

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening Now

**Services for Adams**  
Born Again Free Deliverance Tabernacle, 741 Moravia St., is holding its annual appreciation service for Pastor/Overseer Apostle Lindsey W. Adams Sr. from Wednesday, June 11 - Sunday, June 15. Weekday services start at 7:30 p.m. The June 14 service starts at 7 p.m. The Sunday, June 15 activities start at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. Learn more at [www.bornagainfreechurch.org](http://www.bornagainfreechurch.org).

### June 14

**Grief Share**  
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Rd., will hold its next Grief Share support group session on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. The nondenominational sessions are free and are designed to provide encouragement and support to those on a journey "from mourning to joy." For more information, call 336-723-4531.

### June 15

**Morning Star Father's Day**  
Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach Sr., pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Fitch St., invites the public to attend his church's Father's Day worship service on Sunday, June 15 at 10:45 a.m. Deacon Nathan Wilkins will be the guest speaker and the Father's Day Choir will perform. For more information, call the church office at 336-748-0216.



Wilkins

**UUF services**  
Rev. Lisa Schwartz will speak about "The Father Factor" at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 4055 Robinhood Rd. At the morning forum at 9:15 a.m., Ken Ostberg will lead a discussion of current events. For more information visit [www.uufws.org](http://www.uufws.org).

**Pilgrim Rest Father's Day**  
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1905 N. Jackson Ave., will have a Father's Day service on Sunday, June 15 at 11 a.m. Rev. James Watlington, associate minister at Union Chapel Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

**New Liberty Father's Day**  
New Liberty Baptist Ministries, 3980 N. Liberty St., will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 15 at the 11 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Rev. Savalas Squire Sr., a "Positively Speaking" advocate with the North Carolina AIDS Action Network, an author, HIV/AIDS activist and ordained minister. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Dr. Linda M. Beal is the host pastor.



Squire

**Beginning June 16**  
**Mt. Olive events**  
From June 16 - 18, Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host a revival service each evening at 7 p.m. On Sunday, June 22 at 4 p.m., Pastor's Aide will celebrate its anniversary. Dr. Charles E. Gray is the host pastor. Mount Olive Baptist Church is located at 1301 C.E. Gray Drive.

**Summer Feeding Program**  
The St. Peter's Family Life Enrichment Center, 3683 Old Lexington Rd., is participating in the Summer Feeding Program June 16 - Aug. 20. Meals will be provided free to all children ages 1-18; adults, 19 and over, will be charged \$1 for breakfasts, \$2 for lunches and \$3 for suppers. Breakfast is served Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; lunch is from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; supper is served only on Wednesday from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For

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## New Bethel gets historic marker

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A local historic marker was unveiled May 31 in front of New Bethel Baptist Church, which has been a fixture on North Trade Street for about 100 years.

The New Bethel Baptist congregation was organized in 1890 by Rev. George Holland, who was from Danville, Virginia. Holland had organized other African-American churches in Winston-Salem, such as First Baptist, Mount Zion Baptist, and Shiloh Baptist, all before 1900. New Bethel began in the home of John Lee and his wife, Alice Snow Lee, who lived across the street from the present-day church building.



Drayton

When the congregation grew to approximately 25 members, a lot was purchased for \$960, and in 1904-1906 plans were made to begin construction of a church. New Bethel was constructed in a predominantly African American neighborhood known as "The Pond" that had been devastated in 1904 when the city's water reservoir collapsed and flooded. Soon the membership grew into the thou-



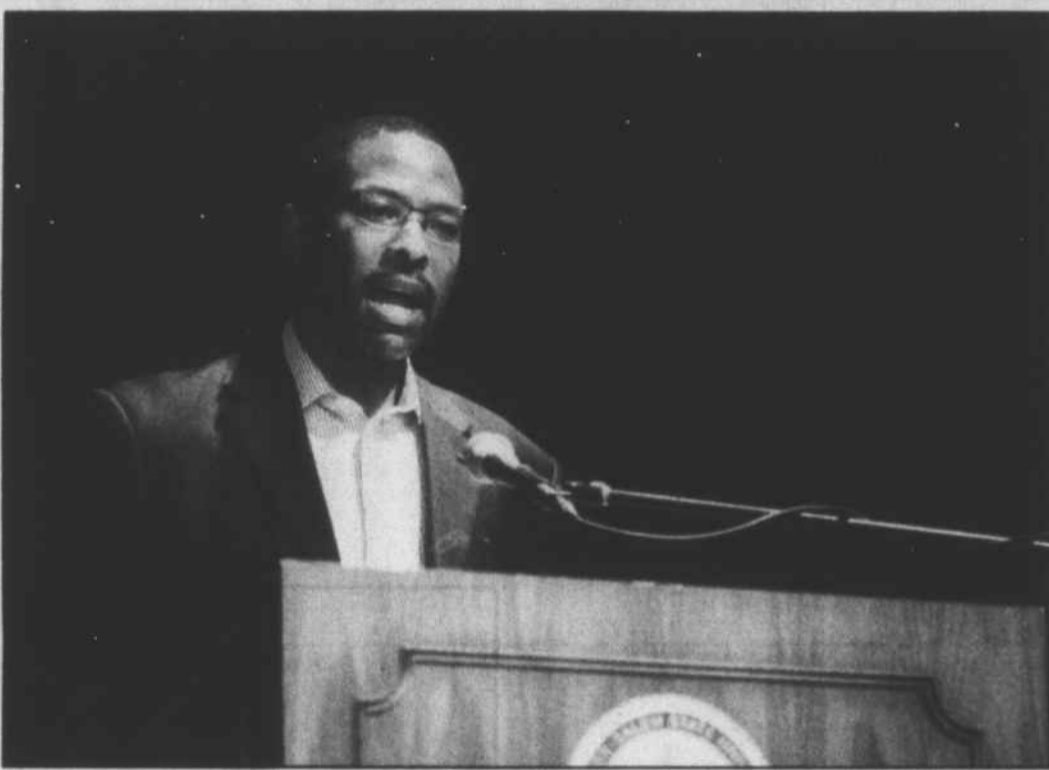
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The new marker stands near New Bethel Baptist Church on Trade Street.

sands; church history states that 4,096 members were taken into the church between 1915 and 1931.

Over its long history, there have been several ministers who served New Bethel Baptist Church. In 1944, the Rev. Jerry Drayton became pastor of the church and served until his retirement in 2006.

Drayton was the longest-tenured pastor in Winston-Salem, with over 62 years of service to New Bethel. He was an effective and vocal leader in the community, championing racial equality, education, and homes for the homeless. Drayton passed away in 2012 at the age of 96.



WSSU Photo by Garrett Gurns

Dean Dr. Corey D.B. Walker will speak at Wentz on Sunday.

## WSSU dean speaking on Father's Day

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Corey D.B. Walker, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the inaugural John W. and Anna Hodgin Hanes Professor of the Humanities at Winston-Salem State University, will deliver the keynote address for the Men's Day/Father's Day Service at Wentz Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ, 3435 Carver School Rd., on Sunday, June 15 at 11 a.m.

Walker is the academic leader for WSSU's largest academic unit. Prior to assuming his current position, he was chair of the department of Africana Studies at Brown University. He also served as director of the Center for the Study of Local Knowledge and as a member of the faculty in the department of Religious Studies and the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African American Studies at the University of Virginia.

A scholar of African American social, political, and religious thought, Dean Walker has published broadly on the history of African American political thought and culture, African American religious thought, and religion and public life. He has lectured before academic audiences in the United States, the Caribbean and South America, Europe, and Africa.

Dean Walker was licensed as an American Baptist Minister at his home church, the historic Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. He has served as an associate min-

ister at Bank Street as well as in various supportive ministerial capacities at the First Baptist Church - Park Street (Charlottesville, Va.), Ebenezer Baptist Church (Charlottesville, Va.) and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Joint Security Complex.

He is the author of several books, including "The Freemasonry of the Race: African American Freemasonry and the Struggle for Democracy in America." He recently completed the manuscript for his next book, "Between Transcendence and History: An Essay on Religion and the Future of Democracy in America." Walker co-directed and co-produced the documentary film "Fifeville" with acclaimed artist and filmmaker Kevin Jerome Everson.

Walker graduated from Norfolk State University with a B.S. degree in finance. After a career in the financial services industry, he went on to earn a M.Div. from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, M.T.S. from the Divinity School at Harvard University and Ph.D. in American Studies from the College of William and Mary.

The public is invited to attend the service. The pastor of Wentz Memorial is Rev. Renée Griffin.

For more information about the Wentz Men's Day service, call Rudy Anderson at 336-744-0048.

## History-making NOI minister coming to town

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Muhammad's Study Group of Winston-Salem, the local affiliate of the Nation of Islam, will host its 9th Annual Unity Banquet and Celebration on Saturday June 21 at the Enterprise Conference & Banquet Center, 1922 S. MLK Jr. Drive. Doors will open promptly at 5 p.m.

Dr. Ava Muhammad, the national spokesperson for the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, will give the keynote speech.



Muhammad

She will also speak at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (1325 Creekshire Way off of Hanes Mall Boulevard) on Sunday, June 22. Doors will open at 10 a.m.

The gifted attorney is the first female minister of the Nation of Islam. She is also a researcher and the author of the powerful and popular book "Real Love."

She received her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University and is a member of the New York Bar. Named one of America's most powerful Black women by Essence Magazine, Muhammad's focus is self-empowerment and community development. She touts these and other issues on her weekly Sunday radio talk show, "Elevated Places," on WVON 1690AM in Chicago. In addition to her radio show, she has a blog talk radio show of the same name that airs every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

Tickets and seating are limited and on a first come first serve basis. For more information, call 336-499-0436.

## Aikin to give free concert

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1001 East Washington St. in Greensboro, will welcome Crystal Aikin, the 2008 winner of the BET gospel reality talent competition "Sunday's Best," on Sunday, June 29.

Her free concert starts at 3 p.m. In winning "Sunday's Best," the Tacoma, Wash. native was awarded a record contract and a new car. She released her debut CD, "Crystal Aikin," on Jan. 13, 2009. In 2010, she was nominated for a Dove Award in the New Artist of the Year category.

The Wells Memorial concert will also feature Greensboro's own Pastor George Pass II and N.E.W. Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ is led by Dr. Herman G. Platt.



Pastor George Pass II



Crystal Aikin

For more information, call 336-272-6564.