

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Dec. 20

### Four churches to hold symphonic Christmas extravaganza

Coined "The Four Churches," Emanuel Baptist, New Bethel Baptist, St. John C.M.E. and Union Baptist will present their annual Symphonic Christmas Extravaganza on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St. The music and dance departments from each church are combining to present a celebration choral, dance, and instrumentals planned to celebrate the birth of Christ. This Christmas program, now in its third year, has brought together the ministries and directors from each church to plan and implement this community experience. The Christmas Extravaganza is a must-see event. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call the church office: 336-724-9305.

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### Christmas program

Antioch Christian Church, 1432 Underwood Ave., will have its Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. For more information, visit [www.antioch1432.org](http://www.antioch1432.org).

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### Wentz Memorial Christmas program

Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ (UCC) at 3435 Carver School Road will celebrate its annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015.

Wentz Pastor Rev. Renée Griffin and Rev. Craig Schaub of Parkway UCC will conduct the service, which will feature lessons and carols, and the customary lighting of candles while the congregation sings "Silent Night."

Music for the service will be provided by the combined choirs of Wentz UCC and Parkway UCC, under the direction of their respective choir directors, Dr. Connie McKoy and Mr. Craig Collins. The concert is free and open to the public.

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### Christmas musical

St. Mark Baptist Church choirs will be presenting "The Little Drummer Boy: a Christmas Musical," on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. at 1100 Manly St. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Dr. James Fulwood is host pastor. For more information, call 336-723-6396.

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### Holden evening prayer

Christ and Shiloh Lutheran churches will mark the Advent season with the candlelit Holden Evening Prayer service Sundays at 7 p.m. until Dec. 20. Free hot cider and pastries shared 30 minutes beforehand at 3205 S. Main St. For more information, call 336-722-1732

Through Dec. 22

### The Christmas Experience

If we don't tell the story, we lose the story ... Local businessman, Bobby Davis, along with First Christian Church Ministries, will present The Christmas Experience at First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main St, Kernersville. The Christmas Experience tells the story of the birth of Christ. It is a live 50-minute walk-through experience utilizing the latest 3D projection technologies, visual effects, and practical effects. Each guest will experience five separate sound stages telling the stories of Mary, Joseph, The Three Kings, the Shepherds, and the Nativity.

The Christmas Experience will take place every day from Nov. 27 through Dec. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m., with tours leaving every 10 minutes.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [thechristmasxp.com](http://thechristmasxp.com).

Dec. 26

### Movie showing

WISE (Women in Spiritual Excellence) has purchased license rights from Provident Films and will sponsor a free showing of the award winning Christian movie "War Room" on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2 p.m. at Kimberly Park Holiness Church, located at 1640 Caesar Drive. "War Room," a compelling drama with heart and humor, explores the power prayer has on marriage, family, parenting, careers and relationships. For more information, call 336-723-8001.

Jan. 23

### Winter Blues

The Women's Ministry of First Christian Church located at 1130 N. Main St, Kernersville, is excited to welcome best-selling author Angie Smith to Winter Blues 2016. One of the most popular speakers and bloggers in the country, Angie Smith is the author of "Mended," "I Will Carry You," and "What Women Fear." This event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at [fcministries.com](http://fcministries.com).

Ongoing

### Food and Pantry clothes closet

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Love Community Development Corporation, located at 3980 N. Liberty St., will serve those in need of food and clothes. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing assistance with resumes or seeking employment. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

Clothes closet

The Ambassador Cathedral Clothes Closet will be open on Sundays from noon to 2 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 1500 Harriet

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## Hundreds remember religious leader, community advocate for her hard work

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

Hundreds of people filed into Bethlehem Baptist Church to pay their last respects to community crusader Deloris Huntley last weekend. Many remember the first lady of Alpha and Omega Church of Faith for her dedication to improving the quality of life of others.

She was married to Bishop John Huntley. She also was founder and director of The Alpha and Omega Family Institute.

"Mrs. Huntley was always working to build up this community and the people who live here," said Janet Washington of



Huntley

Winston-Salem. "I will always remember her willingness to give to others."

Through her many programs held at the Alpha and Omega Family Institute, Huntley made it her duty to provide a place where individuals could

access programs and services they otherwise would not have access to.

The programs include after school tutoring help for children, healthy cooking classes, prenatal classes, an HIV/AIDS and Young Women's Health and Wellness conference, and a Children's Health Fair.

Through the programs, area residents are able to gather new information, learn new skills and ultimately learn to contribute back to the community.

In 2009, Huntley was recognized for her impact in the community when she received the Winston-Salem Foundation's ECHO award. The award is presented annually to those

who work around the clock to build a stronger community by building connections among people.

A number of people mentioned that the love and dedication Huntley showed over the years for the neighborhood and the people in it will live on forever. Bernard Davis of the city stated because of Huntley, he understands the importance of giving back.

"I will never forget how Mrs. Huntley made me and the people of this community feel," he continued. "She always stressed the importance of giving back and she passed that on to everyone she came in contact with. She will truly be missed."

## St. Paul offers help to grief-stricken for the holidays



Photo by Timothy Ramsey  
Some of the materials used during the "Surviving the Holidays" session of GriefShare.

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The holiday season is usually the time of year when families get together and enjoy one another's company and catch up on good times. For some, though, it elicits memories and traditions of love ones who have passed away.

St. Paul United Methodist Church held its monthly GriefShare meeting Saturday, Dec. 12, on "Surviving the Holidays," to address the issue of those who have lost loved ones during the holiday season. GriefShare is a religious-based organization with support groups all across the country that allows individuals to fellowship with others who are dealing with similar loss and uses Scripture to help people cope with their pain.

"There were women losing their husbands and husbands losing their wives, and I was chatting with a member of the congregation about how sad some people had become, and how some people had even become sheltered, and I thought something had to be done to help," said Marian Winbush, who is one of the facilitators of St. Paul's GriefShare.

St. Paul holds its GriefShare meetings once a month and addresses different areas of grief in an attempt to assist others in their time of need. Some of the topics addressed at the sessions are divorce or loss of a young child. The sessions are in groups of 13 and then a new round of sessions begins.

Saturday's session was a very emotional one in which individuals shared stories of their lost loved ones

from years back to some who have recently lost someone. The facilitators showed a video that provided tips for dealing with the loss of a loved one during the holiday season, such as confronting the pain, taking time to adjust to the loss and using your relationship with God to move forward.

"I am dealing with the loss of my daughter by surrounding myself with positive people and traveling so I won't just sit around dwelling on the fact that I am very sad. I also go visit her grave from time to time and talk with her and put out flowers, which helps me a lot," said Rosie Verdell when asked about her feelings on the loss of her daughter.

Winbush said she feels the most joy when she sees someone move from mourning to being able to cope

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## Dedication of the Firstborn

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 13:13b-15; Luke 2:22-32

By the end of this lesson we should

\*See what God has done in showing us the significance of the birth of His son, the Lord Jesus.

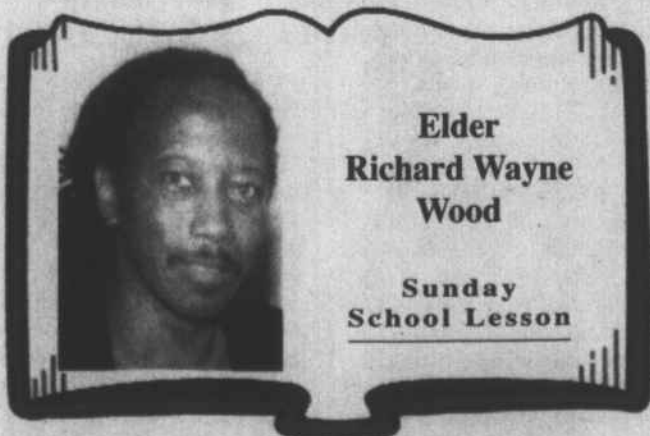
\*See that what God has foretold and brought about is far more important than all the secular and social traditions of the season.

\*Center our thinking and celebrations this season on the Lord Jesus and His work for us.

**Background:** In ancient Israel, firstborn sons had legal rights to their father's inheritance, and are dedicated to God. Mosaic Law dictates that every male firstborn animal or human must be set apart for the Lord and

redeemed for a price. The observation of Passover is a celebration of the Lord's deliverance of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. Leading up to the departure, or Exodus, ... Pharaoh refused to let the people go, causing God to send a host of events meant to persuade, but, the king's heart was hardened. God finally sends a death angel to kill all firstborn males except those abiding in houses where there was blood over the doorpost. The angel passing through with death and passing over the blood signs is now observed as Passover to commemorate the Lord's salvation.

Lesson: Every firstborn male child in Israel must be



Elder  
Richard Wayne  
Wood

Sunday  
School Lesson

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