

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Today, Aug. 11

Free concert featuring Dove award-winning artists

First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, will be hosting Dove award winning artists The Collingsworth Family for a free concert today, Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact Drew Grounds at [drewgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:drewgrounds@gmail.com) or (336) 996-7388.

Today, Aug. 11 - 15  
Men's Conference

Greater Higher Ground Ministries Abraham's Seed and Pastor Janice O. Heath invite you to join us for our 2016 Men's Conference today, Aug. 11, through Aug. 15. This year's theme is "Dressed to Defeat," Ephesians 6:11. The anointed men of God speaking are Pastor Jason Davis on Thursday, Pastor John Bailey on Friday. Services during the week start at 7 p.m. and Dr. Byron L. Battle on Sunday at 5 p.m. All services will be held at the headquarter church located at 4175 Moat Drive. For more information, call the church administration at 336-725-1125. Senior Pastor Janice O. Heath, Founder, the Late Apostle John H. Heath.

Today, Aug. 11 - 19  
Tent Revival

Triad Ministries Church of God in Christ is having a Tent Revival today, Thursday, Aug. 11 - Friday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. nightly. Services will take place at 4894 McCracken Road, Kernersville (across from Skate World). For more information, contact Pastor Eric Greaux at 919-599-8202.

Aug. 12 - 19

116th Church Anniversary/Biennial Homecoming

First Waightown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St. will celebrate its 116th Church Anniversary/Biennial Homecoming Service and Annual Revival beginning Friday, Aug. 12. The week-long schedule of events will begin with the Friday Family Movie Night showing of "War Room," the dynamic film about the power of prayer, at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. On Sunday, Aug. 14, Sunday school will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by morning worship service at 9:45 a.m. featuring a Reunion Choir composed of former youth choir members from the 1980s and 90s. A fellowship dinner will be served after the worship service. The theme for the celebration is "No Sweat: Take off the wool," drawn from Ezekiel 44:17-18. Revival services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 15-19, with the following guest ministers and their congregations: Monday, Pastor Rodney Barker, Refuge Community Church, Cooleemee; Tuesday, Bishop Stephen Williams, Goodwill Baptist Church, Clemmons; Wednesday, Pastor John W. Cade, Files Chapel Baptist Church, Lexington; Thursday, Overseer Michael Ellerbe, New Beginnings Full Gospel Ministries, High Point; Friday (Youth Night), Elder Justin Spencer Marshall, Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance, Winston-Salem. Pastor Dennis W. Bishop is senior pastor.

Aug. 13

GriefShare Support Group

St. Paul UMC, 2400 Dellabrook Road, will sponsor GriefShare support group on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. in the church conference room. The topic for the session is "The Journey of Grief-Part 1." Sessions are free, refreshments and exciting literature are available to all who attend. GriefShare is a support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the loss of someone close. For further information, contact the church office at 336-723-4531.

Aug. 13

Health Fair

Chosen Servants Outreach Ministry of Ministries of Truth Church, 145 Alice St. (Bus Route 2), is holding a free health fair on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. During the health fair, the RAM Know H.O.W. mobile clinic will be offering min-physicals, blood pressure check, cholesterol, and blood sugar check. Other offerings will be credit/debt counseling, banking services, job training and preparation, CPR training, mental health assessment, Hospice & Palliative Care, Cancer Services, school supplies, clothes and food giveaway, podiatrist, insurance and pre-need assessment, living wills, back to school hair care, and other services. For more information, contact Ministries of Truth Church at 336-748-1239 and ask for Pate.

Aug. 13

Women's Day

Dr. Gina Spivey-Brown will be the guest speaker for Women's Day on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave. The theme is "Joy Cometh In The Morning." Services will be at 11 a.m. and the earlier service is at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Brown has written numerous religious and academic articles and publications. She most recently served as the Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Howard University in Washington, D. C. The community is invited to hear Dr. Spivey-Brown's message. Godwin Mitchell, Jr. is the pastor. We will conclude the day with a concert at 4 by the Winston-Salem all male Twin City Choristers. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy.

Aug. 13

Prayer Conference

The Forsyth County Sunday School Union is sponsoring, "Focus on The Family Prayer Conference 2016" at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., Winston-Salem, on Aug. 13, 8 a.m. to noon. Refreshments served 8:30-9 a.m.

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## It's back to work for Children's Ministry

BY DONNA ROGERS  
THE CHRONICLE

In many churches, some programs for the congregation take a break in the summer just as schools do. As parents think about their students returning to school, many parents also are thinking about returning to church activities and how their students can participate.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church's Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry held an informational session to talk about the ministries and what they offer children.

Lisa Smith, who is in charge of the Children's Ministry, said her ministry provides Children's Church, which will restart next Sunday. She said the Children's Ministry also will

offer some new programs, such as recognition of students' good grades.

"We just want the kids to know that we recognize their effort," she said.

Keya Edwards is in charge of the Youth Ministry, which provides a Wednesday Bible study. She invited parents to come to the sessions as volunteers to see what their children are learning.

One family who doesn't

belong to the church was at the informational session. Sherril Gentry

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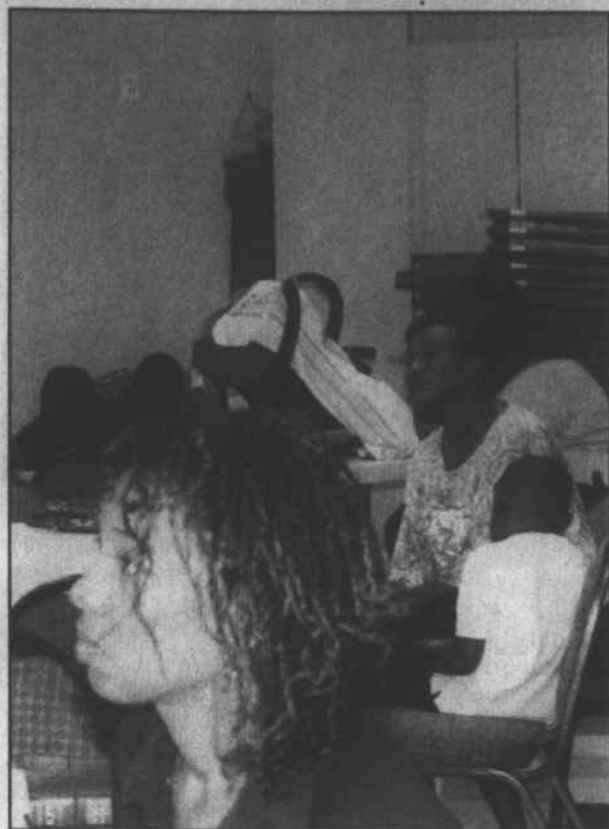


Photo by Donna Rogers

Parents, students and ministry volunteers attend an informational session to find out about the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 7.

## Pastor's sermon touches on unjust killings of black men



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Pastor Omar L. Dykes prays during alter call for the safety of young black men across the nation on Sunday, Aug. 7.

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

The focus of the nation has been fixated on the recent killings of unarmed black men at the hands of those who have sworn to protect and serve. Some choose to keep quiet as to not offend while others speak on what they feel is just.

Pastor Omar L. Dykes of St. John C.M.E. Church is the latter. His sermon on Sunday, Aug. 7, touched on the wrongful killings of the young black men and related them to the unjustified crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

He said he was inspired to write this sermon after reading "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James H. Cone. The acquittal of the police officers involved in the death of Freddie Gray also spurred his interest on the

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topic. Gray, 25, died in Baltimore police custody in April 2015. He sustained a

fatal neck injury while in custody. Although several officers were charged in his death, none were convicted. On July 27, prosecutors dropped all charges against the three remaining officers facing trial in connection with Gray's death.

"What concerns me is we only hear of the cases that are being reported, and there are other cases that are not reported," said Dykes. "What is it for me to be the voice of the voiceless, those who have suffered and been oppressed if I don't call for accountability for those who perpetuate the issue of shooting black bodies? I also want to give hope to those who feel like they have no voice and say what we are experiencing, Jesus experienced it as well."

Dykes stated that he knows sometimes people have trouble identifying

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## A Gift of Mercy

Lesson Scripture:  
Romans 9:6-18

By the end of this lesson, we will

\*See how all individuals are dependent on the mercy of God

\*Understand how this applies to us personally


\*Recognize that God remains faithful to His covenant promises

Background: The time

is about A.D. 57 in Corinth. Paul is still dealing with the Jews who don't want to accept Gentile believers. He is presenting the case for God's plan to be all encompassing and not singularly for the Jews only. Paul reminds them of God's promise to Abraham to bless the whole world through him ... not one sector or ethnicity.

Malachi 1:2-3 where the conventional thought is that we should see God's use of the word "hated" meaning more so, "Jacob I chose, but Esau I rejected." This is clearer when you actually read Malachi and reflect on how God in fact blessed Esau, just differently from the way Jacob

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**Elder  
Richard Wayne  
Wood**

**Sunday  
School Lesson**