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Jerusalem Baptist Church Dedicated During Its Centennial Celebration

Sunday, November 9, 1969 marked the date of one of the greatest events in the history of Jerusalem Baptist Church. We give God the glory for its existence, over a period of one hundred years contributing to the spiritual, moral, economic and educational growth of this community as a guiding light by the grace of God in faith, hope and love.

We cherish the memory of hundreds of people who once worshipped and served here but have gone to their reward, leaving behind their friends and loved ones to carry on the work of God to the glory and praise of His Holy Name. May they rest in peace while their works do follow them.

Services began with the Sunday School, continuing with the morning worship and climaxed with the dedicatorial service after a timely and tasty fellowship dinner.

The Centennial Sermon was delivered by the Reverend George W. Dudley, pastor of the great Mount Zion First Baptist Church of the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, who was accompanied by his choir, ushers, deacons and members in large numbers who added the dignity and spiritual magnitude expected and needed for such an occasion.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

The recorded history of the activities of Negro Baptists before the Civil War is inextensive. It is noted however, that there were but few Negro Baptist Preachers during that time. One of the first known to Baptist history was the Reverend Harry Cowan, who during the Civil War, served as body-servant to General Joseph Johnson.

Mr. Cowan baptized eight thousand persons during his seventy years in the ministry.

At the close of the Civil War there were 400,000 Negro Baptists in the United States among whom were many North Carolinians.

Among these Baptists was Rev. Buck Alston who organized the first Church in a bush harbor and became its pastor. Even though this was a very crude house of worship. God's spirit dwelled in the hearts of His Servants and he lead them by His power, and save dthem by His Grace.

After a short period of time, it was decided among the few members that a better place of worship should be built. With meager earnings but by faith, hope and Love, they erected a small Log Hut and named it Ramey Chapel. This Church organization reportedly, grew out of Coley Springs.

God blessed the services of those old pioneers, of Christian Faith and after a period of time they built a little frame structure just across the road from our present location and the church name was changed to Jerusalem Baptist Church.

This location was used for several years. After which Jerusalem was re-located in the beautiful grove of trees but still in a frame building which showed some progress. This spot was erected about 46 or 48 years ago.

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To All Women Of The Baptist Woman's Convention of North Carolina



LIBERATA KIHOHIA

Mrs. Horne, by asking me to write a short account of my past life, gave me a great opportunity to express my heart felt gratitude to all members of the Baptist Woman's Convention for the great and unforgettable help you gave me. My life is not of much significance, yet, I am going to talk of it freely, for I feel like telling it to friends whom I want to get to know well and them to know me.

I was born June 2, 1945 on a small farm about 26 miles north west side of Nairobi, Kenya's capital city. My father, Philip Kamau, has four wives and 20 children. I am the only child of the first wife, Judith Njoki. This custom of a man getting married to as many wives as one can afford has long been a fashion in Kenya, being the only way a man could show off his wealth and power. None of my parents went to school, but when I was born they had realized the value of education. The schools then were very scarce all over Kenya, and particularly in our province. However, I was lucky for there happened to be one four-year Baptist Missionary school just about a mile from our home. I was sent to this school at the age of seven. My two half-brothers and two half-sisters were already there. It is here too I first met John, now my husband.

Unlike today, missionary schools in Kenya were cheaper than government schools. In Kenya, school fees are paid right from the first grade to 12th grade. The higher the grade, the higher the fees. After 12th grade the school is free. This is because only a very few can afford college fees.

When I finished the four years at this school, Mukerenju, I joined a Catholic Missionary School, Mugiori, about a hundred miles away from home. It was the nearest school of this standard I could attend. It was exciting at first to be a boarder for the first time but that experience of being away from home for three months was really bitter. It

was my first time too, to be close to a white person, for our teachers here were Italian nuns. Kenya was still a British Colony, and rarely then a white person, except missionaries, mixed with black people. We had a religious life in this school. To belong to it, one had to be a Catholic whatever ones creed had been before, be baptized, go to church three times a day, and receive Holy Communion every morning. Religion was the main subject for everybody.

Even during the holidays we were required to walk to the nearest Catholic church at least twice a week and get from the Priest a slip to show at the school that we did attend the church. The nearest Catholic church to our home was about ten miles away. Walking there and back sounds hard even to me now, but at that time it was an ordinary common thing to do. I had a good time here though, for the teachers were very nice and I found every subject quite interesting. I had started a different kind of life, even back at home.

At that time, not many parents bothered sending their daughters to school, and many who would have done so could not afford the fees or they could not trust their daughters away from home. Moreover, there used to be a very selective test given after the fourth year of school because of the scarcity of the schools with fifth grade and up. This is what made our lives back at home somehow different for even our former playmates and agemates now considered us as belonging to a different class of mental power and integrity! And still this kind of attitude from the public increased considerably when one passed the next test to go to high school.

I was the first girl to go to high school in our village. This was 1962. It was a Missionary school too, and Catholic. There was not much change in general life, for we did almost everything we used to do at Mugiori. We had Irish teachers here. In my second year in high school I lost my father. This had much more effect on me because the fees in this school were high and the whole burden was left on my mother who worked herself almost to death to keep me in school. I could not help crying sometimes when I saw her during the vacations. Even at one time I was so touched by her falling condition of health that I had decided to drop out of school and help her to work at the house. But she did not allow me to do so. She was really proud of my being in high school. Her condition and advice encouraged me much in my studies. It was a wonderful relief for her and myself when I finished high school and was accepted in the University of East Africa in Nairobi, where there were no fees and no uniforms to buy except signing a bond that one would work with the Kenya government for three years after completion of the course.

At high school, one of my subjects was health science. The study of this subject has inspired me

to make an active contribution towards improving the poor living conditions which prevailed in most homes in Kenya, due to lack of knowledge especially in the fields of child care, nutrition, food, hygiene and home management. This is what made me decide to major in Home Economics. The University of East Africa offers a three year course in Home Economics after which a student receives a diploma at a satisfactory completion.

While I was still taking this course I developed a feeling of wishing to further my knowledge beyond the diploma level — at least study for a degree. John was then leaving for America. We agreed that after I finished my course I would come to America to marry him and study for a degree.

Coming to America from Kenya is not a simple thing. My case particularly had a lot of problems. To begin with, it took a considerable time to be accepted at Meredith College due to some delays in my educational record transaction. After being accepted, I was given a \$500.00 scholarship by Meredith estimates. I could not be allowed to leave Kenya without first showing both the Kenya Government and the American Embassy in Kenya where I would get the balance. I was almost at the point of despair when John's friend, Mr. Daniel Ross, Director of Community Action at Zebron, stepped in and offered to support me with \$1,400.00 for one year. This solved the problem of finance. Yet there was another major problem of great consideration — transportation.

Right from the beginning, John and I had been worrying how we would secure the \$659.00 for my transportation. This is a lot of money in Kenya currency that would have taken me more than two years to save working in Kenya with my diploma. I desperately wanted to come to America at the earliest convenience for besides going to Meredith, John and I had arranged to get married on my arrival. We were again almost at the point of despair when John informed me that Reverend Alexander, School Minister at Shaw University had offered to introduce us to an organization that would be in a position to help us. It was such a pleasure when I received the news that The Baptist Woman's Convention had agreed to be responsible for my transportation! It was really very kind of you all. I feel deeply indebted to you, not only for the help you offered me, but also the unique kindness from Mrs. Horne and the welcoming reception by the Executive Committee. I was worrying what type of life I would lead among strange people of completely different customs, but now I feel quite at ease for I am living among friends. I am indeed thankful and I assure you that you are always in my heart. I would be glad to talk with many of you for there is much I can learn from you and hope you can learn a little from me about Africa. Thank you very much once again.

A TREMENDOUS MID-YEAR SESSION BAPTIST WOMEN EXCEED STATE MISSION GOAL

By MRS. THELMA C. HORTON
Public Relations Chairman

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C. exceeded its \$5,000 goal for State Missions on Saturday, January 11, during the Annual Mid-Year Business Session, when the messengers reported \$5,294.70. This outstanding Session was held at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. Charles W. Ward, Pastor. The President of the Convention, Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ahoskie, presided. Dr. J. J. Johnson, 4th vice president, GBSC extended greetings to the body.

More than 1,000 delegates endured extremely cold weather, also ice and snow to participate in this meeting and to proclaim that "Jesus is relevant in this present age." Every nook and corner in First Baptist were filled. The Jr.-Young People's Department assembled at Shaw University.

The Executive Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Horne of Winston-Salem, presented the "Convention At Work". Highlights included special recognition for the "Volunteers For Christ", who reported contributions of \$50.00 each (many of these were personal) totaling \$1,765.00 and the presentation of the Year-Round Committee Trophy to the Central Orphanage #2 Committee Chairman, Mrs. Cora Reid of Mecklenburg County. Mrs. Reid and her committee were praised for having reported the largest amount of money over their quota.

The 1970 Annual Session was discussed, included were some improvements and the 1970 Budget. Certificates will be awarded to all A-1 Circles and Unions for Regularity, and a complete department (Seniors-Young Adults-Juniors) during the Annual Session and ribbons will be mailed to the recipients before the convention. Pre-registration (\$1.50) and Pre-representation fees will be received in the office from July 1 through August 1, 1970. Special envelopes may be secured from the office. The budget was set for \$90,000.00 and the delegates were encouraged to do their "best for Christ". The third annual County-Wide Grand March (The Righteous Marching) will culminate on Thursday morning with the County and City Union presidents leading their respective groups. Trophies will be presented to the winners. The District Conference Chairman will be honored also on Thursday and they will present the convention a "Special Birthday Gift (\$86.00 each)". The Annual Session will be held with the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., August 11-14, 1970. The Rev. Isaac B. Horton is the pastor. The Convention Headquarters will be the Goldsboro Motor Hotel, Center Street.

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A TREMENDOUS MID-YEAR SESSION

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Dr. T. A. Watkins, Chairman of the General Baptist State Convention Board of Trustees, brought "good news" to the convention again, when he presented Mr. William Jackson, Camp Expert, Baptist State Convention. Mr. Jackson talked about the need to develop a camp, the plans for the building and the progress that has been made.

The Convention presented plaques to two faithful and loyal members of the group for services rendered. Mrs. Clara W. Nesby of Winston-Salem as recording secretary of the convention; she served from 1947-1969. Mrs. Omelia R. Johnson of Washington, D. C., retired in June, 1969 as secretary-bookkeeper of the convention. She received a love offering and served from 1935-1969.

Reverend James Z. Alexander, Dean, School of Religion, Shaw University, extended greetings on behalf of the University and President King V. Cheek. He challenged the delegates to "rise up and look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". He commended the women for providing the transportation to America for Mrs. Liberata Kihohia of Kenya, West Africa. She is majoring in Home Economics and is the first African to study at Meredith. (This course is not offered at Shaw University).

Mrs. Luella D. Edwards gave a very stimulating report from the Young Adult Department. Miss Bronnie Harris is the president. She stated that this had been a banner year for the Young Adults and that the name of their game is "Involvement".

The associate Junior-Young Peoples' Supervisor, Mrs. Eva M. Pratt reported that there were more than 315 delegates attending their session. Special emphasis was placed on their objectives and they discussed ways and means that Shaw University and the Convention could help meet the many needs of the young people in this state. Dean Alexander was a source of inspiration to them and they proposed to have a conference to discuss the "black church".

Reverend A. L. Morgan, pastor of the Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh and the Hooks Grove Baptist Church, Pikeville, delivered a soul-stirring message. He told the women that the gospel is more than the spoken word and that there are many ways of spreading it. The best way, he continued, is to live it.

Pastor Ward and members of First Baptist Church did a tremendous job in entertaining the over-flow crowd with a delicious and tasty dinner. The unique hospitality of First Baptist Church always says "Hurry Back".

President Slade thanked the group again for their faithfulness and prayers. The delegates generally expressed a feeling that this was indeed one of the best in every way.

Shiloh Baptist Church Employs Director of Social Services

In an attempt to expand its program of social concerns, the congregation of Shiloh Baptist Church has voted to employ a director of Social Services. The action was taken in the church annual conference.

Named to the new position was Miss Zenobia Dansby, a recent graduate of North Carolina Central University at Durham. The office will provide assistance to disadvantaged citizens in securing benefits available from government programs, and will conduct community work-shops on new programs for the disadvantaged.

The church is sponsoring 108 apartment units for low income families named in honor of a former pastor, Dr. J. T. Hairston who served the church for fifty-two years.

Other actions taken at the conference was the election of additions to three boards. Added to the Trustee Board were: Mrs. Sarah H. Allen, William Alcorn and Samuel A. Penn; to the Deacon Board: Melvin Henderson, Sr., Hodgist Stephens and L. A. Widemon; to the Deaconess Board: Mrs. Florence Hood, Mrs. Vertie Mae Page and Mrs. Lynette B. Parks.

BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH OF BREVARD, N. C. IS ADDING A SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Recently at a regular monthly business meeting of Bethel "A" Baptist Church, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. F. H. Goldsmith, a vote was passed to establish a College Scholarship Loan Fund.

Even though this fund begins with only a few hundred dollars, the church hopes to add to it as possible until in the future no student in the church family will be deprived of a chance for higher education because of the shortage of funds. Bethel "A" feels that this is a way to apply Christianity to the daily life of its people and to extend the effectiveness of the church ministry.

For the past several years, this church can boast of sending out the largest number of summer Student Missionaries than any other Baptist church in the Southeastern part of the United States. Our youth are truly our greatest asset, church officials state.

Bethel "A" now has 15 students in various colleges throughout this country. Some of these, and also some former students have been assisted by various church scholarships.

"We are most grateful for all this, but feel it is now time to bind together to join in this good work even though it may mean making a sacrifice," officials declared.

SEMINAR ON CHURCH AND COMMUNITY TO BE HELD

"The Church As Initiator of Change" will be the subject of the Seminar on Church and Community to be held in Raleigh, February 23 and 24, under the joint sponsorship of N. C. State University and the North Carolina Council of Churches, according to an announcement made by Samuel S. Wiley, the Council's executive director. The Erdahl-Cloyd Union being in process of enlargement, the nearby Fairmont United Methodist Church where the Rev. John W. Cline is minister will be host to the seminar.

The 1970 Seminar on Church and Community will feature as program leaders Richard D. N. Dickinson, Jr., M. Buie Seawell, Jr., and Garland A. Hendricks. Dr. Dickinson is Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and has authored, among other publications, the book entitled *Line and Plummet* (The Churches and Socio-Economic Development) while Secretary for Specialized Assistance for Social Projects of the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland.

The Rev. Mr. Seawell, formerly pastor of the Church of Reconciliation at Chapel Hill, is now executive director of Triangle COMPLEX Inc., a ministry to the systems of the Research Triangle lying between Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. Dr. Hendricks is professor of Church-Community Development and director of Field Work at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and is also an author.

Dr. Dickinson's first address will be at 2:15 p.m. on February 23 on the subject, "Developmental Problems in Today's Society — World, National and Local." His second address, at the dinner at 6:00 p.m. that evening, will have the topic, "The Dynamics of Planned Change." Mr. Seawell will speak the next morning at 8:45 on "Techniques and Means for Planned Change." Dr. Hendricks will conclude the seminar with an address following the 12:30 luncheon, on the subject "Working with the Power Structure of the Local Church to Effect Planned Change."

On Monday afternoon at 3:15 a reactor panel will respond to Dr. Dickinson's first address. It will be moderated by S. Collins Kilburn, newly appointed director of Social Ministries of the State Council of Churches. Other panelists are to be the Rev. Philip R. Cousin, minister of St. Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Durham; Mrs. Carol Van Alstyne, assistant director for Program Development, Low Income Housing Development Corp., Durham; Alan Albright, President of the Student Body, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Ed Lotspeich, associate director of Triangle COMPLEX Inc.

After Mr. Seawell's address on Tuesday morning participants will gather in small groups to deal with applying principles of community and human resource development in local situations, with a sharing of experience.

Thomas N. Hobgood, Jr., Extension Community Development Specialist at N. C. State University, is liaison for the university. The Rev. Edgar N. French, Dean of Students and Personnel at Livingstone College in Salisbury, and the Rev. Karl M. Park, pastor of St. Martin Lutheran Church at Albemarle, are co-chairmen of the State Council's Committee on Church and Community.

A fee of \$2.00 per person and the cost of two meals will be paid on registering at the beginning of the seminar, according to Wiley, and information about hotel and motel accommodations may be obtained from T. N. Hobgood, Jr., P. O. Box 5040, N. C. State University, Raleigh, N. C. 27607.

The conference, which is a part of the continuing education program of N. C. State, is open to all interested persons. The purpose of the 1970 seminar is to examine how the church may be an agent of constructive change in society.

LUMBER RIVER GIVES STRONG SUPPORT

The Lumber River Baptist Association of which Dr. W. B. Turner is Moderator has appointed a Baptist Informer Committee to conduct a subscription drive for our paper. Mrs. Bertha Thompson of Lumberton heads this committee that brought to us 42 subscriptions to our Woman's One Day Session in Raleigh. Mrs. Thompson is a dedicated worker in the Lumber River Association and is a strong supporter of the Baptist Informer. She and the committee have the strong backing of Moderator Turner.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

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Some of the first deacons were: Brothers Edward Davis, Arder Williams, Isaac Williams, Andy Davis, Edward Davis, Jr., Peter Davis and Willie Williams.

The first mothers of the church were Sister Lucy Shepherd and Sister Pryscilla Davis.

Among the oldest members are Sister Martha Broadie and Deacon S. A. Davis, Sister Candis Davis and Sister Lucendy Davis.

Other Pastors: Rev. B. Harper, Henry Alston, Saul Clanton, Preston Dickens, Lias Lyons, George Basket, Charles Mason, Moses Davis, M. R. Hedgepeth, J. E. Barnes, Kirmitt Richardson and William Thomas Grimes.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come; 'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and Grace will lead us Home.

SEVERAL ATTEND MID-WINTER MEETINGS

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of our convention will lead several of our pastors in attendance at the adjourned session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. J. H. Jackson, President, January 20-22 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Dr. Sherrill is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Convention and is respected as one of its most outstanding leaders.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. is holding its Mid Winter session, January 20-22 in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. J. J. Johnson of Fairmont, President of Southern Region No. 1 of the Progressive Convention will be one of our representatives in Memphis. George W. Dudley of Rocky Mount will be there as an assistant secretary of the Unified Budget Committee of the convention. Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Browne of Durham along with several others will be there to represent General Baptist's.

FATHER OF DR. J. RAY BUTLER DIES

Recently, one of Sampson County's most prominent and outstanding citizens was called home from his earthly labor to his eternal home.

He was well-known, loved and respected by all who know him and had dealings with him. He was a long time farmer and a great church worker.

He was a member of the Snow Hill Baptist Church of Roseboro, N. C. There he was a deacon and he also served as superintendent of the Sunday School for many years until his health began to fail some few years ago and had to retire.

He was married to the late Miss Mary Frances Cooper who preceded him to the grave a little more than three years ago. They were the proud parents of ten wonderful and well respected children. Two children (sons) preceded them to the grave. (James and Willie).

Survivors include three sons, A. Dancy Butler of Fayetteville, N. C.; Dr. J. Ray Butler, Wilmington, N. C.; Maceo S. Butler of Trenton, N. J.; five daughters — Mrs. Arletha B. Graham, Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. Juanita B. Boney, Rose Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Laubertha B. Sampson, Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. Estelle B. Isaac, East Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary B. Cooper, Trenton, N. J.; twenty-seven grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and one sister, Mrs. Lillie B. Sewell of Baltimore, Maryland.

WE ARE CALLED

To join those across the state in supporting the movement to Save Marie Hill. She is the young girl who is now being tried for robbery and murder. Let us work to see to it that Miss Hill is given a fair, impartial trial. Your views and contributions will be of great help.

CREECY AT NEBO TWENTY-ONE YEARS

After rebuilding a church that had been burned to the ground, the Nebo Baptist Church of Murfreesboro honored her pastor, the Reverend C. Melvin (Pap) Creecy who had served them for 20 years. Creecy is unquestionably one of the most outstanding leaders of northeastern North Carolina.

On Sunday, December 7, Nebo observed the 21st Anniversary of the Reverend Mr. Creecy during the morning worship service. Fittingly, the anniversary sermon was ably delivered by a gospel son of Pastor Creecy and Nebo, the Reverend Charles R. Tyner, who is in school at Shaw University and is one of our finest young men setting sail on the sea of the gospel ministry. We are expecting great things from Tyner.

As Nebo Church paid glowing tributes to their pastor, they remembered how the Lord has used Creecy as a strong spiritual leader, wise counsellor and a mighty builder. Congratulations Pastor Creecy for the strength of your leadership means much to us in our state program.

NEW PARSONAGE

Word came to us recently that the First Baptist Church, Lumberton has built a new church parsonage. Dr. E. B. Turner is pastor of this moving congregation. The Turners will reside in this well appointed beautiful new structure located at 302 Lincoln Street, Lumberton. Congratulations to First Baptist for accepting the challenge and to pastor Turner for the leadership.

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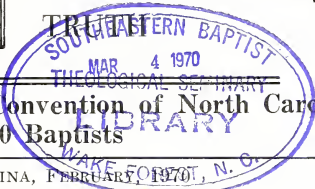
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Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh.
- June 22-28 National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Omaha,
Nebraska.
- June 22-28 Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Alexan-
dria, Virginia.
- July 14-16 State Usher's Convention
- August 4-6 State Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention, White Rock Bap-
tist Church, Durham.
- August 10-14 Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, First African
Baptist Church, Goldsboro.
- August 31-
September 4 Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, First Baptist Church,
Fayetteville.
- Sept. 8-13 National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., New Orleans, Louisi-
ana.
- Sept. 8-13 National Baptist Convention of America.
- Sept. 8-13 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Kansas City,
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- October 26-30 General Baptist State Convention and Layman's League, Unit-
ed Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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**PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRESS CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION
AT MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW BERN, N. C.**

Left to Right: Mr. Albert Lofton, Chairman, Trustees, Mt. Calvary Church; Rev. W. A. Foskey; Rev. J. L. White, Guest Speaker and Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, N. C.; Rev. C. H. C. White I; Rev. N. C. McNair, Jr., Pastor, Mt. Calvary; Mr. Daniel Williams, Chairman, Deacon Board, Mt. Calvary; Mr. Dudley C. Lowe, Associate Chairman, Deacon Board, Mt. Calvary and Mr. Cal Jones, Mt. Calvary.

Progress Celebration Held At New Bern's Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

A dedication and progress celebration was held recently at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of New Bern, North Carolina. The service began with a processional of various choirs throughout the city. The Rev. C. H. C. White I, Minister of the Ebenezer

Presbyterian Church delivered the Invocation. Music was rendered by the combined choirs. The History of the Church was presented by Mrs. Esther M. Taylor. Special music was presented by the Male Chorus of Clinton's First Baptist Church

under the direction of the Rev. J. L. White, Pastor and guest speaker for the occasion. Soloists were Mr. William N. Henderson who sang "The Lord's Prayer" with much feeling, and the Rev. N. C. McNair, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Calvary who sang "Bless This House" also with great feeling. Complimentary remarks were made by the Honorable E. H. Ricks, Mayor of New Bern and D. Livingstone Stallings, Chairman, Craven County Commissioners.

The Rev. Mr. White highlighted the occasion with a sermon which demonstrated his ability as a preacher of the Gospel. Mr. Dudley C. Lowe, Associate Chairman of the Deacon Board of Mt. Calvary, presented guests which included Mrs. J. L. White and friends from Clinton, and lauded the Pastor, Rev. McNair for his work at Mt. Calvary and contributions to the civic and educational life of New Bern. The Rev. C. H. Ewing, President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance also praised the Pastor and members for their programs and support. The Rev. Hilliard Williams also made a significant contribution to the program along with the Rev. John T. Parks, Jr., the Rev. W. A. Foskey, and the Rev. W. T. Harrison.

NEWS FROM THE WEST

By S. A. RAPER

Our beloved President, Dr. J. W. White, and many pastors and laymen went to Wingate College for the State Vacation Bible School Clinic. Many of our churches and associations are getting ready for the District and Associational Clinics.

Those of us who use the Southern Baptist material should order as quickly as possible, because of the change over to the new curriculum. Many of the churches in western North Carolina have their youth revivals the last week of Vacation Bible School. The result has been tremendous.

Many of our pastors and laymen had the privilege of enjoying another State Evangelism Conference in Greensboro this year. Our own Dr. O. L. Sherrill presided over one of the sessions.

The pastors and laymen are proud of our president and executive secretary, as they carry on successfully our state work.

Middle Ground Association Institute Held

The Middle Ground Association Training Institute was held at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, North Carolina January 12th through the 23rd, 1970. The two weeks of classes proved to be successful for all. Classes were very ably taught by the following: Dr. A. D. Mosley—Ministers; Sister Lusy Gray—mission; Rev. G. E. Brown—deacons; Rev. E. M. Brown, Sister Carrie Alexander, and Sister Rosa L. Purvis—Youth; Class hours were

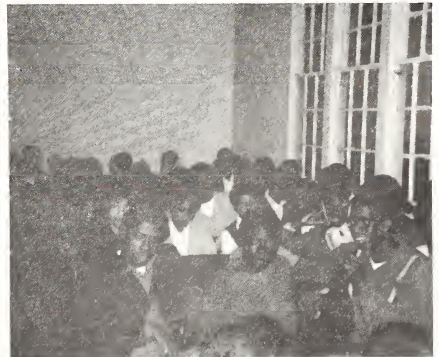
from 4:30-5:30 P.M. and 6:00-7:30 P.M. each evening. Following the classes, inspiring and dynamic sermons were delivered by the Reverends Johnnie Bell, T. R. Vines, G. E. Brown. H. Hammond, H. A. Brown, J. C. Chance, J. H. Dixon, A. D. Mosley and E. M. Brown. There was a total enrollment of 330.

Rev. G. E. Brown—Moderator

Rev. W. R. Alston—Rec. Secretary



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REGIONAL SESSIONS WORKING

Sometimes ago, the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention conceived the idea of having One Day meetings in the various regions of the state. This idea has caught fire and is spreading with much power for our convention's work and progress.

The first regional meeting of this year was held on Friday, January 16 at the Star of Zion Baptist Church, L. D. Bizzell, pastor, New Bern. As many of the moderators and pastors of this area gathered, the Executive Secretary and his assistant, C. C. Craig, placed on their hearts the work of the Convention. Sermons were ably delivered by Reverends Isaac Horton, E. W. Wooten and W. C. Horton.

The second regional meeting was held in Durham in the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church where Dr. W. T. Bigelow is pastor. Moderators F. D. Terry, U. R. Booker, G. S. Stokes, A. T. Alston, W. E. Edgerton, A. D. Moseley and G. H. Brooks brought timely greetings. Powerful messages were delivered by A. L. Thompson, J. E. Perkins and B. A. Mack.

Two fine regional meetings were held in the Eastern Part of the State—the Corner Stone Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, where the veteran pastor of 47 years, Dr. J. R. R. McRay leads on, and First Baptist Church, Rich Square, Reverend C. C. Lawrence, pastor. Three of the young men of the area, namely, Leo Williams, Johnnie Woodhouse and E. M. Brown spoke with power in Elizabeth City. J. R. Person, J. H. London and J. M. Boone were the preachers in Rich Square. All of these men made valuable contributions to the program. Dr. Sherrill has been at his best in these regional meetings in promoting the program of the convention.

USHERS MEET IN WILSON

President Arthur Williams of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers Convention announces that the One Day Session will be held in the Round Tree Baptist Church, Wilson, Saturday, February 28, 1970.

He is strongly urging all churches to represent with a large delegation at this meeting.

The session will open at 9:30 a.m. Round Tree Church is located on highway 264 approximately 2 miles from Wilson.

ATTENTION

ALL CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ALUMNI & RELIGIOUS PROMOTION are asked to send a contribution of \$5.00 by June 10 to Mr. R. O. Murphy, Vice-President, Development and Relations, Shaw University, Raleigh. Requested by J. L. Williams, President of Alumni & Religious Promotion, Shaw University, Raleigh.

'MOST ADMIRER' LISTED BY BLACK ORGANIZATION

(Reprint—Greensboro Daily News, 1-11-70)

The Alpha (first) Chapter of Guys and Dolls Inc. released its first annual list of the Ten Most Admired Black People in Greensboro.

Guys and Dolls Inc. is a national black organization that was founded locally by Mrs. L. K. Vereen, an A&T State University faculty member.

The organization is composed of parents and their children with their meetings and programs geared for family participation as well as for doing good works.

The first Negro judge in the South was awarded the top spot on their list. Judge Elreta Alexander, author of "When A Man Is Free," has practiced before the U. S. Supreme Court and several federal district courts.

Dr. George Simkins, a dentist and leader of "Equality For All Men," was second on the list.

The first known Negro to serve in the N. C. House of Representatives in modern times, attorney Henry Frye, was the third most admired man.

A. S. Webb, former chairman of the Human Relations Committee, was fourth on the list.

Number five is the Rev. Otis Hairston, chairman of the Christian Social Action Committee.

The Rev. Cecil Bishop, member of the N. C. Council of Churches executive committee, was sixth.

A member of the Justice Department's Special Hearing, attorney J. Kenneth Lee, ranked seventh.

Frederick D. Cundiff, assistant superintendent of Greensboro City Schols, was ranked eight.

Mrs. Mattie Eccles, member of Council of Negro Women, is ranked ninth.

The tenth spot is also held by a woman. Mrs. Marguerite Evans, treasurer of L. Richardson Hospital Auxiliary.

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THE YOUTH DRUG SCENE

What is it like to become so dependent on drugs that they become the most important thing in your life? And then in heart-wrenching torment, be helped by God's unfailing love and that of understanding parents and church group peers, to climb shakily back to a fragile normality?

Direct from the life and lips of young Mark, an actual teen-age drug user, comes a gripping new documentary film, *THE YOUTH DRUG SCENE*, that tells it true and straight—"just the way it WAS—and IS".

Why do our "normal kids", even 11 or 12-year-olds, get themselves hooked into the nightmare of drug experimentation and addiction? According to Mark they are looking for "kicks", forbidden pleasures, peer status with their more adventurous classmates, or even one-upmanship over these who are more conventional. The adult strident "NO! NO!" often only stimulates the adolescent's urge to test and to try. After all, don't many of these very same adults themselves indulge in liquor, barbiturates, tobacco, tranquilizers? They just don't want us kids to grow up!

The *YOUTH DRUG SCENE* makes it easy for young people to identify with its "hero". He is a real person. *Their* kind of person. *He has "been" there!* This makes it plausible for them also to identify with his just-in-time discovery that the life-joys of family and friends in church and school far outweigh the short-lived hallucinatory trips of the drug user. Thus normal pleasures eclipse the abnormal.

Parents also will find a strong identification factor in the film. All too often as the film points out, they refuse to admit to themselves that *their* Johnny or Susie could possibly be "onto" drugs. It simply cannot happen, they blindly insist, to nice, well-brought up children like theirs. But it can, and it does.

In the film, this real-life family shows their son that they continue to love him despite all the troubles his affliction has brought upon them and on himself. This love—and his restored faith in God's ever-present love—is shown to be a major element in the boy's regeneration.

There is a potent identification factor also for any church group privileged to view this film. How does a conventional church group react when a long-haired hippie type (such as Mark was during certain periods of his addiction), puts in an unannounced appearance? The youth group shown in the film reacted with true Christian understanding, and this encouraged Mark and strengthened the lad's will to fight for recovery.

The dedicated psychiatrist to whom Mark was

persuaded to go for treatment found the family, church and community support most helpful in getting Mark into that unfortunately small percentage of young people who do make it back from so heavy and protracted a drug use. Basic was Mark's definite *spiritual* conversion—his realization of his need for God's help, and his certainty at last that he would surely receive and be sustained by it.

THE YOUTH DRUG SCENE could deservedly have been sub-titled "Return of the Prodigal Son—1970". Discontented, restless youth, today faring forth to spend its negative patrimony in "riotous living" in the sub-culture of the drug world is as worthy of forgiveness and love as was the son in Scripture, who was "dead" and lived again.

THE YOUTH DRUG SCENE, 16mm, color and sound, 300 minutes long, was made in association with Johnson-Nyquist Productions by FAMILY FILMS, 5823 Santa Monica Blvd, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. A free Leader's Discussion Guide is available. Editors may obtain further information and glossies on request. The film may be rented from denominational and other religious film distribution centers.

DR. R. A. CROMWELL ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 3, 1969

To the Chairman, Officers and members of the Foreign Mission Bureau of the Progressive National Baptist Convention:

Dear Brethren:

In January of 1942 at the Board of directors meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Newark, New Jersey, Dr. C. C. Adams, who had been elected Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, appointed me as his assistant. At this time there was no salary offered or received. In January of 1946 I came to Philadelphia as a full time assistant to Dr. Adams at a salary of \$275.00 per month. In June of 1950 I was called to the pastorate of the Childs Memorial Baptist Church and continued as parttime assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention but at the reduced salary of \$100.00 per month. When the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau was organized in 1961, I became the assistant secretary with no salary, only an expense allowance of \$75.00 per month. This situation obtained until 1963, when, on Dr. Adams' retirement as Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau the Board graciously elected me as the Executive Secretary.

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OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG REBELS

By DAVID WILKERSON

Rev. David Wilkerson is the author of the best-selling, "The Cross and The Switchblade," "Twelve Angels From Hell," "The Little People," "Parents on Trial" and just released, "Purple Violet Squish." Mr. Wilkerson is a minister in the Assemblies of God Church and the founder and head of Teen Challenge. This is an organization devoted to helping troubled youth which he started ten years ago when, as a young preacher, he began speaking on the streets of New York. Today Teen Challenge has its headquarters in a new half-million dollar international complex in Brooklyn. Through the David Wilkerson Youth Crusades, Mr. Wilkerson speaks to 15,000 to 20,000 young people each week. He listens to their questions and is aware of the problems of youth today. From out of these experiences and because of his deep concern, he has written the following open letter to young rebels.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG REBELS!! You do your thing and I'll do mine. And what is my thing? I like to preach the Word. There is a wild, fantastic something in me that wants to come out. I've got a message all pent up inside and I'm going to let it out—line by line so that it can go down easy.

Here goes!

You say, "Destroy the American system because it has not abolished unemployment and war." Then you must blow up the hospitals because they have not abolished cancer.

You want to make revolution. Then find out what for.

The establishment is supposed to be against the poor. Yet poverty in America is on the decline.

In 1900, about 90 percent of our population was poor. In 1920, 50 percent. In 1930, 34 percent. In 1968, only 15 percent. The job is far from finished, but don't say someone is not trying.

Now who has failed? You have.

You fail because you no longer want to think. You fail by using violence to shut down schools. You fail by denying freedom while you cry freedom for all.

You slander and abuse anyone who disagrees with you.

You steal, loot administration buildings, and defy all authority.

You try to whitewash your ignorance with idealism. You call your hysteria insight.

You say, "The American people demand . . ." Then you add only what you want. This is intellectual sloppiness.

You want to "wreck the system."

It took centuries of pain and suffering to devise democracy. A system that protects squares like me against rebels like you! That protects innocents against fascists. A system that still protects every minority from tyranny.

A system that at least tries to solve human problems. A system that still seeks to make changes without violence. A system that abhors bloodshed. A system that refuses to suppress free speech.

A system that allows reckless attacks against itself. That allows mass demonstrations to be nationally televised. And you want to smash it.

And what would you give us in its place? Heroes such as Marx, Mao and Che. Leaders who demand power, while jailing students, writers, scientists and teachers, banishing them to labor or death—only because of their opinions.

Tanks and armies rolling over borders—to liberate."

You plan to give us "nonviolent coordinating committees," who engage in gunfire and violence.

You would dig out of the grave a nineteenth-century ideology, Marxism.

You would give us assertions and deny us facts. Passion as a substitute for knowledge. Slogans for solutions. Idealism with not an ounce of brains behind it.

No, thank you, my rioting student friends. Whatever its imperfections—give me democracy.

I despise poverty more than you—but I am free to give.

I despise pompous politicians—but not one has my back against the wall.

The smug affluent bug me, too. But God help us if we didn't have their taxes to feed the poor.

Sure, I know there is a credibility gap. But it beats having to swallow a dogma enforced by terror.

Under democracy I am a free man. Free to worship God—even to the point of fanaticism. Free to stand on any street corner in America and preach any gospel, under the protection of a flag and a constitution.

Free to travel—to any point on the globe. Free to vote against inferior products through dollar power, and against dishonest politicians with a ballot.

Rebels so far have done little more than to soften the system.

They have blown kids' minds, frightened the conforming classes questioned the legitimacy of every-

thing, and carved up capitalism without the foggiest idea of where to go.

It is more a revolution of jargon, slogans, and polysyllables than of substantial ideas.

Radicals and militants are now addicted to the capitalist telephone. They accept invitations to speak and the money pours in. They become capitalists. They are "defanged" by the dollar. For one thousand dollars they will curse "capitalism."

Why is everything happening now—and together? A surplus of causes seems to exist. People are desiring to maintain a sense of their own importance. Trying to find values in a superorganized world of bigness. A vacuum of impersonality. A sense of powerlessness.

There's fear that man no longer has influence over decisions affecting his life. Loving, honesty, caring have become "corny."

"Make love, not war" is no longer lofty idealism. It is merely a sex slogan.

Self-justifying intellectualism has been exposed as hypocrisy. It has become popular to excoriate America in four-letter words.

People are sensing something new happening in their lives.

They can't touch it or see it. It has to do with sexual freedom, the kids, riots and assassinations. These things seem to be related somehow, but no one can find the links. They are underground connections.

Even space is shrinking in size. Good taste is now bad style. Adjustment is now called conformity. Self-indulgence has become freedom. Welfare has become slavery. Leisure has turned into loneliness.

Religion has become "neuroticism." Goodness is equated with weakness. Honesty with stupidity.

Revolution may never work in America. To be a revolutionary is to love your life enough to change it. There are not enough of you left, in love with God and life and fellowman.

I don't mind you doing your thing. But you cannot do it at any expense. The only dignity you can give to doubt is to wrap it in silence. There is no bravery in preaching revolution without purpose and overthrow without follow-up.

Could it be that you're really not doing your thing at all—but that your thing is doing you?

Before you start "doing your thing," better get fenced in with love.

God's love!

Additional copies of this letter are available without obligation from the David Wilkerson Youth Crusades, 688 Broadway, Massapequa, New York 11758.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEW GOD AND COUNTRY PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

By ROY ADELBERG

For the past five years, our denominational representatives on the National Church Commission on Scouting have been working on a top-priority project: A complete revision of the Boy Scout *God and Country Program*. This was recently completed and the new material will shortly be off the presses.

The new God and Country Program is a program of the church in which a Scout, working in a one-to-one relationship with a counselor, experiences growth in his understanding of what it means to take responsibility as a Christian in many areas of life. Fresh in concept, approach, and application, the new program bears little resemblance to the old "award" program. As a tool offering the latest insights into the learning and growth processes, it has great potential as an effective extension of the Christian Education program of the local church.

A PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH

In past years there has been a feeling on the part of some churches that the God and Country idea was something imposed upon the church by the Boy Scouts of America. Let it be said here that the new God and Country program belongs to the church. It was designed by the church for use by the church as a way of working effectively in the lives of its members who are Boy Scouts. As such, it does not take the place of Christian Education. It provides no magic "bypass" to the normal courses of study which the church requires of its young people. What it does do is offer an opportunity to Scouts who are church members to put what they have learned in the Christian education process to work in their daily lives and to experience real responsibility as young Christians. As such, the program becomes an extension of the local church's program of Christian Education.

A PROGRAM OF INDIVIDUAL GROWTH

In the new God and Country program, the Scout works in a one-to-one basis with a counselor. This is not out of whim or fancy on the part of those who developed the program. Recognizing that each individual has different tastes, interests, abilities, and levels of understanding, the program allows each boy to make certain choices within its framework. He chooses to take responsibilities which interest him and which are within his capabilities. He chooses how much time he will spend in each phase of the program, possibly taking as long as two years for the total experience! He

chooses how deeply he wishes to become involved in any of his responsibilities. All of these choices require some guidance, hence the need for a counselor. Because his choices provide for limitless variations in the program, the counselor must deal with each boy separately in his own pattern of individual growth. The program materials make their strongest emphasis in giving help and guidance to the counselor. Each church will have to choose how it will handle the counseling situation. Wherever possible he should be the minister, but where there are many boys involved in the program, this is impracticable and more than one counselor will be required. Program materials take this into consideration and offer many guidelines and techniques for the less experienced counselor.

NOT AN AWARD-ORIENTED PROGRAM

Instead of offering an award for a series of "religious good deeds" as an incentive, the new program offers the adventure of exploring, through personal experience, new horizons of faith in action. The challenge of the program itself, rather than an award, becomes the motivating factor. While activities and service are a part of the program, they are expanded into opportunities for boys to come really committed to taking genuine responsibilities as Christians, not only within the church, but within the various communities of which they are a part; ranging from the familiar to the new, from local to worldwide, and from the present to the future. If that sounds like a lot . . . it is. It will take an entirely new approach on the part of the church offering the program to fully realize the program's potential.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Space here does not permit a detailed analysis of the steps and areas covered by the program. The God and Country materials are now or will shortly be available through your local Protestant or Religious Relationship Committee on Scouting or your local Scout Trading Post. The minister, Christian Education Committee, and/or the sponsoring committee for your church's Scout troop or Explorer post should study the material and decide how your church may make the best use of the opportunity. If your church does not sponsor a Scouting unit, there are undoubtedly Boy Scouts who are a part of your church family. They should have the opportunity to go through the program in their home church.

Above all, as your church approaches the new God and Country Program, involve people in planning for it who can openly approach something new and fresh without being tied down by old approaches . . . people who can see a new thing and do it. How well your church succeeds in the God and Country Program will depend, in large measure, on the enthusiasm and commitment of its leadership.

DR. R. A. CROMWELL

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I point out these facts so that the Board and the Nation will know that during these twenty-eight (28) years of labor and service I have not been made rich financially.

However, the opportunities given me by the Baptist across these years have immeasurably enriched me in many ways that money, in itself, could never provide. I have been able to be a part in the spreading of the gospel and its mission. I have seen thousands in Africa and Haiti led to Christ, trained in the schools, healed in the hospital, and given a hope for better things. This has been greatly rewarding.

I come now to turn over the reins of leadership to a younger, more vigorous and, I trust, an equally dedicated successor who can and will give full time to this most exacting and vigorous task. At the extended session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, in Memphis, Tennessee, January 20th through 22nd, 1970, I will retire as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Bureau. It is my hope that Dr. J. H. Beatty, who has served for almost two years as a competent, able, and dedicated assistant, will be elected by the Bureau to this office. In any event, I pledge to the Bureau and the Convention my continued interest in, and support of, the great challenge of Missions and I wish to assure them that I stand ready to be of any service they wish me to give within the limits of my physical strength.

In closing, I wish to thank the Chairman, Dr. H. J. Trapp, for his unstinted support and cooperation, the Treasurer, Dr. E. T. Lewis, for his unflinching responsiveness to any calls made upon him, Dr. Adams and Dr. Locust for their valuable counsel and cooperation and all the other members of the Board for their splendid acceptance of me and their encouraging efforts to make this Foreign Mission Bureau grow and go. Thank all of you.

Yours in Christ,

R. A. CROMWELL

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Convention Looking Toward One Day Session

Pastors and representatives from churches all over the state will converge on Raleigh, Tuesday, May 5 for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to be held in the Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. Paul Johnson, pastor.

Our state president, Dr. John W. White of Asheville will preside. The progress of the convention will be reported by Executive Secretary, O. L. Sherrill. Sermons will be delivered by Dr. J. Arthur White of Charlotte and the Reverend J. O. Thorne of Rocky Mount.

Baptists are requested to bring \$100,000.00 to Raleigh on this day for the convention's work. If we mean business, let us go over the goal. SEE YOU IN THE CAPITOL CITY, MAY 5.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 5 One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh.
- June 22-28 National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Omaha, Nebraska.
- June 22-28 Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Alexandria, Virginia.
- July 14-16 State Usher's Convention Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg, N. C.
- August 4-6 State Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham.
- August 10-14 Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro.
- August 31-
- September 4 Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.
- Sept. 8-13 National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sept. 8-13 National Baptist Convention of America.
- Sept. 8-13 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.
- October 26-30 General Baptist State Convention and Layman's League, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

PLAN TO ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING IN YOUR AREA

- March 27 Mount Calvary, Wilmington, F. R. Devane
- April 7 St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker
- April 14 Morning Star, Hickory, C. R. Harper

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TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION
AND INSTITUTE

The Tar River Institute under the direction of the Reverend A. L. Morgan held a week long training and preaching session in the St. Stephen Baptist Church, Spring Hope, Reverend Luther Coppedge, pastor. Sermons were ably delivered by the Reverends C. H. Harris, R. B. Miles, L. Edwards, J. N. Hunter and Luther Coppedge. The Instructors of the week were the Reverends W. T. Grimes,

Luther Coppedge and George W. Dudley. The Institute was rated by those in attendance as the best ever.

The Mid-Year Session of the Tar River Missionary Baptist Association was held Wednesday, March 11 in the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. Below is a picture of the Reverend Frank Bullock, Jr. Moderator, presiding over this meeting and Dr. O. L. Sherrill speaking for the General Baptist Convention.



REVEREND BULLOCK



DR. SHERRILL

AMERICAN BAPTISTS IN SIGNIFICANT MOVE

Myers Park and Mount Carmel Baptist Churches, Charlotte, are jointly hosting a group of American Baptists representing over 100 churches in the south in a meeting, April 10-12 to accomplish some type of regional organization to embrace the churches in the south that are affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

The meeting will be chaired by Kelly Miller Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville. Among the speakers will be Dr. Thomas Kilgore, president of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles and Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, Executive Secretary, American Baptist Convention.

REGIONAL MEETINGS REACHING OUT

With Dr. O. L. Sherrill at the helm, the Regional One Day Meetings of our State Convention are



Some of those in attendance in one of such meetings held in the Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson where the Reverend C. R. Mitchell is pastor.

touching many moderators, pastors and churches in various sections of the state.



Reverend G. E. Battle preaching in the Henderson Regional Meeting.



REGIONAL ONE DAY SESSION CONVENED AT SHILOH CHURCH

The Regional One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention convened at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, Friday, March 6, with Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, presiding.

Devotional Services were conducted by the Reverend O. J. Rooks, pastor of Brookston Baptist Church, Henderson.

A warm welcome was extended by the Host Pastor, Reverend C. R. Mitchell.

Reverend E. L. Brodie made the following points of emphasis on the Theme Address, "The Serving Church":

1. The Church should give service rather than to be served.
2. The church should be concerned

3. The church is the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
4. The church should be a praying and working church, using feet and hands to its prayer work.
5. The church should seek to Evangelize, to bring salvation to the world.
6. A serving church is a giving church; whereas we have robbed God in tithes and offerings.

Expressions by Reverend J. A. Watson and Deacon A. L. Williams were timely and challenging.

Sermons were ably delivered by Reverends J. A. Watson and G. E. Battle. Reverend Watson chose for his text, Jeremiah 6:16, Subject: "The Good Old Way". He stated that we should go back to the good Old spiritual ways. We have the direction for the journey, for God has given us the direction. Jeremiah advised that we go back in the old paths for they are ways of obedience to God. Stand fast and He will bring us back.

Reverend Battle chose for his Text, Acts 3:6, Subject: "The World Is Looking On Us". He began his discussion by saying that God is expecting of us not what we say, but what we do. In this walk of life, so many people are lame, men and women are hungry for God and we think we have nothing to do. People are crippled with hate, envy, malice and sin. They are crying out for help. We are Gods instruments. What are we going to do? Let us be able to meet their needs for the world is looking on us.

Dr. Sherrill presented Reverend G. W. Dudley to speak on the OBJECTIVES. Reverend Dudley stated that Baptists have become divided. Division is a terrible thing. It can destroy a family, a church and a convention. We cannot have Baptist anything unless we have an objective. Each one has a respon-

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MANY ATTEND ONE DAY MID-EASTERN SESSION

The one day District meeting of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was called to order February 17, 1970, at 11:00 a.m. by the Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill in the First Baptist Church Rich Square, North Carolina, where Brother C. C. Lawrence is the pastor. The devotion was led by Brothers J. A. Davis and Abraham Walton. Timely expressions of welcome were extended by the Pastor, to which Brother J. E. James responded.

The theme for the day was, "The Serving Church". This theme was discussed very plainly by Brother J. R. Person. He left us with these thoughts in mind, "The Serving Church is God's only and best program on Earth." "Life will receive the best of care when it is committed to the Serving Church." Brother Person led us to know that the Serving Church will reach for the whole man and ideas will move mountains and trees when harnessed under one covenant.

We heard expressions from our moderators, Brothers J. E. James, T. V. Foster, C. M. Creecy, Chester Hart for J. P. Law, and E. G. Brown.

We heard a very challenging message brought to us from St. John 3:16 on the subject "God So Loved." This inspiring message was delivered by Brother J. H. London, Pastor of the First Baptist Church Hertford, North Carolina. After the message we were dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order by Brother Sherrill at 2:37 p.m. Devotion was led by Brother J. O. Thorne and Brother Watson.

After the devotion, we heard a challenging message on the objectives of the convention delivered by Rev. G. W. Dudley. Brother Carbin Cooper brought greetings and made several announcements of coming events.

The final message was brought to us by Brother J. M. Boone, Pastor of the Rocky Chapel Baptist Church, Spring Hope, North Carolina. We heard a great sermon on "Great Faith" from Matt. 8:10.

The session closed with remarks and pledges made by each pastor to do more for the cause of Christ.

By **BROTHER ABRAHAM WALTON**

NEW CHURCH PARSONAGE

The Reverend A. L. Thompson and family have moved into their new home, which is located at 1601 Bivens Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The house was recently purchased as a Church Parsonage by the First Calvary Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend Thompson for the past 15 years.



THE CAUSE AND THE CURE

By **DR. C. P. BRILEY**

This book reveals the cause of the evils and injustices in our land, and the cure for them, a return to the christian way of life, are given inspiring discussion in this book of sermons-essays by a minister who calls us to take thought, and to move in the direction of spiritual rebirth, toward the way of Jesus.

Where has society failed in bringing harmony to mankind today? It has failed to live the principle of brotherhood, Dr. Briley reminds us, as he enunciates Christ's great message to man: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

One cannot sincerely feel the needs of a brother until the brother is carried within you. You cannot carry him within you until he is loved by you. We have not practiced the truth, even what we know is truth.

Where has the church failed? It has failed in the area of true love, Rev. Dr. Briley holds, using as illustration a pastor who preached the gospel forcefully but taught it scantily, failing to reach deep down into the hearts of his people and give them the wise counsel and love they deserved.

Through a story, The Dilemma Of Will And Theressal, two young people frustrated and unhappy not only because of their impoverished environment but because of their own rejection of ways to improve their status, he dramatizes one great problem in our society; and in other discussion he shows why the new order, on whose eve we stand, must be based on the turning of man, in wholesouled spirit, to the heart of true life, the way of Christ.

The wise seek the prevention and cure, the foolish only the cure. When the cause and the why are eliminated, the theory of prevention emerges with beauty, love, and peace. We can join the effort by uniting our total personalities in christian love, by practicing the doctrine of prevention over the law of cure.

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**COME AND SEE!
FROM THE DESK OF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE**

Dear Sisters:

The First Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop sponsored by your Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be held—

Saturday, April 25, 1970

Shaw University (Student Union Building)

Hours: 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

This Workshop is designed for:

Circle Presidents — Union Presidents — Auxiliary Presidents — Young Adult Directors — Young Adult Presidents — Junior Supervisors — Junior State Advisors — Special Workers — State Vice Presidents.

Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of Year-Round Committees

Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of District Conferences

As a leader in your state, city, county or district you are urged to attend this well planned workshop. *Come and be Informed.* See the Woman's Convention in action. Leaders should know the program of your Convention.

Registration Fee \$1.25 per person

Classes 10:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

Dinner will be served Free to registered leaders.

(Compliment of your Woman's Convention)

We are suggesting Pre-Registration. If you send in your registration fee (\$1.25) now, you will eliminate standing in line. We shall be happy to mail your registration card and ribbon before the workshop.

Pool cars. There will be a number of leaders coming from your city or area. Your organization should underwrite your Registration Fee and Travel Expense. You are coming to be informed that you may be able to inform your organization.

A Missionary Filmstrip: "The Power of Prayer" will be one of our main features.

We have planned—Good Instructors—Good Music.—A Good Dinner—Good Fellowship.

THEME: "RENEWAL — INVOLVEMENT"

Hebrews 12:1 Phillipians 3:13-14

If you are a Y. A. Director, please bring your Y. A. President.

**ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH
EXPRESSES SOCIAL CONCERN**



The First Calvary Baptist Church presents \$300.00 toward a Life Membership in the NAACP. In the above photo, left to right: J. B. Harren, Life Membership Chairman of the Rocky Mount Branch NAACP and Mrs. S. J. Jones, wife of First Calvary pastor, look on as pastor, S. J. Jones, presents the check to Fred Belfield, president, Rocky Mount NAACP.

**THE SCAR FROM THE
THORN IN MY HEART**

Day and night, night and day,
I pray and listen to hear my Jesus say,
"Come, come forth now unto Me;
For in this life, I have a job for thee!"

Then one day Jesus answered my cry.
Shamefully, I turned His will to deny.
Yes, my Lord called for me
To give of my service across the sea.

My heart cried out, "Oh, no, God!
On foreign lands I can not trod."
But God rebuked my selfish heart.
A dedicated spirit He had to impart.

'Twas then and only then could I see
That I must answer the sinner's earnest plea.
So for God I live, and for God I'll die,
Because I yearn to meet Him someday in the sky!

—Wanda Jean Hollinger
Shaw University
Raleigh, N. Carolina
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34th ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

This month, with over 24 million Americans receiving \$2.5 billion a month in social security benefits and 20 million people insured by Medicare, the Social Security Administration will celebrate its 34th anniversary, Mr. Flynn, District Manager of social security in Raleigh said today.

The anniversary is being observed with ceremonies and special displays in many social security offices throughout the country, as well as at the National headquarters in Woodlawn, Maryland, just outside of Baltimore. At the headquarters, an historical room is being opened this week showing mementos of the agency's history including the desk used by all the heads of the social security system since 1935.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law on August 14, 1935, he called it "The cornerstone of a structure which is being built but is by no means complete."

"The original law," continued Mr. Flynn, "provided for old-age benefits to retired workers in industry and commerce only. Over the years, the social security program has expanded so that it now provides financial protection for virtually everyone in the country."

The first benefits to retired workers were paid in 1940. By that time amendments to the law had been passed to provide additional benefits for the dependents and survivors of insured workers.

In 1950, and thereafter, coverage was extended to millions of other people who were not covered under the original law—farm workers, State and local government employees, domestic workers, ministers, self-employed doctors, professionals, and members of the Armed Forces.

In 1956, disability protection was added to cover the thousands of people who could no longer work because of serious illness or injury.

"In its first quarter of century," said Mr. Flynn, "social security had already grown into a program that protected a worker and his family in the event of his retirement, death, or disability. But it didn't stop there."

In 1965, Congress created Medicare to help people 65 and older pay hospital, doctor and other medical bills. In just 3 short years, Medicare has covered 17 million hospital stays of elderly people. And there were more than one million admissions for posthospital extended care. Older people have also received visits in their own homes from visiting nurses, physical therapists, and other health care specialists, paid for by Medicare. Payments under the hospital insurance program totaled \$10.9 billion for the 3-year period, and a total of \$4.6 billion has been paid under the Medical insurance program, which helps pay for doctor bills and other medical services.

In 1967, still other changes were made. Disabled widows became eligible for benefits at 50, people disabled before 31 needed less work to qualify for benefits, and children became eligible on their mother's earnings record on the same basis as on their father's.

Through the years, increases in monthly benefit amounts were made to keep pace with the rising cost of living.

Today's average monthly benefit to a retired worker is \$95, compared to \$63 ten years ago. The average benefit for a retired couple is \$166 a month, compared to \$111 ten years ago. "One out of every four beneficiaries are well below retirement age— young widows, children, and disabled workers and their dependents," said Mr. Flynn. The protection afforded American families in the event of a worker's death has a face value of \$960 billion in potential survivors benefits. "Ten million people are kept above the poverty level in this country because they are getting social security benefits," Mr. Flynn said. "Since they have paid into the program for years, they have earned the right to receive their benefit checks—and do so with dignity."

ONE DAY SESSION HELD AT MOUNT ZION

The One Day Session held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Badin was also marked as a success. The Reverends C. B. Bowden and E. H. Martin delivered inspiring and challenging sermons.

The theme was able discussed by Reverend J. C. Robinson.

The Reverend C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention, speaking for the objectives, inspired great enthusiasm in support of the Lord's work.

Timely and challenging expressions were given by moderators, J. H. Ferguson and C. B. Bowden.

Prayers were offered by Reverends R. E. Blount and W. G. Hall.

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Dr. Briley is author of *The Deacon Life* And *His Wife*, published by the Orange Print Shop in Chapel Hill, N. C., and *The Cause And The Cure*, published by Vantage Press Inc., 120 West 31st. Street, New York, N. Y. 10001.

READING BY MR. P. C. DeLOATCH

What to take along and what to leave behind as we travel—this road of 1970.

Dr. Frank W. Boreham writes, that life is largely a matter of luggage, as soon as a child can get around very good he has a notion of carrying things, therefore we owe it to ourselves to be very careful about the kind of luggage we carry while going through this life of 1970.

The great ships that sail the oceans have to be built with the greatest of care, yes they are beautiful but that is not enough they have to be built strong and heavy to stand the storms and the mighty winds.

The sailor loves the heavy and well loaded ships, because the light ships have the most reason to dread the storm.

If it is necessary to build ships, plan their luggage to meet the needs of today, how much more should we plan what luggage to take along as we travel this life of 1970?

Dr. Charles L. Copenhaver writes you can discover the inexperienced traveler he might be identified by having too much luggage. The experienced traveler may carry an old shabby suit case but he will follow the good advice, reduce your baggage to the very minimum and then cut that one half. We conclude from these two comments what we take along or what we leave behind on the journey of life or any journey is very important. We may travel too heavy or we may travel too light, that is why we face a problem what to take with us as we travel through this life of 1970.

A few days ago our boys and girls were packing their luggage leaving home going back to school, they would pack and then unpack some time they would have to leave some of the things they would have loved to carry with them, but their wisdom told them what to carry and what to leave behind for the journey of higher education.

That being true how much more necessary is it for us to plan and plan very well what we leave behind and what we take along as we travel this Road of 1970?

No. 1 I think we should take all of our life and spread it before us then we can easily see what to take and what to leave behind as we travel this road of 1970.

We should not try to carry a heavy load of bitterness, Envy, Spiteful memories, we should not carry any weight of the past that is no longer needed to give us strength to travel this road of 1970.

No. 2 As we travel this life, wisdom is required, this is true of our physical possessions, it is more true of spiritual ideals and moral standards. As we all know the mind plays an important part of us all. It has both an attic and a basement, in the area between, the real living goes on from time to time. It

is a good idea to go down to the basement and clear it up of things that is no longer needed, and then we should explore the attic and throw away things that have lost their usefulness. Why should we as Christians become choked from the joy of life that we are entitled to. Only those that have cleared up the past are ready for the rich fulfillment of the present.

Friends, the wisdom of it all lies in just five words that should not go unheeded, take along the necessities for a long journey.

They are "No. 1 firm conviction, No. 2 an open mind, No. 3 a sympathetic spirit, No. 4 a warm heart, and No. 5 a deep faith in God."

In conclusion, may I quote you a Bible character to preface my argument, I would like for you to take a look at Paul, as a great scholar, he was taught by some of the best teachers of his day, he must have visited the Temple many times, the most beautiful in the world, he also saw the Temple Diana at Ephesus at that time the largest Temple on earth and one of the seven wonders of the world.

He also had a strict religious training, He was a persecutor of the Christian Church.

Young People, which is the Church of today and tomorrow with all of that experience and training he had received he had not received the right kind of luggage to bring joy and sunshine until that day he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian Church, when the spirit of Christ struck him so forceful he became a new creature in Christ, that is when he took on that right luggage for a long prosperous journey.

I am sure some of you are working hard for worldly possessions. It don't take money and it don't require a lengthy education to come in the possession of a luggage Paul received on the road to Damascus. May we be ever mindful what we leave behind and what we take with us as we travel this road of 1970.

We pray this year of 1970 will bring much joy unspeakable and full of glory. It is said . . . Our Government can take one half ounce of gold and make twenty dollars and that is money, a merchant can buy an article for 80 cents and sell it for \$1.00 that is business but God can take a dirty sinful life and wash it in the blood of Jesus Christ and that is salvation.

P. S. allow me to Quote part of a poem written by Helen Steiner Rice entitled "The Priceless Gift." A priceless Gift that can't be bought or purchased by man with untold gold Without "It" the rich are poor indeed And with "It" the poor will know need.

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Pres. of Ever Ready Club of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY OF GREENVILLE OFFERS TELEVISED COLLEGE COURSE

The opportunity for more education is as near as your television set.

Furman University of Greenville and WLOS-TV of Asheville, N. C., will offer a televised college course in "The Prophets of the Old Testament" beginning February 2.

According to Dr. Theron D. Price, chairman of the Furman religion department and teacher of the course, the program will be seen each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30 on WLOS, which beams its signal into six southern states.

While the course may be taken for either graduate or undergraduate credit, "we have found that the program has meaning for many people who are not enrolled for credit," Dr. Price, who has taught numerous television courses, pointed out.

Those taking the course for credit should send a check for \$45 for registration and tuition to Dr. Price. Anyone interested in earning graduate credit — public school teachers, for example — should contact Dr. David Pulley, director of the Furman Graduate Division.

The program will be telecast from February 2 through May 29. Those wishing credit will be required to attend four seminars which will be held on Saturday mornings at Furman. An assigned paper will be due at each seminar and a final examination given at the last seminar, May 30.

While the lectures will not follow any one textbook, Price will require students to read two of three books: "The Relevance of the Prophets," by R. B. Y. Scott; "The Prophets" by Abraham J. Heschel; and "Prophecy and the Prophets in Ancient Israel" by T. H. Robinson. Price recommends also that students use the Oxford Annotated edition of the Bible.

In addition, a syllabus outlining the lectures and containing assignments for written papers is available along with the above textbooks from the Furman bookstore. The syllabus will be sent free to those purchasing the texts. Further information on books and course credit will be given on the February 2 premier.

Price stresses that "The Prophets of the Old Testament" will be "aimed at giving an overview of the prophetic movement as a whole" but will concentrate upon the eighth century prophets and two or three of their greatest successors.

"The course will aim at clarifying an important portion of the history of Israelite religion and in a broader sense, the history of religion in general," Price said. "We shall aim at clarifying this body of important biblical material and indicate directly or indirectly something of the continuing

significance of the writings for man's life under God."

Price explained that "Prophets" will be an academic course, reviewing various types of historical and theological viewpoints. "The teacher's own stance intends to be that of a believer in the biblical faith, but it is not the purpose of an academic course to gain agreement but to confront meaning," Price added.

REGIONAL ONE DAY MEETING

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sibility according to ones capability. What we have and what we do is a gift from God. He will give us gifts according to how we use them.

He further stated that the convention has unity around some meaningful Objectives of Christian Education. All churches need an educative minister with an educative pew. A one talent church sends nothing to Shaw, State Missions, Foreign Missions and Central Orphanage. Be a five talent church. Stand fast, whereas Christ has made you free, be concerned.

Reverend Corbin Cooper, Secretary, Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Baptist Convention, brought greetings and implanted upon our hearts that we should think what Christianity is. Christ was crucified seeing the worst demonstration of all ages, the darkest hours that had ever been encountered. But when the way looks the darkest, opportunities are the greatest. Reverend Cooper introduced the Reverend Wesley Shipp of Wake Forest. Reverend Shipp expressed joy in being involved with people. We learn by association with others. He urged the congregation to keep the pressure on and keep it on in love.

The Reverends Frank Bullock and P. G. Davis gave expressions and announcements.



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Looking For You In Raleigh, May 5

Every loyal and dedicated pastor along with some of the laity are expected to assemble in the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh on Tuesday, May 5 (promptly at 10:00 a.m.) for the One Day Session of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

This is to be a RED LETTER DAY for BAPTISTS. The opportunity will be presented for great fellowship, spiritual renewal and to stand tall in great support of our convention's budget. All of us, know, to give to the convention's budget is to give to Foreign and State Missions; Shaw University and Central Orphanage. All of these are worthy and needy Causes.

During the day's session, Dr. John White of Asheville, our beloved president, will preside. A report of the progress of our work will be adequately given by our powerful Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill.

Preaching during the day will be at its best when Dr. J. Arthur White of Charlotte will bring the morning message and the Reverend J. O. Thorne of Rocky Mount will deliver the afternoon sermon.

Aside from our regular monthly reports, the convention is expecting the churches, through their associations to bring \$100,000.00.

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TERRY TO LEAD CONGREGATION INTO NEW BUILDING

The West Durham Baptist Church has made final plans to hold its opening worship service in their new Church Sunday, April 19, 1970, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The new site is located on the corner of Nixon and Athens Streets occupying four acres. This newly built structure consists of an auditorium, which seats 650, a small chanel, which accommodates 70, and an assembly room, which also seats 650. Other features of the Church include library, church parlor, and administration areas consisting of office space for the church sec-

retary, the superintendent of the church school, and the pastor's study, classrooms, and the ladies lounge.

The modern structure comprises 42 rooms in addition to the main sanctuary and the small memorial chapel.

The Rev. Frederick D. Terry is the Pastor; Deacon John H. Markham, Chairman of the Deacon Board; and Palmer L. Perkins, Sr., Chairman of the Trustee Board.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

We are placing much emphasis on developing stronger churches. To hear this circulating is gratifying and gives much hope for a brighter future for the church. Redeemed people make churches and the stirring of the Holy Spirit in their lives render powerful churches.

Christ is the center of the church. A church centered and moving around Christ will certainly succeed.

Every church should have a strong dedicated pastor. He provides spiritual leadership, administrative direction, wise counseling, consecrated service and many other essential ingredients necessary for a strong church. A pastor is necessary to the life of the church. Some churches are trying to cultivate the strange idea that they don't need a pastor and have a way of allowing their pulpits to remain vacant for a long period of time. Not only is this disruptive to the church, but makes it dreadfully hard for a pastor when he is finally called to serve. In some cases, we have allowed our churches to enter into political schemes in securing a pastor. Oftentimes our church conference turns to a political rally in which we place two, three or more men in nomination with the hope that the best man wins. Instead of this, a church without a pastor should enter into fervent and meaningful prayer that the Lord will direct and guide them to someone to whom a unified call can be extended. To those of little faith, this will seem a most uncertain way. But to those who believe that the church is about the business of the Lord, this will be a sure way. Kindly remember this, Pulpit Committees.

Churches should provide a good atmosphere in which a pastor can perform his duties. Faithful, consecrated, dedicated, thoughtful, generous, kind, dependable, understanding, loving deacons are necessary to this good atmosphere. A cooperative group of officers to lead the various groups and auxiliaries is necessary. A dependable spirit-filled devoted congregation is needful.

A church is to be larger than its membership, the building in which it is housed, the corner where it stands or the address where it is located. The church must reach into the community to affect its life for good. The Church must be a part of fellowships of other churches so, they together may "go into all the world" as Jesus commanded.

How is your church getting along? It may be time to take inventory and see.

CENTRAL ORPHANAGE
LAUNDRY-STORAGE
DAMAGED BY FIRE

On Tuesday morning, March 10, fire did an estimated \$28,000 damage to the laundry-storage facility and its contents on the campus of the Central Orphanage of North Carolina.

H. V. Bryant, superintendent at the Orphanage, said clothing and household supplies valued at \$10,000 were consumed by flames that raced through the 50-year-old brick building early Tuesday. He estimated damage to the building and its equipment at \$18,000.00.

A portion of the first floor and the second floor of the structure were used for storage, Bryant said. He said the fire discovered about 2:30 a.m. — had gained such headway that nothing was saved.

He termed the situation the "most serious" emergency faced by the Orphanage in recent years and said contributions of clothing for boys and girls between the ages of five and 19 are urgently needed.

Cause of the blaze was not immediately known.

WILMINGTON PASTOR LEAVING

Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington and Chairman of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention is leaving Wilmington to become the pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. He will assume his duties at Shiloh on July 1, 1970. We wish for Brother Butler a fruitful ministry in Winston-Salem.

GENERATION GAP DISCUSSION

By MRS. W. A. MOUNTAIN

Junior Missionary Supervisor—Bertie County

The CYU of Bertie County had their quarterly meeting on the second Sunday in March at Sandy Point Baptist Church, Windsor, N. C., Rev. J. P. Law, pastor. They had selected panelists to discuss the following subject: "The Generation Gap". Members of the panel were: Misses Pinky Outlaw, Sandy Point Baptist Church; Celestine Williams, Peterson Chapel; Dianne Raynor, First Baptist, Powellsville; Calvin Cherry, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, and Elbert Outlaw, St. Elmo Baptist Church.

The meeting was well attended by both youth and adult and the panelists did such a good job on the topic that we thought it would be nice for others to read what some young people are thinking. Here in print is a summary of the discussion:

"THE GENERATION GAP"

Each generation builds on the generations that have gone before. There is one outstanding difference between the generation of today and generations past. On the whole, past generations, finally, emerged from their rebellion and developed into mature adults, and they did it without having drugs to help them find themselves. Although bright in knowledge, the young people of today are fast becoming degenerate in morals, and unhappy of soul, and they blame ALL their unhappiness on past generations. They despise anyone and everyone who has any authority in any field, even their own parents. And those who do not actually despise their parents have no respect for their opinions, their advice, or their way of life.

I can call to mind an incident in the Bible, recorded in 1st King, Chapter 12 where King Rehoboam, a young man himself, consulted with the old men of the Kingdom concerning a request made by the people over whom he ruled. The old men advised the young King, wisely, but he did not take their advice. He took the advice of the young men of his age, of his own generation, and as a result the Kingdom was divided. The old men had experience as well as "head knowledge" to guide them. The young men were, in that famous period of history what would be known in modern language as "the now generation", proponents of the generation gap.

There are young people who have ambition, who oppose segments of our civilization — who are honestly against war and against discrimination toward classes and color of peoples. I think they should be heard — their ideas examined and evaluated, but I do not admire the methods which turn these knowledgeable young men and women into cannibals; fighting, hating, looting, believing themselves too

absolute and right! The generation gap is not as wide as one may think it to be. We are connected to the past in all our environment. Whether we appreciate it or not; whether we take advantage of it or not, we are what the past has made us. But rebellion against this fact has caused our young people to turn to dope, flagrant immorality, and crime. Because of their ambition — an ambition generated by youth and characteristics of youth, they are trying to reform all principles of our lives. Many of the reform are misdirected and if they are carried out will bring disaster because we are to the future, by our works, which are to follow us. We will make the future what it will be. I mean our future defends on us.

The minds of young ones today — those whose minds have become obnoxious in their "learning", despising the older generation, ignoring the opinions and advice of those who have learned, and served before them — want to be "turned on" — want to do their "own thing" — they do not acknowledge their indebtedness to the past nor their obligation to the future. Yes, the past generations have made mistakes, but we fail to recognize the fact that we are enjoying the fruits of their faithful labor. The blessings we enjoy today have come down through the toils, tears, struggles and sacrifices of generations past and gone.

The churches in which we worship — the houses in which we live — the clothes we wear, the modern convenience of modes of travel and transportation, and many other things have come to us through the labors and ingenuity of others before us although smoking "pot" and taking "LSD trips" and "free love" would never have won the victory over the inconveniences of the life of our fore-parents.

Our freedom of speech so flagrantly misused today by those who despise their elders, was bought and paid for by the blood of men who consecrated themselves upon the altar of their Country. The log school-house has been replaced by beautiful modern buildings. Furniture and equipment in the classrooms have been improved over and over again. Methods of teachers have also improved and advanced far beyond those of a generation ago. Once, only the rich people could afford a book. Now the methods of printing and distributing books have improved. Not only have methods of education improved but our opportunity has increased also.

The one thing we, as young people, need today is CHRIST. As Christians, we have in our possession all the achievements of the past. We have the fruits and labors of the early Christians. We have the advantages of their experiences. They passed through fears and doubts and darkness — to tears,

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GENERATION GAP DISCUSSION

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faith, hope, through which they wrote marvelous books of inspiring truth for us.

As we look back over the glorious past and look forward to the future, may God help us to appreciate the blessings and sacred truths that have come to us from the past. This is the answer to the problems of today. God so made us that only through His Son Jesus Christ can the soul find complete satisfaction. The world holds nothing that can satisfy the souls of men. Down through the years men have tried to satisfy the soul with every inconceivable thing the world has to offer, but they have searched in vain.

But as long as we are true Christians we need not be discouraged. Every good deed will last forever. Our work and influence in the world may be imperfect and incomplete but works done to the glory of God will last forever.

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Early in May, all citizens who are registered will be privileged to cast their vote. This is a responsibility that we cannot afford to overlook.

Churches and pastors should remind their members to vote to help them in every way to accomplish this worth-while purpose. Brother pastor, from now until May talk about voting. You know the best candidates in your community.

DR. ESPY PRESENTS BLUEPRINT FOR NEW "PLURIFORM" CHURCH COUNCIL

There are three options for the future of the National Council of Churches, Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy told a press conference during the General Assembly held in Detroit.

Either the NCC will chart a new highway toward true ecumenism or an "explosion" will disrupt and disorder it or nothing new will come out of the Assembly and the entire organization will be bogged down.

The General Secretary of the National Council dismissed the latter two options and, in a concise summary of his major presentation to the first plenary session of the Assembly, outlined the philosophy and conviction of his proposals contained in it.

Questions which have been considered in meeting the challenges of a swiftly changing society, he told the press, were: Is the Council a national council or representative only of the most powerful segments of the Christian community; Should the Council be converted to a social action agency, as some have attempted to do; or should the Council be truly representative, more inclusive and more boldly committed to church renewal and joint action for mission?

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5	One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh.
June 22-28	National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Omaha, Nebraska.
June 22-28	Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Alexandria, Virginia.
July 14-16	State Usher's Convention Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg, N. C.
August 4-6	State Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham.
August 10-14	Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro.
August 31-	
September 4	Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.
Sept. 8-13	National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.
Sept. 8-13	National Baptist Convention of America.
Sept. 8-13	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.
October 26-30	General Baptist State Convention and Layman's League, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

DR. ESPY

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Answer to the first question was Yes. The second, said Dr. Espy, would be "a denigration (of the Council's Mission) and subordinate all the Council's activity to one sole purpose." Answer to the last question was the groundwork for his "blueprint" for an entirely new ecumenical organization, consisting largely of autonomous agencies.

Its suggested name, "General Ecumenical Council," said the General Secretary, would more adequately reflect the present lines of influence on the religious life of the nation. Such an agency would consist of two bodies: an official legislative assembly or parliament, which would meet annually to speak in unity only on such matters as could be agreed on by the various member agencies; and an annual gathering of the people of the church, on the order of the "Kirchentag" of Germany.

Responding to questions at the pre-dawn press conference, Dr. Espy said that such a new organization might evolve within the next five to ten years. Concerning membership in an enlarged Council, he described the growing fraternal relations with the Roman Catholic Church and said, that the new organization should make room for "all vital streams of religious life in the nation."

Continuing his reply, the General Secretary saw the participation of Jewish groups as a "painful problem" but added: "Thank God for the opening of some doors and windows between us." An analogy, he said, was the difficult decision not to admit the Universalist-Unitarians into the National Council although they had been members of the old Federal Council and "mostly call themselves Christians."

"To me," said Dr. Espy, "the revelation of God through Jesus Christ does exclude those who cannot accept this."

The new "pluriform" Council, on the other hand, would provide an umbrella under which each specialized program agency would speak and act only in its own name. Membership would be open not only to the denominations and their agencies but to para-ecclesiastical organizations of all sorts.

These, said Dr. Espy, would include the Evangelicals, black militants, the National Catholic Council for Interracial Justice, the Y's, ecumenical institutes, urban renewal projects, experimental ministries and many others.

"To meet the needs of the order of magnitude now confronting our people," said the General Secretary, "half-measures will not suffice. We must have a profound reordering both of our national and our church priorities if we are to cope effectively with the issues of war, race, poverty at home and abroad, urban crisis, ecumenism and the erosion of faith."

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES TO MEET**

Two Greensboro churches will host the 33rd Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches, April 26-29. The meeting has three distinct sections: the State Assembly of Church Women United, the Council's Assembly, and the 1970 Pastor's Conference, which will for the first time include wives of clergymen. Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and St. James United Presbyterian Church are co-hosts.

Dr. Margaret Shannon, Executive Director of the national organization of Church Women United, is keynoter for the Women's Assembly on the theme, "CHANGE: Our Choice, Our Challenge." The opening session is on Sunday evening, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at St. James UP Church, and Monday's meeting will be at Trinity AME Zion. At the luncheon that day, Mrs. Robert W. Scott, wife of North Carolina's Governor, will speak on the Samarkand Manor Chapel, for which CWU mounted a fund campaign. Mrs. Sam A. Dunn of Enfield is President of Church Women United in North Carolina.

At 6:00 p.m. Monday the traditional Fellowship Dinner will be held at Trinity AME Zion Church and the public meeting follows at 8:00. Dr. Shannon is to lead in worship; the address on the subject, "The Difference Black Churchmen Make," will be given by Dr. Joseph Reed Washington, Jr., who is Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religious Studies and Sociology at Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. Dr. Washington, a native of Iowa, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and holds the B.D. degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, a Th.D. from Boston University, and a D.D. from the University of Vermont.

The 33rd annual Assembly of the North Carolina Council of Churches opens with the Monday evening service at Trinity AME Zion Church, and business will follow at St. James UP Church on Tuesday, April 28, under the chairmanship of President Thomas A. Collins, who is President of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount. At 11:00 a.m. on that day a panel of college students led by Chaplain James H. Allen of UNC-G will launch into the subject, "The Campus Looks at the Church." Official representatives of the Council's thirty-nine member bodies drawn from sixteen denominations are expected at the Assembly, together with observers from non-member bodies and visitors who will be welcome, according to an official spokesman.

The 1970 Pastors' Conference, to which clergy wives are being invited if they wish to accompany their husbands, will begin on Tuesday evening, Ap-

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ril 28, at 7:30, all of its sessions being held in Trinity AME Zion Church. Theme of the conference will be "Tradition and Innovation in the Church: the Proper Pace for Change." The opening address will be by Dr. Harold R. Martin of Bloomington, Illinois, on "The Church Must Face Our Day." Dr. Martin is former Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and now coordinator of Ecumenical Prayer Seminars which are funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. On Wednesday, April 29, in keeping with the theme, Dr. Robert A. Raines, Minister of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown in Philadelphia will give two morning addresses on "The Enabling Ministry: (a) Lay Ministers and Theologians, and (b) Lay Celebrators and Lovers." That afternoon Mrs. Robert N. Rodenmayer will speak on "What's Wrong with Tradition?" and "What's Right with Change?" Mrs. Rodenmayer of New York is Director of Professional Leadership Development for the Episcopal Church. Participants will have opportunities for questions and discussion with the speakers.

The Rev. Cecil Bishop is Minister at the Trinity AME Zion Church which is at 631 East Florida Street in Greensboro, and the Rev. Julius T. Douglas is Pastor at St. James UP Church at 820 Ross Avenue.

The Council's Executive Director has announced that there will be no registration fee for the Council's Assembly, but a fee of \$2.00 is due for the women's meeting and \$2.00 per person for ministers and their wives in the Pastors' Conference. Registrations and requests for information about overnight accommodations and for meal reservations for Monday lunch, Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch, and Wednesday lunch may be directed to Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C. 27708.

At the luncheon on April 29 there will be presentation of the Council's Distinguished Service Award and the Richard Shelton Communications Award to news media considered deserving of recognition for cooperation with the churches.

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REGIONAL ONE DAY MEET

By A. D. LOGAN, Recorder of Minutes

A Regional One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention was held March 12, 1970 at the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Memorial Building, Yanceyville, N. C., with approximately two hundred pastors and laymen in attendance.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the Convention presented the purpose of the meeting, and stated the theme: "THE SERVING CHURCH."

Following a brief devotional period by Reverends E. A. Abbott, Harvey Gwynn, and W. V. McLaughlin, Moderator G. H. Badgett presented Vice Moderator W. E. Mills to bring words of welcome.

The Rev. E. L. Kirby spoke on the theme — THE SERVING CHURCH. The Rev. Kirby's address was most provocative.

Moderator Badgett gave expressions in which he thanked the group for having responded to the call to meet with officials from our State Convention.

The Rev. U. R. Booker was presented for the morning sermon. He was accompanied by the Rev.'s T. R. Siddle and H. T. Graves. This was a very challenging message on the subject: "The Cure for the Cause."

The members from churches throughout the Association area brought food, and served a delicious dinner.

Afternoon devotional period was conducted by Reverends Rone, F. L. Curry and Joe King.

Dr. Sherrill presented C. C. Craig, Assistant Executive Secretary, who presented to the group, the Objectives of the Convention.

Corbin Cooper, Representative of the Southern Baptist State Convention, brought greetings.

The Rev. W. E. Daye, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Durham, was presented for the closing message. He spoke on the theme: GOD'S LOVE—THE INVISIBLE IMAGE. The Rev. Daye gave a great message.

The total offering for the day was \$114.11. The Moderator pledged to meet the assigned goal of the Convention for the Association at the One Day Session, May 5, 1970 in Raleigh.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Reverend Daye.

A TALE OF TWO CHURCHES

By WALKER L. KNIGHT

Racial and economic changes hit the community of a certain urban Baptist church. There was a flurry of concern on the part of the church members — but most of the concern was for the institutional life of the church.

As the change intensified, the church lost members and soon the search was on for new property and a buyer for their present buildings. The end result was a new location for the church with the old property becoming a public school.

As Kenneth Chafin of Southern Seminary says, "When the mission field moves next door, some churches move."

The same kind of changes hit another nearby community. But this time the "problem" became an opportunity to minister. Before the community had scarcely begun to change, the church members were taught to understand the mission of their church.

As a result, the entire church turned itself toward the needs of the people in the community. Women's clubs were begun, as were senior citizen groups, recreation programs literacy classes, a coffeehouse ministry, Bible study in small groups, and many other ways of ministering which were new in the experience of the church members.

The church stayed and ministered to all the people and the community changes slowed up.

What has all this to do with home missions? A great deal. For home missions is simply every church and every Christian using every opportunity to share in Christ's mission to the world. It is serving Christ wherever the person or church happens to be.

And what has all this to do with the Home Mission Board? The changes in the ministry of the second church were accomplished by using techniques developed by Home Mission Board personnel. Southern Baptists shared in developing this ministry through their Annie Armstrong Offering and Cooperative Program gifts.

THE CARETAKER

The pet acts strangely and won't eat. Obviously it is ill. But it's only a dumb animal. So who cares?

You care . . . because the pet is lovable, living proof that mere creatures — unhampered by mankind's prejudices, cruelties and complexities — measure up to their purposes on earth. You care because it is your pet and you love it . . . enough not to let it suffer and die for lack of attention.

The automobile is neither inconsistent nor junk. It just requires proper servicing. But it's only a car. So who cares?

You care . . . because the car is a marvelous, useful model of that deceptive ingenuity which enables man to build genuine democracy into a machine easier than within himself. You care because it is your car and it represents an outlay of too much hard-earned money not to rate all the time, expense and trouble of having it regularly serviced with, and by, the best.

The job isn't the world's greatest. Neither is the pay. And advancements seem to travel by mule train. But it's only a job. So who cares?

You care . . . because you know that a job — any job — is a junction for opportunity and nobody gets far without one. You care because it is your job and you like it . . . enough to give it all you've got, and then some!

The country is in terrible shape. Various reports claim that its waters are hopelessly polluted; that its air is unfit to breathe; that it wallows in past glories, thrives on war, exploits the underprivileged, mistreats minorities, ignores God and worships the dollar; that its government taxes some citizens to death, kills others with luxury and murders still others via starvation. Even some of its own educational and political leaders decry the country as doomed; But it's only a country. So who cares?

You care . . . because you believe that, with all its difficulties at home and abroad, it still is the greatest country and that one of its most aggravating ailments is caused by acid heads and myriad odd balls marching with well-meaning, soap opera alarmists whose thing obviously is to make catastrophes of all difficulties and thereby contribute to, instead of correcting, the country's ills. You care because it is your country and you love it . . .

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enough not to merely look on apathetically and give it up as God-forsaken and lost.

The family has its problems, internal and otherwise. But it's only a family. So who cares?

You care . . . because you realize that the world can't be a better place until all families are better families — and that the most important missionary field is right at home. You care because it is your family and you love it . . . enough not to let it disintegrate for want of dedicated effort.

The church is in trouble. It was broken into one night; its study vandalized, ransacked and robbed. Worse yet, its main purpose is impeded by absentees and other members who seem stricken by an evil malady that masquerades somewhat innocently as "so-what-ism"! But it's only a church. So who cares?

You care . . . because you know that the church is an eternal fountain of faith where the goof-off list never includes God. You care because it is your church and you love it.

But do you really care? Do you really love your church . . . sufficiently to give it its just share of such energies as you expend on your pet, car, job, country and family?

Of course you do . . . because your faith is firm and true enough to keep you aware that you are indeed your church's caretaker!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every members's was?

USHERS MEET

The annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers Convention will meet with the Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after the second Sunday in July, 1970.

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

God made the streams that gurgle down the purple mountain-side

He made the gorgeous coloring with which the sunset's dyed.

He made the hills and covered them with glory; and He made

The sparkle on the dewdrops and the flecks of light and shade;

Then knowing all earth needed was a climax for her charms,

He made a little woman with a baby in her arms.

A soft pink wrap embellished with a vine of silken thread—

A filmy, snow-white cap upon a downy little head—

A dress 'twould make the winter drift look dusty by its side—

Two cheeks with pure rose-petal tint, two blue eyes wonder wide,

And bending o'er—the mother face imbued with heaven's own charms,

God bless that little woman with a baby in her arms.

—Author Unknown

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Convention's One Day Session Tops All

In the beautiful, worshipful surroundings of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. Paul Johnson, pastor, President, John W. White of Asheville rapped the gavel that called to order the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., on the morning of May 5,

given by the Convention's Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill.

Dr. E. B. Turner of Lumberton presented a challenging report from Shaw Theological Alumni Association.

Mrs. Vera Slade ably spoke on behalf of the Woman's auxiliary.

With a large gathering of pastors and delegates in attendance representing churches from all sections of the state, the tone for the meeting was fervently set when flowing words of welcome came from pastor Johnson.

The closing feature of the morning session was a sermon delivered by Dr. J. Arthur White of Charlotte. Dr. White brought the message around the subject: "A Christian Can Conquer."

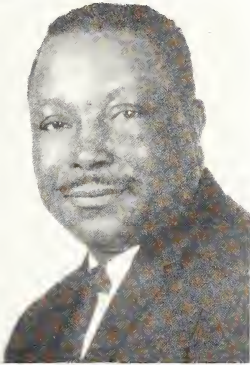
Greetings from Shaw University came from the Reverend James Z. Alexander who represented President, King V. Cheek. Dr. W. C. Somerville, in his own way presented the claims of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Mr. H. V. Bryant represented Central Orphanage.

The afternoon sermon was given by one of the young gospel giants, the Reverend J. O. Thorne of Rocky Mount. He moved the convention on a question: "Are You Ready?"

Some \$30,000 were reported for the Objectives of the convention.

One of the highlights of the day was the report and financial statement ably

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"MILES MARK FISHER AWARD" PRESENTED TO DR. ALEXANDER MOSELEY, MT. GILEAD PASTOR

Dr. Alexander D. Moseley, pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, recently received the "Miles Mark Fisher Award" presented by the Shaw Divinity School Alumni Association in recognition of the fact that he contributed the largest amount to the Shaw University State Convention's Unified Program during the past year.

Dr. Moseley, a distinguished and dedicated alumnus, was born in Lewiston, North Carolina and was graduated from the Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

He has served as Pastor of the following churches in North Carolina: St. John, New Bern; Union Baptist, Tarboro; New Sawyers Creek, Bell Cross; First Baptist, Weldon. He is the moderator of the New Hope Association; Second Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.; former President of the Durham Branch NAACP; and active in the Affairs of Baptists in the state and nation.

He is married to the former Miss Earle Cleavs and they are the parents of one daughter.

REGIONAL MEETINGS CLOSED ON HIGH NOTE

The St. Luke Baptist Church was host to a regional One Day Session of the General Baptist Convention on Tuesday, April 7, with Dr. O. L. Sherrill presiding. Reverend L. D. Parker, pastor.

This session was one in a series of regional meetings throughout North Carolina for the past year. All of these sessions were successful in an effort to acquaint the pastors and churches with the work of the General Baptist Convention.

As in most of the sessions the Reverend C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the convention, attributed much to the suc-

cess by his talks on the objectives of the convention.

Inspiring sermons were delivered by the Reverends J. M. Alexander and F. M. Lee. The Reverend R. H. Leak discussed the theme "The Serving Church" magnificently. Devotions were led by the Reverends Alexander, J. L. Barrino, B. McKinsey and R. H. Lewis. Moderators represented were: Dr. J. A. White, Reverends N. Kerry, A. J. Brewer, R. N. Lockhart and Lucas.

The last of these meetings was held at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Hickory on April 14, Host pastor, C. R. Harper. This session was well attended and equally successful. The congregation enjoyed spiritual singing, inspirational and challenging messages.

We are looking forward to more regional meetings in 1971 in various other sections of the state.



SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASS

The group of preached pictured here are participating in a seminary extension class being conducted in the North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. They represent an enrollment of 35 men who drive in on Monday evenings from places like Williamston, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck and several other communities. The teacher is the Reverend Leo Williams of Williamston.

Driving long distances for Bible study is nothing new for Baptist pastors. Some of the members of this class attend another class on Tuesday evenings at Shaw University, Raleigh. They are eager to learn more about the Word of God and aids to better preaching.

Arranging such classes is just one of the activities of the Department of Interracial Cooperation. The department will be happy to talk with any group of pastors or laymen about beginning one of these classes. Information may be obtained from the Reverend Corbin Cooper, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

Woman's Page-----



Leadership Training Conference Speaker for Thursday Night

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
MRS. MARIE HOPSON DIXON

Mrs. Marie Hopson Dixon is a native Georgian.

Education:

High school—Allen Normal, Thomasville, Georgia; B. S. degree—Albany State College, Albany, Georgia; M. A. degree—Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; Counselor—Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Memberships:

Georgia Teachers and Education Association; National Education Association; National Council of Teachers of English; Advisory Board, Albany State College National Alumni Association; Order of the Eastern Star; First African Baptist Church, Bainbridge, Georgia.

Activities:

Award for heading Cancer Drive; Distinguished Alumni award; Organizer and first President of the Council of Teachers of English, Region Nine, GTEA; First woman to serve as Superintendent of The First African Baptist Church School (was never late); Elected Mother-of-the-Year (only a foster mother); Selected from 10,000 teachers, Georgia's first Teacher-of-the-Year.

Travels:

From the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes; From Atlantic to the Pacific; Canada, Mexico,

and Nassau; Several voyages to Europe visiting the following: Italy, Holland, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark; Attended the World's Baptist Alliance, Denmark, Cleveland, Atlanta, and London; Visited London at one time as a guest lecturer and speaker at the West-End Baptist Church, N. Finchley, England; Holy Land—visiting all of the places made famous by our Saviour; Visited all of the missions and several Schools in Liberia, West Africa: Monrovia, Murraysville, and Greenville.

Widow of the late Professor H. S. Dixon, who was a well-known educator, fraternal and religious leader.

Present Position:

Assistant Professor of English, Albany State College.

**FROM THE DESK OF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE
33RD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING
MISSIONARY CONFERENCE
20TH ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 15-19
Thursday Night — Woman's Night**

**Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Marie H. Dixon, Albany, Georgia**

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BAPTIST WOMEN IN STEP WITH THE TIME

By MRS. THELMA C. HORTON

Chairman, Committee on Public Relations

When we consider the theme of the First Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, held Saturday, April 25, Shaw University, we must agree that Baptist Women are "in step with the time". In this age of space and moon rockets, we often hear the phrase "you must get out here where the action is" or "now is the time to shape up", so it was as the 900 delegates assembled to emphasize the theme "Renewal — Involvement" (Revelation 21:5 and Psalm 51:10). The workshop was sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Ahoskie, President; Mrs. M. A. Horne, Winston-Salem, Executive Secretary and General Director; and Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Durham, Co-ordinator.

The Workshop was designed to "inspire and awaken to 'Unlimited Leadership', as missionaries attempted to create an understanding of the need for/and ways to develop Christian Leaders for our day".

Following the opening assembly, Mrs. Pratt directed the delegates to classes pertaining to their individual office or position. Twelve dedicated women lectured on the various segments of the Missionary Program and answered many questions that have troubled many leaders. The instructors were Mdmes. Helen W. Falls and Mildred Chavis, Circle Presidents; Mdmes. C. E. McLester and J. H. White, Union and Auxiliary President; Mdmes. J. A. Little and A. L. Filmore, District Conference and Special Workers; Mdmes. E. B. Turner and C. W. Ward, Year-Round Committees and State Vice Presidents; Mdmes. L. D. Edwards and Bronnie Harris Daniels, Young Adult Department; and Mrs. L. E. McGrier and Miss Patsy Rice, Junior-Young People's Department.

Reports were given by Class representatives during the afternoon assembly period. The qualifications of a leader were given as follows:

- I. Religious and Moral Characteristics
 1. Consecration (Making one's life count for Jesus.)
 2. Unselfishness (forget self, prefer others before self)
 3. Sincerity (Honesty, nothing concealed)
 4. High ideals (press upward)
 5. Humility ("he who humbles himself shall be exalted")
 6. Vision (sees beyond difficulties and problems to final success)
 7. Faith (accepts and believes where it cannot prove)
 8. Genuine Caring (If follower can honestly believe that his leader cares for her and her welfare, she is far more apt to give the kind of response in work and loyalty

that can be expected otherwise)

9. Openness to Others (Communication to her followers)
10. Understanding the Job
- II. Educational and Executive Abilities
 1. Mentality (keep on the alert, constant study)
 2. Knowledge of Organization, Methods, Plans
 3. Industry and Resourcefulness (willing to work)
 4. Determination, Will Power and Reliability
 5. Sound in thinking, reasoning, judgment and decision

Mrs. Horne challenged the group, as she delivered her forceful "Wrap Up Message" to let the theme become a motivating force in their lives. She described "Renewal" as growth, addition, to make new again, to renovate, to restore, to begin fresh and to repair; and "Involvement" as becoming a part of something or to get in the fight. Leaders must keep on growing, she continued, by adding to one's religion, temperance, impatience, kindness, love, position or office and personality. Jesus grew because he was about His Father's business, seeking knowledge and carrying out His Father's Will. We must, she expressed, seek knowledge and study, less we become Spiritual, Social and Stewardship Runts. (Runts do not grow).

She talked about the Christian race and its purpose. Varied expressions were heard from the group, when she said, "we cannot run a good race weighted down." "Jealousy, dishonesty, hypocrisy, hatred, gossip, envy and unkindness are weights."

"Leaders, there must be a Renewal in Our Spiritual Life, In Our Social Life and In our Stewardship life. She stated that only Christ is able to transform or renew our wills, ways and our world into forms of God-Light, God-Love and God-Power . . . "Behold, I make all Things new". Therefore, our theme is a bold proclamation that we, as Christians, can boldly believe that we are endowed with the power of His Presence to Lift the Level of Humanity and "Build A World Which Never Was Before". Our Theme calls for immediate action. Our Theme "Renewal", offers New Approaches, New Applications and a New Challenge to our changing world. The last word is in salvation, repentance, righteousness, hope and eternal life. By God's Grace and Graciousness and with our Renewed Spirit, "All Things New" will become a reality through the unity and fulfillment of Christ."

"With uplifted hearts and purpose, we must be the bearers of the new Possibilities and Enlarge the Horizons of Hope. In these times of change and upheaval, let us keep an unflinching faith in an un-failing God."

"Let us resolve to let new Thoughts walk across the threshold of our thinking. Let us resolve to Rededicate our Time and Reconsecrate our Thoughts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New Era Baptist Association's Annual Revival Baptist State Convention Day Drive will be held at the Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Fair Bluff, N. C., on the first Sunday in July. The Reverend C. A. Leach, pastor; Reverend V. S. Singletary, moderator. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention will be guest speaker.

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The Reverend Charles R. Tyner, student at Shaw University has been called to pastor the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Winton, North Carolina. Reverend Tyner is one of the youngest ministers in the history of the convention.

BAPTIST WOMEN (from page 5)

to the unlimited expanse of God's abundance."

"Leaders, as she closed her message, let us grow by adding. Let us become Involved. Let us Study to Know and to magnify our office, Forget self and Think of Others. Finally, Put your Faith in God and move ahead."

The workshop closed with prayer and a delicious lunch as compliments of the Woman's Convention.

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Dr. D. F. Moore, Moderator Emeritus
Rev. A. J. Brewer, Moderator

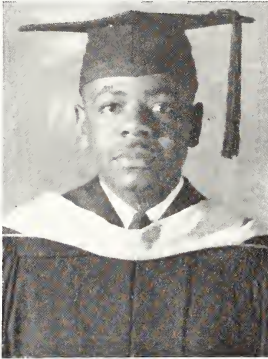
The Rev. A. J. Brewer had a vision of the need of our state, and he called the Association, and the Association answered the call on the third Sunday in March, at the Antioch Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. where a great sermon was delivered by Rev. C. C. Craig; the Association was moved to put on the table for Station Mission, \$750.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C., INC.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1969 — APRIL 30, 1970

Cash on hand, September 1, 1969			5,911.30
RECEIPTS:			
Foreign Missions	15,256.28		
	4,615.59 (April)	19,871.87	
Shaw University	18,265.60		
	8,490.53 (April)	26,756.13	
Central Orphanage	4,684.18		
	1,169.58 (April)	5,853.76	
State Missions, (Designated Gifts, Baptist Informer, etc.)		**49,889.60	102,371.36
Total Cash Available			108,282.66
CONTRIBUTIONS SENT DIRECT:			
Shaw University			24,614.21
Central Orphanage			5,203.86
Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention			138,100.73
			33,376.10
GRAND TOTAL			171,476.83
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Foreign Missions	15,256.28		
Shaw University	18,265.60		
Central Orphanage	4,684.18	38,206.06	
Other disbursements (salaries, honorariums, loan, office and building expenses, etc.)		49,980.36	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		88,186.42	
Total Receipts	108,282.88		
Actual Disbursements	88,186.42		
Cash on hand, April 30		20,096.24	
NOTE: Balance due First Federal, April 30	\$5,396.19		
** Baptist State Ushers Convention	430.00		
** Laymens League Convention	230.00		



REV. P. PENDERGRASS AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE

The Reverend Preston Pendergrass, Sr., because of outstanding service rendered in the field of religion and civic leadership, was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity during the Annual Baccalaureate-Commencement Ceremonies at Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, S. C., Sunday, May 17, 1970.

Rev. Pendergrass, a native of Chester County, S. C., received his A.B. Degree, Magna Cum Laude, in 1948; and his B.D. Degree in 1951 from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. He served for 4½ years in the United States Army during World War II, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant.

Rev. Pendergrass served as Pastor of the Union, Calvary, and Hope Station Baptist Churches in South Carolina. Under his leadership each of these Churches completed extensive rebuilding of their physical plants, membership increased significantly, and their budgets and contributions to Missions and Education more than doubled. He served for 7 years on the faculty of Friendship College as College Minister and Instructor of Biblical Literature.

Since September, 1966, he has served as Pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Belmont, N. C. He is now Pastor-elect of the Antioch Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and will take up his full duties there on June 5, 1970.



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1970 JAMES F. WERTZ BTU ORATORICAL CONTEST

Subjects and rules for the 1970 James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest.

Subjects to be used are:

1. "It's Your World . . . Challenge It"
2. "A Church Organized, But Not Functioning"
3. "Follow Me and I will Make You to Become . . ."
4. "Christ, The Only Hope"
5. "The Tragedy of Tradition"
6. "If I Could Tell Adults"
7. "The Church I Have and The Church I Need"
8. "Morals, Manner and Spiritual Values in a Changing Society"
9. "Outer Space — Man's Pursuit"

Rules for the contest:

1. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
2. Each contestant must compose his own speech. It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for quoted material.
3. Each contestant will have six minutes.
4. Each contestant must learn his own speech. Reading from a paper is not permissible.
5. Each contestant will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25%, Composition 25%, and Delivery 50%, for a possible total score of 100%.
6. The two top winner will receive a scholarship to Shaw University, cash prizes if they do not wish to attend Shaw University.
7. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director. The contest is open to high school graduates, and college freshmen who are active BTU members.
8. Each female contestant should wear white dress.
9. During the contest there should be no moving.
10. Names of the contestants will be given after report of judges.
11. Non-winning contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
12. State BTU Song is to be sung before the Oratorical Contest.

A NEW LOOK AT THE CHURCH AND PASTOR RELATIONSHIP

(Presented by Shaw Theological Alumni
Association at the One Day Session, General
Baptist State Convention — May 5)

PART I

It is important and necessary to seek some understanding as to why an estimated 3,000 Protestant ministers and 2,500 Priests drop out of the ministry each year according to the U. S. News and World Report.

In the Black Church and with the Black Pastor, living costs, up sharply, continue to cut the dollar's value. "The 1960-100 cents, was cut to 80 cents in 1960; from 1960 to 1968 and 1970, the 1950-100 cents was cut to 62 cents. By 1980, if prices rise by an average of 3 per cent a year in the coming decade, 16 cents more will be chipped away from the buying power of the 1950 dollar — making it worth only 46 cents. You can see that the dollar then will have lost more than half its value since 1950."

What about the salaries of the Urban and Rural Pastors? Do the Negro or Black Christians share with their churches or the Tithes in proportion to their weekly income? Do they realize that the vast majority of pastors' salaries have not been increased in proportion to the cost of living conditions? If we want young men to be enticed and to embark on the Training and Pastoral journey of the Christian Church, then let the Black Church take a true

perspective as to what She has to offer. The Black Pastor must concern himself with Hospital and Retirement Insurance protection, gift contribution to worthy religious objectives, automobile transportation, clothing, barber work, physician's and dental fees, future housing for retirement home-life, food (for family and company), and college preparation for himself and children (inclusive of personal library accumulation). Just what is suggestive for the Black Pastor from the community of the Black Church?

We shall attempt to outline a salary schedule for churches consisting of varied memberships and abilities. These are suggestions only, and we hope that pastors and churches will use these suggestions in the same spirit that they are given.

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Churches that hold services one and two Sundays per month should strive to reach the following goals in support of its minister.

Membership	Number of Sunday Services	Suggested Salary
1. 50-150	1	\$ 780- 900
" "	2	1,500- 1,800
2. 150-200	1	900- 1,200
" "	2	1,800- 2,400
3. 201-300	1	1,200- 1,500
" "	2	2,400- 3,000
4. 301-500	1	1,500- 1,800
" "	2	3,000- 3,600

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 22-28** National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Omaha, Nebraska.
- June 22-28** Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Alexandria, Virginia.
- July 14-16** State Usher's Convention Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg, N. C.
- August 4-6** State Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham.
- August 10-14** Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro.
- August 31-**
- September 4** Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.
- Sept. 8-13** National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sept. 8-13** National Baptist Convention of America.
- Sept. 8-13** Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.
- October 26-30** General Baptist State Convention and Layman's League, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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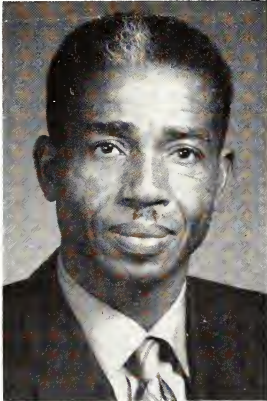
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OUTSTANDING PASTOR ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, a candidate for the N. C. House of Representatives from the 24th District: including Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties in the May 2 Democratic Primary, came in third in a field of ten for four seats. Only one candidate received a majority in the First Primary.

In the Second Primary, May 30, Dr. Johnson led the field of four candidates running for three seats. He becomes the second Negro elected to the N.C. House of Representatives since Reconstruction. He will have no opposition in November.

Mr. Johnson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson of Laurel Hill, N. C.; a graduate of Laurinburg Institute, Laurinburg, N. C. and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. He received the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C. Presently pastoring the First Baptist Church and the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairmont, N. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST USHER'S CONVENTION

The Twenty-First Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention will meet with the Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg, North Carolina, Revered E. L. Brodie, Pastor on July 14, 15 and 16, 1970.

Plans are being made to have homes available for young people. We are hopeful that many adults will prefer motel reservation. Please let us have all of this information at your earliest convenience.

Expenses are as follows:

Registration	\$ 1.25
Breakfast	1.00
Lunch	1.00
Dinner	1.50
Lodging in homes—per night.....	1.50

Motels:

Holiday Inn—Henderson, North Carolina	
Single bed—per night	10.00
Two (2) beds in room	16.00
Lake Drive Motel, Inc., Henderson, N. C.	
Single bed in room	12.36
Two (2) beds in room	18.56
Each additional person in room	2.00

These places are ten miles from the church, but I have already mentioned transportation will be provided for those who need it.

All meals will be served at church.

Directions to Mitchell's Baptist Church, Route 3 Louisburg, North Carolina. From Raleigh take 401 to Louisburg, take 39 North about 10 miles, 39 and 401 will continue to run together as far as Ingleside, follow 39 to the second black top road to the right, make a right turn and the church is in sight. There will be a sign. From Rocky Mount area take 64 west to Nashville, then 58 to Castalia, then 56 into

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TO: PASTORS, PRESIDENTS OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS, OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOLS:

The State Baptist Church School Convention, Auxiliary of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will convene with the White Rock Baptist Church School, Durham, August 4-6, 1970.

The program for the convention is now in process of assembly; it provides for sermons, addresses, workshops, instructional periods and devotional messages in which presidents of district and county church school conventions will take a prominent part. A pre-convention musical presentation is planned for Monday night, August 3, which promises to be of high inspirational benefit, setting the pace for the convention opening the next day.

A change in the scheduled time of opening the convention has been set for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday morning instead of 1:00 p.m. as has been the custom in past years; thus giving an additional period for convention work. The Program Committee took the position that in as much as the convention meets once per year, more time should be given to its work, which is felt will be more beneficial to the messengers attending.

The financial reports on past years have been fair but not enough; the parent body (General Convention) has set a quota of \$7,000.00 for the convention including reports from schools sent during the year; each year financial reports have shown improvement over the former year and it is the hope that during the convention not less than \$5,000.00 will be reported this year. Therefore, district and county conventions, local church schools and individuals will give their full support to the financial objectives of the convention. This will be the last year in which this convention will meet in separate session;

the new constitution adopted by the General Convention provides that all auxiliaries and the General Convention meet at the same time and in the same place, bringing together all phases of Baptist activities under the convention. In our 1960 session by unanimous vote endorsed the new constitution, therefore, we strongly urge all factors of the Christian Education of the General Convention to attend this last year of its individual session to impress upon the convention that we are in full accord with its progressive plans as provided in its new constitution.

Durham, N. C. is a great city in which educational, industrial, cultural and religious institutions are outstanding; Negroes have contributed to this greatness in education by North Carolina Central University and its fine system of public schools; in business by the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.; the Mechanics and Farmers Bank; the Carolina Times; The Mutual Savings and Loan Association and dozens of other business institutions too numerous to mention.

The White Rock Baptist Church, host of the convention, together with other influential churches in the city from centers of religious culture, which in a large measure contribute to its greatness. The host church is in the process of erecting a new building which we hope will be completed when the convention meets. We expect a large attendance from Elizabeth City to Asheville and beyond to partake in the highly inspirational and instructional Program of the convention.

E. M. Butler President

DR. O. L. SHERRILL SPEAKS AT
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention was guest speaker at the First Baptist Church in Taylorsville, on the fifth Sunday in May. The Reverend Marion Powell is pastor.

DAVIS ACCEPTS CALL TO GOLODSBOR

The Reverend Robert Davis of Louisburg and former pastor of the Sidney Grove Baptist Church, Ellerbe, has accepted a call to the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro.

He is a graduate of the former Reidsville High, Louisburg; Matriculated at Shaw University, Raleigh.

Reverend Davis is presently employed by the State Department of Public Instruction as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. He was chosen by the Governor's Counsel to do his graduate work this summer at the University of West Virginia: A member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Raleigh; Serves on the Board of Directors Central Memorial Bible Institute, Durham, N. C.

Reverend Davis will assume his new duties in August.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDER COUNTY

The Eighth Annual Training Institute of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Union of Alexander County was held at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, May 11-15.

The course taught was: "A Dynamic Church." The text was covered over a five-night period.

SOME POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- The Church: Meant for Humanity
- Pastorial Ministries of the Church
- Bible Study and Outreach
- The Church Mission Program
- Church Music
- A Dynamic Church

Church Administrative Service and many more interesting points were brought out.

Enrollment — 103 persons. Twenty-seven completed the course.

Ministers in attendance — 8, deacons 10.

Junior Instructors for the week were: Sister Beatrice Willman, Alexander County, Jr. Supervisor; Martha Jones, Jr. President.

ADULT TEACHER was: Sister Annie L. Filmore of Durham, N. C.

UNION PRESIDENT — Sister Ula B. Dula.

COUNTY WORKER — Sister Naomi Watts

HOST PASTOR — Reverend D. U. Cooper

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN CHURCH

TAYLORSVILLE

The women of St. John Baptist Church, Taylorsville, recently held their 5th annual Woman's Day Program which was an unusually successful occasion with guest speakers from Iredell and Wilkes counties highlighting the program. The offering for the day was \$1,330.00. The Reverend J. C. Rowe is pastor.

NEWS FROM MT. CARMEL CHURCH

The women of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church recently held their 5th annual Woman's Day Program. The day was highly successful with guest speakers from Lenoir, North Carolina. The offering for the day was \$1,549.00. The pastor is the Reverend D. U. Cooper of Stony Point.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST USHERS

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Louisburg, then use the same as above to find the church. From Warrenton take 401 South to the second cross road after leaving Afton, make a right turn, there will be signs directing to the church.

Finally, please help us in our planning by answering the questions below and return at once.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Arthur Williams, President

MRS. C. N. ARRINGTON

(Mrs.) C. N. Arrington

Corresponding Secretary

In order for us to complete our plans, it is very necessary for you to answer the following questions:

1. How many messengers
do you plan to send women.....men?
2. Will they spend night nights?
3. How many desire motel ?
reservations ? women men?
4. How many desire reservations
in homes..... womenmen?
5. How many young people will
be attending boysgirls?
Name
Address

OUTSTANDING PASTOR ELECTED

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He is married to Mrs. Omega Foster Johnson the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Foster, Laurinburg, N. C. She teaches Home Economics in Orrum High School, Orrum, N. C. They have one daughter, Deborah who is completing the sixth grade at Fairmont Elementary School.

WE NEED NEWS!!!

FROM OUR CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS
COUNTY CONVENTIONS AND OTHER
RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Send it to **THE EDITOR**

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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM
ASSOCIATIONS — FEBRUARY, MARCH,
APRIL AND MAY 5, 1970

ALEXANDER UNION, C. M. MOORE
Holy Mt. Zion, Hickory, R. W. Ramsey \$ 43.87

\$ 43.87

****BEAR CREEK, E. L. DANIELS**
Best Grove, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton \$ 78.00
Ebenezer, LaGrange, C. H. Brown 59.20
First, Dover, R. J. Johnston 35.00
First, Fremont, B. J. Daniels 13.00
First, Kinston, R. Irving Boone 250.00
Holly Hill, Kinston, B. J. Daniels 11.13
Hooks Grove, Pikesville, A. L. Morgan 25.00
Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, Theodore Peoples 50.00

\$ 521.33

BEULAH, C. M. CREECY
Antioch, Jackson \$ 16.18
First, Rich Square, C. C. Lawrence 19.50
First, Severn, Eugene Watson 50.00
Jerusalem, Woodland 50.00
Parkers Grove, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson 10.00
Piney Grove, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson 50.00

\$ 195.68

BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW, JOHN BEESE, JR.
****Brunswick-Waccamaw Association** \$ 198.00
Bristol Creek, Dothan 20.00
Central, Whiteville, John Beese, Jr. 55.50
Diamond Branch, Whiteville, John Beese, Jr. 25.00
Friendship, Whiteville 100.00
Green Chapel, Bolton 25.00
Iron Hill, Tabor City, R. L. Blue 27.31
Mill Branch, Whiteville, Willie Pugh 25.00
Mt. Zion, Chadbourn 50.00
New Light, Hallsboro, N. B. Benjamin 50.00
St. Bethel, Whiteville, W. D. Frink 25.00
St. Paul No. 2, Hallsboro 25.00
Sandy Plains, Clarkton 25.00
Spring Hill, Whiteville, J. Bryant 25.00
Union, Hallsboro 10.00
Welchs Chapel, Whiteville, L. F. Boone 41.50

\$ 727.31

CEDAR CREEK, H. L. MOORE
First Cedar Creek, Fayetteville, H. L. Moore \$ 60.00

\$ 60.00

CEDAR GROVE, G. H. BADGETT
****Cedar Grove Association** \$ 229.00
Allen Chapel, G. H. Brooks 30.00
Beulah 30.00
Blackwell, Yanceyville, G. H. Badgett 50.00
Brown Chapel, Gibsonville, F. Bullock 50.00
Hamer Chapel 30.00
Jefferies Cross, Burlington, H. G. McGhee 50.00
Maple Grove, Burlington, G. H. Badgett 30.00
Mill Hill, Roxboro, J. W. Siddle 30.00
Mineral Springs, Pelham, Otis Chestnut 30.00
Ministers-Deacons Union 100.00
Mt. Olive, Reidsville 20.00
New Ephesus, Ruffin 20.00
New Mt. Zion, Roxboro, C. L. Coleman 120.00
Old Mt. Zion, Roxboro, W. E. Mills 20.00
Red Hill 30.00
River Zion, Blanch 30.00
Rocky Ridge, Reidsville, J. C. Brown 15.00
St. James, Leasburg, T. R. Siddle 25.00

Sassafras Grove, Yanceyville 20.00
Shady Grove, Pelham, A. D. Logan 50.00
Sweet Gum Grove, W. E. Miller 25.00
Upper Union No. 1 100.00
Ushers Convention 25.00
Warren Chapel, Pelham, J. C. Brown 25.00
Women's Convention 200.00
Young's Chapel, Roxboro, A. J. Sherrill 30.00

\$ 1,429.00

COUNTY LINE, U. R. BOOKER
County Line Association \$ 175.00
County Line Union 13.00
Aaron Creek, Frank 15.00
Huntsville, Oxford, Frank Smith 15.00
New Light, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake 10.00
New Grassy Creek, U. R. Booker 45.00
Penn Avenue, Oxford, George Robinson 15.00
St. Matthews, Virgilina, Va., Moses Hardy 29.24
Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gilchrist 20.02

\$ 337.26

DEEP RIVER, A. T. ALSTON
Deep River Union \$ 50.00
Black River Grove, Angier 25.00
New Zion, Sanford, E. N. Hooker 50.00
Mt. Sinai, Orange County, A. T. Alston 150.00
Wall Street, Sanford, J. L. Morgan 150.00

\$ 425.00

EAST CAROLINA PROGRESSIVE, V. A. WHITE
Pilgrim Chapel, James City \$ 45.00
Star of Zion, New Bern 15.00

\$ 60.00

E. CEDAR GROVE, F. D. TERRY
E. Cedar Grove Association \$ 450.00
First Calvary, Durham, A. L. Thompson 50.00
Lawson Chapel, C. L. Coleman 100.00
Mt. Level, Durham, A. L. Day 100.00
Mt. Zoar, Durham, A. H. Parker 35.00
New Hope, Granville County, H. L. Timberlake 10.00
New St. James, Timberlake, J. A. Ray 75.00
Oak Grove, Oxford, R. A. Page 76.53
Olive Grove, Oxford, Mack Timberlake 12.00
Orange Grove, Durham, H. P. Amey 20.00
Rock Spring, Creedmoor, L. M. Gooch 25.00
St. John, Durham, L. M. Gooch 30.00
Synama Grove, Creedmoor, S. P. Biggers 35.00
West Durham, Durham, F. D. Terry 100.00

\$ 1,118.53

****EBENEZER, P. B. BARNETT**
Ebenezer Association \$ 534.00
Center, Gastonia, H. B. Washington 100.00
Ebenezer, Kings Mountain, R. D. Lucas 75.00
Eskridge Grove, Shelby, F. R. Giles 300.00
Fairview, Cherryville, D. A. Costner 98.40
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Light Oak, Shelby, T. H. Grier 30.00
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Mt. Olive, Kings Mountain, J. M. Alexander 35.00
Mt. Pleasant, Bessemer City, B. M. Hambright 16.00
New Zion, Avondale, S. Long 82.00
New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, I. Milledge 50.00
Palmer Grove, L. C. Knuckles 15.00
Shiloh, Shelby, R. E. Devoe 400.00
Shoals Creek, Shelby, J. M. Alexander 60.00
Washington, Waco, P. B. Barnett 100.00

\$ 2,352.10

GASTON COUNTY, J. T. SCOTT

Gaston County Association	175.00
Emanuel, Gastonia, J. G. Whitfield	50.00
Friendship, Gastonia	250.00
Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, C. R. Mosley	450.00
New High Springs, Gastonia, J. H. Edwards	35.00
St. Paul, Gastonia, J. H. Thomas	50.00
	\$ 1,010.00

GOLD HILL, H. B. FERGUSON

Gold Hill Association	\$ 90.37
Friendship, Ellenboro, D. L. McGuire	10.00
	\$ 100.37

GUILFORD, W. M. HARRIS

Guilford's Association	\$ 15.00
Guilford's Ushers Convention	5.00
Gethsemane, Hope, W. M. Harris	25.00
Antioch, Winston-Salem, C. C. Claton	10.00
Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark	10.00
Elm Grove, Rev. Valentine	10.00
Fellowship, J. L. Roundtree	10.00
New Light, Greensboro, S. G. Griggin	10.00
New Cedar Grove, Monroe Fuller	10.00
Pilgrim, W. F. Johnson	10.00
Pleasant Hill, J. L. Stover	5.00
Second Calvary	10.00
White Rock, Winston-Salem, J. S. Mickens	10.00
	\$ 130.00

HAMMONDS CREEK, C. T. BOWEN

Hammonds Creek Association	\$ 150.00
Baldwin Branch, Elizabethtown, B. L. Smith	4.00
Piney Grove, Council, B. L. Smith	6.00
	\$ 160.00

HIGH POINT, W. L. WILSON

Foster Grove, Jamestown, B. D. Curtis	\$ 10.00
	\$ 10.00

HYDE COUNTY, N. L. BARROW

Faithful Hannah, A. B. Fullord	11.00
Jobs Chapel, F. D. Williams	6.35
Old Richmond, Swans Quarter, H. B. Midgett	8.00
St. John, Scranton, E. D. Alexander	5.00
St. Reddick, Belhaven, J. O. Rodgers	30.15
Zion Temple, Sladesville, H. B. Midgett	2.00
	\$ 62.50

JOHNSTON DISTRICT, W. E. EDGERTON

Johnston District Association	\$ 150.00
Johnston District S. S. Convention	25.00
First, Clayton, L. E. Simpson	50.00
First, Selma, L. E. Simpson	100.00
First, Smithfield	50.00
Galilee, Smithfield, W. H. Lucas	50.00
Good Samaritan, Garner, W. E. Edgerton	100.00
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, Luther Coppedge	115.00
Mitchner Memorial, N. Y. Davis	72.11
Mt. Carmel, Raleigh, E. L. Rivers	12.00
Mt. Nebo, Raleigh, N. Mitchell	5.25
Mt. Zion, Cary, Eugene Mason	30.00
New Hill, Clayton, W. M. Giles	5.00
New Vester, A. A. Crum	15.00
Oakey Grove, Clayton, Roger Brodie	25.00
St. Amanda, Garner, A. M. Wiggins	30.00
Strickland Grove, Four Oaks, W. H. Lucas	36.13
Watts Chapel, Raleigh, F. B. Weaver	115.00
	\$ 965.49

KENANSVILLE EASTERN, S. M. WHITE

First, Chinquapin	\$ 60.00
First, Wilmington, J. P. Dickerson	400.00

Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, Oscar Burney	50.00
Roseville, Willard, A. H. Murphy	75.75
St. John Burgaw, W. F. Moore	25.00
	\$ 610.75

****LANE CREEK, A. J. BREWER**

Lane Creek Association	\$ 195.20
Antioch, Charlotte, Preston Pendergrass	200.00
Bethany, Charlotte, David Cooke, Jr.	50.00
First, Kannapolis, A. J. Brewer	250.00
Gordonville, Adams Evans	10.00
Macedonia, Midland, H. L. Nicholson	50.00
Oak Grove, Harrisburg, H. E. Johnson	50.00
Piney Grove, Marshville	249.13
Red Level, Monroe, L. W. Walker	30.00
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker	145.00
Watts Grove, Monroe, J. W. Wallace	55.00
	\$ 1,284.13

LUMBER RIVER, E. B. TURNER

Robeson Union	\$ 50.00
Robeson Sisters Union	25.00
Antioch, Proctorville	50.00
Bryant Swamp, Bladenboro, T. W. Murray	30.00
Ebenezer, W. L. Edwards	25.00
First, Bladenboro, A. C. Jones	50.00
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	200.00
First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner	500.00
First, McDonald, Thomas Bethea	5.00
First, Orum, E. W. Rountree	10.00
French Memorial, J. W. Walker	1.50
Greenville, Lumberton, J. B. Everett	50.00
Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J. M. Dunham	100.00
Holy Swamp, L. H. McDonald	15.00
Horace Grove, Boardman, T. D. Killens	6.00
Mill Branch, Marvin Ford	10.00
Mt. Tabor, Cerro Gordo, A. C. Jones	25.00
Mt. Zion, Lumberton, B. L. Smith	2.00
New Bethel, D. B. Fulmore	8.00
Oak Grove, Marvin Ford	8.00
Piney Grove, A. Nicholas	50.00
Rock Hill	11.00
Jose Hill, C. C. Baxter	10.00
Round Branch, Bladenboro, J. M. Dunham	25.00
Thompson Chapel, Frank Blue	15.00
Sandy Grove, Lumberton, O'Kelly Lawson	200.00
St. James	15.00
St. Stephen, Chadbourn, J. E. Barber, Jr.	100.00
Spring Branch, L. B. Boykin	20.00
Star of Bethlehem, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	50.00
Stone Grove, J. A. Thompson	10.00
	\$ 1,676.50

MECKLENBURG GENERAL, J. M. KENNEDY

Ebenezer, Charlotte, A. J. Ryans	250.00
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	500.00
First Mt. Zion, Charlotte, F. G. Lowry	100.00
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry	320.00
Morning Star, Charlotte, J. L. Barrino	25.00
Providence, Charlotte, R. H. Lewis	125.00
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J. W. Wallace	25.00
St. John, Newell, R. H. Leack	10.00
Second Calvary, Charlotte, J. M. Kennedy	200.00
Silver Mount, Pikesville, W. J. Lee	50.00
	\$ 1,605.00

MIDDLE BAPTIST, J. A. WATSON

Allen Chapel, Louisburg, J. A. Watson	23.74
Hawkins Chapel, Franklinton, S. W. Williams	28.59
Nelson Chapel, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie	65.51
Red Bud, Henderson, S. G. Dunston	100.78
Shady Grove, Louisburg, James Melton	34.72
South Main Street, Louisburg, J. G. McKnight ..	100.00

St. Delight, Nashville, J. H. Staton	31.73
Timberlake Grove, J. A. Watson	10.55
Welcome Chapel, Henderson, T. J. Crudup	35.00

\$ 430.62

MIDDLE DISTRICT, B. L. RICH

Daughters of Zion	\$ 400.55
Adoram, Wallace, J. L. Ezzell	150.00
Antioch, Goldsboro	25.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington, J. Ray Butler	500.00
Falling Run, Fayetteville	61.76
Lee's Chapel, Maple, G. P. House	13.50
Mt. Calvary, Wilmington, F. R. Devane	138.00
Mt. Pisgah, Burgaw, H. L. Moore	25.00
New Christian Chapel, W. E. Beamon	100.00
Pike Grove, Burgaw, W. D. Frink	50.00
Shiloh, Wilmington, J. W. Barnes	253.00
Union, Wilmington, A. B. Sutton	25.00

\$ 1,741.78

**MIDDLE GROUND, G. E. BROWN

Middle Ground Association	\$ 158.00
Middle Ground Church School-BTU Convention	10.00
Middle Ground Deacons Union	10.00
Middle Ground Ministers Wives Alliance	10.00
Middle Ground Union	25.00
Middle Ground Ushers Union	10.00
Middle Ground Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Middle Ground Women's Union	15.00
Belmont, Robersonville, James Walton	20.00
Cedar Hill, Williamston, E. L. Powell	25.00
Christ's Temple, Robersonville, H. Hammond	10.00
Chapel Hill, Williamston, T. R. Vines	2.00
Conetoe Chapel, Conetoe, T. R. Vines	10.00
Lily of the Valley, Everett, J. H. Bell	6.95
Lily of the Valley, Plymouth, J. H. Bell	17.66
Longs Chapel, M. A. Riddick	10.00
Long Ridge, H. Hammond	15.00
Macedonia, Hassell, H. H. Moore	2.50
Marks Chapel, Rocky Point, G. E. Brown	25.00
Mayo Chapel, Bethel, J. E. Williams	25.00
Piney Grove, Gold Point, J. C. Chance	2.00
Poplar Point, Williamston, H. Hammonds	10.00
Reids Chapel, Fountain, George Smith	7.00
Roberson Chapel, J. R. Roberson	50.00
St. James, Williamston, J. C. Chance	2.00
St. John, Stokes, J. C. Chance	13.93
St. Mark, F. W. Davis	25.00
St. Paul, Oak City, J. E. James	25.00
Sandy Point, Williamston, Johnnie Bell	20.00
Second Zion Grove, Plymouth, W. V. Pritchett	33.00
Zion Hill, Plymouth, G. E. Brown	7.35
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G. E. Brown	38.00
Wynns Chapel, Robersonville, J. H. Chance	6.75
Ministers-Deacons Training Union	10.00

\$ 667.14

MT. PEACE, J. A. WHITE

First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte, J. C. Brewer	\$ 50.00
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry	300.00
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson	19.52
Mayfield, Charlotte, H. S. Diggs	75.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	800.00
Mt. Moriah, Belmont	150.00
Mt. Moriah, Matthews, J. C. Robinson	150.00
Mt. Sinai, Mt. Holly, W. M. Cavers	50.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, W. M. Alexander	150.00
New Providence, B. M. McKenzie	20.00
New Zion, Charlotte, B. R. Robinson	25.00
New Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, S. V. Wells	25.00
St. Paul Community, Charlotte, R. M. Young	100.00

Shiloh Institutional, Charlotte, J. A. White	300.00
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\$ 2,214.52

**MT. & CATAWBA, R. N. LOCKHART

Antioch, Statesville, J. C. Graham	\$ 75.00
Chambers Chapel, Glen Alpine, J. L. Cantrell	35.00
Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. C. Graham	100.00
Clarks Chapel, Statesville, J. C. Graham	100.00
Dula Chapel, Albert Richardson	100.00
First, Harmony, J. A. Culbertson	175.00
Friendship, Hickory, J. J. Alexander	200.00
Jones Chapel, J. E. Palmer	100.00
Knox Grove, S. B. Brown	75.00
Liberty Hill, Claremont, A. G. Coley	100.00
Logan Memorial, W. L. Connor	30.00
Love Lady, W. L. Connor	30.00
Maiden Chapel, Maiden, R. N. Lockhart	100.00
Moore's Chapel, Lincolnton, Marvin Connelly	35.00
Morning Star, Hickory, C. R. Harper	500.70
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville, D. U. Cooper	30.00
Mt. Moriah, Marion, L. R. Howell	192.34
Mt. Olive, Newton, B. F. Corpening	100.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, Rev. W. Barber	51.96
Mt. Sinai, Catawba, M. G. Walker	50.00
Mt. Zion, Drexel, M. C. Roseboro	50.00
New Bethel, Morganton, E. H. McEachern	100.00
New Light, Lenoir, R. L. Ferguson	4.00
New Prospect, Long Island, R. N. Lockhart	300.00
New Zion, Taylorsville, C. D. Poole	50.00
St. James, Troutman, Leroy Wilson	127.50
St. John, Statesville, Wilson W. Lee	170.00
Third Creek, Stony Point, D. U. Cooper	50.00
Woman's Auxiliary	146.10

\$ 3,177.60

MUD CREEK, H. B. FERGUSON

Mud Creek Association	\$ 17.00
Bethel "A", Brevard, F. H. Goldsmith	425.00
First Nazareth, Asheville, O. E. Dunn	100.00
Hill Street, Asheville, N. M. Avery	600.00
Mills Chapel, Black Mountain, W. E. Lytle	210.00
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White	2,000.00
Rock Hill, Asheville, H. B. Ferguson	295.00
Star of Bethel, Hendersonville, R. W. Styles	100.00
Tabernacle, Asheville, C. Johnson	45.00

\$ 3,792.00

NEUSE RIVER, T. V. FOSTER

Crowell, Halifax, McKinley Nicholson	\$ 15.00
Daniels Chapel, Enfield, F. L. Bullock	25.00
Eastern Star, Tarboro, F. J. Morris	40.00
Ebenezer, Rocky Mount	105.00
First, Enfield, K. P. Battle	31.00
First, Weldon, C. T. Bullock	51.71
First African, Goldsboro, I. B. Horton	450.00
Hickory Grove, Rocky Mount, J. H. Dixon	100.00
London, Roanoke Rapids, G. A. Gilchrist	21.00
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper	20.00
Mt. Zion, Seaboard, F. L. Bullock	50.00
New Hope, Battleboro, Wilton Byrd	15.86
North End, Rocky Mount, Elbert Lee	75.00
Oak Grove, Garysburg, Spencer Williams, Jr.	50.00
Piney Grove, Halifax, C. C. Staton	33.00
Red Hill, Enfield, J. O. Thorne	41.00
Roanoke Salem, Garysburg, C. C. Staton	5.00
St. James, Rocky Mount, W. L. Mason	1,500.00
St. John, Red Oak, Wilton Byrd	25.00
Shiloh, Scotland Neck, C. M. Deloatch	50.00
Twilight, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist	35.10

\$ 2,738.67

NEW BERN-EASTERN, W. C. HORTON

Mt. Olive, Messic, W. C. Horton	\$ 40.55
Mt. Sinai, Stonewall, K. E. Pridgen	13.00
St. Antioch, Havelock, C. D. Bell	6.00
St. Galilee, Maribel, J. B. Smith	19.03
St. Luke, Morehead City, B. F. Gary	30.00
\$ 108.58	

NEW ERA, V. S. SINGLETARY

Center, Bladenboro, R. L. Blue	\$ 3.66
St. John, Chadbourn, Sam Moss	12.00
\$ 15.66	

NEW HOPE, A. D. MOSELEY

New Hope Musical Convention	\$ 25.00
First, Mebane, J. E. Davis	100.00
First, New Hill, A. A. Crum	5.79
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B. A. Mack	100.00
Mt. Gilead, Durham, A. D. Moseley	311.29
Mt. Zion, Chatham County, J. R. Burt	98.60
Mt. Zion, Durham, W. H. Fuller	50.00
New Hope, Apex, C. P. Briley	10.00
Shiloh, Morrisville, L. E. Daye	25.00
\$ 725.68	

OCEAN VIEW, L. P. LIVINGSTON

Hickory, Fair Bluff, L. P. Livingston	\$ 12.25
Macedonia, Supply, W. D. Frink	30.00
Mt. Zion, Longwood, M. C. Herring	25.00
Piney Grove, Nicholas, S. C., R. L. Blue	13.07
Ushers, Friendship, Southport	6.00
\$ 86.32	

OLD EASTERN, J. E. JAMES

Old Eastern Association	\$ 1,828.00
Cornerstone, Greenville, W. B. Moore	500.00
James Mt. Pilgrim, Oak City, C. H. Brown	100.00
Macedonia, Farmville, J. R. Person	112.75
Mt. Shiloh, Williamston, Leo Williams	166.58
Mt. Zion, Beaufort, N. K. Dunn	100.00
Phillipi, Simpson, A. C. Robinson, Jr.	26.50
Roanoke Zion, Palmyra, W. E. Battle	15.00
St. John, Falkland, J. R. Person	36.55
Sycamore Hill, Greenville, B. B. Felder	100.00
Triumph, Washington, C. B. Gray	53.36
\$ 3,038.74	

ORIGINAL SHILOH, ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Original Shiloh Association	\$ 200.00
Original Shiloh Church Union	155.40
Belton Creek, Oxford, P. G. Davis	25.91
Brookston, Henderson, O. J. Rooks	25.00
Dickies Grove, Henderson, A. B. Bass	13.75
Haywood, Luther Coppedge	25.00
Ilong, Kettrell, Macy Bullock	10.00
Mitchell, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie	119.43
Olive Grove, Littleton, P. G. Davis	9.81
Ridgeway, Frank Bullock, Jr.	16.45
Spring Green, Warrenton, C. H. Brown	30.00
Shiloh, Henderson, C. R. Mitchell	265.00
Union Grove, Warrenton, P. G. Davis	19.60
\$ 915.35	

****PEE DEE, J. H. FERGUSON**

Pee Dee Association	\$ 1,100.00
Clark Grove, Mt. Gilead, W. H. Sturdivant	26.00
Covington, Troy	47.50
First, Southern Pines, W. J. Haire	100.00
Galilee, Pinehurst, W. F. Carlson	10.00
New Hope, Hamlet, W. H. Gatewood	50.00
Poplar Spring, Rockingham, J. H. Ferguson	100.00
Shiloh, Maxton, H. E. Edwards	25.00
Sidney Grove, Ellerbe	100.00

Spring Branch, Wagram, A. G. Thompson	24.00
Spring Hill, Red Springs, A. W. Williams	7.63
\$ 1,590.13	

REEDY CREEK, S. G. DUNSTON

Reedy Creek Association	\$ 41.88
Ministers-Deacons Union	45.00
Bunn Chapel, Bunn, Luther Coppedge	20.00
Enon, Littleton	10.00
Mt. Olive, Warren County, J. S. Spruill	10.00
Pine Chapel, Hollister, C. H. Whitaker	60.52
Pleasant Grove, Norlina, W. H. Burgess	20.00
Pleasant Zion, Littleton, Roger Brodie	14.19
St. Stephen, Warren County, S. W. Williams	15.00
Shiloh, Arcola, W. H. Lucas	23.47
Social Union, Nashville, W. H. Burgess	119.93
Union Hill, Nashville, S. G. Dunston	140.31
Vaughan Chapel, Alex Brown	10.00
Walnut Grove, J. S. Spruill	52.47
\$ 582.77	

RISING STAR, J. G. GASTON

Antioch, Granite Quarry, D. L. Thompson	\$ 5.00
Fairview, Salisbury, O. D. Daniel	29.07
First, Southmont, J. G. Gaston	200.00
New Bethel, Lexington, R. J. Thompson	25.00
Old Smith Grove View, B. S. Mason	45.11
\$ 304.18	

ROANOKE, J. R. R. McRAY

Roanoke Association	\$ 300.00
Sunday School and BTU Convention	200.00
Corner Stone, Elizabeth City, J. R. R. McRay ..	62.08
Mt. Carmel, Elizabeth City, W. H. Davis	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, Columbia, H. Midgett	10.77
Mt. Eprew, Roper, J. H. Taylor, Jr.	56.26
New Hope, Gatesville, H. L. Mitchell	35.30
New Piney Grove, Gates, J. O. Rodgers	5.00
Olive Branch, Elizabeth City, T. M. Walker	15.00
Riddick Grove, Belvidere, J. O. Rodgers	5.00
St. James, Elizabeth City, W. E. Riddick	5.00
Salem, Columbia, J. B. Woodhouse	25.00
Stony Branch, Gates, Frank Lee	50.00
Welch's Chapel, Tyner, W. H. Davis	10.00
Zion Tabernacle, R. M. Watson	20.00
\$ 809.41	

****ROWAN, A. D. LOGAN**

Rowan Association	\$ 77.00
Forsyth County BTU Union	10.00
Forsyth County S. S. Union	50.00
Forsyth County Deacons Union	25.00
Forsyth County United Ushers	53.00
Bethlehem, High Point, J. W. Reed	5.00
Buncombe, Lexington, S. W. Mack	40.00
Emanuel, Winston-Salem, S. W. Mack	160.00
Files Chapel, F. D. Best	10.00
First, Burlington, H. J. Cobb	115.00
First, Concord, H. H. Hawkins	23.01
First, High Point, F. L. Andrews	25.00
First, Lexington, B. F. Daniels	145.00
First, Reidsville, A. D. Logan	100.00
First, Thomasville, W. E. Banks	91.75
First, Winston-Salem, D. R. Hedgley	2,000.00
First Calvary, Salisbury, T. D. Walker	150.00
First Emanuel, High Point, D. D. Mason	305.77
Friendship, Winston-Salem, S. E. Tyndall	25.00
Galilee, Winston-Salem, W. C. Hay	50.00
Harshaw Grove, Randleman, Joseph Evans	30.00
Mt. Olive, Winston-Salem, W. C. Rogers	80.00
Mt. Pleasant, Winston-Salem, H. S. Lewis	200.00
Mt. Vernon, High Point, F. O. Bass	155.00
Mt. Zion, Albemarle, J. C. Robinson	215.75

Mt. Zion, Salisbury, W. M. Wyatt	100.00
Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem, K. O. P. Goodwin	750.00
New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Jerry Drayton	400.00
Piney Grove, Winston-Salem, T. J. Joyce	5.00
Rising Star, Walnut Cove, D. R. Hedglo	125.00
St. John, Asheboro, McKinley Hawkins	15.00
Second Calvary, Winston-Salem	5.00
Shady Grove, E. Spencer, J. G. Gaston	500.00
Shiloh, Greensboro, O. L. Hairston	1,325.00
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	1,000.00
Union, Lexington, J. L. Stowe	195.20
White Rock, Winston-Salem, J. S. Mickens	10.00
Zion, Reidsville, E. L. Kirby	700.00
Zion Memorial, Winston-Salem, C. H. Gill	300.00

ST. JOHN, C. J. COOPER

Buffalo Springs, Raeford, N. Worley	\$ 75.00
Christ Memorial, R. C. Foster	6.25
Ellerbe Grove, Rockingham, J. J. Covington	95.12
First, Laurel Hill, S. C. Fairley	75.00
Fletcher Grove, S. Gilchrist	54.00
Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, E. L. Jones	164.00
Jones Chapel, Robeson County, W. G. McDuffie	15.00
Macedonia, Hoffman, G. Gilchrist	75.00
McCormick Chapel, J. B. Everett, Sr.	20.00
Mt. Calvary, Leroy Stromer	20.00
Mt. Moriah, Biscoe, S. Ratcliff	56.25
Nazareth, Marston, S. C. Fairley	42.00
Oak Hill, Wagram, O. P. Foster	137.00
Reedy Creek, J. B. Everett	75.00
St. John, Rockingham, Howard McLaurin	57.50
Sandy Grove, Maxton, O'Neal Taylor	37.50
Shady Grove, Raeford, J. S. Davis	111.50
Silver Grove, Raeford, W. K. Mitchell	150.00
Solid Rock, Laurinburg, C. J. Cooper	200.00
Twilight, R. C. Foster	25.00
Union Grove, R. M. Flagger	60.00
Unionville, Leroy Stroman	7.50

\$ 1,558.62**SHILOH, J. A. WATSON**

Shiloh Association	\$ 40.00
First, Norlina, S. G. Dunston	15.00
Pine Grove, Macon, Wilson Johnson	22.22
Snow Hill, Norlina, J. B. Wilson	20.00
Zion, Henderson, J. A. Watson	2.00

\$ 99.22****TAR RIVER, FRANK BULLOCK, JR.**

Tar River Association	\$ 181.37
Tar River Ushers Convention	15.00
Bunn Chapel, Bunn, Luther Coppedge	25.00
Cedar Grove, Nash County, J. O. Thorne	60.00
First Calvary, Rocky Mount, S. J. Jones	325.00
Momyer	50.00
Mt. Herman, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne	25.00
Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount, G. W. Dudley	500.00
New Hope, Spring Hope, A. M. Wiggins	7.20
Philadelphia, Nashville, James Hunter	20.00
Pilot, Zebulon, Frank Bullock, Jr.	38.37
Pleasure Hill, Whitakers, C. V. Harris	9.40
Red Oak, Stanhope, Halvester Miles	31.70
Rock Hill, Nashville, S. P. Massenburg	15.00
Rocky Point, Spring Hope, W. T. Grimes	38.06
St. Hope, Spring Hope, Frank Bullock, Jr.	53.00
Sandy Falk, Nash County, Frank Bullock, Jr.	73.00
Shiloh, Whitakers, W. H. Burgess	14.36

\$ 1,481.46**TRENT RIVER-OAKEY GROVE, E. W. WOOTEN**

Trent River-Oakey Grove Association	\$ 314.15
Davis Chapel, Navassa, C. E. Gray	8.00

Evening View, W. H. Johnson	9.00
First, Jacksonville, Leroy Fitts	20.00
First, Maysville, W. H. McCarter	2.00
Hills Chapel, W. A. Green	4.00
Jenkins Chapel, Sneads Ferry, W. C. Ollison	3.00
Marshall Chapel, M. C. Carter	20.00
Mt. Moriah, Cove City, C. E. Gray	5.00
New Dixon, J. N. Kornegay	3.00
Oakey Grove, Trent, W. K. Raynor	23.38
Reform Shiloh-Jacksonville, R. L. Cummings	8.00
St. Phillips, Pollocksville, W. C. Goodwyn	5.00
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten	24.89
Union, Jacksonville, W. C. Ollison	5.00
Union, New Bern, W. M. McDavid	2.00
Virgil Hill, W. A. Green	10.70
Washington Chapel, W. S. Griffin	5.00
White Oak, Jacksonville, J. N. Kornegay	4.00
Zion Chapel, W. A. Green	12.00

\$ 488.12**UNION, C. R. EDWARDS**

Union of the Union Association	\$ 200.00
Baptist Union, Fayetteville	50.00
Beauty Spot, Fayetteville, David Barr	50.00
China Grove, Fayetteville, C. C. McLaughlin	50.00
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards	1,400.00
First, Parkton, L. A. Melvin	115.00
First, St. Pauls, S. M. Dixon	100.00
First New Light, White Oak, A. G. Thompson	100.00
Flat Swamp, Autryville, H. Melvin	50.00
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich	525.00
Gray's Creek, Lacy Jones	46.00
Laurel Hill, S. V. Melvin	75.00
Mt. Calvary, Fayetteville, H. W. Melvin	31.00
Mt. Olive, Fayetteville, H. W. Melvin	40.00
Mt. Pisgah, Fayetteville, Theodore Patterson	50.00
Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville, A. J. Johnson	300.00
New Bethel, Rex, J. L. Williamson	88.00
New Bethlehem, Fayetteville, C. C. McLaughlin	31.25
New Hope	50.00
Oak Ridge, Lumber Bridge, D. Townes	50.00
Pleasant Grove, St. Pauls, E. D. King	80.00
Pleasant Hill, Lumberton, F. K. Patterson	25.00
Pleasant View, St. Paul, F. D. King	45.00
Principian, Fayetteville, C. E. Bryant	25.00
Rock Hill, Fayetteville, S. V. Melvin	35.00
St. John, Shannon, Marion Avery	30.00
St. Peter, Fayetteville, F. Patterson	5.00
Savannah, Fayetteville, Lacy Jones	85.00
Second New Light, St. Pauls, W. M. Melvin	90.00
Shiloh, St. Pauls, W. M. Melvin	60.00
Shiloh, Shannon, Marvin Avery	15.00
South End, Fayetteville, C. C. Ray	50.00
Swans Creek, Fayetteville, C. O. Williams	79.34
Triumph, Washington, C. B. Gray	23.43
Woman's Auxiliary	15.00

\$ 4,064.02

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MASON LAID TO REST



Dr. W. L. Mason, veteran pastor of the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount and one of the strong supporting leaders of the General Baptist State Convention passed suddenly on Thursday, June 18. His passing ended an outstanding career as a pastor, teacher and leader. He led the St. James Church in outstanding support of Shaw University, Foreign Missions and other phases of Baptist work.

Dr. Mason's funeral was held on Tuesday, June 23 in the sanctuary of the church he served for over 35 years.

Pastors from across the state were in attendance and were a part of the vast crowd that filled St. James Church for the final rites.

A fitting and appropriate Eulogy was ably delivered by Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham. Dr. Mason always fondly referred to Dr. Browne as his pastor, as his younger days were spent as an active member of the Mt. Vernon Church.

DURHAM CHURCH TO HOST STATE MEETING

The State Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress will meet with the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, The Reverend Lorenzo Lynch, August 4-6. With E. M. Butler of Wilmington, President of the Sunday School Congress and J. T. Hawkins of Durham, President of the B. T. U. Congress. The three day meeting will be focused on the theme: "The Church's Response to the Challenge of the Seventies." The Adult, Young People and Ministers will form the three divisions of the Congress.

Three workshops will be held on "The Challenge of Teaching in Sunday School and B. T. U. for the Seventies,"; "What do young people want from the church in the Seventies?"; "The Church's Response to the challenge in promoting the unified program for the Seventies."

Sermon will be brought by O'Kelly Lawson, Pastor, Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Lumberton; A. L. Thompson, Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham; and C. B. Gray, Pastor, Triumph Baptist Church, Washington.

Delegates are urged to secure housing through Pastor Lynch or in the Hotels and Motels in Durham.

The service was presided over by the Reverend T. V. Foster, moderator of the Neuse River Association and a close friend of long standing of Dr. Mason.

Dr. C. R. Edwards and Dr. O. L. Sherrill officially represented the General Baptist with fitting words of commendation on the life of Dr. Mason. Dr. W. C. Somerville spoke on behalf of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Many glowing tributes were given during the service by Ministers, city officials and the chairman of the deacons of St. James Church.

Mason will be greatly missed in North Carolina.

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White Oak, Morven, C. L. Chambers	6.00

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\$65,035.57

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HOLLOMON RITES HELD

DR. JOHN L. S. HOLLOMON

Pastor of Second Baptist Church For 53 Years
Dean of Washington Pastors
Funeralized on May 10, 1970

By THE REV. H. L. MITCHELL

Dr. John L. S. Hollomon, Pastor of Second Baptist Church for 53 years, died early Wednesday morning May 6 at Washington Hospital Center. Dr. Hollomon, who lived at 403 P Street, NW, was the Dean of the Pastors in the Washington Area.

Born April 24, 1885, in rural Bertie County, N. C., Dr. Hollomon was the oldest of ten children. He was educated at Harrellsville Chapel School, Waters Training Institute in Winton, N. C., and Virginia Union University. He was a brilliant scholar and in later life, the recipient of two honorary degrees. His first employment was as a teacher of Latin and mathematics at Waters Training School.

Dr. Hollomon began his ministry in 1910, when he was ordained in the New Bethany Baptist Church near his home. In late 1916 he was called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church and in the spring of 1917 began his record setting tenure of 53 years of uninterrupted ministry in one pulpit.

Dr. Hollomon was an eloquent speaker. His rare ability to combine intellect and soul in his presentation made him widely sought after as an evangelist and lecturer. He spoke without manuscript but always with grace, style and effect. One particularly popular lecture "Gold Everywhere", he delivered ninety-one times in various parts of the country.

Dr. Hollomon was the president of the Washington Baptist Seminary from its organization in 1926 until his death. During these decades of his leadership, the Seminary has graduated some 500 ministers and Christian workers. More than 80 per cent of the Baptist churches in Washington and vicinity are pastored by "Sons of the Seminary."

Dr. Hollomon also served for 15 years as president of the board of trustees of the Stoddard Baptist Home. In 1961 he led the Home in its move to its present location at 1818 Newton Street, NW. Through Dr. Hollomon's leadership, the entire cost of this property, more than \$250,000, was liquidated within a period of six years.

Dr. Hollomon was a former president of the Baptist Ministers Conference and of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

He was a member of the Republican Committee for the District of Columbia. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Washington Chapter of Frontiers of America.

Dr. Hollomon is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rosa V. Hollomon; five children, Mrs. Otis E. Troupe,

Mrs. Welford H. Jackson, Mrs. Barrington D. Parker and Mrs. Howard Davis of Washington and Dr. J. L. S. Hollomon, Jr. of New York City. He also leaves five grandsons, three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services for Dr. Hollomon was held Sunday, May 10, at Second Baptist Church. Rev. John D. Bussey, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference, presided. The Eulogy was delivered by Dr. J. M. Ellison, chancellor emeritus of Virginia Union University.

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Celebrates its First Anniversary

Recently Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church celebrated its first Anniversary. Rev. T. A. Watkins, Pastor of University Park Baptist Church, delivered the Anniversary Message. Rev. Watkins used as a subject "Evidence of a Holy Ghost Church."

This church was organized and officially became known as Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church a little more than a year ago. Mayfield was so named in the memory of the late Rev. P. M. Mayfield, who contributed so much to the city of Charlotte and the State of North Carolina.

On October 5, 1969, Mayfield called its first Pastor Rev. H. S. Diggs, former Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina. Under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Diggs, Mayfield has grown to be one of the most progressive churches in the city of Charlotte.

Mayfield Memorial adopted as a financial budget for the year 1970, \$106,540.00.

With an average attendance of more than 600 persons at worship each Sunday morning and with 144 persons having united with Mayfield Memorial since October, 1969, the members of Mayfield feel humble and proud that the Lord is using Mayfield as an instrument through which he might bless Charlotte, North Carolina, The United States of America, and the World.

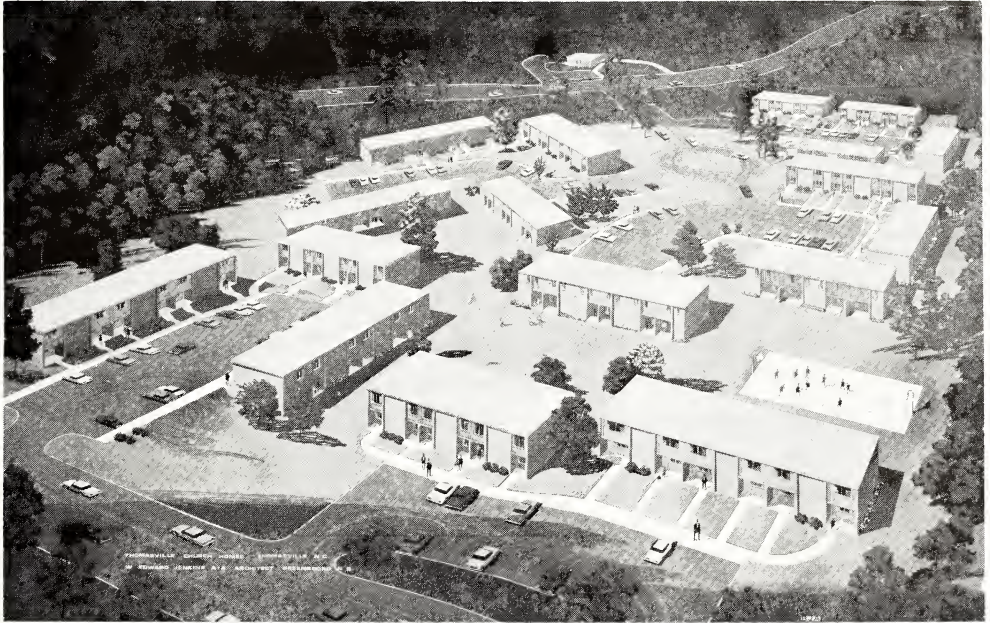
TRIPP ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

The Reverend Rudolph Tripp was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in a special service held at the Falling Run Baptist Church July 1, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. by the Ordaining Council of the Middle District Baptist Association, Reverend H. R. Cogdell, presiding. The Ordination Sermon was brought by the Reverend B. L. Rich, moderator of the association.

The Reverend H. C. Dixon, chairman of the Presbytery Board delivered the Charge to the minister.

Others appearing on the program were Reverends L. B. Boykin, T. Simpson and Wilbert McDougald.

The ministers and visiting friends were served a Repass after the service.



THOMASVILLE CHURCH HOMES

1964 was a year of desperation and anxiety for the black people of Thomasville, North Carolina. Mass demonstrations and a list of demands presented to the city council failed to produce any results that could be seen. Housing was listed as the number one problem and was described as the root of the social problems.

After many discussions in City Hall that failed to produce results, First Baptist Church, Church Street, Thomasville, North Carolina, voted to attack the housing problem in 1965. The church was guided by their minister, Reverend W. E. Banks, who at that time was also the State Director of Youth Work for NAACP. St. John's United Methodist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Glenn Brooks, joined hands with First Baptist and the two churches became involved in the 221D3 rent supplement housing program.

There were a multitude of obstacles that had to be overcome. These included overcoming hostilities of the citizens of Thomasville and the city council, finding a suitable location, and obtaining FHA ap-

proval. The project was finally approved in April, 1969, and construction began the same month.

Thomasville Church Homes, Incorporated, celebrated its formal opening Sunday, June 21, at 1:00 p.m. The public was invited to attend the ceremonies which were held at the project site on Jacob Street, Thomasville, North Carolina. Mr. T. M. Alexander, Assistant Mortgage Commissioner for the FHA, delivered the main address. Also attending the ceremony was Dr. Robert J. Brown, Special Assistant to President Nixon.

The first occupants are scheduled to move into the apartments within the next two weeks. Teenagers employed by the Neighborhood Youth Corps will work with the new occupants. They will help move furniture, hang drapes, baby sit and explain how to use the new appliances. Mr. Bill Crisp, manager of Thomasville Church Homes, Inc., is making plans to provide help and training in home management and care; health services; financial management and recreation.

Davidson County Community Action is coordinating the program and will provide special services. Mr. C. Norris Holloway, Sr., is the Executive Director of the Agency.



SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO DRUG ADDICTION REPORTS HIGHEST CURE IN NATION

The Second Annual Homecoming for former drug addicts at Teen Challenge, Inc., 440 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. was held on Saturday, June 20, 1970.

Participating in the unusual homecoming activities were Rev. David Wilkerson, founder of Teen Challenge, his brother Rev. Donald Wilkerson, Executive Director of Teen Challenge and Rev. John Benton, Director of The Walter Hoving Home for Girls which is a part of Teen Challenge, in Garrison, N. Y. Also assisting were Rev. John Kenzy, President of Teen Challenge Institute of Missions, in Rheinbeck, N. Y. and Rev. Delmar Ross, Superintendent of Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa. Rev. William Burkett, Pastor of the Assemblies of God Church in Goshen, Indiana was the featured speaker. Special music was provided by the Teen Challenge Training Center Choir and the Youth Crusade singer, Dallas Holm.

Rev. David Wilkerson, speaking to a crowd of ex-addicts and assembled guests stated that 75% of the fellows and girls who completed the spiritual rehabilitation program provided by Teen Challenge remained free of their former drug habits. He declared, "There is no other drug addiction program in the nation that can approach the success of this program. I say this in all humbleness for we who work with the fellows and girls never take the credit — that belongs to God for He effects the total cure. We merely have made ourselves available to be instruments God can use in giving hope to the hopeless. We're here today to say thanks to Jesus for the miracles he has wrought in the lives of so many."

No one listening to the roll call of Teen Challenge alumni would dispute the fact that miracles had occurred. Jose de Jesus, for instance, entered the program four years ago a typical drug addict — shooting heroin, stealing to support his habit, in and out of jail and a heartbreak to his parents. At the Teen Challenge center in Brooklyn, he withdrew from

drugs without medication, accepted Christ as his Savior and was on the way to becoming a completely new person. He was transferred to the Teen Challenge Training Center located on a 210 acre farm in Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania. There he completed the eight month rehabilitation program which included attendance at chapel and Bible classes, prayer, vocational training and work chores. An insurance company offered him a job in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He has done exceptionally well and was recently married.

Jose de Jesus is so highly regarded that three months ago Governor Francis W. Sargent of Massachusetts named him to a newly-created task force to assist in solving the problems of Spanish-speaking residents which might require the immediate attention of the Governor.

The roll call of alumni revealed that the former addicts are now pastors, church and social workers, state narcotics workers, college and Bible school students, roofers, printers, etc. A number of alumni are working with drug addicts in Teen Challenge centers across the country.

Rev. David Wilkerson, founder of Teen Challenge, is the author of "The Cross and the Switchblade," which has sold over 5 million copies. The book has recently been made into a movie starring Pat Boone in the role of Mr. Wilkerson.

LANES CREEK WOMEN'S AUXILIARY By MRS. L. G. PENDERGRASS

The Women's Auxiliary to the Lanes Creek Association was held at Mt. Nebo, Waxhaw, N. C., June 19, 1970, the Reverend J. W. Threatt, pastor.

The President, Mrs. J. B. Crowder, presided during the meeting. Mrs. Irma Kirkpatrick served as devotional leader. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend J. W. Threatt. Mrs. A. E. Watson was in charge of the Youth Hour. She has helped to inspire the youth to carry on a meaningful program. The Moderator, Reverend A. J. Brewer, of the Lanes Creek Association highlighted the occasion with an inspirational talk.

This meeting proved to be successful for all of the many friends and representatives from the various churches of the Lanes Creek Association.

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GASTONIA MINISTER AWARDED DEGREE

The Reverend James E. Coleman, pastor of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church, Gastonia, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, May 17, 1970 from Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, S. C. Reverend Coleman was born in Fairfield County, S. C. At an early age he became a member of the Old Hope Baptist Church. He was called to the ministry on May 12, 1939.

He holds the following degrees: A.A. Degree, Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C.; A.M. Degree, Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., and the B.D. Degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. The Reverend Coleman has pastored the following churches: Philadelphia Baptist Church, Gaffney, S. C.; Mitchell Chapel Church, Union, S. C.; Red Hill Church, Woodward, S. C.

Aside from his ministerial duties, he is a contractor and teaches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

The Reverend Coleman is very active in community activities. He is president of the Gaston County Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; president of the Health Improvement Project; vice president of the Inner City Parents Organization, Volunteer Community worker for deprived areas and fair housing projects; vice president of Gaston County Association; a member of the International Ministerial Alliance, and the National Baptist Association (USA). He is very active in many other community activities in both Gastonia and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

He is now listed in the 1969 edition of Personalities of the South for outstanding community work.

IMPLEMENTATIONS SINCE THE SUPREME COURT 1954 DECISION

By KENNETH HAMMOND

Delivered to the
Old Eastern Sunday School Convention

The optimist would contend that we've come a long, long way in race relations. He would point proudly to the marvelous strides that have been made in the area of civil rights over the last few decades.

The pessimist would argue that we have made only minor strides in the area of race relations. He would contend that the present tension which we witness in certain sections of the nation is fit testimony to the fact that we have created more problems than we have solved.

The realist in race relations would agree with the optimist in saying we have come a long way, but he would balance that by agreeing with the pessimist that we have a long way to go. It is this realistic position that I would like to set forth: We've come a long way, and we have a long way to go.

Let us notice first that we've come a long way. It was in the year 1619 that the Negro slave first landed on the shores of this nation. They were brought here from the soils of Africa, and unlike the Pilgrim fathers who landed at Plymouth a year later, they were brought against their wills.

Throughout slavery the Negro was considered a thing to be used, not a person to be respected. He was merely a depersonalized cog in the plantation machine. Let us examine some of the landmark decisions of the Supreme Court. The famous Dred Scott Decision of 1857 clearly expressed the status of the Negro during slavery. In this case the United States Supreme Court affirmed in substance that the Negro is not a citizen of the United States; he is merely property subject to the dictates of his owner.

Another landmark case is Plessy versus Ferguson. In this case the court ruled that the separate but equal doctrine was constitutional. This was also applied to the Sweatt Case. These are just two decisions which laid that foundation for later reversals.

In 1954 in Little Rock, Arkansas, Blacks for the first time were protected under federal laws which enabled them to enter an all white school. It was in the Brown versus Board of Education that the Supreme Court ruled that separate but equal doctrine was inherently unconstitutional. This was a reversal of the Plessy versus Ferguson decision.

Our topic is where have we come since this decision. This can be summed up by saying that there

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is a new Negro in America. Blacks now realize that they can say with pride: Fleecy locks and black complexion cannot forfeit nature's claim. Skin may differ, but affection dwells in black and white the same. As were I so tall as to reach the pole or to grasp the ocean at a span, I must be measured by my soul. The mind is the standard of man. With this new self-respect and new sense of dignity on the part of the Negro, the Civil Rights Movement began. For ten years of our recent history, Negroes marched and demonstrated, sat-in and freedom rode, prayed and loved. Whites responded with mass jailings and mayor's commissions, beatings and murders, and finally enough vocalization of public conscience when whites were killed by whites to make possible government action. Black thus gained the right to vote, the privilege of eating lunch next to white men, and the knowledge that segregated schools are unconstitutional. The Civil Rights Movement is over and has been replaced with the Black Power Movement.

I know when I say Black Power, some of you in this building get uneasy. The first thing you think of is violence. This is not necessarily true. The concept of Black Power focuses on precisely these issues. Like any successful slogan it is amorphous enough to provide a variety of popular interpretations. But there is a general agreement that the Black Power Movement in an effort to create among Black People enough personal self-esteem and group consciousness to build a truly democratic political block which can take its rightful share of our nation's economic abundance. Black Power shows that once Blacks can realize their psychological exploitation by whites and assert the validity of their blackness, they will constitute a self-conscious, self-affirming organization in society.

This is why Black Power is a revolution: A cultural revolution which seeks to destroy the psychosis of white supremacy; a political revolution which seeks to broaden the base of representative democracy; an economic revolution which seeks to expand democracy to encompass the distribution of wealth. Black Power is not violence, unless violence is the only way the mute ghetto can communicate. Black Power is not racism in reverse, unless white supremacy forces an over-statement of the legitimacy of being black. Black Power is not black nationalism, unless there is no room in America for Blacks. Black Power is the next logical step from the Civil Rights Movement. It is a racist America being informed that those who have been excluded are now including themselves in.

Psychologists have a word which is probably used more frequently than any other word in modern psychology. It is the word maladjusted. There

are some things in our social system to which I am proud to be maladjusted and to which I suggest that you too ought to be maladjusted. I never intend to adjust myself to the viciousness of lynch mobs. I never intend to become adjusted to the evils of segregation and discrimination. I never intend to adjust myself to the tragic inequalities of an economic system which takes necessities from the masses to give luxuries to the classes. I never intend to become adjusted to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating method of physical violence.

I call upon you to be maladjusted. History still has a choice place for those who have the moral courage to be maladjusted. The challenge to you is to become maladjusted. As maladjusted as the prophet, Amos, who in the midst of the injustices of his day, could cry out in the words that echo across centuries "let judgment run down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream; as maladjusted as Lincoln who, about a century ago had the vision to see this nation could not survive half-free and half-slave; as maladjusted as Jefferson who, in the midst of an age of slavery could cry out that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; as maladjusted as Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. who had a dream that one day a man would not be judged by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character.

Yes, when we get more people to become maladjusted, then we can make further advances from the 1954 decision. It will be only after we become maladjusted that we'll be able to say like the great spiritual of old, "Free at Last, Free at Last, Thank God Almighty, We're Free at Last.

Thank you.

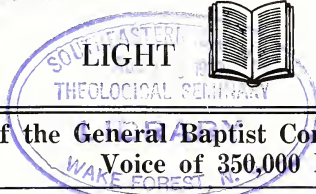
SESSION HELD By DWIGHT COSTNER

The Ebenezer Baptist Association and Allied Bodies convened with St. James Church, Bessemer City, N. C., July 1-3. Moderator Barnette, in spite of several months illness, with the help of the brethren carried out a successful session.

High points of the session were: the theme address by Mr. U. S. Hamilton, a panel on "The Brotherhood Program", inspiration and challenge of our state convention by our own Dr. O. L. Sherill; sermons by W. M. Murry, C. V. Owens, D. A. Costner, and S. A. Raper.

The Reverend D. A. Costner, of Shelby, was chosen moderator; and Rev. R. E. Devoe, recording secretary. From this team and the staff we expect great things.

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Around the theme "The Church's Response to the Challenge of the Seventies," the 97th annual session of the State Baptist Sunday School Congress and the 70th annual session of the State Baptist Training Union Congress were held August 4-6 on the campus of North Carolina Central University, Durham with the historic White Rock Baptist Church, L. A. Lynch, host pastor.

With C. C. Craig, Assistant to Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, coordinating the entire convention program and E. M. Butler, president of the Sunday School and J. T. Hawkins, president of the Baptist Training Union, the whole program was planned to lead the churches to face and deal with the challenges of our time.

The convention's program with the theme as the center was carried on by workshops, classes and a special Young People's Division. Addresses were delivered by J. R. Manley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill; U. S. Hamilton, President, Ebenezer Sunday School Convention, Boiling Springs; C. W. Ward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh; W. F. Carlson, President, Pee Dee Sunday School Convention, Aberdeen; W. C. Ollison, President, Trent River-Oakley Grove Sunday School Convention; Miss Laurel Lawson, Lumberton; W. N. Rowe, president, Yadkin Valley Sunday School Convention, N. Wilkesboro; S. A. Raper, pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby; Althornton Canada, president, Bertie Co. Sunday School Convention, Powellsville; J. H. Everett, president, Western Union Sunday School Convention, Clinton.

Workshops were led by C. L. Coleman, Shaw University, Raleigh; S. L. Suitt, pastor, First Roxboro; A. D. Moseley, pastor, Mt. Gilead, Durham; J. W. Martin,

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has uniquely been distinguished as one of the leading State Conventions of black Baptists in the nation. This distinction has come because the General Convention has not lost sight of the commitment and challenge that call people apart to work for the advancement of the Cause of Christ.

North Carolina Baptists have held sacred within the ranks of the General Convention the high spirit of fellowship and brotherhood. There is a closeness and an awareness of the need of one, solidly Unified Convention to represent the one Christ with differences of opinion sometimes, yet there is no damage done to the oneness within our convention. With church representing in three different national bodies, the General convention remains one body. It is good that we know the relationship of the Sunday School, B. T. U, Woman's Auxiliary, Ushers and Laymen's work to the total program. This assures us of remaining one.

A key factor in the unity of General Baptists is the Unified Plan. Within this plan we rally our support to four necessary and worthy christian objectives. Educationally, we support Shaw University. Our Foreign Missions outreach is channeled through the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. State Missions is our commitment where we pool our support to keep the home fires burning. As an expression of our desire to reach boys and girls who are left without an opportunity, we support the Central Orphanage.

Now we find ourselves in the seventies, a time of transition and change. Far out ideas characterize this new era. The church and the convention are really on trial. What are we going to do about it?

The convention saw this time coming and sent out a group to think through some of the challenges facing Baptists in North Carolina and to rewrite a new constitution to give us adequate grounds of

effectiveness and survival in the new day. The committee brought back a superior document. One that could easily serve as a progressive and meaningful guide for us in the General Convention and could well serve as a guide for Baptists across the nation. This constitution was adopted to be the guide for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., during the 1969 convention held in Greenville. It is to go into effect in 1971. Some of our constituents have not yet understood the meaning and far reaching significance of the constitution.

They see it as a scheme and a plan to break up the unity that now exists in our ranks. Understanding comes out of desire and the stripping of our selfish interests to discern what is good for the whole. I would suggest that we read over and over again the constitution and see that within its lines is the plan for effective survival of our work as Baptists in North Carolina. Read it! Read it! Read it! What we need for these times is there.

THREE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS CONVENE

Delegates from North Carolina will attend three National bodies during the week of September 8-13. The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will meet in New Orleans, Louisiana. The National Baptist Convention of America and the Progressive National Baptist Convention will meet in Kansas City, Missouri.

SHERRILL RETURNS FROM WORLD MEETING

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina recently returned from Tokyo, Japan, where he attended the 12th Baptist World Congress.

Dr. Sherrill reports that the Congress was a most significant Baptist gathering with over 8,000 Baptists in attendance from various parts of the world.

A detailed report of his tour will appear in the next issue of the Baptist Informer.

STATE BAPTIST WOMEN MEET

While we are going to press, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to the General Baptist Convention is meeting in Goldsboro. A detailed report of this meeting will appear in the next edition of the Informer.

STUDENT BENEFITS

If you are a veteran and going to school, you are probably getting help under the G. I. Bill. In addition to this, you might be eligible for a monthly check from social security, too.

If your parent is deceased or is getting a social security check, you should contact your nearest Social Security Office. You must be under age 22, a full-time student and unmarried. The only sure way to know if you can qualify is to inquire. Be sure to take your parents social security number, your number if you have one, and your birth certificate. The people in the office will take it from there.

Remember, if you are eligible, you can get your social security check in addition to any benefits under the G. I. Bill or scholarship you might have. The office for this area is at 310 New Bern Avenue, Room 308, Raleigh and the telephone number is 755-4110.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE REQUESTS ADDRESS CHANGES FOR CHECKS

"Mobility is a way of life for the American people. This may cause special problems for social security beneficiaries," stated George V. Hess of the Raleigh Social Security Office. When a social security beneficiary moves and does not change his address with the Social Security Administration, his check may be delayed.

Hess added there are at least two things any person receiving social security should do when he moves. First, he should contact his Social Security office by telephone, mail or in person to let them know of his new address. He may use the card provided when he filed for social security checks. Second, he should change his address with his local Post Office. In the event notice is not received by the Treasury Department in time to correct the address on the check, the Post Office may forward the checks to the new address.

Hess encouraged those who have any questions about their social security to call the nearest Social Security Office. They will be glad to help you with your social security problems.

UNIFIED PLAN

1969 - 70



TOTAL BUDGETED — \$400,000

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603 South Wilmington Street

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O. L. SHERRILL, Executive Secretary

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If churches will contribute through the Unified Plan the budget can support the various mission causes as follows:

Christian Education	44%	\$176,000
Shaw University		
State Missions	30%	120,000
Foreign Missions	20%	80,000
Central Orphanage	6%	24,000
	100%	\$400,000

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THE FAULT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By **FREDERICK SUTTON**

President of the C. Y. U. of Bertie County
1970 Graduate of Bertie High School, Windsor, N. C.

The most popular phrase talked about today is, "The fault of the young people." The answer most given to this phrase is, "the failure of the adult to live right before us". This may be true, but I know that this is not the real, true answer. We all know that each person is to blame for his or her own failure.

Now, I want to talk to the teen-agers, and the young people who have been baptized and are supposed to have been born again. Young people, it is time for us to wake up and realize the things that God wants us to do. We can't live wrong just because our parents do. Just because mother may drink and father doesn't go to church or prayer meeting, that doesn't make it all right for us to do it. God is not going to accept them and He is not going to excuse us because we follow their example. All of us can read, and I am sure there is a Bible close by that we can use. So just because our parents don't tell us the things that God wants us to do in order to inherit eternal life, doesn't mean that we have no way of knowing.

I feel that the end of time is drawing near for us, young people; tomorrow may be too late. Now is the time to give our hearts and souls to Christ. We have to stop looking at the adults with an eye of condemnation, and just to find fault. We aren't God and we have no right to judge them.

Now, I would like to ask the adults to please show us the way. We need your help and guidance. We didn't ask to come into this sinful world, but we had no choice. You brought us here, so please show us the way out. I have that God said "Let your light so shine that it will constrain others to come to Christ". But young people if we find that we cannot confide in the grown-ups then hold on stronger to God, because he said "I am the way, the truth and the life." So we can take up our cross and follow Christ.

At our last Christian Youth Meeting we held a discussion on the Generation Gap but I wasn't able to express myself very clearly, because when I think of what our fore-parents went through, and what the American Black Man had to bear, I get choked up. My tongue seems to be paralyzed and my eyes become filled with tears. Just to think that people were beaten and treated worse than animals just because of the color of their skin, I say there can't be and there must not be a gap between the generations — especially in the Black Race.

When we come together in the Name of the Lord, we are as one; and if you have the love of God in your heart and I have that same love in mine, then nothing can come between us.

I want to say "Thank you" to our leader and the other adults who attend this meeting for your help and guidance that you have given me. The love of God will go with me always, and I hope that it will always abide within your hearts. Thank you.

FAYETTEVILLE HOTELS and MOTELS FOR THE LOTT CAREY FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4, 1970

The following is a list of places where you may stay while attending the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Reservations for Hotel and Motel accommodations should be made early. Extra persons in rooms will be charged an extra \$1.00 or \$2.00. Prices are subject to slight change.

Rooms on Fayetteville State University Campus will be available for \$5.00 per person per night with two persons assigned to each room. Meals will be served in the cafeteria on the campus. It is imperative that those persons pre-registering for dormitory living, indicate whether male or female so they may be assigned to the proper dormitory. A limited number of homes will be available for couples.

Downtowner Motor Inn
134 W. Rowan Street
Single-\$11.44; Double-\$14.26; Twin Beds-\$16.64

Horne's Motor Lodge
220 Eastern Blvd.
Single-\$10.50; Double-\$14.50; Twin Beds-\$16.00

Holiday Inn
442 Eastern Blvd.
Single-\$10.00; Double-\$13.00; Twin Beds-\$16.00

Howard Johnson
2533 Gillespie St.
Single-\$9.00; Double-\$11.00; Twin Beds-\$12.50

Heart of Fayetteville
2848 Bragg Blvd.
Single-\$9.36; Double-\$12.48; Twin Beds-\$14.56

Americana Motel
U. S. Hwy. 301 S.
Single-\$9.00-14.50; Twin Beds-\$10.50-16.50

Bel-Air Motel
U. S. Hwy. 301 S.
Single-\$10.00; Twin Beds-\$12.00

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MRS. DORIS STRICKLAND
... home-finding caseworker ...

A CHILD NEEDS TO BELONG

Children have a basic need to feel loved and wanted. A child without a home misses out on that special feeling of belonging to someone who cares.

In North Carolina there is an urgent need for adoptive homes for Negro children of all ages, and for those not yet born. Sadly, there are very few adoptive homes currently available for these children.

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., is searching for couples who may be interested in adopting a Negro child, of infant age or older. Mrs. Doris Strickland, caseworker, has been employed by the Society to direct this special home-finding effort. In its search for Negro couples who can offer an adoptive home to a child needing their love, the Society has no rigid requirements.

Describing the home-finding program, Mrs. Strickland explains: "We are looking for the couple who has a genuine love for children, who can give a child a home where he feels wanted and secure. We would want the couple to be able to financially provide the basic needs for the child and enable him to finish high school without having to drop out to go to work. If the wife has a job, we would want to be sure that arrangements can be made for proper care of the child while the mother is at work. We are looking for couples who are in good health and whose ages are appropriate to the age of the child they take into their home."

The Society is looking for a wide variety of homes to meet the needs of a wide variety of children. Adoptive parents are needed for Negro infants and

for hundreds of older children already in foster care of social services departments throughout North Carolina.

At this time 138 of the Negro children who are in foster care in our state are legally free for adoption. 46 are under 2 years of age; 19 between the ages of 2 and 3 years; 16 between 3 and 5 years; 18 between 5 and 9 years; 19 between 9 and 11 years; and 20 are 11 years of age or older. Some of the children are brothers and sisters, who need to be placed in the same adoptive home so they can stay together.

Unless homes can be found, many of these children will spend their remaining childhood years in foster or institutional care. Adoption offers the best opportunity for most of them, giving them the feeling they permanently belong to a family.

Although foster parents play a most important role in the lives of children in their care, there is a significant difference between a foster and an adoptive home. A child in foster care is not legally a member of that family. Since foster parents are not obligated to keep a child indefinitely, it is difficult for the child to feel the security of being a permanent part of a family. A child who has lived in a number of foster homes usually becomes afraid to love and trust adults, because his living arrangements are always subject to change. Foster parents receive a modest financial compensation to take a child into their home; adoptive parents, of course, do not.

On the other hand, an adoptive mother and father become the legal parents of the child who is placed in their home. They assume both the responsibilities and privileges of parenthood, and the child is, by law, a part of that family from the date of the final adoption order. Their child belongs; he has a family and home — for always.

For couples considering adopting a Negro child, the Society has no set age limits or limitations on the number of children already in the home when the application is made. The Society is not seeking "perfect parents," realizing that no parents and no child is perfect. "Instead," according to Mrs. Strickland, "we are looking for warm, accepting people with the desire and patience to help a child develop the best that is in him. A sense of humor will help, too!"

The Society's adoption services are available without charge to residents of North Carolina.

Couples applying for these services may be assured of the Society's deep interest and professional counseling to give them strong support during the period of family adjustment after a child is placed

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A NEW LOOK AT THE CHURCH AND PASTOR RELATIONSHIP

(Continued from recent issue)

Churches with active membership above 500 should strive to engage in full time ministry.

Each church in the above suggested list should compensate its minister 10¢ per mile for all trips made on behalf of said church other than the regular monthly or bi-monthly services. The services to be compensated for are: funerals, marriages and meetings that are important to the welfare of the said church.

II

Churches that engage in a full time ministry and employ a full time minister should strive to reach the following suggested salary scale:

Membership	Suggested Salary
150- 200	\$ 4,680- 5,500
201- 300	5,500- 6,500
301- 500	6,500- 8,000
501- 800	8,000-10,000
801-1,000	10,000-14,000
1,001-1,500	14,000-17,000

Churches that furnish a parsonage with utilities for its pastor should take these in consideration in setting his salary.

Example:

1. Salary to be paid	\$ 7,500
Salary in money	\$ 6,000
Parsonage and other benefits	1,500
Total	\$ 7,500
2. Salary to be paid	\$17,000
Salary in money	\$14,000
Parsonage and other benefits	3,000
Total	\$17,000

THE PASTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHURCH

The minister has a sacred responsibility to the church which calls him to serve as pastor.

According to Clyde Turner's book, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church," the words **Elder**, **Bishop**, and **Pastor** are three names for the same office.

"Elder", as the name indicates originally referred to the older men. But it came to be used in an offi-

cial sense to designate those with experience and worthy of respect.

The literal meaning of "bishop" is overseer, one who exercises oversight in the church. Pastor means shepherd. He is one to feed and care for the flock. That these three names refer to the same office is evident in Acts 20:17 which says that "and from miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church". Speaking to the same men in verse 28, Paul says, "take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made your overseers, (bishop to feed act as shepherd or pastor) the church of God".

According to Clyde Turner's point of view, the duties of the pastor are implied in the name "bishop" who has the responsibility to exercise oversight in the church. He name "pastor" or "shepherd" indicates that he was to feed and care for the flock, as a preacher, teacher, leader and counselor. He was a sympathetic friend and a faithful servant to the church. As such he was to receive respect and honor from the church. "And we beseech you brethren to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake". (I Thess. 5:17) The duties common to pastors of evangelical churches are the following:

1. The pastor is expected to preach, counsel, perform marriage ceremonies, visit the sick, conduct funerals, represent the church at meetings of the association, local, state, and National Conventions, and make himself available for community projects.

2. His will be the responsibility for organizing the work of the church and keep the organization running smoothly. If the church has a staff, the pastor is required to assembly the personnel and direct the work.

3. It shall be his responsibility to see that matters voted on by the church are carried out.

4. All in all the pastor is to lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application.

CONSOLIDATION

The rural churches of North Carolina which for forty or fifty years ago were blessed to have been privileged to have had the largest population in the state with which to work and develop their program of Religious activities among the members except in the mountainous areas and the very large cities.

For the past 25 years we have had a tremendous shift due to poor farming conditions. Many of the people left the farm and went to industrial areas to secure jobs. Some of the rural churches were forc-

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A NEW LOOK AT THE CHURCH

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ed to close due to the fact that there were not enough people left to operate the churches in many sections.

We need to look and plan ahead for the future in the decade of the seventies. This plan should be that of CONSOLIDATION.

a. Where there are churches in an area of some 10 to 12 miles, the churches should consolidate and move to a central point as near to all of the communities as possible. If there is one church that has a good substantial building, then all should agree to move there. Change the name of the church and begin a great program to meet the special needs of all.

If the church needs no extra improvements, then they should purchase at least 10 or 12 acres of land for activities for the youth in years to come for expansion programs.

We have been preaching this for years and a few churches of the rural areas have done this.

We are almost now in a serious need of pastors. This will help to solve some of our problems by consolidating the rural churches. The church could transport some of the people to church who have no way to travel. It might be that the consolidated churches could be stationed in times to come.

COMMITTEE

PAUL H. JOHNSON
J. RAY BUTLER
J. H. CLANTON
C. C. CRAIG

A CHILD NEEDS TO BELONG

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in their home. The Society retains legal responsibility for the child until the adoptive parents decide they wish to make the relationship lasting, through requesting a Final Order of Adoption from the court.

A minimum period of a year from the date of placement is required before the adoption can become legally final.

The Society would like to talk with anyone who has helpful suggestions to assist in its efforts to find homes for Negro children, and with couples who may wish to consider adoption. Call or write: Mrs. Doris Strickland, 724 Belmont Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610, telephone (919) 832-9840; OR Mr. David F. Herbert, Executive Director, The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., P. O. Box 6587, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405, telephone (919) 27-1538.

FAYETTEVILLE HOTELS AND MOTELS

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Downtowner Motel
321 N. Eastern Blvd.
Single-\$8.00; Double-\$10.50; Twin Beds-\$11.50

Executive Motel
333 Person Street
Single-\$9.27; Double-\$11.33; Twin Beds-\$13.39

In Town Motel
430 Ramsey Street
Single-\$7.75; Double-\$9.50; Twin Beds-\$10.50

Ambassador
Hwy. 301 S.
Single-\$9.30; Double-\$12.00; Twin Beds-\$14.00

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

Dear Christian Co-workers:

This is to remind you that the fiscal year of the General Baptist State Convention ends on August 31, 1970.

If your church has not given liberally to the objectives this year, please let us hear from you on or before August 31.

We are endeavoring to make 1969-70 a banner year for our convention and your full cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Appreciatively yours,
O. L. Sherrill

CORNERSTONE LAYING HELD AT MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., pastored by Rev. A. T. Alston held its cornerstone laying on Saturday, July 18, 1970 at 2 o'clock. Rev. Fuller of the Mount Zion Baptist Church was guest speaker and the Doric Lodge Number 28 officiated. Refreshments were served following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.


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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31-

- September 4** Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.
- Sept. 8-13** National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sept. 8-13** National Baptist Convention of America.
- Sept. 8-13** Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.
- October 26-30** General Baptist State Convention and Layman's League, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
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State S. S. & B. T. U. Conventions

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president, E. Cedar Grove Sunday School Convention; Mrs. Inease Wicker, president, Deep River Sunday School Convention; J. C. Harris, pastor, First, Statesville; C. R. Edwards, pastor, First, Fayetteville; I. B. Horton, pastor, First African, Goldsboro; J. G. Gaston, pastor, First, Salisbury; J. B. Humphrey, pastor, First Charlotte.

Classes were taught by E. B. Turner, pastor, First, Lumberton; Mrs. A. M. Evans, Fayetteville; James Faye, pastor, First, Lillington; Miss Darlene Esters, St. Paul; Mrs. T. L. Perry, Raleigh.

Sermons were ably delivered by A. L. Thompson, pastor, First Calvary, Durham; O'Kelly Lawson, pastor, Sandy Grove, Lumberton and C. B. Gray, pastor, Triumph, Washington.

**CONVENTION'S FISCAL
YEAR ENDING SOON**

The fiscal year of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will end August 31. The churches and pastors around the state are urged to send your contributions so they will reach Baptist Headquarters on time. Your efforts are needed for our convention to fulfill its commitments and to balance the budget for this convention year.

WE NEED NEWS!!!

FROM OUR CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS
COUNTY CONVENTIONS AND OTHER
RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Send it to THE EDITOR
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**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE
ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS
IN YOUR AREA**

- August 29-30 Wake, First, Zebulon
- Sept. 15-16 Reedy Creek, Locust Grove, Wise
- Sept. 18-20 New Covenant, Mt. Zion,
Independence, Va.
- Sept. 29-30 Original Shiloh, First, Oxford
- Oct. 7-9 Mecklenburg General, Friendship,
Charlotte
- Oct. 8 Lumber River, Piney Grove, Evergreen
- Oct. 9 Lumber River, Aaron Swamp, Fairmont
- Oct. 10 Lumber River, First, Orrum
- Oct. 15-18 Middle Ground, St. John, Stokes
- Oct. 15-16 Union, Mt. Olive, Fayetteville
- Oct. 15-17 Kenansville-Eastern, First, Warsaw
- Oct. 15-17 E. Pamlico, Triumph, Blounts Creek
- Oct. 23-24 Western Union, Snow Hill, Roseboro
- Oct. 29-30 Hammonds Creek, Pleasant Union,
Riegelwood

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21st Annual Session
of
Laymen's League Convention
and the
103rd Annual Session
of the

General Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina, Inc.
United Metropolitan Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
J. D. Ballard, Pastor
October 26-29, 1970

THEME: "GENERAL BAPTISTS LAYMEN FACING THE SEVENTIES WITH A COMMITMENT"

SCRIPTURE: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
II Chronicles, 7th Chapter, 14th Verse.

11:00 A.M. Registration
Executive Board Meeting
1:00 P.M. Lunch
2:00 P.M. Devotion John W. McQueen
2:15 P.M. Welcome
Response James Suber,
Mayfield Mem. Baptist Church, Charlotte
2:30 P.M. Work Shop Period Dr. E. B. Turner
Part I "Voices In The 70's To Baptist Laymen
Question and Answer Period

4:15 P.M. "Our Baptist University"
Rev James Alexander,
Dean of Shaw Divinity School
5:00 P.M. Announcements
Adjournment
Dinner
7:00 P.M. Léroy James, Vice President,
Presiding
7:0 P.M. Devotion Laymen of Winston-Salem Area
7:15 P.M. "Ambassadors Highlights"
W. H. Caldwell, Chairman
7:45 P.M. Appointment of Committees
8:15 P.M. Annual Sermon Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch,
Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church,
Durham, North Carolina
Offering
Announcements
Benediction

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1970

Vice President, John W. McQueen, Presiding

7:00 A.M. Watch Hour
1. "The Scope of Home Missions"
Rev. R. C. Woods
2. "The Scope of Missions In The State"
Rev. Robert Leak
3. "The Scope of Missions With Other Races
and Cultures" Rev. James A. Raye
Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Committee Meetings
9:00 A.M. Devotion Laymen of Asheville Area
9:15 A.M. Work Shop Period Dr. E. B. Turner
Part II "Voices In The 70's To Baptist Laymen"
10:45 A.M. Hymn Time
11:00 A.M. President's Annual Address
Frank H. Marshall, President
Offering
Announcements
Adjournment
Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P.M.

Vice President, Clarence McNealy, Presiding

2:00 P.M. Devotion Laymen of Mount Zion Baptist
Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
2:15 P.M. Panel William Hamlin, Chairman
"The Christian Laymen Facing the Seventies
With a Commitment";
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WEEK OF SERVICES

**CHURCH TO FETE
RETIRING PASTOR**

The retirement of a longtime Charlotte minister and community leader was marked by a week of special services conducted by his church.

St. Paul Baptist Church at 1401 N. Allen St., Charlotte, N. C., led the services for Dr. James F. Wertz, 68. Wertz has led the church for 27 years.

Wertz, who was the first Negro minister to serve as president of the Mecklenburg Christian Minister's Association, became pastor of St. Paul when it was in the Brooklyn section.

He came to the church after serving a number of years as director of Christian education for the General Baptist State Convention. He has served as president of the state Baptist Training Union Convention.

Under his leadership, the church established new choirs, Little League baseball teams, a scouting program and other active groups.

After urban renewal forced the church out of the building they had raised, Wertz and about 1,400 church members decided to remain close to the inner city.

They bought the former Allen Street Baptist Church from a white congregation that moved out of the racially changing neighborhood.

About one-third of the membership formed the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Road.

During the civil rights activities of the 60's Wertz was active in influential interracial groups in Charlotte.

He was also a member of the mayor's committee that organized United Community Services and served on its board of trustees. He has been on the Social Planning Council, a Health Study Committee of Mecklenburg County, vice chairman of the Mayors Committee of Community Relations and member of the county welfare board.

Wertz is founder and president of the Opportunity Foundation, Inc., executive producer of the Hour of Opportunity, a weekly television program, member of the Charlotte branch of the NAACP and president of Charlotte Day Nursery.

Wertz was born in Newberry, S. C., and came to Charlotte at the age of two. He was educated at North Carolina Central University and Shaw University and was honored with doctor of divinity degree by Friendship College in Rock Hill, S. C.

He has pastored Shiloh Baptist Church in Maxton, First Baptist Church in Southern Pines and Buffalo Springs Baptist Church in Raeford.

Although Dr. Wertz is retiring from the pastorate, he shall continue his work as Executive Producer of a weekly television show, "The Hour of Opportunity" through the facilities of station WSOC-TV (channel nine) in Charlotte. Dr. Wertz has indicated that he will preach when requested.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION

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- ... To Witness For Christ Forster Robert Izi, Asheville, N. C.
- ... To The Local Church Buford T. Henderson, N. C. District Court Judge
- ... Through Health & Education Officer J. E. Spillman, Police Department, Winston-Salem, N. C.

- 3:15 P.M. Reports
- Announcements
- Closing
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 26, 1970

- 2:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. General Board Meeting

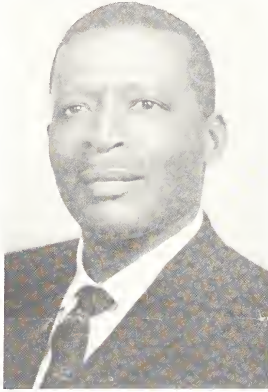
TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 P.M. Devotion Elbert Lee - John Mangum
- 7:45 P.M. Welcome Host Pastor
- 8:00 P.M. Response T. D. Walker
- 8:15 P.M. Convention called to Order by President White
- 8:20 P.M. Music led by Host Church
- 8:30 P.M. Annual Sermon J. R. R. McRay
Offering For State Missions
Announcements and Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1970

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. Devotion J. H. Sullivan - B. F. Corpening
- 9:15 A.M. Enrollment
Congregation Singing
- 9:30 A.M. Theme Address Leo Williams
- 10:00 A.M. Reports
General Board J. Ray Butler
Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill
Laymen's League Frank Marshall
Usher's Convention Arthur Williams
Woman's Convention (Mrs.) Vera Slade
S. S. Convention E. M. Butler
B. T. U. Convention J. T. Hawkins
- 11:00 A.M. President's Address J. W. White
- 11:45 A.M. Election of Officers
Announcements and Benediction
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH
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Shaw Divinity School Alumni Announces Convention Breakfast



The Annual Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School Alumni will be held Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 a.m., in Winston-Salem.

This Fellowship Breakfast held during the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention, will feature this year a keynote address by Dr. J. Leon Pridgen, Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Pridgen a 1948 Shaw Divinity School graduate, is also a member of the Trustee Board of Morris College, Executive Committee of the South Caro-

lina Baptist State Convention, the Mayor's Committee on Human Rights of Spartanburg, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Spartanburg County Mental Health Association, and the South Carolina Commission of Aging. He is married to the former Elizabeth Hester of Oxford, North Carolina.



The announcement released by Dr. E. B. Turner, President of the Alumni Association urges all members of the Alumni Association to attend this Fellowship Breakfast.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, Winston-Salem is chairman of the President's Committee on arrangements.

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 P.M. Devotion H. R. Cogdell - W. K. Mitchell
- 1:45 P.M. Reports
 Baptist Informer G. W. Dudley
 Trustees T. A. Watkins
 Central Orphanage H. V. Bryant
- 2:15 P.M. Moderator's Hour J. M. Kennedy
 The Objectives of the
 General Baptist Convention
 1. State Missions A. J. Brewer
 2. Shaw University A. D. Logan
 3. Central Orphanage F. D. Terry
 4. Foreign Missions C. M. Creecy
 Summary J. R. Burt
- 3:15 P.M. Sermon N. E. Kerry
 Announcements and Benediction

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 P.M. Devotion R. E. Devoc - F. L. Andrews
 7:45 P.M. Music Shaw University Chorale Society
 Harry Gilsmythe (Director)

- 8:00 P.M. Address King V. Cheek
 8:30 P.M. Music
 Offering for Shaw University
- 8:45 P.M. Sermon F. G. Sampson
 Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, 1970

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. Devotion W. C. Hay - W. G. Hall
- 9:15 A.M. Greetings W. C. Somerville
- 9:45 A.M. Offering For Foreign Missions
- 10:00 A.M. Reports
 Statistician J. C. Harris
 Historian W. B. Lewis
 Department of Interracial Cooperation
 Corbin Cooper
- 10:45 A.M. Address Howard Lee
- 11:30 A.M. Sermon E. R. Singletary
 Announcements and Adjournment
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH

Woman's Page----

BAPTIST WOMEN'S PRESIDENT GIVES SOLUTION TO WORLD PROBLEMS

FROM: WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF N. C.

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Tel. 832-8794

Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ahsokie, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., gave the solution to the world's problems during the eighty-sixth annual session at Goldsboro, August 11-14th. She declared that "the Christian Church and the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ is the only hope for World Redemption. The pagan world of the early Christians heard the gospel and was shaken from the throne of power and glory, by the magic of its charm and its power to save even to the uttermost part of the world. To them Christ was the redeeming act of God in the midst of human weakness and failure, remaking the 'marred vessel' into the very likeness of the Creator. They were sure of Christ's purpose and mission. They were sure of the grounds of their Faith. And so to a lost world, they ventured forth as Pioneers in their new Faith, to win the world for their Lord and Master. Theirs was a universal message for salvation of every nation, kindred and tongue. The same type of witnessing will save men, nations and kingdoms today, and bring peace and order to a baffled and confused world."

She delivered her second annual message to more than 1,600 delegates assembled at the Branch Memorial Tabernacle in the midst of shouts of "amen" and "hallelujah". The mammoth session was hosted by the First African Baptist Church, Rev. Isaac B. Horton, pastor, with three main departments (senior, young adults and junior-young people) meeting at the Branch Memorial Tabernacle, First African Baptist and Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Churches, respectively.

A total of \$47,958.57 was given for the objectives of this convention — State and Foreign Missions, Shaw University, Central Orphanage, and the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Site, the most recent objective. The total amount received for the assembly site from all sources was \$18,614.66. The County-Wide Grand March (The Righteous Marching),

which was adopted as a fund-raising project for the assembly site, was culminated on Thursday with Roberson, Nash, Anson and Northampton Counties receiving special recognition for having reported the largest sum above their quotas.

Hearts were lifted when Dr. Talmadge Watkins of Charlotte gave the Assembly Site Progress Report. He stated that the 'Guest Lodge' had been completed and was ready to be occupied for small meetings. It will accommodate 18 to 20 persons with kitchen and bath facilities, also an all-purpose room with a fire place. Dr. Watkins is the minister of the University Park Baptist Church and chairman of the Trustee Board, General Baptist State Convention, Inc.

The theme "The Role of Missions in World Redemption" was emphasized in every area of the session. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, USA, gave a good illustration of the Convention's spirit in relation to "world redemption". He reported that North Carolina raised more money for foreign missions than any other convention in the United States. It was also noted that the Baptist Women play a very important part in the progress of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Convention. President Slade, chairman of the Alberta Randolph Committee, reported the largest amount of money ever reported in the history of the Committee; Mrs. M. A. Horne is the chairman of the Auxiliary's Executive Board; Mrs. J. B. McLester is editor of the Woman's Page, Lott Carey Herald; and Mrs. Annie L. Filmore serves on an important standing committee.

Mrs. Bronnie Harris Daniels of Winston-Salem presided over the fifth annual session of the Young Adult Department and Mrs. Luella D. Edwards of Fayetteville served as State Director. Highlighting their session was a musical skit "Young Adults Shaping Up for the 70's" presented by District 5, Group 2, Mrs. Lucy Gray Spencer, chairman. President Daniels chose a woman, who lived in the time of the "Judges" to portray what a woman can do if she has faith in God and will join hands and work with others.

James Lewis, Jr. of Winston-Salem delivered a most dynamic and thought-provoking message to the delegates of the forty-fifth annual session of the Junior-Young Peoples Department on Wednesday afternoon. In his final message as president, Mr. Lewis called upon the young people to "trip-out, since it is in the thing". "Tripping-out allows one to lose himself and become a new person within. There are no problems too great when you begin tripping-

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BAPTIST WOMEN

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the older generation, he continued. No school problem, no social problem, no mission work is too great while you are tripping-out. In tripping-out, it is not how much you have, it is how long you can stay in your world". He recommended that the Juniors "trip-out with God", this method is not expensive, but it is rewarding. Highlighting the Junior's sessions were the "Shaw and Have A Heart For Missions Contest". For seven consecutive years, Gaston County has won the "Shaw Contest". Miss Michelle Dunlap, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia was the winner, with Miss Mabel Shaw, Union Baptist Church, Durham, runner-up. Miss Mary Wall, Lakeview Baptist Church, Durham, who represented the New Home and Durham County Juniors (last year's winners), received the two pieces of luggage for reporting the largest sum of money for the "Have A Heart For Missions" contest. Miss Elma Barnes, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, was the runner-up and was awarded one piece of luggage.

Among the outstanding personalities appearing on the program were Mrs. Rosa L. Kimp, Flint, Michigan. The talented president of the Great Lakes District Woman's Convention and Director of Religious Education, Wolverine State Convention, Michigan, spoke on the theme. She informed the group that "we as a people are standing at the crossroads and we must make a decision, if we are to be successful. If we choose Jesus, she continued, then we choose life". She also gave a dramatization of a "Baseball Game" that thrilled the hearts of everyone. Dr. King V. Cheek, president of Shaw University, related that "it is time for the church leaders to stop being too silent about what is taking place in the United States. We need to speak out against injustices from the pulpits, homes and schools. He stressed the great need for the right kind of leadership that will help the youth of today to cross over the bridges of life. This kind of help, he continued, will help them to build the kind of society God will be pleased with. The sermons preached by the men of God lifted many hearts and impelled many delegates to re-dedicate their lives in service to God and their fellowman. Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, was introduced as a "Spiritual Globe Trotter". Speaking from the subject "The Blest", he told the messengers that "individuals who move by faith and belief are blest". The Rev. J. D. Ballard of Winston-Salem stressed the following points as he spoke from the subject "What Am I?": I am what God made me, I am re-born, I am redeemed and I am divine. He is the minister of the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Dr. W. R. Grigg of Atlanta, Ga., associate secretary, Department of Work

with National Baptist, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, said, "the christian's responsibility is to train disciples for Christ". We should, he continued, not only baptize new members, but we should teach them to observe all things, as stated in Christ's Great Commission. In order to do this, a Christian must grow in grace. Dr. R. Irving Boone of Elizabeth City, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kinston and Pleasant Plain Baptist Church, Ahoskie, challenged the delegates to use the power that God has given to solve the problems of today. His subject was "This Is No Time To Be Afraid".

New officers elected during the senior session were Mrs. A. B. Byrd, Rocky Mount, 1st vice president emeritus; Mrs. J. B. McLester, Durham, 1st vice president; Mrs. E. B. Turner, Lumberton, 2nd vice president.

The mid-year session will be held in Shelby, N. C. and the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, will host the eighty-seventh annual session, August 10-13, 1971. Dr. E. T. Browne is the pastor.

TEACHER GUIDES TO TELEVISION

SELECTS PROGRAMS OF OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL VALUE FOR FALL SEMESTER

Twelve programs of outstanding educational value have been selected by **Teachers Guides to Television** from the new season's offerings on ABC, CBS and NBC for the Fall issue. The teachers guides will range from **Hamlet to The Connecticut Yankee**, from **Beethoven** to the **American Desert**, from the rhinoceros to the red salmon and from the 1970 elections to a program for UNICEF.

Weekend morning offerings for children include **Tomfoolery** and **Hot Dog** on NBC, **In The Know** on CBS, and **Discovery** on ABC. **Tomfoolery**, a bright, new animated series for young people, is based on selections from Lear's nonsense verse, Lewis Carroll's alphabet, and other classics set to original music. **Hot Dog**, which features Woody Allen, Jo Ann Worley and Jonathan Winters, is a series on how everyday things are made: a baseball glove, a compass, skis, guitars, bicycles, etc. **In The Know** is a series of information spots or animated mini-documentaries, which will be repeated during the Saturday morning schedule, on such subjects as where table salt comes from, how steel is made and how gliders fly. **Discovery**, an award-winning program, takes youngsters to around the U. S. and the world. The program selected for the guides is **Discovery Goes to Portugal**.

Specials for which teaching guides have been developed include (times as Eastern Time):

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Dedication Services Of Third Creek Baptist Church

The Third Creek Baptist Church of Stony Point, N. C. dedicated their new building on Sunday, June 21, 1970, at 11:00 a.m. The congregation marched from the old building to the new one, where the pastor delivered the message. Services continued through Wednesday night, June 24, with the following ministers and their congregations:

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 — Reverend J. J. Alexander, Hickory, delivered the dedication sermon.

Sunday evening at 7:30 — Reverend W. W. Lee, St. John, Statesville.

Monday — Reverend C. M. Moore, Macedonia Church, Taylorsville.

Tuesday — Reverend H. C. Cook, Stony Point Church, Stony Point.

Wednesday — Reverend J. C. Harris, First, Statesville.

The new building was started under the leadership of the late Rev. D. W. Rutherford who served as pastor from 1941 until his death in September of 1969.

The building program was carried out under the leadership of the Rev. D. U. Cooper who was called as pastor in October of 1969. Rev. Cooper comes to us from the Trinity Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio.

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- Rhino—Nov. 12 7:30-8 P.M.—NBC
- Hamlet—Nov. 17 9:00-11 P.M.—NBC
- The Tragic Odyssey of
the Red salmon—Nov. 24 .. 7:30-8:30 P.M.—ABC
- A Connecticut Yankee at King
Arthur's Court—Nov. 26 12N-1:30 P.M.—CBS
- To All the World's
Children—Nov. 27 7:30-8:30 P.M.—ABC
- Discovery Visits
Portugal —Nov. 29 11:30-12N—ABC
- Beethoven—Dec. To Be Announced—CBS
- National Opinion
Day—Jan. To Be Announced—ABC
- The American
Desert—Feb. 9 7:30-8:30 P.M.—CBS

In addition, the Fall issue will feature guides to **The Elections**, and a special guide on **Learning With Television Commercials**, prepared by Rodney Smith, Editor of **Elementary English**, it was announced by Ed Stanley, TGT publisher, and Roy Danish, Director of the Television Information Office. A Bibliography is prepared by the American Library Association and a related film list by The Department of Audiovisual Instruction, NEA, and Indiana University.

The issue will reach the schools in October. Schools which have not yet placed their order may do so by writing to:

Teachers Guides to Television
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Lenox Hill Station
New York, New York 10021

Subscriptions are \$3 for the school year, or \$2 for a single semester. There is a 25¢ per magazine handling charge for orders of fewer than 10, and a 10% discount for orders of 100 or more (50 or more if sent to the same address). Payment must be enclosed for orders under \$10. Schools ordering after October 1 should enclose 25¢ per magazine for first class postage.

This is the fifth issue of the Guides which has been hailed by educators for making available the great resources of network television as an audio-visual aid for the classroom teacher.

FACTS CONCERNING THE THOMASVILLE CHURCH HOMES

1 — Thomasville Church Homes, Incorporated is a new, privately owned housing development, non-profit organization created by two churches, St. John's United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church.

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Make Your Reservations NOW
For Winston-Salem
The dates are October 26-29

THOMASVILLE CHURCH HOMES

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tist Church of Thomasville, North Carolina. The corporation received financial aid in the form of a \$12,000,000 grant from Thomasville Furniture Industries. (This is the first time in the history of North Carolina that an industry has given such an amount for this type of project). A loan of \$85,000.00 was obtained from the Low-Income Housing Development, Inc. (This is a non-profit organization in Durham. They have served as consultants in the project). The Federal Housing Administration insured a loan of \$1,133,100.00 from Cameron Brown Company of Raleigh.

2 — The neighborhood is a quiet residential section with churches, schools and a shopping center nearby. A restaurant, grocery store, service station, and laundrymat will be owned and operated by a separate corporation.

3 — Rent Schedules

- One Bedroom — \$126.00
- Two Bedroom — \$142.00
- Three Bedroom — \$165.00
- Four Bedroom — \$176.00

This price includes maintenance, heat, electricity, and water.

Those who cannot pay the full amount of their rent and whose income is limited to the family income rate set by the federal government will be eligible for assistance under the rent supplement program.

4 — Persons eligible to live in the apartments:

- A) Handicapped
- B) Elderly (62 years or older)
- C) Now living in Sub-Standard Housing
- D) Forced to move because of government action. (Urban Renewal, Demolition, or highway construction).
- E) Persons who can pay the rent.

The number of persons residing in the apartments will be strictly regulated. No more than two persons may reside in a one bedroom apartment, no more than four in a two bedroom apartment, no more than six in a three bedroom apartment.

5 — Management

Thomasville Church Homes will be managed by a resident manager. Residents will participate in decisions affecting the development through membership on the board, executive committee and the management committee.

6 — Construction

The project includes 100 attractive, sound proof apartments. Each apartment will feature a modern kitchen including an electric stove and refrigerator.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO DISABLED

Most Americans know that social security provides retirement checks for older people. Many also know that benefits are payable to surviving widows and children of deceased workers. But many people are not aware of the fact that social security benefits are also payable to disabled workers and their dependents. Mr. Robert Flynn, Manager of the Raleigh Social Security Office says that the disability protection is one of the most important aspects of social security for the younger worker.

Disability benefits are payable under social security to either a man or a woman who is totally disabled and meets the work requirements. The work requirement is 5 years' work out of the last 10 years if the worker is over 31 years old when he becomes disabled. If disabled between age 24 and 31 the worker needs credit for work in half of the time between age 21 and the date disability begins. In the case of a young worker who became disabled before age 24, 1½ years work out of the last 3 years is needed.

The amount of any social security benefit, including disability, is based on the worker's average earnings. The disability benefit for the worker varies from a minimum of \$64.00 to a maximum of \$250.70 per month. For example, a worker who had averaged \$5,400.00 per year while working would receive \$189.80 per month from social security. If he was married and had at least one child, the family would receive \$354.40 per month.

Mr. Flynn pointed out that there is a 6 month waiting period before disability benefits can be paid. This waiting period begins with the first full month after the person becomes disabled. Thus, for example the waiting period for a person who became disabled in July 1970 extends from July thru December. The first month for which benefits could be paid would be January 1971. The January check would be received on February 3, 1971. Although no benefits can be paid for the first 6 months after the disability begins, Mr. Flynn strongly emphasized that the disabled person should not delay filing a claim. By filing an application with the social security office as soon as possible after the disability begins, there will be no delay in receiving the first check. If you are disabled and think you may be eligible for disability benefits, contact the social security office right away.

The social security office is at 310 New Bern Avenue, Room 308, Raleigh, N. C. The telephone is 755-4110.

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STATE CONVENTION MEETING IN WINSTON-SALEM, OCTOBER 26-29

The 103rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention and the 21st Annual Session of the Laymen's League will meet in the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, the Reverend J. D. Ballard, pastor, Winston-Salem, October 26-29.

The session for the Laymen will begin Monday Morning, October 26 at 11:00 with Frank Marshall, president, presiding.

The General Convention will get underway Tuesday, October 27 with the Executive Committee, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman, meeting at 2:00 P.M. and the General Board, Dr. J. Ray Butler, meeting at 4:00 P.M. President John W. White will officially call the convention to order Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The call is for all pastors and Laymen to come to Winston-Salem and make our 103rd Annual Session a great one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margaret A. Mills of Watha, North Carolina, celebrated her 82nd birthday on October 17. She became a member of the Lakes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 13 and married in the year of 1909. She is the mother of 11 children,

with 2 adopted sons, 13 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Mills is still active in the church and Missionary work. Her hobby is keeping her home in order — cooking, sewing, and reading. Her favorite literature is: The Holy Bible, Missionary Helper, Baptist Informer, Lott Carey Herald and the Worker.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

In a few days, we will be in Winston-Salem for the 103rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This session should be one of the most meaningful in Baptist history.

When we get to Winston-Salem, we will be looking at a new constitution adopted at our last convention that met in Greenville. This constitution will not have to be adopted again, we will be faced with the task of getting all things in order so it can go into effect in 1971. The readiness necessary to the effectiveness of the constitution rest in the hearts and minds of the constituency of the convention. If we are prepared to move with the new constitution it will achieve for Baptists what it is intended to accomplish. If we rally with fervent and unswerving support to the constitution then we will employ a way to make our convention so much greater as a powerful influence for growth and progress. This is what we say we want. See you in Winston with the determination to have a great convention.

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**WE NEED NEWS!!!**

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HELPFUL HINTS TO USHERS

Ushers play an important role in the church. Many ministers will agree that in seeing that the worshippers are properly greeted and ushered to their seats in such a manner as not to disturb his desire to worship are essential to the worship service.

Ushers have a wonderful opportunity to make those coming to the service feel that they are wanted and always welcome in the House of God.

An usher, therefore, should be well acquainted with all the advantages to a worshipper. The usher should know also if it's possible for a person to sit at other locations, and if this is not possible, why. Of course a worshipper arriving early is entitled to as much choice as possible, and as others come, they are given what seats remain.

The important thing is to help induce a friendly and worshipful atmosphere, and to preserve any feelings which exist at the time the people enter the church. The aim of the usher is to get the worshippers seated without in any way diminishing their desire to participate in the service. Thus, it is necessary to avoid doing anything that tends to frustrate the worshipper. If they are made to feel differently, they will in most instances, get little or nothing from the service.

Remember that the first impression which strangers receive, when coming to a church for the first time is usually from the ushers. Therefore, a dignified, respectful and friendly reception is deeply appreciated by everyone. An usher is a representative of the church and should conduct himself accordingly.

SOME QUALIFICATIONS OF USHERS

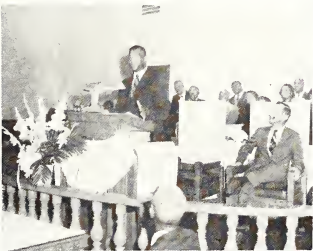
1. Love and kindness to your fellowman
2. Mental alertness and adaptability
3. Good manners and appearance
4. Cooperative attitude with respect to your fellow-ushers
5. Dependability, good judgment and honesty.

DAVIS INSTALLED IN GOLDSBORO

Pictorial View of Installation Service



Rev. Davis Acceptance.



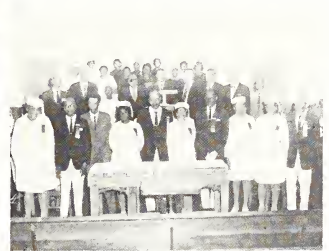
Dr. D. A. Dupree giving Charge to the Church.



Rev. Corbin Cooper giving Charge to Minister.



Rev. John E. Davis delivering Installation Sermon.



A group of Goldsboro Ministers and members of Antioch, along with Pastor Davis.

The Reverend Robert Lee Davis was installed as pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro on Sunday, September 27.

Reverend Davis was born in Louisburg, N. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis.

He was educated in the public schools of Louisburg, graduating from Riverside High School. At the age of 17, he entered the ministry.

He graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, in 1969. He has done graduate work at the University of West Virginia.

Davis has held pastoral positions at the First, New Hill, and Sindney Grove Church, Ellerbe, N. C.

He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Raleigh; member of the Board of Directors of Central Bible Institute, Durham.

Reverend Davis is a former employee of the State

Department of Public Instruction. He worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor prior to accepting the Pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church.

He succeeded The Reverend B. L. Rich, who served Antioch for 20 years, and presently Moderator of the Middle District Association.

The Installation Sermon was delivered by the Reverend John E. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mebane and brother of Antioch's new pastor. Others participating in the service were the Reverend J. A. Brewington; Mrs. Louise Worrels; Dr. B. F. Creech, president, Central Bible Institute, Durham; Rev. Corbin Cooper, Secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation, Raleigh; Dr. D. A. Dupree, Director of Personnel, Shaw University, Raleigh; Mack L. Hicks; Rev. J. L. Melvin, pastor, St. Mark Church of Christ, Goldsboro; Ralph C. Faison; Mrs. Ida W. Canady and the Rev. Luther Coppedge.

DAVIS INSTALLED IN GOLDSBORO INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

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Church Organist

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our members and many friends for their support in making this program possible. May God's Benediction be with you forever.

Mrs. Clarice Newsome, Chairman

Mrs. Mae Hines Jones, Co-Chair.

CHILDREN'S READING — WATCH OUT FOR THE GOBLINS

Hallowe'en is a happy hour,
A time for sport and fun,
When witches show their mystic power
And fairy faith is begun;
A time for merry ringing of bells,
For joyous, carefree shout,
When every sign a future tells
And Goblins, too, come out!
The old black cat is then on hand,
She runs with all the rest,
A wierd and fearsome, queer old band
To frighten every guest;
O join the merry, merry throng
And seek new terror's thrill,—
The fairy folk will do no harm,
The witches work no ill.
Hallowe'en will pass away
It leaves at break of dawn,
And as the sun brings in the day
The fairy folk are gone!
No witch will then your future speak,
With waiting treasures told'
O Come away, their presence seek
And future joys behold!
O come away; 'tis Hallowe'en
With queer things all about;
Such thrilling things may now be seen,—
O come with merry shout!

DEFINITIONS OF PRAYER

By V. L. CRAWFORD

- Prayer helps to form the "steel of spirituality within the soul.
- Prayer imparts a peace within "as high as the mountain, as deep as the sea" — creating a Christlike serenity of soul.
- Prayer generates courage within, and I stand erect, taller of soul, and converse with God, listening to the whisperings of His will, and learn the great lesson of life, that this world is merely a place to grow souls in, and that this life is only the introduction to life eternal.
- Prayer and faith, inseparable companions, plant a garden in the soul, and in this wondrous garden roses bloom not only in December but all the year round.
- Prayer is the time-exposure of the soul to the highest that we know.
- Prayer sinks a shaft deep into our lives where the real and lasting values of life abide.
- Prayer lights a candle in the soul, by whose radiant light we discover the God-shaped space in our hearts, reserved for Him in our creation.
- Prayer is a battlefield on which the issues of life are determined.
- Prayer takes away dimness from the soul and clarifies our vision.
- Prayer is a spiritual gymnasium in which we exercise and practice for godliness.
- Prayer is essential to a full-flowing of the spiritual life. The soul deprived of the experience and inspirations of prayer is like a plant that comes to the point of blossoming but never blooms.
- Prayer is being "in the secret place with Jesus" — a place of spiritual retreat and of soul refreshment.
- Prayer imparts what we may call a tang to spiritual life. We are admonished to be the salt of the earth, and prayer furnishes the salt.
- Prayer is a trellis, supporting the vines and flowers of the spirit as they climb heavenward, consisting of life, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance.
- Prayer helps us in building a "Cathedral of Character" in the soul, building it of things spiritual, which have survival value, and which we can carry into the eternal life with us.
- Prayer is a cleansing process, washing out thoughts, feelings, motives, and will, purifying the entire being including the heart, thus enabling us to see God, for without purity no one can see God.
- Prayer is the greatest spiritual asset in the world.

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Are you getting ready to retire?

Robert A. Flynn, social security manager in Raleigh has some tips that may help save you time and trouble when you apply for your social security benefits.

A telephone call to the social security office is a good first step. The office can answer your questions and tell you how to apply and when to do it. When you apply bring your social security card or a record of your social security number, proof of your age, and your last year's income tax withholding statement. If you are self-employed, bring a copy of last year's income tax return and evidence of payment of the self-employment tax.

If your wife is also applying for benefits, she should bring evidence of her age and her social security card or a record of her number if she has one. The best evidence of your age is a birth or baptismal certificate made within 5 years of your birth. However, if these are not available, other documents may be used. Generally, the older the document the better.

If you have children under 18 — or youngsters between 18 and 22 who are full-time students — bring their birth certificates and records of their social security numbers.

It's generally a good idea to apply about 3 months before you retire. Don't delay because you don't have any of the required documents or information. The people in the social security office will be glad to help you get the necessary information.

If you are housebound and unable to come to the office, arrangements can be made for taking your application by mail or, if necessary, someone can come to your home. Just let the social security office know.

Housewives who employ help around the house on a regular basis have two important mailing chores to perform before October 31, according to Robert A. Flynn, social security district manager in Raleigh.

These are the mid-summer and the early fall quarterly reports of wages and the social security contributions paid on those wages, he said. The payments — due by the end of July for the months of April, May and June; and by the end of October for July, August, and September — cover all house employees who are paid cash wages of \$50 or more by one employer in a calendar quarter.

Contributions are based only on cash wages. Cash or tokens given to the worker for car fare count as wages. But the room and board allowance for a "live-in" domestic employee does not count.

The worker and the employer each contribute 4.8 percent of the worker's wages to social security. In some cases, the employer may choose to pay the entire 9.6 percent contribution himself. But it is the employer, Flynn pointed out, who is responsible under the law for making the reports.

More than a million household workers — maids, cooks, cleaning women, gardeners, handymen, and babysitters — are earning social security protection through the wages reported for them, Flynn said.

Information about social security for household workers is available from any social security office.

The forms are available at social security offices, post offices, and sometimes at employer personnel offices. After the social security office receives the form, the people there will send the bride a replacement social security card showing her new name, but the same social security number.

The new bride should also notify the payroll department where she works of her change in name, Flynn points out. This is important so her earnings under social security will be correctly reported by her employer. The social security computers will not credit earnings unless the name and the number agree with those in the master records.

The contributions made under social security by the new wife provide protection for her as well as the family she'll probably be starting, adds Flynn. "This could mean not only benefits for her retirement years but disability benefits and survivor benefits if accident or illness should strike," the district manager said.

"The father of the bride and social security have something in common. Both share in the wedding expense, even though social security's share is small change — only 44¢ in 1969," said Robert A. Flynn, district manager in Raleigh.

This is what it costs the Social Security Administration to change a bride's name on the computerized records at the headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

"And, since September is just as popular a month as June for weddings, this seems an appropriate time to remind all new brides of this important step," adds the district manager.

Last year, over 3,000,000 brides changed their names on social security records. A simple form called a "Request for Change in Social Security Records" is all the newlywed needs to change her name.



A group of State Baptist Officials meeting at the call of President J. W. White to discuss the 1971 conventional meeting.

STATE JUNIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE HAD GRAND SESSION

The Junior-Young People's Department of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, meeting in Goldsboro with the First African Baptist Church as host, held a grand session.

Leaving this year's session with a new president and many inspirational messages, we adopted many new resolutions that will help our department infinitely. Some of these were (1) that our president's message be put on sale for the young people; (2) that we as young people do our best to make school relations better in the future; (3) that we have a social hour during the convention; (4) that we ask our pastors, junior supervisors, and people concerned with the work of our junior-young peo-

ple's department be more concerned with our projects: a—"Miss Shaw" Contest; b—Have-A-Heart For Missions; c—Minnie C. Lyons Day; and (5) that young people's conduct in church and all places will be one of dignity, culture, and refinement.

Our new president, Miss Michelle Thompson of Lumberton, is a long time worker in our junior-young people's convention. She was first elected fourth vice president and has worked up to the presidency.

The "Miss Shaw" contest winner usually gets a monogrammed trophy, but this year there will be an added bonus of \$100. This will be comprised of personal donations by Rev. J. E. McGrier of Warrenton and Miss Ethel Stanfield of Durham.

This is the first of many articles by the junior-young people's department. We hope you will contribute to our editor. Send all news to Rosalind Turner, 301 Lincoln Street, Lumberton, N. C. 28358.



JOHNSTON COUNTY DISTRICT MISSIONARY UNION STILL MOVING UP

By MRS. LUGENIA M. JONES

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston County Missionary Baptist Association is continually doing something to try to help uplift falling humanity and bring some wayward boy and girl into the ark of safety.

During the month of March, a mass meeting was held with the Good Samaritan Baptist Church near Garner, the Reverend G. E. Edgerton, pastor. This was a meeting to plan activities for the remainder of the year.

An Annual Religious Training Institute was sponsored by the Johnston County District Association and the Missionaries along with other organizations of the association took a very active part. This was held March 16-20 at the Watts Chapel Baptist Church, Dr. Frank B. Weaver, pastor.

Shaw Day was held on the first Sunday night in April at the First Baptist Church, Clayton, Reverend Lacey Simpson, pastor. A playlet "Climbing Jacob's Ladder" was given. This was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Central Orphanage Day was held on the third Sunday night in May. At this time, six busses were chartered; The Missionaries, moderator of the association, and friends journeyed to the Orphanage. There we were served a delicious dinner by

Mr. Bryant, Superintendent, and his staff. Following the dinner, the group was entertained by the Orphans. Everyone was glad to see the children perform. They were at their best. The sum of \$1,029.71 was raised and left at the orphanage. Several boxes of clothing were given to the children.

On the first Sunday night in August, the Annual Religious March was held at the First Baptist Church, Smithfield, at which time the sum of \$728.18 was raised for the Campsite. The crown was won by the Watts Chapel Church, but they donated it to the First Runner Up. Mrs. Frances Wilder of First Baptist Church, Wilson Mills took the crown away. Mrs. Wilder and her circle thanked Watts Chapel with all their hearts. This was truly, a whole hearted religious spirit on the part of the Watts Chapel Circle.

Several of the missionaries attended the State Convention at Goldsboro in August. Some of the churches were awarded the Stewardship Banner and the Regularity Banner. Watts Chapel received an A-1 Banner. The Union also brought the trophy back to the County for having raised the largest amount of money in the group for the Campsite Drive.

Our Union is headed by our very able, religious and conscientious President, Mrs. Clara Ballentine. She believes in working for God to the highest extent, and strives to carry the Union on to success, praying for God's guidance and protection, along with strength. She gives her all for the Master. The Union works with her 100 per cent in her undertakings.

The meetings are held quarterly. Our last meeting was held at the Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church near Clayton. The Reverend Luther Coppedge, pastor.

Our next meeting will be held at the Watts Chapel Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in December. At this time our officers will be installed for 1971. Please come and be with us.

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CROP AIDS REHABILITATION IN NIGERIA

CROP funds totaling \$8,000 have been used to purchase 50 tons of high protein food for the rehabilitation of civil war casualties in Nigeria. CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, provided more than 2 million pounds of material aid, chiefly high protein foods, to Nigeria since the conflict began.

Contributions received in CROP community canvasses throughout the United States and from individuals and groups concerned about the plight of the Nigerian people have accounted for more than \$800,000 in CROP assistance to that country in the past two years.

Aid from CROP and Church World Service is being channeled through the World Council of Churches to the Christian Council of Nigeria, an indigenous organization representing the Methodist Church in Nigeria, the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the Salvation Army, the Anglican Dioceses in Nigeria, and the Qua Oboe Church.

CCN, in cooperation with the State governments, the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, Save the Children Fund, and Quaker Service, has launched a comprehensive medical and agricultural development program. Health operations are directed by Miss Mattie Tolley, an American nurse who has served on CCN medical teams. Medical personnel have reopened pre-war rural health centers, in addition to bolstering the services of existing hospitals. Much of the feeding program is being directed through these health centers.

With the withdrawal of the Red Cross at the end of June, CCN and the other agencies inherited a heavy burden of distribution problems to go along with a program requiring 1,000 tons of food, drugs, fuel, and other essential supplies each week.

Workers report that the food situation has been alleviated to some extent with the harvest of crops planted in a crash program this past spring. CROP had shipped vegetable seed to Nigeria to be used in areas which were stripped of all food supplies during the war.

However, CWS Africa director Nancy L. Nicalo reports that a second phase of need is now becoming more apparent with widespread unemployment and corresponding lack of funds for the people to purchase what foods are now available.

"The teams have brought these people up to a fair level of health," Miss Nicalo said, "but we are seeing many deteriorate after treatment, because they cannot afford to feed themselves. It isn't their fault. There are just not enough job opportunities."

CCN aims to have 50 rural training centers in operation to ease the employment problem for farmers. Revolving loan programs will enable families to buy the necessary supplies to begin farming again, and when these loans are repaid, the funds will enable families to do the same.

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DR. C. R. EDWARDS

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and newly elected president of General Baptists.

During the 103rd annual session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, recently held in the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville was chosen to lead the 350,000 plus Baptists. The convention, meeting in the beautiful, modern and spacious facilities of the church where two major congregations in Winston-Salem united several years ago to form the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, was called to order and guided through the sessions by the retiring president, Dr. John W. White of Asheville. United Metropolitan has as its pastor, Reverend J. D. Ballard who is one of the young Baptist giants of North Carolina and the nation. The power of his leadership was felt by all of us while we met there. He and the Reverend J. J. Bonham,

vice president of the Winston-Salem Baptist Ministers Conference, extended warm words of welcome during the opening session of the convention.

Meeting around the theme: "General Baptists facing the Seventies With a Commitment," the 103rd session made history. Dr. O. L. Sherril, executive secretary, made an astounding report of the convention's work during the year. His report revealed that General Baptists did more for Missions and Education than in previous years. Dr. John W. White was at his best in bringing the President's Address. Worship leaders included the Reverends Elbert Lee, Rocky Mount; John Mangum, Wendell; H. H. Sullivan, Old Fort; B. F. Corpening, Newton; H. R. Cogdell, Clinton; W. K. Mitchell, Raeford; R. E. Devoe, Shelby; W. C. Hay, Winston-Salem and W. G. Hall, Wadesboro. Addresses were delivered by the Reverends Leo Williams, Williamston and Corbin Cooper, secretary, Department of Interracial Cooperation.

Reports were given by J. Ray Butler for the General Board; Frank Marshall for the Laymen's League; Arthur Williams for the Usher's Convention; Mrs. Vera Slade for the Woman's Convention; W. M. Butler for the Sunday School Convention; J. T. Hawkins for the B.T.U. Convention; George Dudley for the Baptist Informer; T. A. Watkins for the Trustees; H. V. Bryant for Central Orphanage; W. B. Lewis, historian and J. C. Harris, statistician.

Sermons were ably delivered by Dr. J. R. R. McRay, veteran pastor of the Cornerstone Church, Elizabeth City; the Reverend N. E. Kerry, pastor, Mt. Sinai Church, Charlotte; Reverend E. R. Singletary, pastor of Pleasant Meadow Church, Roberson County.

Guest preacher of the Convention was Dr. F. G. Sampson, pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Church, Louisville, Kentucky. He stirred our hearts with the in-

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As Delivered By

Dr. John W. White

To the 103rd Annual Session of the
General Baptist State Convention
Held in Winston-Salem

Mr. Chairman, Officers, Members and friends of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I am grateful to almighty God, our Heavenly Father and to you through whom God has so wonderfully worked, for the opportunity to address you on this the one hundred and third annual session of this great convention.

For many of us, that part of life's highway from October, 1969 to October, 1970 has been a long one; perplexed with problems of many kinds. However, as we look back over our journey, we can truthfully say . . .

"Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far,
And Grace will lead me home."

Though the way has been dark and dangerous at times, we were not alone, for we can say as others have said before us . . .

"Did not our hearts burn within us,
While he talked with us by the way?"

1969 ANNUAL SESSION

October, twelve months ago, we met in Greenville, North Carolina at the historic Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, shepherded by the dynamic pastor and preacher, The Reverend B. B. Felder. There we witnessed one of the greatest sessions of this convention, and were shown no little hospitality — in fact, it was "General Baptist Hospitality." The spirit was highlighted by the adoption of a new constitution. This powerful document is the product of four years of meditation, prayer and thinking of some of the best minds in this

country, and will guide safely, the destiny of this convention for the next century. During the session "The Day of Pentecost" came and our souls rejoiced in the God of our salvation.

ONE DAY SESSION

On May 5, we, no doubt, witnessed the most encouraging and fruitful One-Day Session this convention has known. We met at the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Paul Johnson and his fine congregation put out the red carpet for us. The financial receipts were the highest ever recorded at a One-Day Session and the spirit was even higher.

1970 ANNUAL SESSION

The nineteen seventy annual session has brought us safely to the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The honored pastor, The Reverend J. D. Ballard, and his good members have had us to know that we are truly welcome. Since being here, we have already felt the spirit of the title which the church bears — "United."

OUR CONVENTION

The Baptist Headquarters—Under the leadership of our tireless and determined Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, our convention is moving forward with great speed. He is tireless, working day and night; he is determined to do all and even more than the convention requires him to do. How does he do all that he does? I do not know. He himself doesn't really know; only God knows. But we all do know that at his right hand is his very efficient secretary-bookkeeper, Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn. I think this convention should give her a new name, "Miss Efficient Baptist." At Dr. Sherrill's left hand is the Reverend C. C. Craig, who has the title of Assistant Executive Secretary. But there is something peculiar about his work — You see him once he is truly Assistant Executive Secretary; you see him again he is functioning as the Director of

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Christian Education and Training; and the next time you see him he is setting the pulpits on fire with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Whatever the Baptist need is, he supplies it. It may be, then his best title is "Turncoat Baptist."

Time will not allow me to tell of the very fine work that is being done by The Reverend George W. Dudley, editor of the Baptist Informer. He and his efficient secretary, Mrs. Blonnie Herndon, are keeping the Baptists informed of their own doings. He has so trained Mrs. Herndon that in reality she is the Assistant Editor; and whether he is present or absent, she gets the job done. The Reverend Dudley's greatest need is more paid up subscribers. Will you renew your subscription today?

The Department of Interracial Cooperation under the direction of The Reverend Corbin Cooper is working miracles among the members of the Baptist and General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. His travels over the state in the interest of the work of the Kingdom of God is second to that of Dr. O. L. Sherril's, if not equal to it. Invite him to your church to conduct an institute, or discuss better race relations, or to assist you in promoting a Sunday School enlargement program. But remember this, he doesn't mind you throwing him in the briar patch at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. He is very quiet, but he gets awfully noisy in the pulpit. Call upon him, will you?

Our Auxiliary Presidents—This convention is composed of five auxiliaries and the parent body. The president of each auxiliary is a layman. Each president is doing a marvelous work for Christ and His Kingdom. I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Session of each Auxiliary; each showed signs of spiritual and financial growth.

The president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Mrs. Vera Slade. Mrs. Slade is a Christian lady and leader with every letter capitalized. At the annual session in Goldsboro, this year, she turned the convention into an old fashioned revival; and when she had finished her address, you could hear the expression, "I have never seen it in this manner before." The truth is, she give herself to the Lord, and the Lord took her. At the close of her message, she resigned, but the convention replied to her resignation by electing her for four more years. This is indicative of the respect they have for her Christian integrity and leadership ability.

I wish time would allow me to tell you about the work of Mr. E. M. Butler, president of the State Sunday School Convention for some thirty years. His leadership ability is unquestionable. He no doubt ranks among the leading layman of this country in his knowledge of Baptist polity and doctrine. Like

the Apostle Paul, he does not hesitate in saying, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which committed unto him against that day."

Brother J. T. Hawkins, who has led the Baptist Training Union forward for some twenty years is still doing a magnificent job. He, too, like Brother Butler, because of his knowledge of God's work and will has kept this organization in God's will and way.

Brother Arthur Williams, has been piloting the Usher's Convention for some seventeen or eighteen years. Our churches have been greatly blessed with improved ushering, as a result of the teaching and training received at this convention. Brother William, has done well, but could do a much better job, if our churches would send more messengers to the convention.

The Laymen's League is being piloted by Brother Frank Marshall. It is the youngest of our auxiliaries, and has the youngest president. At one time in its history, the Laymen League was living at a slow rate, but the late Dr. R. M. Pitts, recommended that the League meet at the same time and place with the parent body. This was done, and from that time until now, Brother Marshall has been able to almost work miracles through this organization. He gave, last year, five hundred dollars for the re-opening of the Baptist Supply Store. Through the Laymen's program, a type of fellowship is being developed among the laymen, that has not been known before.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for all the good that is being done through the auxiliaries of this convention.

OUR NATION

Our nation today is, no doubt, facing its greatest crisis since the Civil War. The Civil War was a conflict between the North and the South; over the question of slavery, but our national crisis today knows no boundary line; north or south, east or west; it is wherever we Americans are. However, it is still a conflict about justice, righteousness, and freedom; and in the midst of it all, the voice of God can be heard saying, "Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

Our nation is confronted with kidnapping, mass-murder, racism, use of drugs, hippie antics, war in Vietnam, the militants, the disregard for law and order, disregard for parental authority, discrimination against minority groups, student unrest, violence on college campuses, a new morality, white might, black power, air pollution, water pollution, a dead God theology, despiritualized church, and a growing disrespect for the ministry. These are a few of the evils of our time, which have provoked our national crisis. Many people today are asking, "Is America doomed?" Some are saying, yes, with-

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out reservations; others are saying, yes, unless America make an about face right now she is doomed. But the faithful are saying, "No! America is not doomed, for God is still on his throne, and within your bosom you have the phone."

What is God's reply to the evils of our time? To the racists who are troubling our nation, God is saying, "Listen to the prophet Malachi whose voice has been ringing through centuries, asking, (Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously, every man against his brother?) Or, they may do well to hear the converted Apostle Peter declare, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

To those who are insisting on "White Might" and "Black Power", God is saying, "Not by "White Might" nor "Black Power" but by my spirit."

The restless students on our college campuses would do well to listen to the cry of Saint Augustine: "O God, Thou has made us for thy self and we are restless until we find rest in Thee."

Our nation would do well to read a second, third, fourth, and fifth time, Governor Cranton's Commissioner's Report to the president on campus unrest and violence. The commission among many things had this to say . . .

its youth is a nation on the edge of chaos. A very survival of the nation will be threatened. A nation driven to use the weapons of war upon its youth is a nation on the edge of chaos. A nation that has lost the allegiance of part of its youth is a nation that has lost part of its future."

To the militants of our nation, Jesus is saying, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."

IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE

In the field of science, America is performing miracles. Four men have walked on yonders moon and returned safely to earth. So startling was this adventure, that many who beheld it on television do not yet believe it really happened. It is sad to say, that many of us Americans go no where, see nothing, hear nothing, and therefore, know nothing.

In "Message" magazine for November and December, 1970, there is an article written by Richard W. Coffen, entitled: "New Life, New Heaven, New Earth," in which he says, and I quote:

"Did you know that a little white rabbit recently gave birth to a whole herd of — no, not little bunnies, but — calves?"

Dr. E. S. E. Hafez, of Washington State University, experiments with an amazing technique of breeding cattle, by combining hormones from pregnant horses and women and injecting them into a

cow; he can induce the cow's ovaries to release as many as one hundred ripe ova, which he can artificially inseminate and several days later flushes from the cow. Dr. Hafez then implants the embryo's in a female rabbit, which may be shipped around the world. When the rabbit reaches her destination, the tiny embryos are removed, transplanted into cows, which, given the proper hormones, bear healthy calves nine months later.

Perhaps, even more intriguing, are the experiments of Cornell University's Dr. Frederick C. Steward, who can regrow an entire carrot from a single carrot cell.

The implications of such experiments point to an astounding way of life for our grandchildren. Dr. Hafez speculates that within ten years housewives will select frozen day-old embryos from attractive display cases and have these frozen embryos implanted by their physicians. Each embryo will bear a label listing hair color, eye color, sex, probably size, IQ, and a guarantee it has no congenital defects.

Dr. Steward's experiments open the possibility of growing organs or entire people from a few selected cells, thus enabling scientists to propagate a single person thousands of time by merely scraping a few cells into a petri dish.

Reviewing these startling advances, Life Magazine declared, "We are, then, entering an area, where children may be born of geographically separated or even long dead parents, where virgin births may become relatively common, where women may give birth to other women's children, where romance and genetics may be separated, where some few favored men may father thousands of babies, where a permit may be required in order to have a baby." Scientists, according to one English writer, focus a new form of humanity — homo-biologicus — a strange method that will combine the properties of self-reproduction without males.

Unquote, look out brethren, quote, "like the green-fly, of fertilizing his female at long distance; like the Nantiloid Molluscus, of changing sex life; like the Newt, of developing outside the mother's body; like the Kangaroo, and of hibernating like the hedgehog."

Unquote, yes, our nation has the scientific know-how in many areas of life, and is performing miracles before our eyes. Each year some new discovery is made, and man is compelled to ask, "What next?" I am told that the scientists of our nation, and around the world pool their resources and information in order to perfect the earliest possible cure of some diseases, or to make a new instrument that will aid them in making new discoveries. Why this kind of cooperation? To help the human family enjoy the blessings which God has given to mankind. The United States and Russia are discussing pool-

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ing their resources and information in outer-space in order that they might be able to probe even deeper in outer-space and beyond, even into the Stellars world.

Why, do you know, and I am sure you must know, that insurance companies are pooling their information and resources in order to render greater and more efficient service to man; banks are pooling their information and resources in order that they may be able to make available more money to the people; railroads are pooling their resources and information, that they may offer better transportation.

Why, did you not know that all of the stores downtown have their Christmas sale on the same day or days? Well, they know that no one store has in it everything that all the people need, therefore, they come together that they may render a more efficient service to the people. Think, how foolish it would be if each store had its own sale day . . . if there are fifteen stores selling different products, this would mean that a person would have to make fifteen different trips down town to the sales.

If Russia and the United States can come together for the purpose of probing in Stellars World, if the railroad companies are pooling their information and resources to give us better transportation; if the insurance companies are pooling their information and resources that they may render more efficient service to the people; and the stores, each selling its own product, come together on sale days to do a better job. What does this say to our churches? What does this say to our Associations? And what does this say to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina?

Why is there so much divisioness in many of our churches? In some churches, there is so much divisioness that a member of the senior choir will not dare sing with the gospel choir, not even at a funeral. The deacons and trustees are often at odds over the question, who has the authority to do this or that? The superintendent of the Sunday School will not return to the Baptist Training Union, for he doesn't want to do anything that will help it to be as large as HIS Sunday School. The pastor of one church will join with a layman of another in criticizing his pastor and church program. Some Associations are not friendly toward one another, because of boundary lines, or some previous misunderstanding with the Moderator; being in the same city or county, they would not dare have a joint Annual Training Institute, or a joint effort for Christian Education and Mission. And as far as

the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is concerned, there are a few of us who are working daily to divide the most powerful, predominantly black Missionary Baptist State Convention in the world. They seek to set one auxiliary against the parent body, another against another auxiliary, they want to bear the title — "Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, but want to be absolutely, separate and distinct. They want to do their own thing in their own way, and will, but God has not called us to do our thing, but to do His thing in His way and according to His will. We, who behave ourselves in such a manner cannot be Bible students; for it is written in God's holy Word:—

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For the body is not one member, but many; If the foot shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body?

But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; on one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now, ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

—The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians—Chapter Twelve, verses, Twelve, Fourteen through Twenty-two; Twenty-five through Twenty-seven.

We who believe in divisioness should read again and again, the Lord's Prayer, in which he says:

"Holy Father, keep through thine own name

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The Reverend W. B. Lewis' Report As Historian of the Convention

Greetings To the Brotherhood:

Mr. President, Officers and Members of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

We have been summoned to give an account of our stewardship, and achievements, before this Convention, and before our God.

As Historian of the Convention, I bring you some achievements from the archaisms of this Convention, historical data about Baptists and our originality as general Baptists. The adoption of the new constitution for the General Baptist Convention and its auxiliaries was the most outstanding history making item of our last Annual Convention.

Baptists:

Baptists constitute one of the major Protestant forces in the United States. Twenty-seven Baptist denominations reported 25,500,000 in 1966. In 1966 there were 96,878 local Baptist churches.

The first Negro Baptist church in American was organized at Silver Bluff, across the Savannah River from Augusta, Georgia in 1773. Other churches followed in Petersburg, Virginia in 1776; Richmond, Virginia in 1780; Williamsburg, Virginia in 1785; Lexington, Kentucky in 1790.

The first Negro Baptist Association, the Providence Baptist Association of Ohio was formed in 1836.

The first national organization for Negro Baptists came in 1880, with the creation of the Foreign Mission Baptist Convention in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1886 the American National Baptist Convention was organized at St. Louis, and in 1893 the Baptist National Educational Convention was organized in the District of Columbia. All three Conventions were merged into the National Baptist Convention of America at Atlanta in 1895.

In 1915 a division arose in this Convention over the adoption of a charter and the ownership of a publishing house. Those rejecting the charter continued to function as the National Baptist Convention of America, while the group accepting the charter became known as the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Incorporated. Today there are approximately 20,000,000 Negroes in the United States. Forty-four percent of the total Negro population are church members.

Nearly 8,500,000 Negro Baptists are found in three major Conventions: 5,500,000 in the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Incorporated; 2,668,799 in the National Baptist Convention of America; and 500,000 in the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Incorporated.

Negro Baptist doctrine tends toward Calvinism.

American Baptist Convention

In the early years of the nineteenth century there

were three Baptist organizations in the north mutually maintained.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, The American Baptist Missionary Union and the American Baptist Publication Society. Separate appeals for funds to support all these competing societies created confusion and dissatisfaction, and led eventually to the formation of the Northern Baptist Convention in 1907.

American Baptist Convention is composed of 5,968 churches, 1,454,965 members.

In matters of faith every Baptist church of a Convention speaks for itself. There are also certain Baptist doctrines held in common.

The Bible as the foundation of belief.

The individual conscience and the interpretation of the Bible.

Immortality and the future life, the brotherhood of man, and the need of man's redemption from sin.

The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Lordship of Christ.

General Baptists

The General Baptists claim their name and origin in John Smythe and Thomas Helwys, which was organized in England and Holland in 1611.

The General Baptists in the Colonies along the Atlantic Coast were at first overwhelmed by the influence of Calvinism.

The organization of the General Baptists movement originated out of the Richland of Holland, and the Forgg County of England. The Fathers of Holland and England, grasped a Baptistic principle, which seemed to float on a universal frequency.

It was the organized efforts of the Fathers to center a structure around a principle, but it was not the beginning of the principle. It has been said, "that we have no founder but Christ, and that Baptists, have been prescribing and practicing from the days of John the Baptist and Jesus."

Their confession of faith that Jesus died for all men; that failure to achieve salvation lies completely with the individual; that man is depraved and fallen and unable to save himself; that regeneration is necessary for salvation except in the case of infants, who are not responsible for sin; that salvation comes by repentance and faith in Christ; that the Christian who perseveres to the end is saved; that the wicked are punished eternally. The dead, just and unjust, will be raised at the Judgment; the Lord's Supper and believer's baptism by immersion are the only authorized Christian ordinances and should be open to all believers. The denomination is Congregational in church government.

A peculiar feature of the General Baptist lies in their use of a presbytery, into which the ordained members of local associations are grouped; they examine candidates for the ministry and for dea-

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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those whom thou hast given me, that they may be as one, as we are.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou has loved thee."

—The Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter Seventeen; verses Eleven and Twenty through Twenty-three.

We who behave ourselves in such a manner may not have seen and heard on our television, and read in newspapers and magazines, about the cooperation of our insurance companies, our railroads, the Russian and United States government, our banks. Now you see these are working together for the physical man, but the church, the associations, and the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are working together for the welfare of both, the physical and the soul; with time and eternity; with the tangible and the intangible; with the visible and the invisible. Every child of God deals not only with the visible, but with the invisible. In fact, every child of God has invisible allies upon whom he may call in the time of spiritual warfare.

- 1—Your allies are those with whom you have a formal agreement to help you.
- 2—Our allies are our friends.
- 3—Our allies are on our side.
- 4—They are a very present help in trouble.

A—The nations of the world are seeking allies:

1. The United States of America—Great Britain, France, Israel, and other nations she can get.
2. The U.S.S.R. is seeking Arab nations for allies.

B—The Holy Bible tells us that the prophet Elisha had invisible allies.

1. The King of Syria warned against the King of Israel, and planned to ambush him at the intersection of a certain road. But God televised the scheme to Prophet Elisha, and

told him to tell the King of Israel not to pass that way.

2. The King of Syria did not know what was going on. He called in his army officers to see if there was a traitor among them. The officers said no. Elisha, the prophet, sees and hears all of your plans and warns the King of Israel not to pass this way. The King of Syria sent a military expedition of ten-thousand soldiers at night to surround the little town of Dotham; and arrest Elisha and bring him dead or alive. Early the next morning, Elisha's servant started for a walk and walked into an army of ten-thousand men with spears, swords, horns and chariots. The servant ran back into the house screaming, Elisha, Elisha, what shall we do?

The Syrian army has surrounded the town and is coming to arrest you. Don't be afraid; there is another army out there that you haven't seen.

Elisha prayed and asked the Lord to let the young man see his invisible allies, the army of God. He looked and behold the mountains around the little town were full of God's army. The Syrian Army has surrounded the town, but God's invisible army had surrounded the surround. When the young man looked, he saw chariots of five drawn by horses of fire, driven by angels of fire, holding in one hand reins of fire and in the other hand swords of fire, pulling on bits of fire. They came to save Elisha. Every child of God has invisible armies.

EDUCATION and MISSIONARY UNION OF W. N. C.

The Education and Missionary Union of Western North Carolina, composed largely of the Ebenezer and Mt. Peace Associations, held its annual session with Springfield Memorial Church, Stanley, North Carolina, October 23. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Wingate and his congregation were good hosts.

The president, Rev. J. T. Scott, in his message of direction, challenged this body and its constituents to take on new life; to have vision; to reach the people; to channel their activities and facilities toward meaningful goals. The address was very rich.

Staff officers elected for the ensuing year are: Reverends J. T. Scott, president; J. F. Wertz, vice-president; J. A. White, recording secretary; C. E. Dewberry, corresponding secretary; S. A. Raper, treasurer; and J. F. Wingate, chairman of the trustee board.

This organization extends an invitation to organizations which were once a part of this Union to return to the fold.

THE REVEREND W. B. LEWIS

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cons. Ministers and deacons are responsible to this presbytery which exists only on the local level.

In doctrine and faith we seem to be more indebted to the American Baptists, who believe as follows. Every church of the Convention speaks for itself.

The Bible as the foundation of their Christian belief.

The individual conscience, the interpreter of the Bible.

The inspiration and validity of the scriptures, the Lordship of Christ, immortality and future life; the brotherhood of man, the need of man's redemption from sin. The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are considered more an aid than as necessities to the living of the Christian life and are called ordinances.

To the officers and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., this is my report.

Thanks for allowing me to submit this report.

A DAY TO REMEMBER AT MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Huntersville, N. C. held its 102nd Homecoming celebration Sunday, October 25, 1970. It was indeed a happy and proud occasion for the members of Mt. Olive and all their friends, and well it should have been, for Mt. Olive stands on a courageous and enduring history, and hearts were filled with joy when the program was highlighted with the reading of this history. And as this history was read, there came a touching moment when it was learned that the present pastor, Rev. Max B. McIlwain, holds a special place in the hearts of the members of Mt. Olive, for it was he who fulfilled their dreams, the completion of their present church.

The Homecoming sermon was delivered by Rev. L. D. Jeffries. The program climaxed with the crowning of Miss Mt. Olive 1970-71.

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triging subject: "The Crib, The Cross, The Empty Tomb."

On Shaw University night, Dr. King V. Cheek, president, give a glowing and profound address. The two day meeting was climaxed with an address from Howard Lee, Mayor of Chapel Hill on: "Black Power, the Black Church and Politics."

Prior to the convention session, the Laymen's League held their 21st annual session with Frank Marshall of Asheville as president.

Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem was re-elected to serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and Dr. J. Ray Butler, Winston-Salem was re-elected to chair the General Board.

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Christian Education	44%	\$136,620
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For you in 1970, will be one filled
With Happiness, Joy and Peace and that
your hope in the Christ of Christmas will be
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE
103rd ANNUAL SESSION

While the General Convention met October 26-29 in the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, we remember how superbly pastor J. D. Ballard and his congregation entertained us.

Among the Winston-Salem pastors on hand to make us welcome and to support the convention's on-going were: D. R. Hedgley, K. O. P. Goodwin, Jerry Drayton, W. C. Hay, W. L. Wilson, J. Ray Butler, C. H. Gill, B. H. Bonham and several others.

Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, set us on fire with a burning message in Foreign Missions.

J. R. R. McRay who preached the opening sermon of the convention has been the pastor of the Cornerstone Church in Elizabeth City for 47 years.

Along with the Reverend and Mrs. Wesley Grant, song leader and pianist and Johnnie White at the organ, we had a group of unofficial song leaders who led us in a battle of songs. Among them were Norman Kerry, Charlotte; C. R. Moseley, Belmont; Raymond Lassiter, Oxford; J. Ray Butler, Winston-Salem and Jeremiah Webb, Weldon.

J. M. Kennedy, Charlotte, was on hand carrying on the work of the moderators.

NOTE

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**SHAW PRESIDENT RECEIVES PLAQUE
 FROM SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL**

The Shaw University Theological Alumni Association of the Shaw University School of Divinity presented Dr. King V. Cheek, Jr., Shaw President with a plaque in recognition of his devoted service to Shaw University through the past six years. Dr. E. B. Turner, the Theological Alumni Association's President is shown making the presentation to Dr. Cheek (left) in the President's Office.

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Again we are called to the rescue of Shaw University. Each church has been called upon to make a strong effort in the next 60 days to help meet the \$600,000 emergency that is upon Shaw.

Shaw is a deserving institution that should have our highest concern in this time of crisis. There are enough Baptists in North Carolina to supply adequately the funds for the existing emergency and to give the support to sustain and maintain Shaw in the days ahead. We strongly appeal to you to answer the call and fulfill this pressing need.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



O. L. Sherrill

In comparison with previous years, 1969-70 was truly a banner year for our convention. We responded by raising \$336,459.36 for all the objectives. This could not have been done without the faithful and diligent efforts of our dedicated pastors and laymen.

The following are facts which you should know concerning the number of churches that contributed last year:

1969-70 Conventional year:

- 1 Church contributed over \$6,000.00.
- 1 Church contributed between \$5,000 and \$6,000.
- 4 Churches contributed between \$3,000 and \$4,000.
- 9 Churches contributed between \$2,000 and \$3,000.
- 24 Churches contributed between \$1,000 and \$2,000.
- 47 Church contributed between \$500 and \$1,000.
- 739 Churches contributed less than \$100.
- 4 Churches of Rowan Association contributed \$19,882.00.

Our annual session was one of the greatest — in spirit, in attendance, and in fellowship. The speakers delivered very challenging and inspiring messages.

As we look forward to 1971, we realize that we must continue to move forward in the high calling of God. Therefore, we cannot sit on our Laurels of the past, but must work harder than ever to climb to greater heights, for our work is already cut out for us.

Our budget for 1970-71 is \$418,299. Through your continued understanding, sacrificial, self-denial, we can reach our goal. In moving forward let us not think in terms of one objective of the convention but let us consider thinking in terms of the whole program; for no part is greater than its whole or its smaller link.

We wish for you and yours this Christmas season that unspeakable Joy which comes to those who have felt the birth of the Savior in their hearts. With every good wish for you now and forever.

O. L. SHERRILL, Executive Secretary

You don't have to retire to get Medicare coverage when you're 65.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



C. R. EDWARDS

I feel honored to have been selected by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to serve as President. Realizing that the Cause we represent calls for total effort and commitment from the total Baptist family, I am sincerely asking for your prayers, suggestions and support as I assume this high office.

The unfolding years increase our responsibility to support the total objective of our convention. We must not maximize some and minimize others. If we raise our budget, we will be on our way to fulfilling our commitment and responsibilities to our overall program and objectives.

Frequently, one of our objectives experiences a crisis period, but we as Baptists have always risen to the occasion. One of our objectives, Shaw University, has called upon us again. Letter have been sent to the Moderators and Pastors by Dr. King V. Cheek of Shaw and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, our executive secretary. I hope that you will respond favorably to their request.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president and I hope that the convention and all of its Auxiliaries will work together to accomplish our goals.

May this Yuletide season which represents the highest in giving direct our course for the future.

NOTICES

The Mid-Winter Board Meeting of the National Baptist Convention will be held on January 19-21, 1971, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention will meet in Raleigh on January 14, 1971.

Past President's Awards Presented At Theological Alumni Meeting



At the recent Winston-Salem General Baptist Convention, the Annual "President's Breakfast" of the Theological Alumni Association of Shaw University held at the Downtowner Motel at the call of the President, Dr. E. B. Turner, Past President Awards were presented to former Presidents of the Association.

Dr. Turner presents the Awards to (l. to r.) Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Dr. P. H. Johnson, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Dr. J. R. Manley, Dr. L. C. Reddick, and Dr. O. E. Dunn. Not present for the picture, Rev. A. J. Johnson.

TO THE BAPTIST CONSTITUENCY

Today is the moment when the Eternal God is speaking to the non-white Christians in the United States in no uncertain terms. God speaks, saying, I know the life that you have lived. A door of opportunity, which no man can shut, stands open in front of you, and it is I who have given it to you."

Within recent months numerous opportunities in Africa, Asia and Latin America have been beckoning us to come and share the glorious message of salvation with them.

The majority of the peoples of the world are currently passing through the horrible experiences of segregation and injustice; and, many of these people are aware of the notable strides which we have made in obtaining a better life through education, industry and striving after the abundant life as offered through Jesus Christ,

The Executive Committee of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention has approved four Special Projects for 1970-71. These Projects are:

1. Providing furniture and fixtures for classrooms in Haiti
2. Purchasing station wagon and motor bikes for our Evangelists to visit remote regions in Nigeria
3. Equipping the new Leper Clinic, Karnal, India
4. Erection of badly needed cottages in Liberia.

As these appeals will come to you through the Women's Auxiliary, Laymen's League and Youth Department of the Lott Carey Convention for these projects, we sincerely hope that you will generously respond to these appeals. In the meantime, we prayerfully petition you to increase your regular financial support to the Convention program.

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THE LANE CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By A. E. WATSON, Publicity Chairman

The 74th annual session of the Lane Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary convened at the Oak Grove Church, Harrisburg, October 22-23-25, 1970. The Reverend H. E. Johnson, host pastor. The associational meeting was presided over by the moderator, Rev. A. J. Brewer.

The Reverend C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. A. J. Ryans, who spoke on the theme of the association "The Church's Response to the challenge of the Seventies". He stated that the church's response to the challenge of the seventies is the same as it has been down through the ages. The church is out of business when there are no challenges. He concluded his message by saying that it takes a dynamic church to face the seventies.

At the afternoon session, Reverend J. A. White, pastor of the Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, Charlotte, spoke on "Racial Hate". He stated that God had made all of us one nation of one blood. If Christians will love one another as Christ loves us, there would be no racial hate. He concluded by saying that God is the answer and it is the church that has to do something about it.

The evening session was highlighted by a master of the trade, Rev. C. C. Craig, who spoke for the Unified Program. He always seems at his best when mission is involved.

The Reverend M. C. Moore, pastor of Red Spring Church, Mineral Springs, delivered a spirit-filled sermon at the evening session.

The Reverend David S. Cook, Jr., pastor, Bethany Church, Charlotte, opened Friday morning's session speaking on "Stewardship". He stated that stewardship means being responsible for something that belongs to someone else. He stressed the stewardship of Christ, and used a marvelous illustration from the Bible of the men whom Christ gave the talents. Reverend Cook elaborated on this illustration and gave an accurate account of each man's work, explaining the man with the one talent who did nothing. He closed by saying "nothing from nothing leaves nothing".

An Educational sermon followed, delivered by the newly installed pastor of Antioch Church, Charlotte, Reverend Preston Pendergrass. May I say to those of you who may not know him, he is at his best anytime he is in the pulpit. He stated that in the school of life, there is no tuition, no dropouts; only flunkouts because we just don't want to learn about Christ. There is no speech or language that Christ does not understand. A Christian does not graduate.

He closed by saying, "the school bells of life are ringing in the school of life. Are you going to answer the bells?"

The final theme speaker was the Reverend L. D. Parker, pastor of St. Luke Church, Charlotte, who spoke on "Christian Education". Education means being trained, and Christian Education means Christian Training. The Church owes it to the children to religiously educate them. He stated that if they were religiously educated, our world would be much better. Rev. Parker gave a wonderful explanation of why we should as Christians educate our children.

The Education sermon was followed by a Memorial Service for the 26 deceased members of the Association 1969-70. This service was conducted by the Reverends, F. G. Lowery, pastor, First Mt. Zion Church, Charlotte; J. B. Crowder, pastor of St. Davveese Church, Mineral Springs; and H. L. Nickleson, pastor, Liberty Hill and Macedonia Churches. This service was a very sad part of the association, when we recall those who had worked with us and God had called them from labor to rest. However we were all very submissive to God's will and rejoiced as we should. This service was well carried out by the ministers in charge.

The Friday evening session was devoted to Missionary and presided over by Mrs. J. B. Crowder, president of the Missionary Auxiliary. Mrs. Crowder made her report of the 86th annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the State Convention, held in Goldsboro. She gave a very extensive report, which covered four days and was well given.

Mrs. Crowder presented the guest speaker, Mrs. J. A. Little, a member of the Elizabeth Church, Monroe. Her subject was "The Church and Its Mission". She spoke of the church not as a building but as an individual, because we are the church. The first step of the church is to get right because God is ready and waiting to heal this sick world. The church must keep before our young people the idea of Christ. She gave the church and missionary a great challenge.

Sunday afternoon was Youth Day. This session was presided over by the Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Jerome J. Watson, member of Antioch Church, Charlotte. There were songs by many groups. The church was filled to capacity with youth. The guest speaker was Mr. Preston Wiley, Acting Executive Director of the Model Neighborhood Commission of Charlotte. He spoke from the theme "Youth Wants To Know About The Challenge of The Seventies". He stated that the black people had better get themselves together. The youth should get themselves together if they are to overcome. They must enlist a total effort. The adults should get themselves together and give the youth leadership. Mr. Wiley closed by answering, the Youth's challenge of The Seventies is to get ourselves together and we can stand.

MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICE AT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

By MRS. MARGARET V. HORNE



Left to right: Deacon, C. E. Matthews and Trustee, David Jeffers.

The New Zion Baptist Church, 1310 Ashboro Street, Greensboro, North Carolina conducted its Mortgage Burning Service on Sunday, September 6, 1970, at 3:00 P.M. Rev. J. E. McCoy is pastor.

Deacon Cyrus Matthews gave the history of the church.

The church was organized in 1906 with Rev. Headen, succeeded by Rev. Y. B. Williams and others. Rev. W. D. Johnson was called to the church in 1940. Under his pastorate the present site was purchased in 1964 for \$72,000. Under his guidance and six years later we have a physical facility valued over \$100,000, debt free.

Rev. Johnson did not live to witness this service, as he was called from labor to reward June 9, 1970.

Rev. J. E. McCoy was called as pastor January, 1970.

Rev. O. L. Hairston, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, delivered the message. His subject: Clear Steering.

All the auxiliaries of the church cooperated 100% to make this day possible. A special mention was made to the Senior Usher Board, under the leadership of Deacon L. B. Florence, The Ready To Work Club, president Mrs. Frankie Higgins, The Senior Choir and the Deaconess Board, also the Missionary Circles and the Sunday School, under the leadership of Deacon J. A. Bethea.

The associate ministers are Reverends Daniel Bethea, O. W. Williams, Sam Brooks, J. R. Fruster,

also Reverends Woodard, W. R. Small, Young and C. C. Sharpe.

The deacons are J. A. Bethea, chairman; L. B. Florence, Howard Florence, Yardwick Williams, John Norwood, John Wright, Walter Higgins, also Allen Brown, William Brown, Porter Wright, Alonza Bennett and C. E. Matthews.

The trustees are David Jeffers, chairman; Quinie Williams, William Florence, John W. Allen, Roman Clinard, Willie Williams, also Charlie Goolsby, Oliver Douglass, Jimm Perry, Evan Williams and Alex Grier.

Mrs. Leslie Perry is the church clerk.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

W. E. Daye, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Durham has recently led this congregation in the completion of a beautiful new church building.

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L. E. Daye, pastor of Shiloh Church, Morrisville, recently led this church in an Institute of Christian Education with C. C. Craig, assistant to the executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention as the leader.

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J. T. Johnson, pastor of the Poplar Springs Church, Addor and the St. Luke Churches, Hasty, has recently been called to a church in Lumber River. He is President of the Pee Dee Union.

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Ebenezer Church, Rocky Mount, has recently called a dedicated, preaching young preacher in his early twenties, Thomas Walker. Watch him do well at Ebenezer.

Ex-Moderator Laid To Rest

The Reverend Luther Mack Stevenson, Longwood, N. C., expired on Saturday, November 28, 1970.

Reverend Stevenson was moderator of the Ocean View Association from 1917 to 1968. He also served the following churches as pastor: Pleasant View, Pleasant Hill, Macedonia, Zion Plane, Cedar Grove, Union, Little Prong and all of the Ocean View Missionary Baptist Association.

TO THE BAPTIST CONSTITUENCY

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During the past fiscal year the Lott Carey Convention made the largest contribution of any non-white foreign mission agency in the United States. 92% of our total income was spent on the foreign field.

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Rose Hill Baptist Church
216 Rice Street
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Rev. J. W. Wallace, pastor
Charlotte, N. C.



Rose Hill Baptist Church
Tradesville, South Carolina

The Reverend J. W. Wallace, one of the brethren serving the two churches pictured above, and under his leadership, were able to move each congregation into their modern building. Each edifice is equipped with educational departments for the worship services of the Lord. The debt for these buildings are paid in full.

PRIVATE HOME WORKERS EMPLOYERS MUST FILE REPORT

"Any person who pays a worker as much as \$50 cash in a calendar quarter for services in a private home must report these earnings and pay the social security taxes," Robert A. Flynn, Social Security District Manager in Raleigh said recently.

Many employers, and employees, do not realize this is a compulsory provision of the law. Many, believe the coverage of work in a private home is voluntary, Flynn pointed out.

Wages of \$50 or more from any one employer during a calendar quarter are covered under social security and the employee receives the same credit on his social security earnings record as a person working in a business establishment. The protection is the same for him and his dependents in case of retirement, death or disability. It is important that employers of household workers report the wages paid to the employees. Records are needed to make the proper reports easier, Flynn said. They do not need to be elaborate but should show the names of the employees, their social security numbers, dates worked and the amount of wages.

The quarterly reports are filed with Internal Revenue Service and are due by the end of the month following the end of the calendar quarter. For example, the quarterly report covering July, August and September is due by October 31.

A simple form is provided by Internal Revenue

Service to use in reporting wages of household employees. Any employer who has not taken the necessary action to obtain the reporting forms should get in touch with either the Internal Revenue Service or their local social security office, Flynn said. The Raleigh Social Security office is located at 310 New Bern Avenue, Room 308. Phone 755-4110.

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WOMAN'S CONVENTION MID-YEAR SESSION!

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**"WORST TRAGEDY IN LIVING MEMORY"
SAYS PAKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR TO U. N.
FOLLOWING AFTERMATH OF CYCLONE
Agha Shahi on CBS News' "World of Religion"
on CBS Radio**

"By all accounts, the disaster in East Pakistan is the worst tragedy in living memory, or perhaps in this century." Agha Shahi, the Pakistanian Ambassador to the United Nations, made this statement to CBS News Correspondent Reid Collins in New York on Thursday, November 19, on the CBS News "The World of Religion" broadcast on the CBS Radio Network.

The Pakistanian diplomat, in an exclusive interview, commented on the religious implications of the tragedy's aftermath which brought death and destruction to countless thousands when a cyclone and tidal waves smashed through his country's eastern coastal regions.

"The people of East Pakistan strongly take death into account as part of the inevitable order of things. And they believe that what cannot be averted, must be endured," the ambassador noted. "The common people live very close to nature, and, thus, are very familiar with the facts of death. Death is a part of their life and they accept it."

Agha Shahi observed that a majority of the inhabitants of the stricken area are fishermen who constantly brave the treacherous storms in the Bay of Bengal.

The U. N. Ambassador reported that his government has already mobilized its entire naval force for local rescue operations, treating the gravity of the project "as a major war operation."

Public apathy to death on the other side of the world — outside of one's own country — had special significance for the foreign dignitary.

"Modern technology and affluence make people always look towards the enjoyment of those things, and forget the basic facts of life," he said. "But, for us, it strikes with a very strong impact. It reaffirms how precarious life really is, and how it hangs on a single thread."

"So," he concluded, "when we think of such a tragedy which has wiped out hundreds of thousands of people — almost in an instant — you realize that you are not one of the victims and at the same time become aware of feelings of sympathy for those who are afflicted and deserving of all the support and assistance that you can personally give them."

The award-winning "The World of Religion" weekly broadcast is produced by Larry Nathan. Executive Producer is Peter Wells, CBS News, Radio. Anchorman is CBS News Correspondent Douglas Edwards.

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