

# RELIGION

## CALENDAR

Feb. 12 & 13

**Agape Faith Church XO Marriage Conference**  
Agape Faith Church will be hosting the XO 2016 Marriage Conference from Marriage Today and Gateway Church from 8-10 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12 at 2101 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons. Another session will also be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Throughout the event, marriage expert Jimmy Evans will share advice designed to improve spousal relations. Sessions will include teachings from Jimmy and Karen Evans, Dr. Henry Cloud, John Gray and Tim Ross. Interested individuals should register online at [agapefaith.com/xo2016](http://agapefaith.com/xo2016) by Feb. 11. Early registration tickets are \$25 per person and \$50 per couple. The ticket price at the door will be \$30 per person and \$60 per couple. For more information, contact the church office at 336-766-9188 or at [office@agapefaith.com](mailto:office@agapefaith.com).

Feb. 14

**Honoring God's Doorkeepers**  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church ushers will have a celebration honoring God's Doorkeepers on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. at 1840 Butler St. The program is free and open to the public. The Rev. Ronnie Roseboro is the pastor. The church telephone is 336-788-3421.

Feb. 14

**Guest preacher**  
Minister Robert Leak III, a community youth activist, community educator, ordained minister and anointed prophet of Living Word Christian Church, will be the guest preacher on Sunday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, at Faith Unity Missionary Church. The public is cordially invited to come and hear this dynamic preacher. Faith Unity Missionary Church is located in the chapel of the Masonic Lodge Prince Hall, 1025 E. 14th Street and can be contacted at 336-771-0023 and [faithunitymc@yahoo.com](mailto:faithunitymc@yahoo.com).



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Feb. 14

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. Lisa Schwartz speak on "Awakening to Sacred Love" at 9 a.m. and "Healthy, Holy, Whole: Sex and the Sacred" at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14. At the 9:15 a.m. Forum Ken Ostberg will present a travelogue: "Around the World in 75 Minutes." More information at [uufws.org](http://uufws.org).

Feb. 17

**Lunch and Learn**  
Sharon Calloway, Senior Lunch Coordinator for Senior Services, Inc. is the Lunch and Learn seminar speaker at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, 1435 E. Fourth St. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Food and Nutrition-Steps to a Healthier You will be the topic. Everyone is invited to join us for a nutritious meal, fellowship and free door prize drawing. Contact Mertice Williams, coordinator at 993-2237 for more information. Lunch and Learn is a series of educational seminars sponsored monthly by the Adult Christian Education Department. Reverend Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor.

February 18

**Food Box Giveaway**  
Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attacks St., will have a food box giveaway from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2058 Dellabrook Road.

Feb. 20

**Black History Program**  
On Saturday, Feb. 20 there will be the Black History Program at Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 2058 Dellabrook Road.

Feb. 21

**132nd Church Anniversary**  
New Hope AME Zion Church in Lewisville will be celebrating its 132nd Church Anniversary on Feb. 21. The pastor of New Hope, Rev. Dairl L. Scott, Sr., will deliver the 11:00 a.m. message. The speaker for the 3:00 p.m. service will be Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker and his church family from Little Rock AME Zion Church in Charlotte, NC. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate this glorious occasion. For further information, please contact: Dianne Winphrie, president of the committee at 336-748-8234 or the church 336-945-9083.

Feb. 27

**Love Tea**  
Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 2058 Dellabrook road, will have a Love Tea beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 28

**God's Trombones**  
Saints Home, St. Andrews and St. James United Methodist Churches will present a Laity production of James Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones" on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. This worship experience is in tribute to and in honor of Mrs. Margaret Epps (former First Lady). The church is located at 1390 Thurmond St. Rev. Ronnie Roseboro is the pastor.

March 1

**Social Justice Mission Trip to Cuba**  
The Foreign Mission Department of Diggs Memorial United Holy Church is sponsoring a mission trip to Cuba from March 28 - April 1. Deadline to register is March 1. Limited seating is available, so reserve a seat and make a deposit of \$150 soon. For more information, contact Cassandra Tate at 336-293-3097. Additional deposit options are available at local Wells Fargo Bank branches.



Photos by Timothy Ramsey

Rahiel Tesfamariam speaks at Wake Forest University on Feb. 4.

## Activist theologian urges public to work in community

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY FOR THE CHRONICLE

Rahiel Tesfamariam has taken the torch from the African-American leaders of the past and looks to continue with the fight for justice and equality for all. Tesfamariam is an activist, writer and theologian. She delivered a powerful message on the struggle of the black community Thursday, Feb. 4, on the campus of Wake Forest University. She touched on a myriad of topics such as white privilege and the recent killings of young black men, as well as religion, to name a few.

Tesfamariam is the founder and publisher of Urban Cusp online magazine and former columnist for the Washington Post. She has degrees from Stanford University and Yale divinity school. She is a native of the war-torn nation of Eritrea in East Africa and was raised in the District of Columbia.



Tesfamariam

student at Wake Forest School of Divinity, preceded Tesfamariam with an insightful original song and spoken word poem that encouraged individuals to step outside the realm of social media to bring light to a cause and actually go out into the community and participate hands on. When asked how someone gets more involved in the community, Tesfamariam said, "Definitely turn locally and

inward. Focus on the fact that you should start every revolution internally and knowing there is always a need locally. Find that church, school, or nonprofit that is in need and see where that journey takes you. Don't assume that you are called for national work; most work is done at home." Tesfamariam said she had a vision as a young child to be able to use the power of the spoken word to invoke change, and with the manifestation of her dream now becoming a reality, she is humbled.

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## Nearly 200 attend bonding Super Bowl Party at St. Peter's

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Eyes across the nation were glued to their TVs Sunday evening when the Carolina Panthers took on the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl 50. While many watched the game at a bar or restaurant, more than 200 men and young boys made their way to St. Peter's World Outreach Center (SPWO) for the Father and Son Potluck Super Bowl Party.

The event is designed to cultivate the bond between fathers and their sons while watching the biggest game of the year. Although everyone was asked to bring at least one dish, the event was free and open to the public.

Coordinator of the event, the Rev. Paul Sheff, said the idea for the potluck became a reality in 2012 and has grown every year since. According to Sheff, around 20 people attended the event the first year it



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Carolina Panthers fans watch as their team takes on the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl 50 on Sunday, Feb. 7.

was held at a local hotel. "The event has grown tremendously over the years," he said. "It has become one of our most anticipated events."

Prior to kickoff, those in attendance enjoyed playing games like ping pong, and cornhole while they made predictions on the outcome of the game. As

the time for kickoff drew closer, everyone began to make their way to their seats in front of the giant screen set up inside the administration building on the campus of SPWO.

As the teams took the field, cheers erupted from the dozens of Panthers' supporters in attendance. Although they lost the

game 24-10, Sheff, a proud Panthers' fan, said the fact that the team made it that far made this year's game more exciting.

"Not too many teams make it to the Super Bowl with one loss on their record, so this year's game has a lot of added excitement."

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## Feast of Weeks

**Lesson Scripture:** Leviticus 23:15-22

By the end of this lesson, we will

\*Examine the Feast of Weeks found in Leviticus

\*Celebrate the joy and thanksgiving times of giving God what belongs to Him and the needy

\*Commit to a life plan of returning to God a portion of what has been received and sharing with those in need


**Background:** The seventh day of the week

was blessed and sanctified by God in Genesis 2:3. The observance of the Sabbath was not required until Exodus 16:23 in the wilderness. The Sabbath separated people from their work and everyday activities (Exodus 35:2-3). Breaking the Sabbath was punishable by death (Numbers 15:32-36). The Feast of Weeks was also known as Pentecost meaning fifty, and was an appointed feast cele-

brated annually. There was a one-day festival and sacrifices attended by all able-bodied Jewish men. The Feast of Weeks usually took place in late spring celebrating the first fruits of the wheat harvest. The feast took place exactly 50 days after the second day of Passover.

**Lesson:** After the Israelites settled in Canaan and farmed the land, they were to follow observances to demonstrate their gratitude for the bounty God had given them. They were to bring a wave offering, a burnt offering, a grain offering and a drink offering. They were told to count off seven completed weeks for convocation and it was called the Festival of Weeks. This festival is referred to in the New Testament as Pentecost.

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**Elder  
Richard Wayne  
Wood**

**Sunday  
School Lesson**