

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

**Thanksgiving service**  
Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy., will host its annual Thanksgiving worship service on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. Call the church office at 336-784-9347 for more information. Pastor Richard Miller and Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller are the hosts.

### Nov. 29

**Concert event**  
The Napper Singers will hold a pre-anniversary concert on Friday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. at Canaan Baptist Church, 1800 Liberty St. Concert guests will include



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Dionn Owen and Renaissance, The Scott Brothers, Madame Mary Lee Haynie, Stanley Parks & Chosen and Tommy Spann & The Brooklyn Allstars. Rev. Stephen Williams will be the emcee.

### Nov. 30

**CD release**  
A CD release event for The Chosen Disciples will be held Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5:45 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive. Performers will include Darrell McFadden and the Disciples of Brooklyn, N.Y.; the Gospel Legends of Columbia, S.C. and New Creation of Hillsborough. Tickets start at \$10 at the door.

### Beginning Dec. 1

**Candlelight services**  
Christ Lutheran Church, 3205 S. Main St., will hold Sunday evening candlelight services throughout December to offer worshippers a chance to slow down during what can be a hectic season. The 7 p.m. services will be held Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. The 30-minute services will feature music, meditation and Scripture from "Holden Evening Prayer." There is no sermon and no offering collection. Free coffee and hot cider will be served beforehand at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Michael Weaver at 336-722-1732 or [everflowingstream@gmail.com](mailto:everflowingstream@gmail.com).

**'Great ADVENTure'**  
Mount Calvary Holy Church, 930 E. 14th St., is starting a new sermon series, "Great ADVENTure," to study the Advent leading up to the Christmas season. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Co-Pastor Victoria Hanchell will lead. The pastor is Tejado Hanchell.



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### Dec. 1

**UUF services**  
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem will hear from Wynn Perkins, a student minister, on the topic of "Kindling the Human Miracle" at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1. The 9 a.m. pre-service forum, led by Bill Roberts, will be a discussion of current events. The Fellowship is at 4055 Robinhood Road. For more information at [uufws.org](http://uufws.org).

**Musical event**  
The Music Ministry of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will present "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" in celebration of Choir Day on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. In addition to the the New Hope Mass Choir, the church's Dance Ministry will perform, as will

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## Women's conference well attended

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Whole Man Ministries' Pastor Camilla F. Washington hosted the "Unveiling Yourself Women's Conference" on Nov. 15 and 16 at the Benton Convention Center.

More than 250 women enjoyed the two days of worship and praise; some travelled from as far away as Durham, Raleigh, Charlotte and parts of Virginia.

Friday was a night of praise and prophetic worship, while Saturday was devoted to discovering the spoken Word of God. The event also included an elegant sit-down dinner. The speakers included Pastor Gloria Samuels, Pastor Lisa Caldwell, Apostle Debbie Siriana, Minister Alicia Bailey, Minister Valeria Northington, Prophetess Jennifer Davis and Prophetess Cynthia Hill.



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(Front row, from left) Min. Alicia Bailey, Pastor Gloria Samuels, Pastor Camilla Washington, Min. Valeria Northington, (back row) Apostle Debbie Siriana, Pastor Lisa Caldwell, Prophetess Jennifer Davis and Prophetess Cynthia Hill.

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## CHURCH TO HOST JOHN NEWTON PLAY

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Press Photo

Erik Nelson as John Newton.

The dramatic story of John Newton, who wrote the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace" and was the spiritual force behind the abolition of the slave trade in England, will be played out in the one-man drama "But Now I See" at Trinity Moravian Church, 220 East Sprague St., on Saturday, Dec. 7.

This internationally-touring live theatre production is presented by Maranatha Productions, Inc. through the generosity of a local donor.

Erik Nelson portrays Newton, a troubled young man impressed into the British Navy in the 1740s and then savagely thrust into slavery himself in West Africa. Purchased out of slavery by his father, Newton eventually became captain of a slave ship, on which he grew to hate the slave trade.

Following a profound conversion during a storm at sea, Newton became a pastor in the Church of England and penned hundreds of hymns that are still sung in churches around the world. In addition to his autobiographical hymn "Amazing Grace," his "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" remains a popular staple.

Newton became a leader of the abolitionist movement and was pastor and spiritual advisor to William Wilburforce, the member of British Parliament who authored the law outlawing the slave trade.

"But Now I See" was written by the late Dan Neidermyer. The fast-moving, action-packed 75 minute play actively involves the live audience.

Nelson appeared as John Delamotte in the 2009 production "Wesley" and recently wrapped filming of "Newton's Grace," a film version of the Newton's story directed by John Jackman that will be released in 2014.

"But Now I See" will be staged at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is free for each performance. Area schoolchildren have been especially invited to the matinee. Following the show, the trailer for the movie will be screened and Nelson will take questions from the audience.

For more information, call the church at 336-724-5541 or visit [www.trinitymoravian.org](http://www.trinitymoravian.org).

## Talented singer finds success with second CD

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The crooner known as "The Sultry Tenor" earned his first Top Ten record with his sophomore CD, "Tone For Worship."

Keith Williams' disc has sold briskly since making its debut at #8 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums chart.



Press Photo

Keith Williams

The uplifting urban inspirational and faith-oriented set was designed for those who enjoy their gospel with a velvety touch and warm sophistication. The tunes set the tone for worship at home, driving down the freeway or from a Sunday morning church pew.

"All I can say is God is good," Williams said. "This day has been a long time coming because the CD was supposed to be released last year but we wanted it to be right so we took our time and I'm really pleased and humbled by the public

response to it."

The current radio single, "As For Me and My House," is an infectious steppers tune but the project also features other dance floor material such as "So Good To Be Back" and "Behind Me Now." The balmy "You Are My Way Through," "Tone For Worship" and "Anticipation" ballads are punctuated with spare jazzy piano chords that allow the intimate resonance of Williams' entrancing voice to breathe through effortlessly.

Williams is a classically trained pianist and vocalist. He's spent the last two decades as a worship leader at prestigious churches across the United States. His debut CD, "...& Again I Say Rejoice," was released in 2008.

## Warren visits Jackson at N.C. prison

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Former U.S. House of Representatives member Jesse L. Jackson Jr. had his first visitors at the federal correctional facility in Butner, N.C. on Nov. 8.

Rick Warren, senior pastor of Lake Forest, Calif.-based Saddleback Church and the force behind "Purpose Driven Life," visited the N.C. A&T alumnus. Saddleback Church Associate Pastor Anthony Miller joined Warren for the visit.

"We believe in leaders and second chances," said Rev. Warren. "This is a private moment, and we just want to love on him and pray with him."

CK Hoffler, the attorney who facilitated the visit, said the clergymen prayed with Jackson - who was first elected to Congress to represent a Chicago district in 1995 - and gave him support and counsel.

"They ... reported that the congressman was in good spirits, all things considered. He continues to regret all of the pain, shame and embarrassment that he has caused his family, his constituents and his friends but has begun the process of repaying his debt to society," Hoffler said.

The son of Civil Rights legend Jesse Jackson Sr., Jesse Jr. is serving 30 months in prison after pleading guilty to one count of wire and mail fraud related to his misuse of campaign funds. His wife, former Chicago Alderman Sandi Jackson, was convicted of similar crimes and will begin her prison sentence after her husband is released.



Jackson



Warren



Miller