

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Today through Nov. 20 Appreciation Service

Born Again Free Church, 741 Moravia St., will celebrate and show appreciation to the Woman of God. Bishop Barbara G. Adams, now through Nov. 20. The Thursday through Friday service will be at 7:15 p.m. The Saturday service will be at 7 p.m. and the Sunday service will begin at 10 a.m. The Sunday service will be held at the Born Again Church at 315 Spring St. in Thomasville. For more information, visit bornagainfreechurch.org.

### Today, Nov. 17, through Nov. 20 13th Annual Conference

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will host their 13th Annual Corner 2 Corner (C2C) Drug Dealers and Street Life Conference on Nov. 17-20. The theme of the conference is "Your Lives Matter." The purpose of the conference is to enhance drug dealer's knowledge of God and to lead them to Christ. Participation is free and open to recovering addicts, persons on probation for drug related charges, individuals in substance abuse centers, rehabilitation programs and their families. The keynote speaker is conference founder Bishop Sir Walter, Jr. He will speak on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. C2C will have registration and a continental breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 a.m. Workshops will begin each morning at 9:15 a.m. and conclude with lunch. The graduation workshop service will be on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. Registration is free and open to the public. If interested in participating in the C2C conference, call 336-724-9305 ext. 222. The pastor is Bishop Sir Walter L. Mack Jr.

### Today, Nov. 17 Discussion on Religion

Humanism with Heart Program of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hold a discussion on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. about Daniel Dennett's book "Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon." For more information, email humanism@uufws.org.

### Nov. 19 Annual Feed Day

The Missionary Department of First Waightown Baptist Church, 838 Moravia St., will be sponsoring Feed My Sheep Day on Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event reaches out to the homeless, those who need to hear about the love of God and those in need of assistance. Hot meals, new and used clothing and give out bags with hat, gloves, socks and toiletry items will be provided. Prayer and counseling will be available upon request. Church vans will be providing transportation from various locations and shelters throughout the city for those interested in attending. For additional information, call the Missionary Dept. at 336-345-4698. Pastor Dennis W. Bishop is the senior pastor.

### Nov. 19 Community Celebration

Messiah Community Christian Church, 2651 Belews Creek Road, will hold a community celebration on Nov. 19 from 3-5 p.m. The celebration will have free clothing, shoes, shirts and more for those who need warm clothes for the winter. The theme of the event is "I Am Somebody Special." For more information, call 336-602-1440. The pastor is Rev. Louis Threatt.

### Nov. 19-20 96th Church Anniversary

St. John C.M.E. church, 350 NW Crawford Place, will be celebrating the 96th Church Anniversary. The theme is "Journeying from the Past to the Present." The celebration will begin on Saturday, Nov. 19 with a Throwback Luncheon and Fashion Show from 1:30-3:30 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 20 worship service will be held at 10:45 a.m. The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thomas, pastor of Long Chapel C.M.E. Church and former pastor of St. John. Tickets for the fashion show are \$5 each. For more information, contact 336-725-3968.

### Nov. 20 Annual Women's Day Celebration

Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1435 E 4th St., will hold the Annual Women's Day on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. at the worship service. The guest speaker will be Dr. Marjorie G. Adams, who serves in Ministry in Life of Faith Ministries in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme for the celebration is "Goler Women: Poised and Positioned to Proclaim the Word." The women will also collect nonperishable foods, clothing and personal care products to aid members of Baker's Creek A.M.E. Zion Church in Elizabethtown, affected by the damages of Hurricane Matthew. The pastor is Rev. Johnny L. Ruff.

### Nov. 20 Worship Service

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will have worship service on Sunday, Nov. 20. Minister intern Shakoisha Gray will speak on "Your Faith Has Made You Well," at the 9 and 11 a.m. service. The 9:15 forum will focus on the benefits of Tai Chi discussed by Eric Marks of Blue Ridge Kung Fu Academy. Jerry McLeese, a promoter of interfaith dialogue will speak on "the Quantum Community" at Explorations at 9:15 a.m.

### Nov. 20 Youth program

Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Pkwy, will host Youth Breaking Out (YBO) program on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. for youth from grades pre-K to elementary. A free lunch will be provided, all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the church office at 336-784-9347.

## Local church honors veterans and former ushers at program

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

Veterans all across the country celebrated Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11. The veterans of St. John C.M.E. were honored by the congregation this past Sunday, as well as those who have also formerly served on their usher board and as greeters.

St. John has been honoring their veterans for years, but senior pastor Rev. Omar L. Dykes said he learned from his grandmother to honor those who came before him, so this

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The former ushers and veterans were celebrated for their years of service.



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Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams is presented with his doctoral degree from his mentor, Rev. Dr. J.T. Roberson.

## Pastor celebrates doctoral degree

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

The Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams, lead pastor of Diggs Memorial United Holy Church, celebrated the completion of his doctoral studies in a ceremony that was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 12.



Dr. Lamonte Williams was presented with a cake and picture for everyone in attendance to sign as a memento for him.

After three years of schooling at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, Williams received his doctoral degree. There were many esteemed guest who attended the event, such as Mayor Allen Joines, state Sen. Paul Lowe and state Rep. Evelyn Terry. The Honorable Judge Denise Hartsfield served as the mistress of ceremonies.

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## Mount Zion veterans recognized

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Nov. 6, Mount Zion Baptist Church recognized its veterans at the 11 a.m. service. Their names were listed at the entrance along with a display of caps representing each branch of the military.

To pay tribute to the veterans, each church member was pinned with a patriot ribbon and each veteran was given a special souvenir. The veterans and their families sat in a reserved section. Flags for each branch of the military were displayed in the church sanctuary.

On behalf of the Senior Missionary Department, Maurice Johnson commended the veterans for their dedi-

cated service and their sacrifice. Earnest Squire, a veteran, made remarks.

Pastor Dr. Serenus Churn had the veterans gather at the altar for a prayer of thanks. It was truly a very moving moment for the veterans and for the congregation, Johnson said.

Profiles of two veterans were highlighted on the printed bulletin, prepared by Howard Shaw:

\*Retired Army Flight Officer Terry Bailey, a native of Winston-Salem, is one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the first Black servicemen to serve as military aviators in

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## Living Waters

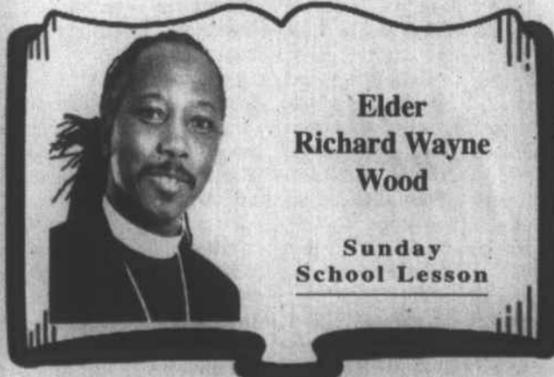
Lesson Scripture:  
Revelations 22:1-7

By the end of this lesson, we will

\*Get a clearer understanding of the river of life in New Jerusalem

\*Appreciate more the blessing of eternal life and all that it brings

\*Be open to experience more of the abundant life that Jesus has made available to us



available to us eternal life. In fulfilling New Testament prophecies, Christ defends that new life with incomparable power and mercy. The tree of life is referred to in Genesis, Proverbs and Revelations, each giving different aspects ... read and compare.

Lesson: John is still being guided by an angel and is shown a river of pure water (the river of life) symbolizing the continual flow of eternal life from God's throne to the New Jerusalem and its inhabitants (verse 1). There is also a tree of life ... first mentioned in Genesis 2:9, but here it has 12 fruits and a different one for each month, symbolizing the abundant variety in heaven and of value are the leaves for the healing. "The leaves somehow enrich heavenly life,

Background: The time given for this writing is 96 A.D. on the Isle of Patmos. Isaiah's prophecies are referenced in the last chapter of Revelations. Christ fulfills both Old Testament and New Testament prophecies. The Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled with Christ's first coming as the prophecies of New Testament in Revelation, will be fulfilled in Christ's second coming. In fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies, Christ made

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