks.org) or 877-849-8271, ext. 2 or visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org) for more information.

### Health fair

A health care and prevention fair designed for the Hispanic community will be held on Monday, Nov. 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Central Library Auditorium, 660 West Fifth St. The event is free and open to the public.

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Todd Bridges speaks at Union Baptist Church on Sunday.

Photos by Todd Luck

## Actors give high-praise to C2C Conference

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Actors Chris Tucker and Todd Bridges spoke at Union Baptist Church Sunday morning as it graduated its 10th Corner 2 Corner Drug Dealers and Street Life Conference class. Union Baptist Pastor Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. started the conference as a way to reform drug dealers, prostitutes, addicts and others living a "street life." For two days, conference participants received spiritual guidance, skills training and motivational pep talks - all designed to deliver them from their current predicaments.

"When I left the church one Sunday morning and right across the street I saw a young man selling drugs, and I knew at that point if we could not get the young man to come to church, we've got to take the church to the young man," Mack said, describing the events that led to C2C's creation.

Bridges, best known for playing Willis on the '80s sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes" was the scheduled speaker for the 8:30 a.m. service. Tucker, whose roles in the "Rush Hour" films and "Friday" have made him a bonafide movie star, was a surprise guest, showing up to deliver remarks during the 11 a.m. service, which also featured Bishop Neil Ellis of Mount Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church in Nassau, Bahamas. During the service, about 120 conference participants walked across the stage to receive their certificates of completion. Before he spoke, Tucker said he was impressed with how Union has reached out to the community. He said speaking at a program like C2C was inspiring.

"It's an honor to be here and a blessing. I get more out of it than I give, I think, half the time. I get inspired by things like this, so it's great," he said.

The graduates started the morning at the 8:30 a.m. service, where they sang as a choir before Bridges' remarks. During "Diff'rent Stokes" eight season run, Bridges played the brother of Gary Coleman's character, Arnold, whose catchphrase was "Whatchu' Talking About Willis?" While the sitcom brought laughs to millions, the lives of the actors were filled with tragedy. Bridges is the only surviving member of the show's original main cast

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Todd Bridges hugs Chris Tucker.



Above: Wendy Glass and Randy Barnes with their daughter Nyla.



Left: Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. speaks.



The C2C choir receives applause after performing.