

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Today, April 21

Food Box Giveaway

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center will have a food box giveaway today, Thursday, April 21, at 2058 Dellabrook Rd. from noon - 2 p.m.

Today, April 21, and April 22

Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Today, April 21 and Friday, April 22, Pastor Essie C. McCullough will be celebrating her 37th Pastoral Anniversary. On today, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., the guest speaker will be Evangelist Mary Alexander. On Friday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m., the guest speaker will be Pastor Clyde Lindsay. The church is located at 3300 Overdale Drive. For more information, call 771-2111.

Today, April 21, and April 22

Spring Revival

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Fitch St., will host its annual Spring Revival through Friday, April 22. Rev. Dr. C.E. Gray, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, will deliver the preached Word on today, Thursday, April 21. And on Friday, April 21, Bishop Stephen Williams, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church, will deliver the preached Word. The services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach Sr. is the pastor. The community is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 336-418-2003.

April 22

Night of the Arts Benefit Concert

Great Commission Community Church, Inc., 3733 Ogburn Ave., invites the community to our 3rd annual Night of the Arts Benefit Concert Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m. This is a free concert, and all proceeds help to eradicate hunger in our community. There will be classical music, ballet, jazz bands, an orchestra, and much more! For more information, call 336-577-3420.

April 22

Fashion Show

The Women's Ministry of Greater Tabernacle Worship Center will have their second annual Fashion Show on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. The location for this event will be at Springtime Healthy Lifestyle Club, 416 Liberty St. Tickets are \$10 per person. For additional information, contact Greater Tabernacle Worship Center at 336-777-1113 or Tamica Patterson at 336-995-3046.

April 23

Calendar Luncheon

St. James AME Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will hold a Calendar Luncheon on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 1 p.m. Donation is \$25 per person which entitles you to lunch and giveaways. For more information, call 336-724-3865.

April 23 and 24

Anniversary and Retirement Celebration

The congregation at Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 101 N. Dunleith Avenue, will celebrate the 35th Pastoral Anniversary and Retirement of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones, on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. On Saturday, April 23, the members of Zion Memorial will provide a Celebration Banquet for Pastor Jones. Rev. Dr. Serenus Churn, Sr., Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, will deliver the banquet address. On Sunday, April 24, the morning message will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. D. Ballard, Pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. On Sunday, May 1, Rev. Dr. Jones will deliver his final sermon as pastor of Zion Memorial. The public is invited to share in these worship services.

April 23

Gospel Concert

On Saturday April 23, at 6 p.m., at Abba Father's Ministries, Inc., located at 4014 North Cherry St., there will be a concert hosted by Pastor Scottie and Co-Pastor Earline White, featuring "The Kelly Sisters," a local gospel family group. Abba Father's Ministries Praise team will open up for the concert. Come out to hear and support these anointed and dynamic Women of God. You will be blessed tremendously! For more information, contact Co-Pastor Earline White 336-816-0571.

April 24

Family & Friends Day

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center with Pastor Richard C. Miller, Sr. & Co-Pastor Ernestine Miller, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, invite everyone to the service for Family & Friends Day Weekend to be held on Sunday, April 24, at 4 pm. The guest pastor will be Dr. James Linville and the Piney Grove Baptist Church. For more information contact the administrative office at 336-784-9347.

April 24

Family and Friends Day

Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, 5095 Lansing Dr., will have Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 24 at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. morning services. Grammy award winning gospel recording artist K. J. Scriven will be the guest psalmist at the 10 a.m. service. In addition, there will be prizes and giveaways at both services. Bishop Sheldon M. McCarter is the senior pastor at GCACC. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the church at 336-661-0226.

April 24

134th Church Anniversary

St. James AME Church, 1501 N. Patterson Ave., will celebrate their 134th Church Anniversary on April 24 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Steven L. Lyons is pastor. For more information, call 336-724-3865.

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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Security expert Bobby Kimbrough Jr. discusses the importance of maintaining security in the place of worship during the "Plan, Prepare and Protect Safety and Security" course on Saturday, April 16.

Churches receive top-grade security training

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Members of churches from around the Triad came together to find ways to boost security by creating security teams last weekend during the "Plan, Prepare and Protect Safety and Security" training workshop hosted by security expert Bobby Kimbrough Jr.

During the three-hour course, Kimbrough, one of the leading authorities on workplace and church security, discussed the importance of maintaining security in the place of worship and how security teams should be assembled and operate.

Anyone who knows Kimbrough knows that he is very passionate about protecting God's people. He currently personally secures more than 180 nationally known bishops from all over the world and the prime minister of the Bahamas. The Winston-Salem native also is the head of security at Union Baptist Church located on Trade Street in Winston-Salem.

Kimbrough said he decided to host the training course because the church is often regarded as the cornerstone of the black community and it is important to protect that most powerful entity.

"We have to move from the untrained to the trained."

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Galilee uses 'Risen' movie as inspiration for discipleship

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has been told many times over the years, from stage to screen.

The congregation of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church held a private viewing of the movie "Risen," which tells the story of a Roman soldier's search for Jesus' body after the Resurrection. Most often, the Resurrection story is told from the angle of an apostle or a follower of Jesus. This movie chronicles the perspective from the other side.

"I saw the previews and thought it would be a good opportunity to fellowship and perhaps learn something and to celebrate Christ and the Resurrection as a part of this Easter season," said the Rev. Dr. Nathan Scovens, lead pastor of Galilee, as to why he decided to have this private viewing.

The movie follows Clavius, a Roman tribune, who has just returned home from battle. He is then called by Pontius Pilate to oversee the final moments of the crucifixion of Jesus (or Yeshua, as he is called in the movie).

In an effort to quell a potential uprising from followers of Jesus who believe he will rise after three days, Pilate orders Clavius to make sure the body is entombed and guarded to ensure the body cannot be moved.

Following the Resurrection, Clavius is now tasked with finding the body of Jesus as they believe it has been stolen and refuse to believe Jesus has returned. Clavius then seeks to find the disciples of Jesus, but unexpectedly finds the risen Jesus and finds himself in a state of utter disbelief.

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Photos by Timothy Ramsey

The congregation of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church exit the theater after viewing the film "Risen" on Wednesday, April 13.

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A Family Reunion

Lesson Scripture:

Luke 15:11-24

By the end of this lesson, we will

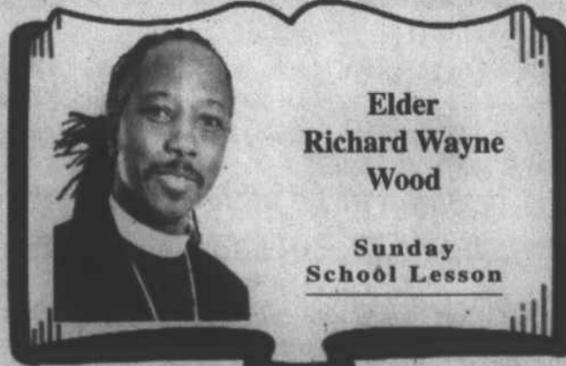
*Recognize God's compassion through the parable of the prodigal son

*Feel the need for reunion in families and connect that to our relationship with God

*Rejoice with God in the salvation of the lost

Background: The latest charge against

Jesus by the religious aristocracy is that He welcomed sinners. Using here a series of three parables, Jesus made it clear that His actions, not theirs, revealed the heart of God. In the first parable of the lost sheep, the shepherd demonstrates genuine concern by making personal contact, as opposed to sending someone else to look for the sheep. In the second parable of the lost coin, Jesus got the



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Richard Wayne
Wood**

**Sunday
School Lesson**

religious leaders to think about two questions: First, did they seek those who were lost from God with as much intensity as the woman seeking her missing coin? And secondly, did they share the joy of heaven when a sinner repented and came into a personal relationship with the Father? The third parable of the lost son asks us to view a father of wealth and stature who has two sons and how their actions teach about insurrection

of sinners against God. Jesus was always very effective in demonstrating the truth that He proclaimed.

Lesson: In a Jewish family of a father and two sons, custom dictates that the older son would inherit two-thirds of the father's estate and the younger son one-third. This

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