

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

### Happening now Food Box Giveaway

Today, Thursday, Jan. 21, there will be a food box giveaway at 2058 Dellabrook Road from noon until 2 p.m. The 33rd anniversary celebration continues as Greater Tabernacle Worship Center welcomes Pastor Phillip G. McCloud of Fresh Fire Worship Center on Jan. 31 to bring the Bread of Life. The host Pastor is Apostle BJ McCloud.

### Jan. 23 Elevation service

Greater St Luke Apostolic Church Inc., 4051 Old Lexington Road, will be in elevation service for the pastor, Elder S. E. Beal to bishop on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 336-788-4381.

### Jan. 23 Winter Blues

The Women's Ministry of First Christian Church, 1130 North Main St., Kernersville, is excited to welcome best-selling author Angie Smith to Winter Blues 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23. One of the most popular speakers and bloggers in the country, Angie Smith is the author of "Mended," "I Will Carry You," and "What Women Fear." Tickets are \$15 each in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at [fcministries.com](http://fcministries.com).

### Jan. 24 Missionary Union meeting

The Forsyth County Missionary Union meeting will convene Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1016 N. Trade St. Youth and Young Adults will meet at 1:30 p.m. Seniors will meet at 3 p.m. Diane Piggott is president of the New Bethel Union. The president of the Forsyth County Union is Lenner P. Jefferies. For more information call 336-817-8424.

### Jan. 24 Rev. Nato Hollister to speak

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. Nato Hollister of Carrboro speak on "The Religion of Democracy" at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. At the 9:15 a.m. Forum Earl Scott will lead a discussion of current events. For more information, visit [uufws.org](http://uufws.org).

### Jan. 24 Thorpe Sr. to be installed as pastor

The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem & Vicinity reports that the Rev. Dr. Derrick Thorpe Sr. is the new pastor at First Baptist Church in Graham. Thorpe is the dean of Graduate Studies at Carolina Christian College (Director of Mountagnard Campus) in Winston-Salem and will be installed as pastor 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24 at First Baptist Church, 420 North Maple St., Graham. The public is invited to come celebrate him, his family and congregation for this new divine assignment.

### Jan. 24 Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church Go Red Fashion Show & Luncheon

The Women's Ministry of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will host its 5th Annual Go Red Fashion Show & Luncheon at 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 in the Novant Health Conference Center at Forsyth Medical Center, 3333 Silas Creek Parkway. The event is aimed to raise community awareness and education of heart disease, the number #1 killer of African-American women. The event also functions to increase support for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Campaign, which is a social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their health and promote lifestyle changes for improved heart health among their families and communities. During the event, models will strut the runway earning applause for their diverse styles and fashions while promoting the lifesaving message of heart-healthy living and prevention. For more details, persons interested in attending or serving as sponsors for this year's event are asked to call 336-764-8629, 336-817-2569 or 336-766-0752 by Sunday, Jan. 24.

### Beginning Jan. 29 Prayer & Consecration Gathering

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center, 2721 Manchester St., will host a Prayer & Consecration Gathering (Shut-in), Jan. 29-31, 10 p.m. -until. Plan to attend this 26-hour transformative encounter of War Room intercession, worship and impartation. Prayer facilitators include Bishop Darryl Husband (Richmond, VA), and Evang Vandalyne Kennedy (Jamaica, NY) who will keynote the Jubilee Celebration Sunday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. All sessions are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact the church office at 336-722-2624 or [msfgdc@bellsouth.net](mailto:msfgdc@bellsouth.net). Rev. Yvonne H. Hines is Senior Pastor.

### Jan. 31 St. James A.M.E. Youth Fundraiser

The Young People's Department of St. James A.M.E. Church will hold their Annual "Souper Bowl" Sale Sunday, Jan. 31 immediately after Morning Worship. Available soups are Navy Bean, Vegetable and Chicken Noodle, all homemade. Dinners are \$7.00 and include your choice of soup, crackers, drink and dessert. Soup only is \$4.00. You may purchase a quart of soup for \$5.00, homemade cake for \$1.00 per slice and drinks for \$0.75 each. Proceeds from this sale are donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. St. James is located at 1501 N. Patterson Avenue at the corner of 15th Street (across from the US Post Office). The Reverend Steven L. Lyons is the

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George S. Horton

## Veteran with PTSD tells how good God is in book

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A veteran from Winston-Salem has written a book describing his tough life and how God has seen him through it.

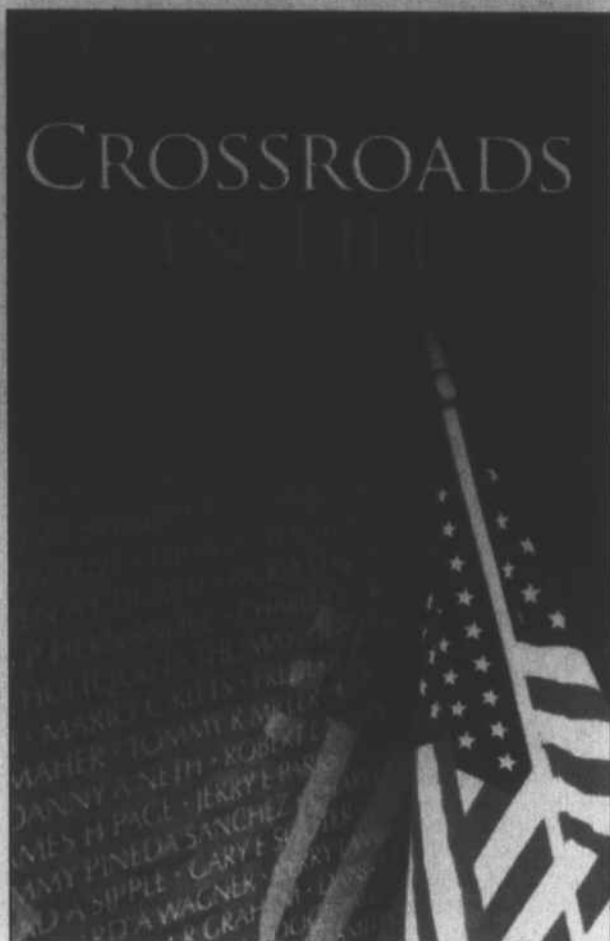
George S. Horton says that as he began taking a serious inventory of his life and his many blessings, it became obvious to him just how good God had been to him throughout his journey. He realized that he had a testimony to impart and wanted to find a meaning-

ful way to share it.

He offers his testimony in a book, "Crossroads In Life."

"Crossroads In Life" recounts the author's experiences from childhood to adulthood as he faces the everyday challenges of growing up African-American during the early years of desegregation, serves in the Vietnam War, and returns home with the added burden of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder).

The beginning of the



book details one of the author's earliest memories of riding a bus by himself as a 3- or 4-year-old, shipped off by his mother to live with relatives in another state. The remainder of the story demonstrates how he did not let this difficult beginning permanently cloud his future. "Crossroads In Life" was published on Dec. 2, 2015, by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. The book is available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [createspace.com](http://createspace.com). E-

book versions are also available for Kindle Notebooks. Book signings have been held recently in Winston-Salem and the author's hometown of Lenoir.

Horton is a Master Mason with Salem Lodge #139. He is an active member of VFW Post #9010. He is an active member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where he sings on the Communion Singers' Choir and is a member of the Laymen's League.



Submitted photo

The Goler Health Ministry is shown, with Kimberly Ellerbe holding the "North Carolina of Churches Gold Certificate" for Goler's Health Ministry.

## Goler Metropolitan's Health Ministry wins award

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The Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church was recently awarded a Gold Certificate from the Partners in Health and Wholeness of the N.C. Council of Churches for its outstanding efforts in promoting a healthier congregation.

Among the many collective efforts for which it was recognized, the church has actively observed and distrib-

uted information about "Immunization Awareness Month" in August, the "Alzheimer's Awareness Breakfast" in October, "Diabetes Awareness Month" in November, and "Tribute to AIDS" in December.

Among the greatest of these initiatives began in 2013, when Goler received an Automated Electronic Defibrillator from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the North

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## A Wedding in Cana

Lesson Scripture: John 2:1-12

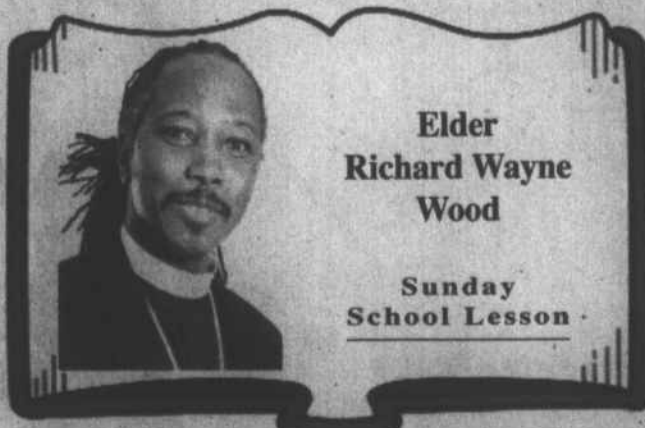
By the end of this lesson, we will

\*See God at work in the earthly life of the Lord Jesus and those around Him.

\*Understand that God works in our lives in every detail and circumstance.

\*Strive for obedience to God's word that will allow us to be aware of whatever He is doing in our life.

**Background:** Weddings were very important social events in biblical times. Scripture and history tell us that wedding feasts lasted seven days (remember Jacob, Leah and Rachel). The hosts were responsible for food and drink to last throughout the event. During that period of history because of a lack of water purification and avail-



Elder Richard Wayne Wood

Sunday School Lesson

ability, water was usually mixed with wine as the acceptable beverage (2-3 parts water and 1 part wine). It was the job of the master of the banquet to make sure the wine was properly diluted. He or she would also manage the wine consumption to prevent anyone from becoming drunk. Customarily the best wine was served at the beginning of the feast with a cheaper or more diluted wine served at the end. Failure to offer accept-

able or proper hospitality to guests was an offense that would be remembered for years.

**Lesson:** Jesus, His mother, and His disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana. The custom of that time was to invite as many guests as possible. This was a huge deal.

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