

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Dec. 8

### Holiday coffee house

The Forsyth County Young Adult Missionary Union invites the public to a Holiday Coffee House, an evening of music, spoken word and liturgical dance on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 7 p.m. - until. The festivities will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is encouraged to perform. In the spirit of giving, they are asking those who plan to attend to donate a canned item to be shared with those in need. For more information, contact Sandra Shore at 926-1325 or e-mail: www.forsythcountyyams@yahoo.com.

### Quiet Day

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church will host a Quiet Day for prayer, meditation, and reflection on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event will take place in the church's ECW Hall, located below its chapel. The church is located at 2575 Parkway Dr. Light meals will be served for breakfast and lunch. For more information and to make your reservation, contact the church office at 765-0294, or visit St. Timothy's on the Web at <http://sttimothy.ws/>. St. Timothy's clergy includes the Rev. Randy Green, interim rector, and the Rev. Holly Schelb and the Rev. Kermit Bailey, deacons.

Dec. 9

### New ministry

The public is invited to join in the celebration of the first service of a new ministry, Lion of Judah - Cathedral of Praise, on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. The church is also inviting members of the community who are looking for a home church based solely on the Word of God, to feel free to come and check them out. The church is located at 13086 Old U.S. Hwy. 52. The pastor is Elder Mark Mack. For transportation or directions, call 831-3718.

### "Moravian Christmas in the South"

Nancy Smith Thomas will present an illustrated discussion of her recently published book, "Moravian Christmas in the South," at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, in the auditorium of the Forsyth County Public Library, 660 W. Fifth St.

The book, the author's research into Moravian Christmas celebrations in Salem, North Carolina, and elsewhere, explores the Christmas traditions of the Moravian Church in the South beginning in the 1780s. Copies will be available for purchase and signing and refreshments will be served.

The library program, sponsored by the Friends of the Central Library and by the library's North Carolina Room and Humanities Department, will be free and open to the public.

Beginning Dec. 12

### Revival

Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle Church of God the Apostle's Faith Inc. is holding a revival beginning Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The featured speaker is Minister Travis Mock. The church is located at 741 Moravia St. Call 703-0707 for more information. Chief Apostle and Senior Bishop is Lindsey W. Adams, Sr.

Dec. 15

### Live Nativity

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church will sponsor a Live Nativity with live animals on Dec. 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. Refreshments will be available. The church is at 1210 Bolton St. (near Forsyth Tech, West Campus). The public is cordially invited to attend.

Beginning Dec. 21

### United Progressive talent showcase

The United Progressive Baptist Church's Youth Department is presenting a city wide Benefit Christmas Talent Showcase entitled "It's Show-time at the Sanctuary" to be held Sunday, December 23 at 4 p.m. Persons interested in participating must adhere to the following guidelines:

Acts or performances must be church appropriate (this includes lyrics, costumes, free verse, dance, etc.).

Acts or performances must not exceed five minutes. Participants must be registered at the church by Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m. Participants must attend both auditions and dress rehearsals (all props, music, etc. must be brought to auditions). All participants must provide their own transportation to and from auditions.

Auditions will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21-22, 6-8 p.m. at the historic United Progressive Baptist Church, 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle.

The age categories for the talent show case are as follows: k-5 grade, 6-8th grade, 9-12 grades, 18-25 years old, 26-54 years old, 55 and up.

For additional information contact Rev. Travest Hunter at 336.722-2396 or e-mail: [travest\\_hunt\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:travest_hunt_2000@yahoo.com).

Dec. 22

### VIP Banquet

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries will hold their 2007 VIP Banquet on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. Tickets are available for a donation of \$15 (ages 13-adult). Children under 12 free. For tickets, contact the church at 725-4755 or email [lctcmwinstonalem@yahoo.com](mailto:lctcmwinstonalem@yahoo.com). The church is located at 690 Brookstown Ave. ("Squire" is on the front of the building). Pastor Alice Mitchell is the host pastor.

Dec. 31

### Watch Night service

First Waightown Baptist Church, Dennis W. Bishop, Sr. Pastor and Goodwill Baptist Church, Arcadia, Philemon Samuels, Sr. Pastor, will have a joint Watch Night Service on Dec. 31 beginning at 9:30 p.m. at First Waightown Baptist Church. Pastor Philemon Samuels will deliver the message. The public is invited to attend. The church is at 838 Moravia St.

## Attorney to speak at New Bethel

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Bethel Baptist Church will observe the 110th Anniversary of the Missionary Department on Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Attorney Renita Thompkins Linville.

Linville is a native of Winston-Salem, where she received her formal education. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration from North Carolina Central University in

Durham, N.C. and later Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

She began her ministry service while a member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. She began an Outreach Ministry with New World Cappadocia Outreach Center and later became a member of the Radio Broadcast team for the center.

Linville is the wife of Dr. James F. Linville, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church.

At Piney Grove she serves in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Outreach Center Ministry; the President of the Daughters of Hannah and a member of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Linville are the parents of two sons; two nephews and seven grandchildren.

Linville's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Thompkins.

The church is at 1016 N. Trade St. Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones is senior pastor.



Renita Thompkins Linville

## STORIED NATIVITY SCENE STILL BEING ENJOYED

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO - Once used as a display in the 1930s at the former Pilot Life Insurance Company, the Nativity scene has a 71-year history of bringing joy to generations of families in Greensboro.

The display was donated to Greensboro College and has brightened the holiday season for many passersby on Market Street.

Beginning with a department store mannequin dressed as Mary embracing a doll for Baby Jesus, it has evolved over time into life-sized Masonite figures representing a Nativity complete with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and the three wise men on camels.

The Nativity is on display on the front campus of Greensboro College. It may be viewed from West Market Street and will be available through Jan. 3, 2008, for the community's enjoyment.



Workers prepare to erect the Nativity scene.

Greensboro College Photo

## Moravian-style holiday events slated at Old Salem

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Visitors to Old Salem Museums & Gardens can ring in the holidays Moravian-style at two special programs planned in December: The ever-popular annual Christmas Candlelight Tours, and a visit from St. Nicholas, or "Christ Kindel."

Since 2003, Old Salem's Candlelight Tours have provided a festive setting where visitors can explore generations of Moravian holiday traditions and history. Space is available for two kinds of guided tours. "A 19th Century Christmas Candlelight Tour" will feature visits to the Vierling and Vogler Houses. Tours will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, Saturday, Dec. 8, and Friday, Dec. 21. "An 18th Century Christmas Candlelight



Tour" will include a visit to the Miksch House and Tavern. Tours will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15. Tour times are 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All tours begin at Winkler Bakery in Old Salem. Tours will be accompanied by singing and other seasonal activities, and Winkler Bakery will be open for holiday shopping.

Ticket prices for each Christmas Candlelight tour are \$15 for adults, and \$8 for children, with discounts available for Friends of Old Salem. For more information, call 721-7350.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, Old Salem's Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) will play host to special guest St. Nicholas, or "Christ Kindel," in a program designed to appeal to children and adults. Special activities are planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by a visit by St. Nicholas at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, or free with an Old Salem All-in-One Ticket. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Dec. 12. For more information, call 721-7352.

## Sanitation workers to be honored at concert

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Gospel recording artist Bishop John Heath, in conjunction with the release of his first Christmas CD, will recognize over 200 sanitation workers from the city of Winston-Salem.

"As we celebrate the birth of Christ, this is an opportune time to honor the men and women of this city who represent service at its best," states Heath.

The concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at Union Baptist Church.

"I'm constantly reminded of the time that Martin Luther King, Jr. went to Memphis to support the sanitation workers and I feel these are people who don't get recognition for the work that they do. I just want to give them an evening of relaxation and a special concert," he said.

Bishop Heath is founder and senior pastor of Greater Higher Ground Ministries. Professionally he is a gospel soloist. In 2006, he debuted his solo album, "Get Right Church," a powerful collection of songs to stir your soul. He has recorded such songs as "He Made it Possible," "Try Jesus," and "What Shall Separate Me," which was recorded with the Gospel Music of America.

This concert is free and open to the public.



Bishop John Heath live, on stage.

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Union Baptist Church is located at 1200 N. Trade St. For more information call the Greater Higher Ground church office, 336-725-1159 or visit the web site at <http://www.greaterhigherground.org/home.htm>