

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

**Atkins High Hall of Fame accepting nominations**

Applications for nomination into the Atkins High School Hall of Fame can be obtained from the following businesses.

Special Occasions, Martin Luther King Drive; WSPA at Atkins, 1215 N. Cameron Ave; St. Matthews Apostolic Church, New Walkertown Road; Russell Funeral Home, Carl Russell Avenue; Hooper Funeral Home, East 14th Street and any member of The Atkins High School Hall of Fame Committee.

Please mail all applications to The Atkins High School Hall of Fame, P. O. Box 1072, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. All applications must be received by Jan. 4, 2008.

### Festival of Lights

Tanglewood's Festival of Lights will continue to be open for visitors until Jan. 1 from 6 - 11 p.m. For more information, call 336-778-6300 or visit [www.tanglewoodpark.org](http://www.tanglewoodpark.org).

### Baton twirlers, dancers and drummers needed

Essence Dance Group is a non profit organization that was founded in 1987 and is made up of children all over Winston-Salem ages 5 to 16 years old. This is a year round program and the group participates in local as well as out of town parades. Positions are open for baton twirlers ages 5-10; dancers ages 11-16 and drummers ages 12-16. Must have a little experience in drumming.

The deadline is Jan. 5. All interested persons should call 998-4783 or 978-0393.

### Celebrate Kwanzaa at WhiteSpace

An elegant affair with gala entertainment will be presented on Friday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. at the WhiteSpace Gallery in the Piedmont Leaf Lofts, 401 E. Fourth St., Suite 202. Music sensations Tichina Vaughn and Keith Byrd will be featured. The attire is international formal or urban chic for the Kwanzaa celebration. There is a \$25 donation. Tickets can be purchased at Body and Soul, or Union Baptist Church. For online purchases, go to [www.comingeventz.com](http://www.comingeventz.com). Luci Vaughn at [Nubianv7@aol.com](mailto:Nubianv7@aol.com) or Cheryl Harry at [info@triadculturalarts.org](mailto:info@triadculturalarts.org). For more information, call 336-788-1665.

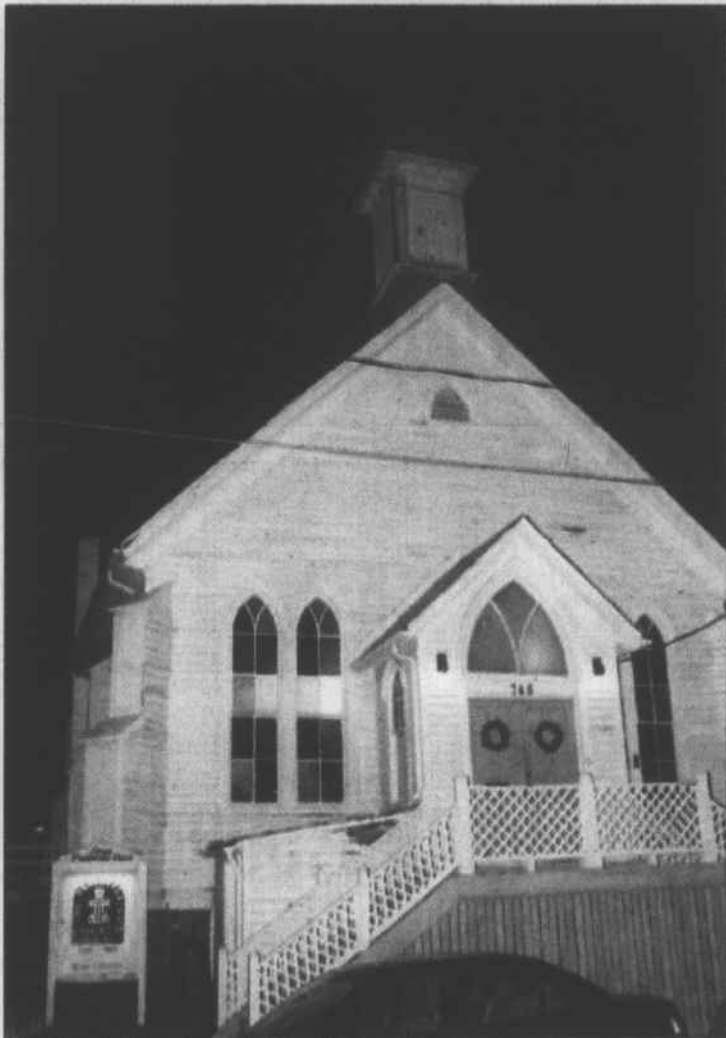
### Carolina Pops

Crooner Freddy Cole, (Nat King Cole's brother) will appear in concert Monday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. at the War Memorial Auditorium in Greensboro. Tickets are \$5 for a limited time. Call 336-335-5456, ext. 223 to purchase tickets and for more information.



The Grace Presbyterian Church Youth Choir performs.

Photos by Jason Pitt



Historic Lloyd Presbyterian is on Chestnut Street.

## STILL GOING AND GROWING

Historic church raising funds for renovations

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

After a century of standing in the heart of downtown and being on the forefront of social justice, Lloyd Presbyterian Church could use a little facelift.

A Preservation Committee has been started to seek help from the community to renovate the little white church, which sits near the intersection of Patterson Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Just before Christmas, the committee held a standing room-only gospel concert that raised \$1,000 for the effort. The concert featured a diverse group of youth choruses, including the Grace Presbyterian Church Youth Choir, the Central Carolina Children's Chorus and the Downtown School Children's Chorus. Another fundraising concert will be held on Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. featuring the Salem Presbytery Black Caucus Mass Choir. Though the concerts are free, a love offering is taken to help raise the nearly \$200,000 needed to restore the aging church to its former glory.

The Lloyd Preservation Committee

is made up of members of various local Presbyterian churches like Beth Barksdale, who says that Lloyd has value not just in its history but in its current good works.

"It provides a real benefit to the community in terms of the outreach community project and is really a tribute to what the church really stands for," said Barksdale.

Lloyd, one of the oldest African-American churches in the city, is located at 748 N. Chestnut St. The church was founded in 1870 by white Presbyterian missionaries who created it for African-Americans after the Civil War. The church building itself was constructed

later in the first decade of the twentieth century. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, perhaps the most unique thing about Lloyd is that it's an interracial church (although most members are black) with a white pastor, the Rev. Laura Spangler. She says there's a nice racial mix in her small congregation and that the church is a very accepting and open one. She said it's been a perfect fit for her.

"The hospitality there is just amazing. They have welcomed me and



Rev. Spangler

See Lloyd on B12



Dozens showed up for the recent concert fundraising event.



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