

Lecture, symposium at WSSU

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Anthony B. Pinn, the Agnes Cullen Professor of the Humanities and a professor of Religious Studies at Rice University, will deliver the 2014 James A. Gray Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the Donald J. Reaves Student Activities Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

His lecture — "Finding Our Own Way: Thoughts on the Place of Humanism in African American Life" — is free and open to the public.

Pinn is the author of over 25 monographs and edited volumes, including the widely influential book "Why Lord? Suffering and Evil in Black Theology." After beginning his

career at Macalester College, Pinn accepted an offer from Rice in 2003, becoming the first African American to hold an endowed chair at the university.



Pinn

At Rice, Pinn founded and directed the Houston Enriches Rice Education (HERE) project, which has been transformed into the Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning. This center is a part of the Rice University Kinder Institute for Urban Research. He also founded and directs the doctoral concentration in the study of African American Religion.

Beyond his work at Rice, Pinn has served as the first executive director of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and on the Meadville Lombard Theological School Board of Trustees. He also has served in

various roles on the board of directors and the executive committee of the American Academy of Religion and is the director of research for the Institute for Humanist Studies Think Tank in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the lecture, scholars from WSSU, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wake Forest University will discuss the varieties of black religious experiences in a symposium that will begin at 10 a.m. in the Reaves Center. The symposium is also free and open to the public.

Supported by the James A. Gray Endowment established in 1952, the James A. Gray Lecture annually brings outstanding scholars of religion and exemplary faith leaders to the campus of Winston-Salem State to engage some of the most pressing issues on religion and public life in our society.

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their faith that transformed their hearts. That transformation was the guiding force that influenced their lives.

Lesson: During that time, teachers were highly regarded. They had a great deal of influence in the community. They could very easily get caught up in themselves and sway from the Truth. James warns them that God holds them to a higher standard. This does not relieve the individual from their responsibility. The leader of the Jerusalem church goes on to say that anyone who is religious but can't control themselves dishonors God.

The second part of this lesson examines how a small part (bit and rudder) of a larger entity controls it. James' focus is on the power of the tongue. As small as it is, the tongue can ignite a huge fire. The larger the fire, the more difficult it is to control and extinguish it. The tongue has the extraordinary power to do evil." His reference to hell comes from the Valley of Hinnom, where rubbish is burned continuously (hell) (David C. Cook's Echoes Adult Commentary). The tongue has the capability to encourage and lift up or can tear down and destroy.

The Bible Expositor and Illuminator states that our speech is often divided between heaven and hell, life and death, and faith and doubt. Man has dominion over everything in creation but is unable to control his tongue. When that is recognized, James 1:19 becomes more profound. According to the author, the tongue is inconsistent and unpredictable! This dualism is reflected in man's praise to God and his cursing other humans. Humanity is made in the image of God, how then can one person curse another? He

goes on to say that fresh water and salt water cannot come from the same source. Each tree must bear its fruit and not that of another.

Application: The term "Christian," first used in Antioch (Acts 11:26) means to be Christ like. Jesus not only taught His message, but lived it as well; therefore, He is the standard to measure yourself by. Understanding the Word is key, and living it is vital. Otherwise, we're fig trees bearing olives! To control this inconsistent, unpredictable small part of the body, we have to rely on our transformation by the Holy Spirit. If we just let the tongue run wild, confusion, disappointment and injury will be in our faces. Don't forget that our tongues can turn people away from God. Words carelessly coming out of our mouths can't be taken back.

Even with a sincere apology, the words remain. Faithful living involves justice, compassion and respect towards all people. It is not enough to simply know. All of us have regretted saying something; learn from your mistake. Representing God/Jesus is a daily task; there are no weekends or holidays off! Examine the "man in the mirror" to see how well you're doing. There is always room to improve. We'll get together in March to begin our spring quarter.

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from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Help will be offered to those who want to sign up for coverage. The church is located at 950 File Street. For more information, call 336 722 2325

Soul Food Feast
Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will host its annual Soul Food Feast on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 1-5 p.m. For additional information, contact the church office at 336-722-2624 or msfgdc@bellsouth.net. Rev. Yvonne H. Hines is the host pastor.

BHM celebration at Goler Metro
The Gospel Choir at Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E. 4th St., will hold a Black History Month celebration on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 4-6 p.m. Call Shirley Carson at 336-987-7181 for more information.

Forsyth County Missionary Union meeting
The Forsyth County Missionary Union Meeting will convene on Sunday, Feb. 23 at First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Ave. The Youth and Young Adults will meet at 1:30 p.m., and the Seniors will meet at 3 p.m. The meeting will include a mini rally for Black History Month. The host pastor is Dr. Darryl Aaron. Andrea Bush is president of the First Baptist Church Union. The president of the Forsyth County Union is Lenner P. Jeffries. For

more information, call R. Gore at 336-817-8424.

Morning Star celebration
An anniversary celebration for the deaconesses and Pastor's Aid will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Fitch St. Rev. Dennis Bishop of First Wauhtown Baptist Church will serve as the guest preacher. Dr. Dennis W. Leach Sr. is the host pastor. For additional information, contact the church office at 336-748-0265.

St. Mark 'Meeting'
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Pastor's Aide will hold the "Old Fashion Meeting" program on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The guest will be Rev. Tyrone Tyson, pastor of Freedom Baptist Church. The church is located at 1100 Manley St. Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is host pastor and teacher.

St. Matthew anniversaries
St. Matthew Apostolic Temple, 3640 New Walkertown Rd., is celebrating its 33rd anniversary and the anniversary of pastor Bishop Joseph Lowery. On Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m., the guest speaker will be Pastor Anthony Wilson of Cathedral of Refuge. The celebration theme is "Celebrating The Time For Kingdom Expansion." For further information, call the church at 336-724-1780.

March 1

Mount Calvary conference

The Mount Calvary Holy Church Leadership Conference will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the church, 930 E. 14th St. "Next Level Leadership" will feature strategic leadership guru Bishop Haywood Parker and Bishop Designate Tejado Hanchell, pastor of Mount Calvary. For more information, go to www.MCHCWS.org.

March 2

Anniversary celebration
The Rock of Ages Baptist Church, 4707 Cherry St., will hold its first anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Rev. Darrell Hampton of Union Gospel Baptist Church of Germantown will be speak and dinner will be served. The host pastor is Rev. Ernest L. Ford. For more information, contact Co-pastor Arnette L. Ford at 336-831-4540.



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March 7

Human rights event
Church Women United will hold a human rights celebration. "Through God Our Hands Can Protect," on Friday, March 7 at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 950 File St. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Lunch and fellowship follow the worship service. The Bethlehem Center and Sunnyside Ministries will be hon-

ored. Jamezzena Sudler is the new president of the Forsyth Unit of CWU. Contact her at 336-722-0542 for more information about meetings. Membership dues are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for churches.

March 15

Sweet Heart dinner
The Christian Women Fellowship of Middlefork Christian Church are sponsoring a Sweet Heart Dinner on Saturday, March 15 from 6-9 p.m. Rev. Annie Dalton, an associate minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church, will speak. The dinner will be held at the Piedmont Club, 200 W. 2nd St., 19th floor. Attire is semi-formal. For ticket information, contact Sophronia Burch at 336-499-3049 or burchfonia@yahoo.com. RSVPs are needed by March 3.

March 16

Chorus in concert
The Concert Series Committee of Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Rd., will present the Voices of God's Children choir, under the direction of Dr. Marion "Pete" Thomas, in concert on Sunday, March 16 at 4 p.m. John Thomas is the accompanist. Rudolph V. Boone Sr. is chairman of the committee, and Rev. Touré C. Marshall is the senior pastor of Grace. The concert is free to the public. Patrons and sponsors are being solicited. For further information, contact Boone at 336-767-4087.

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