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**We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel Authors
HERB FRAZIER, BERNARD E. POWERS JR.
& MARJORY WENTWORTH**

7 P.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019



At 9:05 p.m. on June 17, 2015, a 21-year-old white supremacist murdered nine churchgoers and wounded five others attending a prayer meeting at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. Journalist Herb Frazier (right), historian Dr. Bernard Edward Powers Jr. (left) and South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth (center) will share reflections from their book *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel* in a powerful discussion of history, race, faith and forgiveness.

Country Music, Original Ballads and Stories

JIM AVETT

7 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019



North Carolina native Jim Avett, who now lives in Cabarrus County, grew up singing gospel tunes with his preacher father and family. During his career as a welder, music remained a part of his life. After retiring in 2008, he recorded a gospel album, *Jim Avett and Family*, featuring sons Scott and Seth — the Avett Brothers — and daughter Bonnie. Since then he has recorded three more albums of original country ballads, including last year's *For His Children and Ours*, and has toured nationally.

New York Times Best Selling Author

JERRY BLEDSOE

7 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019



Catch up with *New York Times* Bestselling author — and local favorite — Jerry Bledsoe as he shares stories of his life as a writer from his new memoir, *Do-Good Boy: An Unlikely Writer Confronts the '60s and Other Indignities*. Known in these parts as the fabled *Greensboro Daily News* columnist, Bledsoe is author of true crime tales *Bitter Blood*, *Blood Games*, *Before He Wakes* and *Death Sentence*, as well as the nostalgic *The Angel Doll* and *A Gift of Angels*, and numerous compilations of his newspaper columns.

Tar Heel Basketball Titan

ERIC MONTROSS

7 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019



Hear firsthand about the "Glory Days With UNC Basketball" from All-American Eric Montross, part of the Tar Heel's 1993 NCAA championship team. After college, Montross was drafted by the Boston Celtics and selected for the 1995 Rookie All-Star Game. Before retiring, he played with several other NBA teams. He's now a color commentator for Tar Heel basketball, and co-founder of Vaccine Ambassadors, which provides vaccines for children in developing countries.

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