

# RELIGION

## Mitchell to headline MLK concert at Wake Forest

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Gospel star VaShawn Mitchell will headline Wake Forest University's 8th Annual GospelFest, one of several events the school will host this year to commemorate the national Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Mitchell, a native of the Chicago area, is a six-time Stellar Award winner and a Grammy nominee. Last year was one of the best of his budding career. His mega-hit single "Nobody Greater," from the top-selling, award-winning album "Triumphant," was declared by Billboard magazine as the "#1 Most Played Gospel Song of 2011." As a result, he was named Billboard's top gospel artist of the year and "Triumphant" was among that year's top five selling gospel discs. His latest disc, "Created 4 This," was released Aug. 28.

GospelFest will be held on Jan. 20 at Wake Forest's Brendle Recital Hall at 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by the school's Office of Multicultural Affairs. Admission is free for WFU students and \$5 for the general public.

WFU and Winston-Salem State University will once again collaborate to host the "On Common Ground" MLK event, which will be held Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at WSSU's K.R. Williams Auditorium. Singer, songwriter, actor and social activist Harry Belafonte will give the keynote speech. The event is free and open to the public.

Also, on Jan. 19, Wake Forest will host the 15th Annual MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament in the Reynolds Gym from noon to 8 p.m. This tournament brings together teams from a variety of North Carolina schools, including Winston-Salem State, UNC-Greensboro, NC A&T, Johnson C. Smith, North Carolina Central and UNC-Charlotte.



VaShawn Mitchell is one of the biggest names in gospel.

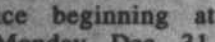
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### CALENDAR

Beginning Dec. 30

Revelations of Faith New Year's schedule

Revelations of Faith, 3710 Maverick St., will have a dutch Sunday brunch service on Sunday, Dec. 30 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at Golden Corral on 4965 University Pkwy. The church will also hold a Watch Night service beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 with Pastor Emeritus Sarah Rowdy Hauser as the speaker. Rev. James D. Rowdy Jr. is the host pastor. Call 336-671-8822 for more information.



James Rowdy

Dec. 30

Women's Day at House of Prayer House of Prayer of Deliverance Ministries, 5723 Country Club Rd. - Suite J, will hold its Women's Day program titled "Women of Expectancy" on Sunday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. Pastor K. P. Tapp will speak. Call 336-708-1417 for more information.

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve at Holy Trinity Holy Trinity Full Gospel Fellowship Center, 5307 Peters Creek Parkway, will have its annual New Year's Eve Celebration on Monday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. Richard Sr. and Ernestine Miller are the host pastors. Call 336-784-9347 for more information.

Watch Night Service at Emmanuel

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, will host its annual Watch Night Service on Monday, Dec. 31 beginning at 10 p.m. The celebration will include testimonies, prayer, praise and a message from Rev. Dr. John Mendez. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 336-788-7023.



Mendez

Greater Hope of Glory Watch Night

Greater Hope of Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 414 Mason St., will hold Watch Night 2012 at 10 p.m. Minister Terry Howell will be ministering the word of God. If you need transportation, contact the church secretary at 336-986-4586 or via email at GreaterHopeOfGlory@live.com.

Mt. Olive Baptist New Year's Eve Service

On Monday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m., Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold a New Year's Eve Service with song and dance. Dr. Charles E. Gray is host pastor. Mount Olive is located at 1301 C.E. Gray Drive.

New Birth Watch Night

Dr. James L. E. Hunt and the New Birth Worship Center church family will hold their New Year's Eve service on Monday, Dec. 31 from 7 - 9 p.m. New Birth Worship Center is located at 1033 New Birth Drive in East Bend. For additional information, contact the church at 336-699-3583.

Jan. 6

United Progressive's new service time

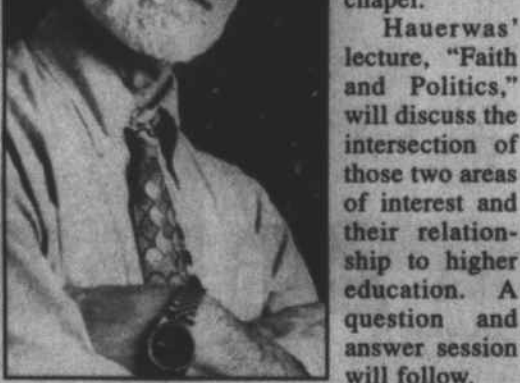
United Progressive Baptist Church, 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle, will begin Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. starting on Jan. 6. Sunday school will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday beginning Jan. 2. Call the church office at 336-724-1266 for transportation.

## Noted theologian to give lecture

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Stanley Hauerwas, named "America's Best Theologian" by Time magazine in 2001, will deliver Greensboro College's second annual Reynolds Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 in Hannah Brown Finch Chapel on campus.

The lecture is free, and the public is invited. A reception will be held afterward in Lea Center in the Main Building, which is adjacent to the chapel.



Duke Professor Stanley Hauerwas

Hauerwas' lecture, "Faith and Politics," will discuss the intersection of those two areas of interest and their relationship to higher education. A question and answer session will follow.

Hauerwas is the Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke's divinity school and holds a joint appointment to the faculty of Duke's law school. He has written or co-written more than two dozen books. In much of his writing, he argues that the message of Christ is so radical that even Christians fail to embrace it fully.

The Reynolds Lecture brings a prominent religious or academic figure to campus annually to lecture on issues related to the relationship between the church and higher education. It is sponsored by the college's Reynolds Institute for Church Leadership, created with a generous gift from Royce O. Reynolds, a longtime college trustee, and his wife, Jane. Greensboro College, an independent, coeducational college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is an academic and social community that unites the liberal arts and Judeo-Christian values in an atmosphere of diversity and mutual respect.

## FAMILY UNITY

Devotional Reading: Psalm 133

Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Lesson Aims: To compare Christ's love for the church to family relationships; to appreciate the results of unity; and to become a force for unity in the family and the church.

Background: To be a "light" in darkness requires an understanding of that concept. Paul encouraged the early church to act like Jesus. First, they had to understand that they have the victory, and secondly, they must mirror Him. Last week, He explained the "light" and gave illustrations. The Word is simple, but time has to be given for understanding. See Romans 1:19. The doctrines of Christianity are extremely

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## Caesar serving as AARP faith ambassador

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Legendary gospel recording artist and AARP spokesperson Dr. Shirley Caesar has joined the cast of "Holiday Love: Reimagined," which is airing on BounceTV through Dec. 30.

The one-hour holiday special, produced by actress Kim Fields, features joyful vignettes that preach the importance of taking care of loved ones and tout AARP's caregiving resources.

Caesar, who joined AARP as a faith ambassador in early 2012, has traveled the country to connect local churches to AARP's advocacy programs, events and services. In addition to her appearance in Holiday Love, Caesar recently represented AARP at various faith-based events and was a featured speaker at the AARP Life@50 member event in New Orleans.

"Shirley Caesar has been an invaluable partner in our effort to strengthen AARP's ties to the faith-based community by providing useful information about the issues that matter most to our members," said Edna Kane-Williams, AARP's Vice President for Multicultural Markets and Engagement. "We are excited to work with Dr. Caesar and Kim Fields on Holiday Love to share the importance of caregiving through the performing arts."

Caesar, a native of Durham, has released more than 30 solo gospel albums and has received numerous recognitions during her career, including 11 Grammy Awards, 13 Stellar Awards, an NAACP Achievement Award and induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.



Dr. Shirley Caesar

"AARP has a deep understanding and appreciation for the needs of African-Americans 50+ and they're constantly creating new tools to help their members navigate life, family and work as they get older," said Caesar. "I have enjoyed working with AARP by bringing my own life and experiences to the table and sharing AARP's resources with my fellow brothers and sisters in faith."

AARP began its faith-based outreach by building relationships with predominantly African-American denominations. Throughout the year, AARP has recruited local volunteers to be AARP coordinators in selected churches to foster community activities such as health fairs, financial seminars and conversations about the future of Medicare and Social Security. In 2013, AARP plans to expand its faith initiative to include other denominations.

For more information, visit [www.aarp.org/blackcommunity](http://www.aarp.org/blackcommunity).