

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

**Dec. 31 & Jan. 1**

**Holiday Worship services**

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive, will hold Holiday Worship Services. The Watch Night Service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31, starting at 6 p.m. The New Year's Day Service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. The pastor is Rev. Dr. Nathan Edward Scovens Sr.

**Dec. 31**

**Watch Night service**

Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will hold a Watch Night Service starting 10 p.m. Dec. 31. The public is invited to attend. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the host pastor.

**Dec. 31**

**Watch Night service**

St. James A.M.E. Church will hold Watch Night service starting 11 p.m. Dec. 31. Our sister church, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, will render the service. The Rev. Dr. Jasper W. Hemphill Jr., the pastor of Union Bethel, will bring the message. The public is invited to attend. St. James is located at 1501 N. Patterson Avenue (at the corner of 15th Street) across from the U.S. Post Office. The pastor is the Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons.

**Dec. 31**

**Watch Night service**

Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will host Watch Night Service on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 p.m. Youth Ministry will sponsor a pre-watch night spaghetti dinner and salad bar, 8-10 p.m., adults \$9, children 12 and under \$4.50, which also includes the viewing of the movie "War Room." For dinner tickets, contact Shirley Kindle via the Goler Memorial church office at 336-724-9411. The Rev. Dr. George C. Banks is pastor.

**Dec. 31**

**Watch Night service**

The Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1905 N. Jackson Ave., will bring the New Year in with the annual Watch Night service on Dec. 31 at 10:30 p.m. Bishop John Huntley and the Alpha and Omega church will be the special guests. All are invited. The pastor is Paul W. Hart.

**Jan. 5**

**Environmental movie**

Temple Emanuel's Environmental Movement (TEEM) will sponsor a movie with a subject matter expert speaker(s), speaker-led discussion and researched handout 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 at Temple Emanuel, 201 Oakwood Drive, in Winston-Salem near Thruway Shopping Center. The film is "Inside the Garbage of the World: The Ugly Truth about Plastic Pollution" and the topic is "Garbage: From Land To Water." Contact phone and email - Gayle Tuch, cell: 336-407-2767; gayle@ggtuchlaw.com and Sally Hirsh, cell: 336-251-2658; ainsaljo@earthlink.net.

**Jan. 14**

**Men's Summit**

The annual Christian Men's Summit will be held at First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville NC, on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The summit brings men together for fellowship, to worship, to feed their soul, challenge them to be better men and teach them about creating a sustainable walk with God for a lifetime. The 2017 summit will feature Bob Tebow, father of baseball and football star Tim Tebow; David and Jason Benham, former Minor League baseball players; Dr. Tejado Hanchell, international speaker and pastor; and Ret. Gen. Jerry Boykin, Delta Force General and Commander. Tickets are \$15 with lunch included. Tickets can be purchased at <http://2017triad-menssummit.eventbrite.com>, at the FCCM church office and at Shady Grove Wesleyan in Colfax.

**Ongoing**

**Food program**

First Baptist Church Children's Center, 501 West Fifth St., is participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants. Children who are TANF recipients or who are members of SNAP or FDIPIR households or are Head Start participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of food stamp or FDIPIR households or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. For more information, call 336-723-7071.

**Tuesdays**

**Men Helping Men Be Men**

All men young and old are invited to fellowship with Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc., 4951 Manning St., during Men Helping Men Be Men every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact 336-744-3012.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**Food pantry, clothes closet**

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1-3 p.m., Love Community Development Corporation, located at 3980 N. Liberty St., will serve those in need of food and clothes. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing assistance with resumes or seeking employment. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

## Christmas Day message centers on gratefulness

BY DONNA ROGERS  
THE CHRONICLE

Christmas Day was a time of celebration at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, and of reflection.

The church, on Northampton Drive in Winston-Salem, was one of the churches that chose to have a service on the actual date, Sunday, Dec. 25. Some churches opted to have a service on Saturday,



Dr. Scovens

Christmas Eve, rather than Sunday.

The service was abbreviated for the day, considering Christmas is a time for families to be together. The service featured singing, praying and regular church procedures.

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Scovens, senior pastor of the church, did not deliver a message that centered on the Christmas Story. Instead, he told members

of the congregation to "Just Be Grateful."

"Stop complaining and grumbling, stop moaning about life and just be grateful," he said.

Scovens said those in the congregation should look to how blessed they are now to be grateful, not just in the past.

"Too often I have found that we are grateful for the

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The crowd listens intently during the Ministers' Conference session.

Photos by Timothy Ramsey

## Fulton outlines Ministers' Conference achievements



Bishop Fulton

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) has been led by Bishop Todd Fulton for the past two years. During that span, the conference has seen an exponential growth in membership. Bishop Fulton's term as president is coming to a close, but his imprint on the conference will never be forgotten.

When Fulton took over as president, the conference was "on life support," according to sources. Fulton breathed life back into the conference by bringing in new

members along with introducing new committees and strengthening the validity overall.

"For me it speaks to what Dr. King said and that is we can all be great and that way we can all be great is by serving," said Fulton. "The thing the I will miss most is the work that I was instrumental in, such as our food justice and drivers license efforts. I'll still be here behind the scenes, so I'll still be here working."

Fulton says the food justice program is the closest to his heart. The community garden at 22nd street and

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## Williams wants to hit the ground running as group's new president

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY  
THE CHRONICLE

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) recently held elections for the new leadership cabinet. The Rev. Dr. Lamont Williams, senior pastor of Diggs Memorial United Holy Church, was elected as the conferences' new president.

Williams ran against the Rev. Anthony Jones for the position of president. The vote for president took place on Dec. 20 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. There was a large turnout for the vote. Williams was elated with the result.

"I have to be honest, I was humbled and shocked by the result," Williams said. "I wouldn't say that I was surprised

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Dr. Lamont Williams delivers his speech before the voting process.

## Praising God the Creator

**Lesson Scripture:**  
Psalm 33:1-9

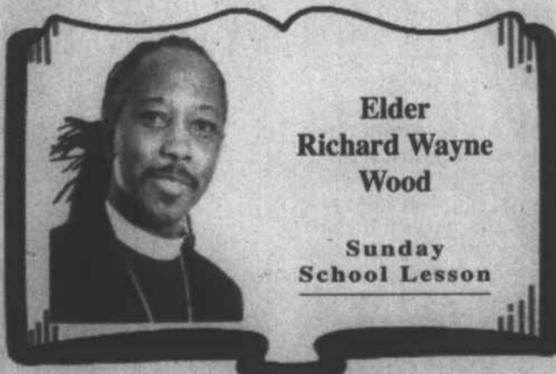
**By the end of this lesson, we will**

\*See that Scripture urges us to praise the Creator

\*Appreciate God's provisions and goodness

\*Know that praise of God should be a major focus in our lives

**Background:** The time of this Psalm is unknown, but the place is recorded as Palestine. This particular Psalm points out that since God is the Creator, Lord, Savior, and Deliverer. He alone is worthy of our trust and praise. Singing and rejoicing with music is a freer way of communicating with God and is expressed in Psalms often.



**Lesson:** The first three verses of Psalm 33 are an introduction of our motive for praise and our goal in doing so. We acknowledge that as righteous children of God it is proper for us to praise Him for all things, not just us alone but we should do so in groups with joyous precision, be current with our praise and deliberate... using our voices and instruments skillfully

(verse 1-3). The reason we praise God is for His "Word" and His "work." Everything God does is trustworthy and reliable. His faithfulness is evident in our surroundings. God is morally pure and His word instructs us to be also

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