

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Today, April 28

### Spring Pentecost Conclave

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will hold the last of a two-day Spring Pentecost Conclave on April 28 at 7 p.m. Dr. J. Louis Felton, pastor of the Mount Airy Church of Christ in Philadelphia, Pa., will preach this evening. Bishop Sir Walter Mack, Jr. is pastor and teacher. For more information, call the church office 336-724-9305 or visit the website [unionbaptistwsnc.org](http://unionbaptistwsnc.org).

April 29

### Fish Fry

The Home Mission Society will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, April 29, 3-8 p.m. at Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E. Fourth St. You may dine in or carry out. All meals include two pieces of fish, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, drink and dessert. Will deliver five or more orders. For tickets call 336-813-4905, 336-817-7763 or 336-723-2325.

April 29

### Fish Fry

A Fish Fry will be held on April 29 from noon until 6 p.m. sponsored by the Steward Board of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church Enrichment Center, 620 N. Patterson Ave., featuring our famous fish dinner at \$8 per plate. The dinner includes fish, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and cake slice. You can also purchase a fish sandwich with coleslaw for \$5. Take out or eat in.

April 29

### Community worship

Fellowship Church, 2800 Sprague St., will host the inaugural session of a community worship event called "Winston Worships" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The service is designed to unify the body of Christ through worship and music, says the leaders of the session, Fellowship's Lead Pastor Tony Jones and Music Director Matthew Kelly. Special guest on Friday will be Grammy award winner KJ Scriven.

April 30

### Singles and Single Parents Group

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center located, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, invites all singles and single parents to join the Singles and Single Parents Group on Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m. This program addresses the needs of single males and females, divorced and widowed individuals, through creative group activities that include guided discussions, group outings, informative support and much more. For more information contact the administrative office at 336-784-9347.

May 6

### 2016 Friendship Day

Green Street United Methodist Church, 639 S. Green Street between Academy and West Street, will have a worship celebration on May 6 at 11:30 a.m. Worship celebration and message/Bible study led by the Rev. Kelly Carpenter. The 60th Anniversary of Fellowship of the Least Coin will be held. We encourage women to contribute \$6 for the Least Coin offering. For more information, call Mallie Graham, 336-924-9409.

May 6 - 8

### Women's Conference

Bishop Marvin, Pastor Clara Cremedy and the women of Vessels Of Honor Church Ministries invite you to attend the 2016 Women's Conference that will be held Friday, May 6 through Sunday, May 8, at Vessels of Home Church Ministries, 3608 Ogburn Ave. The theme will be "Chosen For Purpose." This three-day conference will feature three strong and anointed women of God speaking on "Your steps have been ordered by God." Prophetess Sonya Wallace-Blair of Vision House of Hope, Greensboro, will preach on Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Overseer Tassa Cremedy-Rice of Temple Of Glory Ministries will preach on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Apostle Shirley McCain of God's Grace Ministry, Martinsville, Virginia, will close the conference. The entire conference is free and open to the public (offerings will be received). Call 336-624-9531 for more information on this event.

May 7

### Konnoak Hills Neighborhood Music Festival

Konnoak Hills Neighborhood Music Festival will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, 3401 Konnoak Dr. A blood drive will also be held from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There will be live music all afternoon, children's activities, and a hot dog special. Bring a chair and a friend. For more information, call 336-788-9321.

May 18 - 20

### Women of Wisdom Conference

The Women of Wisdom Conference will be held May 18 - 20 at Miracle Temple Deliverance Church, 2930 Prescott Dr. The Conference theme is "Divine Assignment: John 20:16-18." The conference will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be: Wednesday, May 18, Co-Pastor Earline White, (Abba Father Ministries); Thursday May 19, Pastor Alice Mitchell, (Miracles Outreach International Church); Friday May 20, Evangelist Shirley Gaither, (True Temple Outreach Ministry). At 11 a.m. on Sunday May 22, Pastor Carolyn Tatum, (Mission on the Move Outreach Church).

### Ongoing Bible study

The Eastside Church of Christ, 536 Barbara Jane Ave. NE, Winston-Salem, is offering a free mail-in Bible study. It is designed to give a greater knowledge of the word of God. The eight-lesson course is an overview of the entire Bible. At the end of the course you will receive a certificate of completion. Sign up today by calling 336-722-2088 or by e-mailing [bern3@lexcominc.net](mailto:bern3@lexcominc.net).

## 'The Compassion Experience' is coming to Union Baptist



"The Compassion Experience" exhibit is shown from the outside.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Union Baptist will host "The Compassion Experience," an interactive, immersive display that allows individuals to experience global poverty without leaving home, April 28 - May 1.

This free event features a journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets and schools — without getting on a plane. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope.

The exhibit will be set-up in the parking lot of Union Baptist Church. In the span of less than 30 minutes, visitors will travel with a child from hardship to hope. An eye-opening experience challenges personal views of poverty, transforms the understanding of the world, and moves one to be the change for a child who lives in extreme poverty.

Today, Thursday, April 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Union

Baptist Missionaries will display some of the pillowcase dresses that they have sewn. Currently they have over 100 dresses of the 300 they plan to send to African countries. They will also have sewing machines set-up to show others how to construct the dresses and invite the community to join their efforts.

Union Baptist is located at 1200 N. Trade Street. Bishop Sir Walter Mack Jr. is pastor and teacher. For more information, please call 336-724-9305 and visit "The Compassion Experience" website: <http://cts.compassion.com/events/463>.

### Exhibit schedule:

Thursday, April 28, noon - 7:40 p.m.

Friday, April 29, noon - 7:40 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, noon - 7:40 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, 9:40 a.m. - 5:40 p.m.

## Workshop helps faith-based community address suicide



Photo by Donna Rogers

Fe Anam Avis facilitates the workshop "Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation" on April 21.

BY DONNA ROGERS  
THE CHRONICLE

As the preacher in the pulpit urges the congregation to worship God, he blurts out "I feel a spirit of suicide in here." Then at prayer time, unknown people contemplating suicide are prayed for.

This scene is repeated over several Sundays. Suicide is not a topic talked about much in places of worship nor had it been specified as an area for prayer needs as much as it is now.

"Often, it's a subject that is taboo," said Barbara Saulpaugh, regional director with CareNet Counseling, an

affiliate of Wake Forest Baptist Health. She said that could be because of fear, shame or embarrassment.

"I think people don't often ask the question 'Are you thinking of suicide?' because the person might say 'Yes' and the people wouldn't know what to do next.

There is not much training in churches on the topic. But the Northwest Area Health Education Center (NWAHEC) teamed up with CareNet Counseling to present four workshops called "Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation" in the Triad, with the last one conducted in Winston-Salem on Thursday April 21 at the NWAHEC

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## Increasing Faith

Lesson Scripture:

Luke 17:1-10

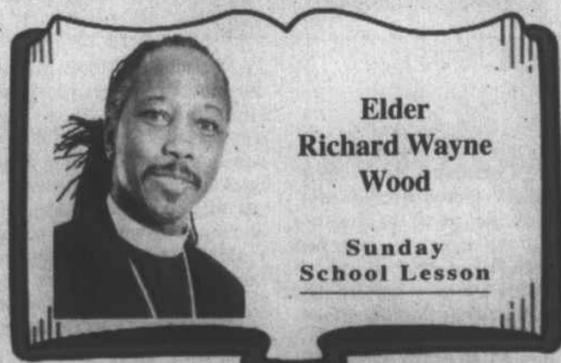
By the end of this lesson, we will

Review what Jesus said about causing another to stumble

Appreciate the importance of giving and receiving correction

Improve our methods and style of Godly correcting of others when necessary

**Background:** Jesus is journeying with His disciples in route to Jerusalem. Along the way He is intent on preparing them for the time when He would no longer be physically with them. Jesus especially wanted the disciples to understand and apply basic truths they needed to know. In this teaching Jesus used the term "little ones" and in the Greek this would refer to any of Jesus' disciples who may be regarded as being insignificant or unimportant by would-be



Elder  
Richard Wayne  
Wood

Sunday  
School Lesson

offenders. Jesus also used the word "millstone"... mills used extremely heavy stones to pulverize grain.

**Lesson:** Living equitably is what Jesus impresses upon His disciples. In teaching of this, Jesus presses the need to be a positive influence on others. Jesus uses the word "woe" to point out the sorrow that awaits those who tripped up His disciples. He emphatically stated that it would be better for the offender to

die prematurely rather than to live long enough to lure and entrap believers in wrongdoing (Luke 17:2). He gives the example of hundreds of pounds of weight (millstone) around the neck and being tossed into a body of water to drown, a vivid picture, right? Jesus refers to little ones and

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