

RELIGION

CALENDAR



Easter Calendar

Today, March 24

Holy Thursday Service

Holy Thursday service will be held jointly with Goler Metropolitan at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion, 630 N. Patterson Ave. beginning at 7 p.m. The Rev. Johnny Ruff will be the messenger and Holy Communion will be administered.

Starting today, March 24

Food Box Giveaway and Easter events

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., will have a Food Box Giveaway at 2058 Dellabrook Road from 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Greater Tabernacle Worship Center presents the "Seven Last Sayings of Jesus Christ" on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, March 26, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Civitan Park in Kernersville from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Host Pastor Apostle BJ McCloud. For additional information contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113.

Starting today, March 24

Holy Week Celebration

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1151 East 14th St., invites the community to join it in its Holy Week Celebration "Living as people of the Resurrection." Today, March 24, Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. there will be dinner. Please RSVP by calling 336-771-1641. Worship - Haggadah after dinner. On March 25 there will be a Candlelight Worship Service at 7:30 p.m. On March 27 there will be the Sunday Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., with Sunday School following at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Celebration.

Starting today, March 24

Steps to the Cross Easter services

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God The Apostle's Faith Inc. located at 741 Moravia St. where the pastor is Bishop Barbara G. Adams, will have their "Steps To The Cross" Easter services today, Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25 at 7:15 p.m. Dynamic speakers each night, ending on Easter Sunday, March 27, with Sunday School starting at 10 a.m. followed by Praise & Worship Service at 11 a.m. Pastor & Overseer Bishop Barbara G. Adams will deliver the Easter Sunday message, "He Rose! Jesus Is Alive & Doing Fine!" For more information please call 336-251-

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April 3

107th church and pastor's anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Dr., will celebrate their 107th anniversary and Pastor Dr. Rev. Charles Gray's 37th anniversary on Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend in this celebration.

April 3

Interfaith Tour Sunday

The Community Mosque, St. Phillips Moravian Church in Old Salem, and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church are the featured stops on the ninth annual Interfaith Tour sponsored by Interfaith Winston-Salem, Sunday afternoon, April 3. The tour begins at The Community Mosque, 1419 Waughtown St. at 2 p.m. with a presentation by Imam Khalid Griggs, and moves to St. Phillips Moravian Church, the state's oldest African-American church still standing in North Carolina, at 911 S. Main St. at 3 p.m. for comments by the Rev. Russ May. The final stop is at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 1730 Link Road, at 4 p.m. where Father Carl Zdanczewicz will share the story of his church. Time will be allowed for questions and discussion at each location. Free pizza and beverages will be served at Our Lady of Mercy around 5 p.m. Interfaith Winston-Salem is an all-volunteer tax-exempt nonprofit that works to build understanding among religious and non-religious traditions.

April 10

Pastoral pre-anniversary service

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center with Pastor Richard C. Miller Sr. & Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller, located at 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, invite the community to attend the worship service on Sunday April 10, at 4 p.m. The guest church will be Shield of Faith and Dr. James Jones. Come join this evening of fellowship for the Pastoral Pre-Anniversary Service. For more information, contact the church office at 336-784-9347.

April 10

A Night to Honor Israel

On Sunday, April 10 at 7 p.m., Agape Faith

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WSSU project conducting free diabetes training at churches

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Diabetes is a serious health problem that the African-American community faces today. To raise awareness and education, Winston-Salem State University researchers implemented an initiative designed for African-Americans age 18 and older, with or without pre-diabetes, to help reduce their risk of Type-2 diabetes (adult onset).

"The HOSEA Project:

Training, Equipping and Empowering Churches to Prevent Diabetes," a faith-based and culturally tailored initiative, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began year one project implementation in November 2015. The HOSEA Project is partnering with over 14 African-American churches in the



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Winston-Salem vicinity. Year two project implementation will begin in November 2016.

Recognizing that a majority of African-American congregations include a large percentage of diabetics, WSSU researchers were strategic in incorporating diabetes education (HOSEA Phase II) into the initiative to provide sup-

port to those members diagnosed with diabetes by affording them free trainings inclusive of valuable information to help them maintain adequate diabetes management. Trainings will be open to family members and caregivers.

This program strategy will provide the churches with increased awareness and knowledge about pre-diabetes and the impact of diabetes equipping and empowering them to reduce the risks of this

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'Prayer Storm' gathers to walk and pray for city

The participants of the Prayer Walk starting their 5K walk on Saturday in downtown Winston-Salem.

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The power of prayer seems to have a profound effect in the lives of people of all faiths. Matthew 18:20 states "For where two or more are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Building on that theme, the religious community of Winston-Salem held the "Prayer Storm" on Saturday, March 19, in downtown Winston-Salem. Over a hundred people registered for the event which included a 5K walk around the city's downtown area near Highway 52. Even with the rain and wind, there was still a very good turnout.

This idea was the brainchild of Ashley Reyes of Winston Salem First who contacted Chuck Spong of the Love Out Loud nonprofit organiza-



Prayer Storm shirt.

tion, who in turn gathered other individuals in the religious community to join the event.



Rev. Spangler, right, and Apostle Samuels under the prayer tent.

"I just really have a heart for prayer," said Reyes. "I love the Lord and I believe the Lord is crazy about this city and people in the city, as he is all of his children. I was really pumped about having a citywide prayer gathering and that we could come together in unity as the body of Christ and not separate churches, but everyone coming together to pray for the love of God to come across the city."

Reverend Laura Spangler of Lloyd Presbyterian Church said, "I believe it's very important for us to pray for our city and we have weekly gatherings at our church to pray and this prayer storm is just part of that

whole process. We just feel as though we need God in our city and we are here today for fellowship and prayer and just feel the love."

The 5K walk started in the P4 parking lot of the Inmar building and wrapped around the neighborhood and business areas near Highway 52. Along the way the participants routinely stopped and prayed with one another.

Prayer walk participant Debra Surles said she decided to participate because she knows that God is real and that Jesus rose from the dead for our sins and we became free by the Holy Spirit. Surles became overcome

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Resurrection Faith

Lesson Scripture:
Mark 16:1-8

By the end of this lesson, we will

*Remember details of the discovery by Jesus' followers of His resurrection and promise for the future

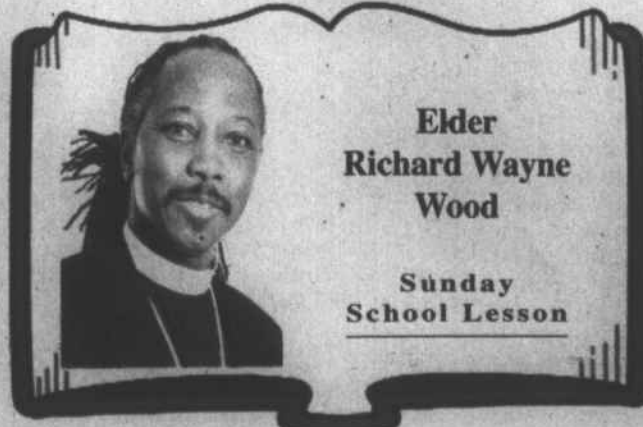
*Understand the centrality of the resurrection in our Christian faith

*Develop greater confidence in our salvation because of the resurrected Christ

Background: Jesus is arrested and given two trials — one Jewish and one Roman. The Jewish started with a hearing before Annas. Then He was sent to Caiaphas where He was officially condemned. Because the Jews were under Roman rule, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. Pilate sent Him to Herod and Herod returned Him to Pilate where judgment was passed. (John 18:12-23, Mark 14:53-

for His clothes, darkness fell over the sky and three hours later Jesus cried out and gave up the ghost (Mark 15:15-37). Now at the same time as Jesus' death, the Jerusalem temple curtain splits and the way into the presence of God is opened through Christ's death (Heb 10:19-22).

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Elder
Richard Wayne
Wood

Sunday
School Lesson

65, 15:1-25, Luke 23:6-12). Jesus was "flogged" then sent to be "crucified." As is customary, Jesus was to carry His cross to Golgotha, but the weakened condition of His body necessitated help. Simon of Cyrene (a city in northern Africa) was pulled from the crowd to assist. The time for the crucifixion was nine in the morning. He was hung from the cross as King of the Jews around noon. While the soldiers were gambling