

RELIGION

Wentz to present 'Angels With Out Wings'

CALENDAR

Beginning Feb. 13

Marriage conference

Agape Faith Church, 2101 Lewisville-Clemmons Road in Clemmons, will host the simulcast of "XO", a marriage conference from Gateway Church in Texas and Marriage Today on Feb. 13 and 14. Marriage expert Jimmy Evans will be joined by his wife, Karen. A celebrity Q&A panel will feature Josh and Katie Hamilton, Sean and Catherine Lowe and special guests Steven Curtis and Mary Beth Chapman. The event will be on Friday, Feb. 13 from 8 to 10:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 registration begins at 9 a.m. and sessions are from 10 to 12:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 per person and \$25 at the door. Register online at agapefaith.com/xo. For more information, contact the church office at 336-766-9188 or email office@agapefaith.com.

Feb. 13

Valentine's event

The Family Ministry of Great Commission Community Church, 3733 Ogburn Ave., presents "Touched By Love," a Valentine's event for couples and singles Friday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be dinner, entertainment and dancing. Everyone is invited to attend for a donation of \$10. Text GC3LOVE to 40691 for tickets and info or call the church at 336-577-3420.

Feb. 14

Extravaganza

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C.E. Gray Drive, where the pastor is Dr. Charles E. Gray, will host an extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Food, fun games, Christian comedy featuring Rev. Clee and Christian fellowship will be provided. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. "The Greatest Gift of all is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). The public is invited. The church can be contacted at 336-721-1959.

Caregivers' workshop

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, sponsors "Powerful Tools for Caregiving" workshop on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m., with refreshments and registration at 9:30 a.m. It will be a time of sharing and support. Learn and receive tools to care for oneself, as you cope with stress and challenges in caring for family members and friends. Workshop and materials are free. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 336-723-4531 or Marion Winbush at 336-722-5517.

Beginning Feb. 15

Valentine Tea

The Pastor's Anniversary Committee of Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., presents A Valentine's Rainbow Tea on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 5 p.m.; and a Black History Program on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. The pastor is Apostle BJ McCloud. For more information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.

Feb. 15

Musician Appreciate Day

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will host a Musician Appreciate Day for Musicians on Sunday, Feb. 15, during the morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Musicians honored will be Valeria Miller Smith, Aquilla Miller, Darrell Jeter, Timothy Smith III and Jonathan Samuels. For more information, call the church at 336-784-9347.

Black History speaker

Benbow Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 452 E. Main St., East Bend, will celebrate Black History Sunday on Feb. 15. Kirby H. Thompson will be the speaker at 11 a.m. The theme is "The Afro American Deposit." In 1963, Thompson was part of N.C. A&T and Winston-Salem State universities' sit down class. The Rev. Keith Michael Davis is pastor of Benbow Chapel.

New Hope anniversary

New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, 7000 Shallowford Road in Lewisville, will celebrate its 131st church anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 15. Pastor Dairl L. Scott Sr. will

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

"Angels With Out Wings," a ministry in two acts by Pam Rea, will be presented on Saturday, March 28 at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, 3435 Carver School Road, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Angels With Out Wings" was part of a pilot program for one of the largest treatment centers in New Jersey. It's thought-provoking allegorical content in quality dramatic form functions as a relapse prevention ministry. The audience reaction after several runs off-Broadway convinced the playwright that her play provides armor for many addicts' coping skills and has the potential to halt using and relapse in their tracks. The play is not only for those in active addiction, but also for those in recovery. It validates

the addicts' decision to sustain recovery and offers them encouragement.

The play has been credited with helping to change the landscape of how a community views addiction. One powerful message to those who suffer addiction from those who come to see "Angels With Out Wings" is that your community stands with you and supports your recovery.

Advance general admission for the production will be \$10 and \$5 for students with I.D. The admission on the day of the production will be \$12. Tickets will be on sale at Wentz Church every Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Call 336-724-7828 or 336-767-4235 for more information or call Wentz Church at 336-722-0430 during ticket office hours on Saturdays and Sundays.



Pam Rea

Grant-writing workshop



Photos by Charles E. Leftwich Jr.

The Love Community Development Corporation, 3980 North Liberty St., sponsored a free grant-writing workshop on Saturday, Feb. 7 at its facility. Dr. Kathy Kenney, president and founder of C.W. Hatton and Associates in Durham (shown above right), was the facilitator. Dr. Kenney specializes in training and economic development for nonprofits in strategic planning, fundraising and community intervention. At left above, Carrie M. Woods participates in the workshop. The workshop is designed to provide any schools, faith-based organizations, nonprofit agencies or community groups with the tools necessary to successfully compete for grant funds. Another session will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 14. Register with Love Community Development Corporation at 336 306-8119 or e-mail: lovecenter45@yahoo.com.



Drea Parker (left) congratulates Sybil and Jerry McLeese for their accomplishments.

Interfaith W-S thanks founders

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Interfaith Winston-Salem has honored Sybil and Jerry McLeese for their service to the organization.

The McLeeses founded Interfaith Winston-Salem three years ago. Jerry served as chairperson through 2014, when he was succeeded by Drea Parker, who has been a member of the board for two years.

Together, the McLeeses and Parker led the effort in 2013 for Winston-Salem to become the first city in North Carolina and only the 18th in the world to join the Campaign for Compassionate Cities.

Two new members were named to two-year terms on the board: Dr. Sita Somara, who represents Hinduism, and Dr. Michelle Nicole, who represents Zen Buddhism. The 16-member board also comprises members of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian Universalist, Pagan, Shamanistic, Spiritual but Not Religious and other paths.

Interfaith Winston-Salem works to build peace through understanding by offering lectures, conversations, storytelling, children's festivals, meditation, youth tours, compassion building and service opportunities. All programs are free and open to the public.

Caring for the left out

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Recognize the humanity of all people
- Understand that God's love is active and inclusive
- Follow Jesus' pattern in our lives

Background: The Gospels recorded Jesus' opposition from the Sadducees, the Pharisees, priests, Levites and lawyers. Jesus' teachings challenged the status quo because His words and actions were based on love.

The Saviour stated a number of times that "He came to fulfill the Law and prophets; not to destroy them" Matthew 5:17. The Law was given to the Jews but somehow they missed the point. So when Jesus' began His ministry, the Jewish hierarchy opposed Him vehemently. In chapters 21-23 of Matthew, we saw how they tried every trick in the book to discredit Him. None of them worked!

The disciples witnessed all of this yet they too were misguided. The kingdom was not on earth! As chapter 23 came to a close, Jesus pronounced seven woes against His foes. The Temple was important to every Jew because it represented the presence of God in their midst. Those woes prompted the disciples to ask two questions: "When will the end come and what will be the sign (s)?"

Part of His response is today's lesson.

Lesson: When the Son of Man comes into His glory, He will separate His followers into two groups - sheep and goats. This individual judgment will be based on their behavior.

This is not "working to get into heaven" The mild-mannered sheep provide food and wool for their owners. Goats on the other hand also provide food and skins. The goats are more destructive than the sheep. The sheep are on His right as a position of honor because they have helped those who society has deemed unworthy. They saw a need and addressed it. The goats either can't see or don't care about anyone other than themselves. It's like the priest and the Levite from last week's lesson. They are condemned for their short-sightedness. The goats also represent the arrogance of humanity in determining who is worthy of help.

Life Application: Jesus is in every person who walks the face of the earth. He came for all of us but identified especially with those that society ignored. Our focus should be to help anyone in need. That goes beyond those who look and act like us!

My Sunday School teacher, Deacon Curtis Canty, stated this week



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson