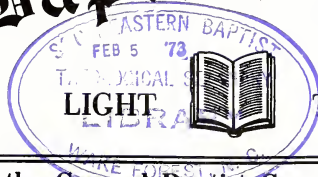


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PASTOR AND FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson and Daughter

The First Baptist Church, North Main Street, Fairmont, recently paused to thank and praise God for her existence as a One Hundred Three year old church of Christ in the Fairmont community.

Ably led by Dr. Joy Joseph Johnson for 21 years, First Baptist has made tremendous progress and has scattered her roots across the state and nation. Along with his faithful pastorage of this historic church, Dr. Johnson has recently won re-election for a second term as a State Representative to the North Carolina General Assembly from the 21st District comprising Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties. He also serves as the First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Vice Moderator and Director of

Christian Education of the St. John Baptist Association; Co-Chairman of the North Carolina Black Assembly; Chairman of the small Committee for Political Action of the General Baptist State Convention; Chairman of Fairmont Tri-Racial Committee; Grand Chaplain of the United Order of Salem; Vice President of Town and Country Bank, Lumberton and a leader in the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

The First Baptist Church had a very humble beginning in 1869 when a group of people who had been slaves were expelled from the White First Baptist Church after the Emancipation Proclamation. The church began to move forward and during their 103 years they have had nine pastors, namely: Rev. Churchal Reeves, Rev. Frez Hall, Rev. Alexander Moore, Rev. Dennis Powell, Rev. Bartley Williams, Rev. W. C. Pope, Rev. J. D. Harrell, Rev. J. D. McCrae and Dr. J. J. Johnson.

During the Anniversary Celebration, the Anniversary Sermon was ably delivered by Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton; Moderator, Lumber River Baptist Association; Third Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention; member of the Lumberton City Council and a member of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

CORRECTION

The pocket calendars mailed by the General Baptist State Convention with the Dates To Remember errorer in printing the place for the One-Day Session of the Laymen's League. It should have been Friendship, Fayetteville instead of Friendship, Charlotte. Please make this correction on your calendar. Thank you.

O. L. Sherrill

WALTON TO ENGLAND



Walton

The Rev. Clyde B. Walton, pastor of the Oak City Baptist Church, Raleigh has accepted an invitation to journey to Upper Heyford, England to share in Brotherhood Week, January 28 - February 3, 1973. Rev. Walton will preach at two services and will speak at a chapel dinner at the U. S. Air Force Base in Upper Heyford. He will also meet with groups around the

base including airmen and teenagers. The theme for the occasion will be "People Together" with emphasis on harmony and love among all people.

Rev. Walton is the father of Sgt. Charles Edward Walton who is stationed at Upper Heyford. He will combine business and pleasure on this trip. Sgt. Walton and his family is expected to return to Raleigh in May, 1973 at which time he plans to enter Shaw University.

We wish for Rev. Walton a wonderful trip and a safe return home.

THE OUTWARD SHOWING OF AN INNER COMMITMENT

By HENRY D. COOPER
State Laymen's Secretary

At times I feel like asking some people, "Do you say Amen when the minister makes a good point during his sermon?" By their actions, they would have to say No. Then I would like to inquire, "Do you ask a blessing before you eat food in a public restaurant?" Again, as I so often observe, their answer would be No. Then I want to ask, "Well, what do you do to look like a Christian?"

A person is sadly mistaken if he believes that he can be a true Christian without looking like one. The root of the entire program inaugurated by Jesus is unselfishness. Doing for others is a continual keynote in His teachings. Therefore, a person who accepts and enjoys the philosophy of Jesus for the enrichment of his own life, without constantly being on the alert in his outreach for other people, is simply APPROVING Christianity, or agreeing with it. He is not PRACTICING it. In Matthew 5:16, the Master says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Later, Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, 8:16: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

The very first requirement of a person who has repented of his sins and who believes that Jesus will save him, is that he make an outward showing of this inner commitment by being baptized. Some organized Church groups feel that it is all right to substitute a symbol for the full process of submersion, but we as General Baptists, insist that the new Christian do the same thing which Jesus did, which was to be completely immersed in water. A person who undertakes to follow the Master will encounter difficulties as he travels the road which finally brings him to Calvary. Hence, if he can substitute tokenism for the real thing at the beginning of his travels, how do we know that he will not look for an easy way out when the going gets rough later on?

The next outward showing which the Christian needs to make is to join a Church, attend its services, and support its program. Some may tell me that many people are "good" without attending Church. Yes, there are many such people. But how can a wrong-doer change his ways and follow these people? They have written down no rules which a beginner may learn. They have no book which explains their standards of "goodness." They can enjoy their "goodness" for themselves, but have no method for training other people to practice the same. By uniting himself with a Church, the Christian is clearly showing which list of rules he is following, what Book explains his standards, and how he is striving to draw other people into his higher plane of living.

Now, back to the matter of shouting in Church, or just saying "Amen" once in a while: some people say that speaking out like this shows ignorance, or a lack of self-restraint. What is ignorance? Ignorance means a state of not knowing something. What is it that the person who enjoys two-way communication in the worship service doesn't know? Surely, you wouldn't say it is Jesus whom he doesn't know. It must be derision of the world that he doesn't know, or some of the false standards of bigness which Satan has put before us. May God bless such ignorance, and may we have more of it! As for the self-restraint angle, do you realize that when a person makes no response when he is being talked to, he has indirectly left himself free to take no action on the matter which was presented to him?

Of course if everybody would speak out at the same time, the Church services might become too noisy, so we may think of some other ways in which a worshipper may show his commitment to Christ. Choir members, by wearing robes, mark themselves for the type of service which they render, and also by covering their clothing or by wearing garments alike, enable the members of the congregation to concentrate upon the music as an avenue by which they can strive toward heavenly heights. Other

persons in special groups, such as Ushers, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Missionaries, sometimes wear badges, flowers, or uniform attire as a means of re-enforcing their commitment to Christ and as a signal to the lonely wayfarer that they are following the path which Jesus trod.

I once attended a Men's Day Service at a Church in which all of the men wore white gloves. During a special prayer, these men stood in a body, and each placed his right hand over his heart and his left hand at his back. After the services were over, another visitor in talking to me expressed the thought that this was too much formality. But indeed, this kind of participation was not just formality! It was a means by which each of fifty men showed his commitment to the task of following Christ. During the week which followed, how could the hands which were gloved in the Master's service be used to commit sin, and how could such hands be withheld from a brother struggling to escape from the influence of Satan?

In his daily mingling among other people, a Christian can make his light shine just as effectively, if not more so, by the things which he does not do, as by the things which he does. This is especially true of his use of his mouth, because too much talking could build an empty image and also could raise the question of self-righteousness. As the crowd gets pleasure from lowly sources, let the people notice, one by one, that there is a Christian who is not joining in with them. As they kneel down and worship idols, let them gradually become aware that the Christian is standing up for Jesus.

And when does the Christian look most like Christ? When he is standing alone.

THE REV. WILIMENA DAVIS— A VERSATILE MINISTER

By REV. PERCY HIGH, Pastor
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham



Davis

The Reverend Wilimena Davis was born in Wallace, North Carolina. She received her early education in the public schools of Duplin County. This versatile minister brings to her present work a background of tested leadership experience. She was ordained to the Baptist Ministry in March, 1967; possesses a Doctor of Divinity degree; holds a certificate of recognition

from the Billy Graham School of Evangelism; and a Christian Training Diploma from the Southern Bap-

tist Convention. An active member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, she is presently serving as Minister of Evangelism and replacing Mrs. Annie L. Filmore, President of the Missionary Circle.

Mrs. Davis has traveled all over the country giving of herself to humanity. Travels include trips to Europe, Asia and Africa. She considers a trip to the "Holy Land" in 1966, the highlight of her travels.

She is a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the NAACP and the Society for Technical Communication.

Mrs. Davis is married to William Davis, and has one son, Gary - presently serving in the United States Navy.

FEATURE ADDRESS DELIVERED

To The

Gaston County Baptist Missionary Union

By MISS ELIZABETH FAYE BROOKS

President Anderson, Ministers and Friends. It is indeed an honor to stand before you this afternoon, not as a speaker, but as an obedient person trying to follow a suggestion that I speak to you. I kept telling Mrs. Chisholm I couldn't speak, she insisted I try, so here I am. Of course, I felt honored for even asking me when I knew of so many other youth who could do a better job. Nevertheless, I will attempt to do my best. Mrs. Anderson, I hope you will accept my apology for not using our theme for my topic, but instead I decided to talk about

"Relating Christ to Our Generation"

To our Generation life is exciting. We are almost ready to venture into a New Year, what are we going to do? Have we decided to take inventory of our lives and try to build on a firm foundation, or do we plan to stand still instead of pressing forward. This is not only for our youth but the adults as well. Are we able to forget what is behind and to do our best to reach what is ahead.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. O Lord open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. Psalm 51-10-12-15.

The responsibility of our youth today is a great task. The form of entertainment has played a major role with us. The world is rapidly changing but we must be strong enough and have faith in God to combat the forces of evil. Are we able to say no when tempted during the week's activities at school. I say again I relate this not only to youth but to

adults as well. When you are tempted during the week do you forget and think I'll do this just once and it will be fine. Remember God has an all seeing eye so what ever we do He knows about it.

Our youth play an important role in our Society today and as we launch into this New Year, will the adults stand by and criticize us or will they take us by the hand and help lead us on. The youth of today are crying for a cause. We want something we can sink our teeth into and become a part of. Our adults will throw up hands when they see certain styles of dress we wear. Far out dress is a way of being individual, but I must confess for some it is a way of rebellion. We want to be different, to be ourselves. What does it matter if a boy has long hair or short hair as long as he has Christ in his heart. Jesus looks on the inside of man.

It has been said we don't support our churches as we should. Most of us are active in our youth groups and church activities. We love and appreciate our churches, and we are willing to work more than the adults realize. Little is known that the youth plays an important role in helping to send the gospel into another land. For example, today many exchange foreign students are in our public schools, the contact with these students can also be a religious aspect.

Youth, I must say that there will come a time when we must make a choice in life, and it may cost us a lot, but we must be ready to face the challenge of the day. I realize in attending Sunday School and church we have listened to many stories from the Bible. This story of Daniel in the Lion's Den is one I remember. When Daniel went into the Den of lions, he didn't know it was God's will that he be delivered, but rather than compromise his convictions and his faith in God and his relationship with God, he was willing to be torn limb from limb. Daniel, the prime minister of Babylon, one of the greatest men of the Old Testament, walked into the den of lions because God asked it of him.

Today are we striving for this faith in our Generation. Do we take time to pray each day or do we find our studying and the activities we engage in keep us too busy. If we mold some of these habits now it will help us in relating Christ to our lives. What about prayer? Do we take time to pray. Take your time and schedule it. Plan each day as though it were your last. In prayer we do not need any special words or any special language. We can use to God the same language as we use every day. We do not need to be in any special place to pray. We can pray any where. Of course it is easier to pray in some places than it is in others. God is just as near to us in a room in our home, on the street, in a classroom, or on a play field, as he is in church. We do not need to be in any special position to pray to God. We can pray walking along the road,

sitting in a chair, standing in the wide-open spaces, riding along as well as we can pray kneeling. When we pray all we have got to do is just speak to God as we speak to our best friend.

Our generation needs youth who will say, By God's Grace whatever the cost, I will stand and follow. Can you say I am committed to Jesus Christ to spread the Gospel? Will you say to God, I'll go where you want me to go and I'll be what you want me to be. I want to be your child. I will deny myself and take up the cross this New Year and relate Christ to my generation.

May we pray

O God, Thank you for everything that has happened today.

Thank you for the people who have been patient to listen to me.

Thank you for giving me parents to care for me, and for friends to work and play with.

Create in me a clean heart and renew my spirit

Give me a will strong enough always to choose the right, and never to be persuaded to do anything that is wrong, through Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

"ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP"

By GEORGE ROBINSON

The Economic Development Corporation will conduct a three-day workshop at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, January 29-31, 1973. The workshop will be helpful to all ministers and congregations interested in economic development.

The basic topics to be discussed are:

1. Starting a business
2. Assistance for those already in business
3. Developing community economic project
4. What agencies have available funds
5. Non-governmental sources of funding
6. How economic development and political development relates
7. The role of the church in economic development

Dr. Sherrill has been invited to participate in the workshop. For further information regarding the workshop, please call or write to Economic Development Corporation, c/o Mr. Leon Perry, P. O. Box 418, Warrenton, North Carolina; telephone number (919) 257-4111.

SANDY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
FAIRMONT ROAD
LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA
REV. R. L. DAVIS, PASTOR

THE L. S. STEPHENS' SENIOR CHOIR HISTORY

The Sandy Grove Baptist Senior Choir was organized in the year of 1900 under the direction of the late Rev. Charlie B. Mosley with Miss Maggie Quicker as pianist. The late Mr. J. H. Isley was the second director. He worked untiringly for a number of years with Miss Quicker and Miss Janie Griffin as pianists.

In the year 1919, Mr. L. S. Stephens became the director of the choir. Miss Griffin continued to serve as pianist. The late Mesdames Lesslie Kemp, Pendergrass, Mildred Barnhill, Hale, and Maggie Bell McLean served as pianists through the past years. Later Mrs. Rosenia M. Thompson, Mrs. Mammie K. Pope and Mr. George H. Young accompanied the choir.

In 1950, Mrs. Lillian S. Thompson, daughter of L. S. Stephens, began serving as pianist and organist for the choir and is presently working in this capacity.

The Senior Choir, in 1964, was named the "L. S. Stephens' Choir" in honor of Deacon L. S. Stephens who served as director until 1971. Under his leadership the choir has rendered service in local churches and in many churches of the **Lumber River Baptist Association**. Many financial programs have also been sponsored by the choir. Among them was the world's famous known "Wings Over Jordan Choir."

In 1966 the choir contributed \$157.73 to the church. That same year this choir with the help of the J. B. Ballard Choir purchased a window for the church sanctuary, and gave a donation of \$193.65 to the church. A contribution of \$135.06 was presented in 1968. In 1969 a \$50.00 donation was given, 1970, \$51.50 and 1971, \$124.06. In 1972, \$165.62.

The choir is now 72 years old with 12 members serving faithfully. The present officers are:

Director and President	Mrs. Susie West
Secretary	Mrs. Augusta Stephens
Treasurer	Mrs. Vernon Breeden
Program Chairman	Mrs. B. P. Thompson
Organist	Mrs. L. S. Thompson



The First Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. S. J. Jones, Pastor, Rocky Mount recently paid \$400.00 on her second Life Membership to the NAACP. This was given in honor of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Jones.

THE JOY OF OUR LIFE

By WILSON W. LEE

Last week we met with our fellow ministerial brothers in Raleigh, and at the time we were preoccupied with a concern for the trial of Ben Chavis and nine others. Our bitter experience in many bouts with justice in North Carolina, or America in fact, had well taught us what to expect for Ben and others with black faces. Inasmuch as we personally knew that some of our brothers in the meeting bore the very pain of injustice in the nation and had spoken and acted uncompromisingly against its evil; frankly to our knowledge they were in the minority, and we were afraid that the lone fighting by them, and the voice of those who yell from their pulpits, eloquently, though void of truth by any standard of reason: "the church has got no business in politics," may have moderated their action or altered their conviction.

We sat almost passively listening to our brothers deliberate on a matter which we were deeply concerned, but inwardly we were disturbed — we knew that those there represented only a small part of the Baptist Churches of the Convention and that the group would have an up-hill fight against the religious philosophies "the church should stay out of politics," "the white man may take all of this world, just give me Jesus," etc. We knew that these philosophies had become inlaid principles, though deceptive, in the hearts and minds of our people over many years of expounding. But we were burdened with another fear, and that was the fear that we were only considering a small part of politics — voting.

We shared with our brothers the concern of voting, but we wondered if our brothers shared with us the concern for equal justice in the courts; we wondered if they would understand the action of the courts, just or unjust, as a part of politics; we were fearful that the ministers were going to reject any suggestion that they had the responsibility to see that equal justice is carried out. After a quick session with some of the ministers, we were encouraged to try to appeal to the ministers to give support to Ben Chavis and the other nine persons who were at that time facing a bar that had never known to be just to black people.

At the end of the meeting we asked to closet with some of the ministers immediately, but we were prevailed upon that we should not delay in going to lunch. The alternative was that we would be able to get together at the motel where we were to eat. Our purpose in asking to speak to these ministers was really a "feeling process" to determine whether it would be worthwhile to make the appeal to the group. We went to the motel and ate. Nearing the end of the meal, we caught Representative Joy Johnson by the forearm and whispered

to him what we wanted to talk about. At this point we are still unable to relate to you the joy we received nor exclaim the courage of the men who had already acted, and were to act.

Representative Johnson explained to us that they were already giving support and had sat in on the courts. Moreover, he thanked us for bringing this to his attention for he had planned to make an appeal to the group of ministers to support Ben and the nine others. He explained to us that brother George Dudley had met in his church with a group whose purpose was to support Ben and the nine. Joy then turned to the group of ministers and emphatically stated to them what was going on in Burgaw, North Carolina, and appealed to the group with all of his might to be in Burgaw the next day for the trial.

We can truthfully say that at this point it was one of the glorious times we have ever had with our fellow ministers. Our eyes filled with tears and our heart was overjoyed. We had expected a defensive rationale "you know the church has got no business in the courts and the preacher shouldn't be involved." No, not one voice was raised in this direction. We do not have words adequate, brothers, to thank you! Thank you who attended the courts and supported them with your money and principle. Thank you who intend to be with them through the ordeal still ahead. Your action brothers in understanding and acting to the call of justice has made it much easier for us to hear the ministers from the pulpit: we can no longer feel that he is preaching something that he would not dare to practice when he rocks the congregation and sets them into a spiritual frenzy as he fervently depicts the bravery of Daniel in the lion's den, or the faith and courage of the Hebrew Boys in the fire. We can truthfully say that we have seen a small portion in action, and we thank and admire the ministers who stepped from the portal of their pulpits and declared:

O man what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

No white man has ever paid the death penalty by the enforcement of law for any crime he has committed against a black man — yet the black man has been forced to pay with his last measure of life many times for crimes committed against white people and many times for acts that were less than crimes. The white man has been able to carry out this flagrant wrong and call it justice, principally because the black preacher who has been the most potent force in the black community, has sat supinely and allowed it. Here we do not intend to discredit the black minister and his work. His very being and work cannot be measured. We are also keenly aware that the black minister has been in the forefront in the fight for justice. They were in the minority; they were the few among the many.

They were as the few who saw the need to go to Burgaw and give support to Ben Chavis and the nine others.

What we are trying to point up is the tremendous power black ministers have if they will just organize and use it. The black minister must become a guardian for justice, equal justice (do you thing it is just an accident that no white people are charged in the Wilmington case? — to fight it takes two — do you ever wonder why when black people's homes and offices are burned down, it is very seldom that anyone is apprehended? — and when he is apprehended, if he is white, what is done to him?) all over this United States, in every city, every county, every district, every parish and every hamlet. We must be in the courthouses everywhere. Knowing the injustice in this country, it is only fair to say that some of us will die, in our effort to secure it, and some of us will banish behind the prison wall, but if we are going to be **men in this society**, to walk we must, and we must not dare to fear to walk.

The only reason why this state and nation have been able to find comfort and justification in such cruelty as the injustice of the courts of this state and nation is because an apathetic black public has stood by and watched this inhumanity; or has acquiesced to the fantasy of justice which is a brutal pseudonym — The black preacher can rally the people — the black preacher does rally the people — and if justice is to be in America, the black preacher must rally the people against this terrible cruelty. Stand with Ben Chavis and the other nine; stand with James Grant and the other three — your destiny and the destiny of the black people is wrapped up with theirs.

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JOHNSTON COUNTY DISTRICT BODY REPORTS BEST YEAR

By MISS LUGENIA M. JONES

The year 1972 has gone. However, the organizations of the Johnston County District Association have worked hard trying to help do a good job for the Master.

The Woman's Missionary Union, under the leadership of Mrs. Clara Ballentine, believe in improvement so the future generation will be more Christlike. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell joins with President Ballentine in training the youth to have a desire to live for Christ. They are both hard working Christian Women, doing a good job. The Missionaries of the Union give them their support, and are glad to have such conscientious women as their leaders. The officers were re-elected and were installed December 9 when we had our last meeting for the year at Watts Chapel.

Some programs held this year were: The Workers Council, the planning or Mass Meeting in January; Shaw Day in April; Central Orphanage Day at the Orphanage; Benefit Dinner in Smithfield sponsored by the Juniors for the camp site and the Grand March, sponsored by the Seniors for the camp site.

The play "Climbing Jacob's Ladder", was held on Shaw Campus in the University Church.

Johnston County Organizations are trying to do more each year.

Some of the amounts given were as follows: Shaw University, \$1,070.35; Central Orphanage, \$1,109.66; Camp Site, \$1,285.43; Home and Foreign Missions, \$1,218.22; other programs, \$616.34.

The Christian Arms of the Missionary Union, The Ministers and Deacons Union, Sunday School and B.T.U. Conventions and the Johnston County District Association have been entwined around each other for the services of the Lord. They are trying to lift up humanity and make some ones dark day bright by working together and helping support the state objectives.

Our accomplishments have been better this year than ever before. All have worked together on one accord.

Total given for all departments in 1972 was \$5,200.00.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD AT EBENEZER CHURCH IN GREENSBORO

By Malinda T. Mebane

On January 14, 1973 at 11:00 A.M. the Ebenezer Baptist Church had its first Baptismal Service in our newly built Baptistry. The public was cordially invited to attend.

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From Our Executive Secretary



Dear Christian Co-Workers:

The first five months of our Convention's fiscal year have ended. We are still remembering the fine record of Conventional giving in 1972, \$484,000.00, and are gratified by continued support of our churches.

So much for what has been done; now, for what must be done. The next seven months offer the greatest challenge ever faced by the Convention. Our budget for the year 1972-73 is five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars. This is definitely a real goal which can be reached through deep concern and cooperation of churches and pastors of the Convention. I have given suggested quotas to all churches in the Convention as an organized effort to have each church play a definite part in reaching the budget according to ability. We are asking each church to please send its contributions monthly through the Unified Plan to the Baptist Headquarters.

May this year bring us together, not only more frequently, but with greater blessings for us and the Cause which we serve.

O. L. Sherrill

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 Frank Marshall, *Statistician*

NEW BERN FIRST
INSTALLS PASTOR

By MRS SHIRLEY JONES



Hammond

The Reverend D. S. Hammond was installed as the Pastor of the First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21, 1973. Evening Services included Bishop J. N. Gilbert of the Antioch F. W. B. Church, Kinston, North Carolina. The installation was finalized by the Reverend W. B. Moore of the Cornerstone M. B. Church, Greenville, North Carolina. We were really blessed

throughout the day by these two Gospel Preachers. Reverend Hammond is a great asset to our church, our community, and our state, in that he exemplifies the true picture of a chosen servant to carry God's messages.

The Reverend David S. Hammond is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Hoyt Hammond of Winterville, North Carolina. He is a graduate of the W. H. Roberson High School, Winterville, N. C. He attended North Carolina Central University and also the University of Maryland while on tour with the Army. He is a graduate of Flechman School of Broadcasting. He is a former radio announcer and was given the honor of National Disc Jockey of the Year in 1967. He is a member of N. C. Mount Calvary Masonic Lodge No. 669 and also Anderson Lodge Guo. of O. F. No. 11972, NAACP, and S.C. L.C., Black Pastors Conference of Pitt Co., and Advisor and Consultant of the Greenville Boys Club, and Human Relations Commission of Greenville, N. C.

He is married to the former Peggy Rose Hardy of Greenville, N. C. They have three children: Lenette, David and Jill.

The Hammonds reside presently at 618 Hudson Street, Greenville, N. C.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A group made up primarily of North Carolina Baptists took an exciting trip to the Holy Land and Rome during the Christmas season. With the Reverend and Mrs. Corbin Cooper serving as tour hosts, the trip began on December 26 with an Air France Boeing Jet 747 out of New York. Another group from Virginia traveling with the Reverend H. G. McGhee, Sr., joined them for a total of 40 who traveled together.

Some of the exciting and inspiring places visited in Israel included Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the Jordan River, Jacob's Well, the Dead Sea, and Masada.

Those traveling with the Coopers from North Carolina were: the Reverend and Mrs. James A. Davis, The Reverend and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, the Reverend and Mrs. A. M. Winslow, the Reverend and Mrs. Preston Pendergrass, the Reverend and Mrs. G. D. McNeill, the Reverends Chester A. Hart, S. A. Raper, L. B. Cameron, C. M. Deloatch, S. G. Dunston, J. P. Mangrum, Walter Yarborough, Mrs. G. D. Baucom, Mrs. J. A. Little, Mrs. A. C. Matthews, Mrs. Elizabeth Dulin, and Miss Rachel Campbell.

FIRST AFRICAN
DESTROYED BY FIRE

The First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, was completely destroyed by fire on February 12. The Reverend I. B. Horton is the pastor.

Please pray for Brother Horton and his good people. If you would like to make a contribution, please send the same to the First African Baptist Church, c/o Reverend I. B. Horton, Pastor, 424 Warsaw Court, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Woman's Page----

BAPTIST MISSIONARIES ANSWER CALL

MRS. THELMA C. HORTON
Chairman of Public Relations

Several months ago a "call for help" from the president and the executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was heard by senior, young adult and youth missionaries all over the great illustrious State of North Carolina. The "call for help" stated that "we need now: \$25,000 for the Assembly (Camp) Site in order to open in June, 1973. With the Blessings of our Heavenly Father and with your continued cooperation, we can do it".

A plan was outlined with the County Union Presidents heading the drive. The Counties were divided into four groups, according to their financial ability. Those reporting the largest amount of money above their designated quota would receive one of the following trips as a reward: (1) One messenger to the National Baptist Convention, Los Angeles, California; (2) One messenger to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA, Pittsburgh, Pa.; (3) One messenger to the Annual Session, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Greenville; and (4) A cash award.

In response to the "call for help", more than seventeen chartered buses and a large number of cars arrived in Chadbourn on Saturday, January 13, filled with "united witnesses". The senior department met in the Chadbourn Elementary School Gymnasium and the young adult and youth departments in the First Baptist Church.

The weather was cold and icy, following North Carolina's first winter storm, but the warmth and friendliness, so graciously extended by the pastor, Rev. James E. Barber, the members of the church, its neighbors and Executive Board Member, Mrs. Lena Singletary, soon erased the uneasiness and weariness many of the delegates had experienced during the previous days.

The twentieth annual mid-year session of the convention, featuring the senior, young adult and youth departments was declared opened for business, following a soul-stirring devotion. The president, Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Ahoskie, greeted the senior department with praise and thanksgiving for their loyal support. Dr. C. R. Edwards, president of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., reminded the delegates of their reasons for coming and

urged each of them to accept the challenge of the hour and receive a blessing from God.

The W. C. Pope Choir from the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, furnished the music. They lifted their voices to the glory of God, under the direction of Mrs. E. Burns Turner, second vice president, WBHFMC.

Executive Secretary Horne and Mrs. Slade made brief statements regarding their recent trip to Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa. There they participated in the dedication service for the Minnie C. Lyons Building. Mrs. Slade, who also serves as chairman of the Alberta Randolph Fund, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA, expressed her appreciation to the delegates for helping her to report \$17,183.00 for this worthy and noble cause. The honoree, Miss Minnie C. Lyons, Durham, served thirty years in Brewerville at the Lott Carey Mission School as a Missionary, Teacher and Nurse for the Woman's Convention. Souvenir Post Cards with a photograph of Miss Lyons may be secured from the office for a small fee.

Mrs. Horne presided over "The Woman's Convention At Work". She presented the State Year-Round Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen and the Institute Promoters to the convention. She expressed her gratitude to each of them for their faithfulness and continued support of the objectives.

The next moments were really filled with excitement . . . sealed in four special brown envelopes were the names of those who would be rewarded for "service beyond the call of duty". The presidents marched to the table with their secret in their hands and anxiously awaited the announcement of the winners. Finally, the winners were announced. There was excitement and perhaps some disappointment, as well as some surprise. They are: (1) \$500 Group, Forsyth County, Mrs. Clara M. Hayes, reporting \$2,730.00, trip to the National Baptist Convention, Los Angeles, California; (2) \$300 Group, Halifax County, Mrs. A. C. Matthews, reporting \$677.81, trip to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.; (3) \$200 Group, Vance County, Mrs. Ethel H. Clements, reporting \$654.67, trip to the annual session, Woman's Baptist State Convention, Greenville and (4) \$100 Group, Craven County, Mrs. Clara M. Hines, reporting \$189.05, a cash award. (Please note that each county has the privilege of selecting the individual to attend these conventions.)

The Young Adult Session was rich and rewarding. President Amanda Stevens, Lumberton, presided.

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Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, Fayetteville, is the State Director and Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, Winston-Salem, is the State Associate Director.

Miss Jewyl Edwards, Fayetteville, president of the Youth and the First Vice President, Miss Audrey Kee, Durham, presided over their session. Following the session on "Meeting the Challenges of 1973", Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor, gave the closing remarks.

The three departments assembled in the gymnasium for Departmental Reports and the message. Rev. C. R. Mosley led the group in the singing of two hymns, "I Need Thee" and "Yield Not To Temptation". The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. W. K. Mitchell, pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurinburg and Silver Grove Baptist Church, Raeford. He preached about the "Old, Old Story" and challenged the delegates to "tell the story the way God wants you to tell it". He named pride and the want of prestige as hinderances in telling the story. "There is a price to pay, he expounded, for telling the story, a cross to bear and also a crown awaiting those who tell it the way the Master wants them to."

The delegates gathered around the altar, at the request of Dr. E. Burns Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, to re-dedicate their lives to God and as a special memorial to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the midst of tears, sighs and "thank you, Jesus", many of the delegates realized that the words of Dr. King's favorite song had permeated their hearts and souls, leaving on groans, moans and a longing to be led by Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Master, all the way from earth to glory.

The convention theme "A United Witness For A Confused World" can only become a reality, as we seek to make the words of this prayerful song the integral part of our desires.

The "call for help" was heard! The "call for help" was answered! The delegates reported \$26,584.29 for the financial objectives of the day, namely State Missions and the J. J. Johnson Assembly (Camp) Site. Included in this amount was \$21,584.29 needed to insure the opening of the Assembly (Camp) in June, 1973.

And so . . . with the Blessings of our Heavenly Father, we did it.

SORRY TO BE LATE

The Baptist Informer came to you late in January and the February issue will be late. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to get the paper to you on time. We hope to have things running smoothly so the March issue will be back on schedule. Your consideration is highly appreciated.



Mrs. C. R. Edwards
State Director

THE YOUNG ADULT HANDBOOK THE NEW PUBLICATION OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

By LUELLA D. EDWARDS
(Mrs. C. R. Edwards)

The Handbook is well put together. The color (Hot Pink) is Fantastic and the Contents are Just What Is Needed Over The State.

I am appealing to all Circle Presidents, Young Adult Leaders and Members of Young Adult Departments in every Baptist Church in the State of North Carolina — **Get Your Handbook Now!** Order from our Woman's State Office. Please send check or money order made payable to the

WOMAN'S BAPTIST
STATE CONVENTION

We should be congratulated for a such a **Forward Step**. I am proud to be a part of the Convention.

FLASH

As we go to press, word has come that the Reverend J. E. McGrier of Warrenton passed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family.



Film: **BRIAN'S SONG**



Bethlehem Boys



Fayetteville State University Chorus



Charles Monroe (l.) and Norm Sloan (r.)



The Lawrence Sisters

Mrs. Romeo Lopez
Managua, Nicaragua



Howard Hollingsworth
Pastor, Emerywood
Church, High Point



Mrs. Joan Northen
Soloist



H. D. Cooper
Director, General
Baptist State Convention's
Layman League



STATE BAPTIST MEN AND BOYS CONVENTION

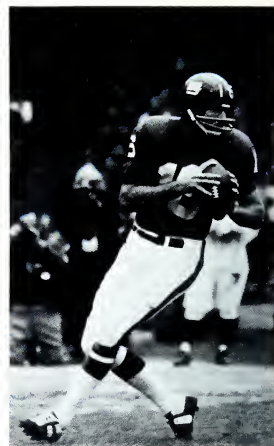
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Fayetteville, N. C.

Theme: Courage to Live (Phil. 1:21)

Sponsors: Baptist State Convention of N. C.
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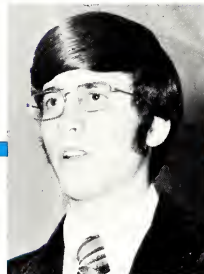


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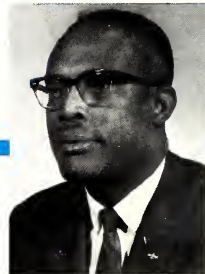
Jack Stanton
Evangelist
Home Mission Board



David McLaurin
16-yr.-old Evangelist



E. B. Turner
Pastor
First Church, Lumberton



THE J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

COUNTY-WIDE DRIVE (WBH&FMC)

CHADBOURN, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY	PRESIDENT	AMOUNT
*Forsyth	Mrs. Clara N. Hayes	\$2,370.00
Johnston	Mrs. Clara Ballentine	2,006.55
Gaston	Mrs. Willie M. Anderson	1,000.00
Cleveland	Mrs. Margaret L. Roberts	721.00
*Halifax	Mrs. A. C. Matthews	677.81
*Vance	Mrs. Ethel H. Clements	654.67
Robeson	Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse	610.75
Durham	Mrs. Willie G. Sneed	535.67
Bertie	Mrs. Raie Cherry	525.50
Mecklenburg	Mrs. Estelle Wright	525.00
Scotland	Mrs. Mabel Kelly	511.00
Wayne	Mrs. Louise Worrells	505.00
Fayetteville City	Mrs. Hattie Williams	485.70
New Hanover	Mrs. Isabelle B. McGowan	353.01
Union	Mrs. J. B. Crowder	351.07
Beulah	Mrs. Alice F. Lee	330.00
Edgecombe	Mrs. Hattie Burston	310.20
Lee	Mrs. Marea Singletary	305.00
Nash	Mrs. Pearl Lorick	292.25
Wilson	Mrs. E. D. Alexander	239.00
Anson	Mrs. Martha Gaddy	200.00
Sampson	Mrs. E. V. Robinson	210.00
*Craven	Mrs. Clara M. Hines	189.05
Northampton	Mrs. Louise Lee	175.00
Iredell	Mrs. Mary E. Moore	151.00
Granville	Mrs. Rosetta Pointer	162.75
Martin	Mrs. Carrie Alexander	125.00
Trent River Oakey Grove Union		125.00
Duplin (Upper)	Mrs. Hattie M. King	119.50
Columbus	Mrs. Martha Young	113.00
Davie	Mrs. Prudence L. Johnson	111.20
Raleigh City Union	Mrs. Luna B. Hill	100.00
Wilkes	Mrs. Pearl Miller	100.00
Davidson	Mrs. Elnora Hairston	100.00
Greene	Mrs. Minerva Evans	100.00
Warren	Mrs. Rosa Jackson	100.00
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Rockingham	Mrs. Lucinda Broadnax	100.00
Person	Mrs. Lala Williams	100.00
Alexander	Mrs. Molene Parker	100.00
Pender	Mrs. Gladys Dobbins	93.00
Bladen #2	Mrs. Juanita P. Jones	90.00
Franklin	Mrs. Lucy A. Dunston	81.42
Chatham	Mrs. Lillian Farrington	35.00
Upper Sampson	Mrs. E. V. Robinson	85.00
Guilford	Mrs. Carrie L. Gilmer	50.00
Rowan Woman's Auxiliary	Mrs. Prudence Johnson	2,000.00
New Hope Auxiliary	Mrs. Hazel Bridges	900.00
Deep River Auxiliary Union	Mrs. Marea Singletary	300.00
West Roanoke Woman's Auxiliary	Mrs. Irene V. Yeates	180.00
Trent River Oakey Grove Women's Auxiliary	Mrs. C. B. Chadwick	125.00
St. James (Rocky Mount)		25.00
Jine Hall Circle, Pine Hall		10.00
Mount Carmel, Charlotte	Dr. L. C. Riddick	100.00

* The following persons will receive a free expense convention trip.

- Forsyth County — Mrs. Clara N. Hayes — National, Los Angeles, California
- Halifax County — Mrs. A. C. Matthews — Lott Carey, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Vance County — Mrs. Ethel H. Clements — Woman's Convention, Greenville
- Craven County — Mrs. Clara M. Hines — Cash Gift

THE CALL FOR MEN

By HENRY D. COOPER
State Laymen's Worker

"God, give us men! A time like this demands Great minds, strong hearts, true faith, and ready hands."

This fervent prayer, expressed in poetic form by Josiah Gilbert Holland, is a comparatively modern voice, but it is repeating an ancient need. The call for men to carry out God's program goes back through the total history of mankind's relationship with the Creator.

David pleaded, in Psalm 107:8, "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

Most of the saints, in their epistles, recognized the need for men to come to the forefront in the work of the Church. Paul wrote (I Timothy, 2:8), "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or doubting." Peter said, in his second letter (1:21), "But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The aged John in his first epistle (2:14) said, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

Some hesitant persons may say that this usage of the word "men" in connection with the work of the Church is mostly in a generic sense and includes women and children as well as adult males. Yes, there is bound to be truth in that interpretation, but there is no question that men must be the ones who are always involved where God's work is to be done. Men must provide for the women and children, to make it possible for these weaker groups to participate. It is the men who must be first to arrive and the last to leave. Let us also remember that Jesus took a dozen men with Him as He traveled the highways and by-ways, carrying His gospel to the people. And, we must realize that the greatest danger to society today comes from men who are not committed to Jesus. Do you agree that if the men of the world would practice the teachings of Jesus, the women and children would not be any great problem?

As your Laymen's Worker, my strongest inspiration to appeal to men comes from an experience of my late brother-in-law, the Reverend Moses Newsome, a son of North Carolina who served as pastor and builder of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, West Virginia, for 30 years. Reverend Newsome was driving along a street one day and saw two men with a City truck collecting trash. He stopped his car, got out, and introduced himself to these men. Then he asked, "What Church do you attend?" They replied, "We are garbage men. We don't attend any Church, because we are not good enough to associate

with high class people." Then Reverend Newsome said, "You are just the people whom we want at our Church."

Plans were made to contact the other men of the Sanitary Department, and to have them and their families made welcome to come to the First Baptist Church. It was the minister's natural idea to have these men scatter themselves among various Sunday School classes and other auxiliaries as they engaged in the Church work, but it was discovered that they had been practicing singing at the truck headquarters on rainy days, and they had a chorus ready to provide the music ministry at a regular worship service. Here were some 30 or 40 men of God who had for years been denied an opportunity to share in the glorious fellowship with other worshippers of the Master, just because of some false standards which they had encountered in their dealings with thoughtless people!

How many such men are there in your community, and in my community, who need only a hand of welcome to be extended to them?

JOHNSON HOST TOUR

By JOY J. JOHNSON

Several General Baptist Members went on a Tour of Cyprus, Turkey, Greece, Syria and the Holy Land with Dr. and Mrs. Joy J. Johnson, the hosts and Pastor of First Baptist, Fairmont. It was a ten day Tour, December 11-20, 1972. The Tour group was made up of 20. We were joined by 230 others from all over the United States in Atlanta, Georgia.

When we got to Cyprus by plane the group took the remaining Tour on ship, Orpheus, from country to country by night and toured the countries by bus during the day. We spent many hours on the Mediterranean Sea and took a cruise on the Sea of Galilee and went on to the River of Jordan.

The Tour included: Reverend and Mrs. T. D. Killens, pastor of Boardman and New Hope, Fairmont; Reverend G. W. Ware, pastor of Jones Chapel, Laurinburg; Reverend C. J. Cooper, pastor of Solid Rock, Laurinburg; Reverend W. K. Mitchell, pastor of Bethlehem, Laurinburg and Silver Grove, Raeford; Reverend J. D. Morrissey, pastoring in Faison, N. C.; Mrs. Aggie Nora Simpson, member Shiloh Church, Maxton; Mrs. J. P. Pankey, member of First Baptist, Red Springs; Mrs. Cora Lee McNeill, member of First Baptist, Rowland; Mrs. Amanda Robinson, member of Oak Hill, Wagram; Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, member of First Baptist, Fairmont; Mrs. Eva Mae Leonard, member of Mill Branch, Fairmont; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nesby, members of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

The Tour was educational, informing, inspiring and relaxing.

Another Tour is now being planned for next December. Please contact Joy J. Johnson.

50 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY



Ryans

Dr. A. Jackson Ryans of Charlotte has been a preacher for 50 years and has pastored the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte for more than 25 years. Along with his busy activities as an outstanding pastor, Dr. Ryans serves on the Executive Committee and General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. We congratulate Dr. Ryans on his 50 years in God's service

and prayerfully hope for him many fruitful years ahead.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

By CLIFTON STONE

President, Training Union Congress

After leaving the recent One-Day Session of the General Baptist Convention and after viewing the crowd that were there, listening to the sermons and the reports and noting the financial statements, please allow me to make the following observations, realizing that with our number and our "enthusiasm" and the way we carry on, we ought to raise at least a million dollars a year, but let us note why we are not.

1. We are self-centered. We like to have the largest church in town with the largest membership (no matter how we get them and whether they are saved or not). We like to talk about our budget and what the church is doing (mostly for itself) and as soon as we can't agree on who will sing Easter, we will get a little group and move down the street or around the corner and erect another church and then we will be so busy trying to compete with the Mother Church and likewise the Mother Church with us, that we will not have any thing for the Cause of the General Convention. It is these second, third, four and "Greater and New" Baptist Churches that are really starving the Causes of the General Convention. They are too busy competing and self-praising to do the call of the Master . . . Yet Jesus' final word to Peter was, "Feed my sheep".
2. These "two by four" preachers are also starving the Cause of the Convention. These men who are trying to "pastor" three and four churches and holding down a full time job, many of them are opposed to change. They know it all, you can't tell them a thing. When the material from Headquarters come, they will refuse to let the church know about it and although they are not getting enough to live by, they call themselves the king and always

talk about "my Church, my deacons, my sisters". Many of them would be scared to death if they saw a sermon. They are not pastoring, just holding the people back. They are opposed to Shaw, to State Mission and everything that is essential to the on-going program of worldwide mission. I contend that any man who is opposed to the missionary call of a dying world and who will not respond to the needs of his community, his state and his nation as they relate to spiritual needs and who will not lead his church into the mainstream of doing for others, that maybe he was walking through the woods one day and heard the wind blowing and thought it was God and just maybe he is in the wrong profession or calling.

3. Finally, these monopolistic leaders are starving the Convention, for they will not insist on a thing for laymen training, knowing all the time, that if that "key" man in the church is not sold on the program, his success is limited. Why not insert some money in the budget for laymen travel and training and insist that they attend. Many would, but due to large families and working conditions they cannot, but with some financial assistance, I believe some would come. The Pastor comes to the Convention, dressed up in his new automobile and takes in whatever is said. When he carries this back to his church, which, in many instances are poorly informed and somewhat resentful, will tear up his report before he can go to the rest room and back. In the meantime, if one of the deacons was to bring back the same report and agree with the minister, think of the effect it would have. A well-trained and well-informed congregation will support the objectives of the Convention. A God saved and called minister with an adequate salary will support the objectives of the Convention.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. CONFIDENT HIS SON'S PHILOSOPHY IS RESURGING

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., interviewed prior to his late son's 44th birthday, said he had "great hopes" for the continuation of the work of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and for the resurgence of his son's philosophy.

Martin Luther King, Jr., described by many as the nation's most significant civil rights leader, was born on January 15, 1929.

Dr. King, Sr., who, like his late son, is an American Baptist pastor, said he believed his son's followers "must come to grips with the fact that Martin Luther King, Jr., is not with us any more." He said many people were still suffering "an adjustment pain" to the passing of his son's leadership.

The aging King reflected on the successes of his son's movement of non-violence.

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"We gained our grounds by accepting what they did to us," he said. "They bombed our homes, they killed some of us, they put water hoses on us, they put the dogs on us. All of this we accepted, and then they put us in jail."

These methods were successful, he said, because they "awakened the conscience" of White Americans.

"We believe in non-violence, and we shall continue to practice it," Dr. King said. "I myself don't know whether I'm a non-violent person or not, but I speak my conviction and I'm not going to hate anybody. I just go on and love people."

Dr. King, whose son was assassinated on April 4, 1968, said he had no bitterness in his heart. Although he still saw "much to be done" because "discrimination is still with us," he pointed to some of the successes of the civil rights movement.

"For the first time since reconstruction we have a black man representing Georgia in Congress," he pointed out. "There are cities in Alabama with black sheriffs and mayors. In the last election two more black women were elected to the Congress."

Dr. King described these accomplishments as "encouraging signs, so I see hopes of progress despite our seeming losses. I'm very encouraged."

The American Baptist national offices at Valley Forge, Pa., is continuing its custom of observing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s January 15 birthday as a holiday.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Kilgore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, former president of American Baptist Churches, has been named national chairman of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday Observance on January 21. Dr. Kilgore, whose church is dually aligned with American Baptist Churches and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was named to the job by the Rev. Dr. L. Venchael Booth, NBC president.

Dr. Booth said the Sunday had been set aside "to create unity in action."

MIDDLE GROUND ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL INSTITUTE

The Middle Ground Association held its annual Training Institute at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, North Carolina on January 15-26, 1973. Classes were held each night for two and one-half hours. The two weeks of classes proved to be most successful for all.

Following classes, inspiring and dynamic sermons were delivered by the Reverends J. L. Crandle, S. A. Bennett, H. H. Moore, E. L. Powell, H. Hammond, Johnnie Bell, E. M. Brown, J. H. Chance, J. H. Dixon, J. E. Williams and Dr. A. D. Moseley.

Total enrollment — 352

Instructors: Dr. A. D. Moseley—Ministers
Dr. G. E. Brown—Deacons

Sister Lucy Gray—Mission
Reverend E. M. Brown, Sister Carrie Alexander
and Sister Rosa L. Purvis—Youth.
Dr. G. E. Brown, Moderator
Rev. W. R. Alston, Rec. Secretary

STETSON OPENS DORMS FOR VISITING BAPTIST GROUPS

By FRED H. COOPER

Stetson University president Dr. John E. Johns has announced that Baptist groups visiting in the vicinity of Walt Disney World this summer need not worry about crowded housing conditions.

Located in DeLand, Florida, Stetson is sixty miles from the newly opened attraction which has caused over-crowding in motels and hotels in Orlando. Recent Chamber of Commerce statements have indicated motels filled as far away as Tampa and Daytona Beach.

Dr. Johns explained that Stetson was not entering competition with area commercial facilities but would make dormitories available to Baptist groups such as touring choirs and youth.

The summer housing program is under the direction of Mrs. Mary Lou Palmer who has stated that full information as to accommodations and cost will be made available upon request.

Stetson University is supported by the Florida Baptist Convention and is the oldest private university in Florida. DeLand is located a few miles off of Interstate 4 north of Orlando.

NEWS FROM DEEP RIVER

By D. W. HEADEN

The One-Day Session of the Deep River District Sunday School and B. T. U. Convention will convene at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church, Goldston, N. C. on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. Inease Wicker, district director, will preside over the business session. She urges all pastors, superintendents, teachers and members of all churches in the Deep River Sunday School Convention to attend this One-Day Session.

WORKSHOP

The Reverend Leo Williams, Jr., Director of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, plans to be on the program. He will conduct a workshop after which there will be a question and answer period. President Wicker is asking all interested persons to please come and take a part in this meeting.

D. W. Headen, financial secretary and representative for the Baptist Informer, will be on hand to present a sketch on the Baptist Training Union under the leadership of Deacon Robert Reaves of Robbins, N. C. He is president of the Deep River B. T. U. Congress.

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Mount Zion First, Rocky Mount

MAY 9

One-Day Session, General Baptist State Convention
Mount Zion First, Rocky Mount

JUNE 18-23

National Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress
Dallas, Texas

JUNE 18-23

Progressive National Congress of Christian Education
Columbia, South Carolina

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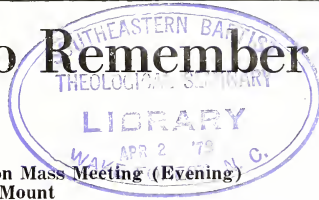
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ST. JAMES INSTALLS PASTOR

On Sunday, March 4, great joy filled the hearts of the members of the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount when the Reverend Charles Thomas Bullock was installed as the seventh pastor of this historic church.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina delivered a strong, challenging and provocative installation sermon. He was presented to the large audience of members of St. James; Reverend Bullock's former members and citizens of Rocky Mount by the Reverend J. E. Arnette, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

The Choirs of St. James under the capable leadership of Mrs. D. M. Hunter, Minister of Music sang until the power of the Lord came down.

The Reverend Thomas Walker, President of the Rocky Mount Minister's Conference presided over the Installation Service.

The Reverend Ernest White, a ministerial son of St. James read the Scripture and the Reverend Lloyd Morris, President of the Rocky Mount Ministers' Fellowship led the prayer.

Mr. Thomas W. Williams, a St. James deacon and Chairman of the Installation Committee greeted the many guests who came to be a part of the service and to wish Pastor Bullock and St. James well. Among the guests were the mothers of Reverend and Mrs. Bullock along with several members of their respective families.

Mrs. Josie Davis ably gave the Declaration of Purpose. The charge to the pastor was powerfully given by Dr. C. C. Staton, Chairman of the Ordination Council of the Neuse River Baptist Association and the charge to the church was given by the Reverend George W. Dudley, Pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church.

The Reverend Elbert Lee, Pastor of the North End Baptist Church gave the Prayer of Installation. Mr. J. T. Bailey, Chairman of the Board of Deacons gave a statement from the church. Mr. W. E. Gay made a presentation from the church to the pastor. The Reverend Wilton Byrd, Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church gave the benediction.

A reception was held honoring Reverend and Mrs. Bullock following the service.

LEE ORDAINED

The Reverend Carl Lee, son of the Reverend Elbert Lee, Pastor of the North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, was recently ordained to the Christian ministry in a special ordination service. The ordination sermon was ably delivered by Dr. F. L. Bullock, Moderator of the Neuse River Baptist Association. The Reverend J. E. Arnette, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, in a very fitting and timely manner gave the charge to Brother Lee. The ordination prayer was delivered by the Reverend George W. Dudley. Reverend Lee is the pastor of the White Oak Baptist Church near Rocky Mount.

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Woman's Page----

THE 4TH ANNUAL STATE-WIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 1973

WHERE: The Shaw University, Raleigh

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will sponsor its 4th Annual State-wide Leaders' Workshop, Saturday, April 14, 1973, The Shaw University Campus from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCAL AND STATE OFFICERS:

- Circle President
- Union Presidents
- Auxiliary Presidents
- Vice Presidents
- Special Workers
- District Conference Chairmen and Co-Chairmen
- Young Adult Directors
- Young Adult Presidents
- Youth Supervisors
- Youth State Advisors
- State Vice Presidents

If you are a Leader in any of the above offices — you should be present and on time.

If you are a President — you should notify and bring your **Young Adult Director**, your **Young Adult President**, your **Youth Supervisor** and your **County Special Worker**.

If you are a Y. A. Director bring your President with you.

Registration Fee \$2.00

Send in your Pre-Registration (\$2.00) Fee now and avoid Standing In Long Lines. When we receive your \$2.00 — we will send you your Registration Card. **ACT NOW! Send in Registration Fee Now.** Your Kit will be ready on your arrival. Begin Praying for a successful meeting.

Yours for the Cause,
 Berthenia D. Horne
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer

TIME WAITS ON NO MAN! FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

Dear President, Director and Supervisor:

It is time to make reservations for the 89th Annual Session of your Woman's Convention, conven-

ing at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, the Reverend B. B. Felder, pastor.

August is Marketing Month in Greenville and all reservations are at a premium. Your Executive Secretary has visited all the Motels in Greenville in your interest. In order to assume accommodations, each motel is requesting the **FIRST NIGHT DEPOSIT**. All deposits will stem from your State Office. Presidents are requested to confer with all departments in your church (Y. A. and Youth). Please specify your motel and Room preference. Reservations are limited. Make checks payable to your **WOMAN'S STATE CONVENTION** and mail NOW.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE 89TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 13-17, 1973

HOTELS AND MOTELS ROOMS PER NIGHT

TOWN HOUSE (Headquarters)

2725 Memorial Drive (40 Rooms Available)

- Single (1 Person-2 double beds) \$ 8.32
- Double (2 Persons-2 double beds) 12.48
- Double (3 Persons-2 double beds) 14.56
- Double (4 Persons-2 double beds) 16.64
- \$2.00 for each Additional Person Per Night

SMITH'S MOTEL — 2309 Memorial Drive (15 Singles - 2 Doubles Available)

- Single (1 Person-1 double bed) \$ 8.32
- Single (2 Persons-1 double bed) 10.42
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Double (2 Persons-1 double bed)	13.52
Twin Room (2 Persons-2 twin beds) (8 Rooms Available)	15.08

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**ECONO TRAVEL MOTEL — 810 S. Memorial
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Single (1 Person-1 bed)	\$ 8.05 per night
Single (2 Persons-1 bed)	10.65 per night
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HOLIDAY INN — S. Memorial Drive
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Single (2 Persons-1 double bed)	14.04
Double (2 Persons-2 double beds)	17.16
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**BLACK HORSE INN — Corner Memorial Drive and
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\$18.72 per Person for 4 nights

Rooms: 1 King Size Bed and 1 Single (3 Persons)
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FOR HOME RESERVATIONS PLEASE WRITE:

Reverend B. B. Felder
701 W. 4th Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
AND
ATHENS**

Departing: December 11, 1973
Returning: December 20, 1973
Hostess: Executive Secretary Horne
Call or write the Woman's Baptist
Home and Foreign Missionary Convention
of North Carolina

PLANE TO LOS ANGELES
(RESERVATIONS ARE NOW DUE)

Reservations have already been received for over 70% of the seats on the United Airlines DC-8 Jet plane for those who wish to attend the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in September. Others who plan to go should make their reservations now.

The plane is scheduled to leave the Raleigh-Durham airport on Tuesday, September 4, and return on Saturday, September 8. The total cost of \$260 per person for the package trip includes roundtrip transportation, hotel room, airport-hotel transportation, and a 4-hour tour of Los Angeles.

Reservations may be made by sending a check for \$25, made out to "General Baptist Plane", and mailed to General Baptist Plane, P. O. Box 6172, Raleigh, N. C. 27608. The plane is reserved for pastors and members of General Baptist churches.

MY HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS

M. PHILIP McCLEAVE

December, 1972

I do not know how the roses grow;
I do not know where the snow birds go;
Nor can I tell why the peacock struts,
Or the reasons a hickory tree has nuts.
My heavenly Father knows.

Why the waves dash high, and the billows roll,
Or why the earthquake takes the godly, in its toll;
The way a seed falls to the ground and dies,
Yet lives again, I've seen it with my eyes.
My heavenly Father knows.

I don't know how many grains of sand there are,
Or why the rainbows' end seems near, but yet so far;
How many stars twinkle in the Heavens,
Or why the creation was measured in days of seven.
My heavenly Father knows.

Why does the Lord listen to my prayers,
Even tho my heart, is in bad need of repairs;
Why He took the mysteries of life,
and hid them from me,
God planned it that way, so it has to be.
My heavenly Father knows.

THE EMBLEM OF SUFFERING AND SHAME

By HENRY D. COOPER

Laymen's Worker

We use as the symbol for Christianity a beautiful golden cross. We wear a small one on a chain around our neck, or we have a large one on a table up front in the Church. There have been other symbols for the Christian Church, however; and there were still others which might have been used by Christians, if history had been only slightly different from what it was.

A fish was the first widely adopted symbol, not because many of the original disciples were fishermen or because Jesus wrought several miracles with this creature, but because the Greek word for fish, *ICHTHUS*, was an abbreviation for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour." In this day of alphabetizing the names of so many public agencies, it is interesting to note that this first known use of an acronym was by Christians, who would secretly draw a fish on the ground as a means of recognizing each other, since persecution and death faced them on every hand. The Jews hated the Christians, who wanted to stay within the original church, but insisted upon improving it. The ruling powers hated them, because they thought their system was about to be broken up. Even the name Christian was thought up as a scornful term, applied by outsiders, and was not originated by the followers of Christ for themselves.

Some other early symbols of the Christian Church were: A ship, representing the vessel in which the faithful are carried over the sea of life; a lamb, from the prophecy of Isaiah which was so truly fulfilled; and a lion, both because Jesus is called "The Lion of the tribe of Juda," in Revelation 5:5, and because Christians were fed to lions as a sport enjoyed by Roman crowds.

After the crucifixion of Jesus, the first person to die for upholding the Master's teachings was Stephen, a deacon who was appointed by the apostles. Stephen was stoned to death. Had Jesus been tortured by that method, a stone would today be our symbol of the Christian Church.

Saint Andrew was nailed to an X-shaped cross. Bartholomew was either beheaded or skinned alive, according to different records. James, the Son of Zebedee, was killed by Herod, with a sword. John was immersed in burning oil, but by a miracle survived that torture, to be murdered violently later. Peter, when facing his own crucifixion, asked to be nailed to his cross head downward, so that he could not be equal to the Christ. And Paul, though he never met Jesus in person and therefore was not technically an apostle, still saw Him in a miraculous

vision and deserves to be so honored because he died for His sake by being beheaded, after being chained, imprisoned, and exiled for supporting His cause.

During Biblical times, it was customary for strong nations to conquer the less warlike ones, and the Hebrew people were fair game in that sport, having been subdued by the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans, not to mention their own internal strife. It is but natural that the authority which was in power during the ministry of Jesus would use its customary means of torturing criminals for His execution also.

One method of extreme cruelty was to lay the victim on the ground on his back, cut an opening in his abdomen and get the end of his intestine, and attach it to an axle. When men turned the crank, the sufferer's vitals would be wound out of his body. Another method was to chain four strong horses, one to each limb, and have them to pull the doomed man apart. The crowd witnessing the show would contain gamblers, who would bet sums of money on which would be the last leg to remain attached to the body. It is easy to see, then, that had history taken just a slightly different course, our most precious symbol today would be four horses, or a windlass, instead of the Cross.

Christians are being tortured right now, here in North Carolina. If you attend Church, some people call you "Goody-goody." That really hurts. If you don't gamble or drink whiskey with certain people, they won't invite you to their dance. Boy, that's terrible. If you find some money and return it to the rightful owner, you will be teased and laughed at. How can a person stand such cruelty? If you are a clerk in a store, and don't give some of your "friends" some free goods, they will get mad with you. If you do not engage in cursing or other filthy language, the other fellows will form a group away from you and leave you out. That would indeed cause you to suffer. Or would it, really?

SPRING REVIVAL

Dr. E. A. Parham, Guest Speaker

Third Creek Baptist Church of Stony Point, North Carolina will begin its Spring Revival, Sunday, March 25-30. Dr. E. A. Parham, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio will be the guest speaker beginning Monday night through Friday night.

The Reverend D. U. Cooper and members of the Third Creek Baptist Church wish to extend an invitation to all to share in these services.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL BOARD MEET

The Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention met on Wednesday, March 14 in the conference room at Baptist Headquarters. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman. Many important matters were worked on and plans were completed for the Moderator Conference and One-Day Session of the Convention to be held, May 8-9.

The General Board followed the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday morning on Shaw University Campus with Dr. J. Ray Butler, Chairman, presiding. This meeting was climaxed with a powerful sermon delivered by the Reverend Spencer Williams, pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro.

BARNES INSTALLED



Reverend Charles Barnes

The St. Stephens Baptist Church of Spring Hope recently installed the Reverend Charles Barnes of Weldon. At the Installation Service held Sunday, March 11, Dr. C. C. Staton delivered the installation sermon. The Reverend Charles T. Bullock presided. Music was rendered by the Choir of the St. James Baptist Church. A reception followed the service.

RESERVATION FOR MAY MEETING

The Moderator's Conference of our Convention will convene on May 8 and the One-Day Session of our General Baptist Convention will convene at the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, George W. Dudley, Pastor, Rocky Mount. The church is located at 320 West Thomas Street — Telephone 442-1627.

Following is a partial list of Motels where you may obtain reservations for the night of May 8 (call or write them direct) :

The Carlton House, 215 North Church Street
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5 blocks from church —

Telephone (919) 446-9175
Single \$11.00 — Double \$14.00

The Scottish Inn, I-95 North and N. C. 48
8 miles from church
Single \$6.00 — Double \$9.00

Other Motels and rates will be published in the next issue of the Baptist Informer.

MILLS CHAPEL PASTOR GIVES BRIEF REPORT ON CENTRAL ORPHANAGE

WEBSTER E. LYTLE, Pastor
Mills' Chapel Baptist Church

Following is a brief report to the membership of Mills' Chapel from the pastor following his visit to the Central Orphanage of North Carolina during the past week. It is hoped that this will encourage our continued support of this fine institution through our Mission and Benevolent offering. Also meeting at Central Orphanage were the Reverend O. T. Tomes of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Asheville and Dr. J. C. Harris of the First Baptist Church, Statesville.

The Central Orphanage of North Carolina, located in Oxford, N. C. was founded in 1882 as the Colored Orphanage Association and is presently directed by Mr. H. V. Bryant.

Presently, Central Orphanage is the ONLY predominantly Black orphanage in the state of North Carolina and has a present enrollment of 110 boys and girls from the ages of 6-18 years old. According to Mr. Bryant, there are presently 2,007 boys and girls in state orphanages and 197 of these are Black. Of this number, less than 5% are so confined due to the death of their parents and less than 10% are in the 30 orphanages because of some criminal act.

Unlike other orphanages in North Carolina, Central does not have large sums of money, nor can it rely on one group for its support. Along with contributions from the Baptist churches in North Carolina it receives support from the state, the Amer-

ican Legion, fraternal groups, endowments, its own farm and dairy sales and from interested people from throughout North Carolina. During 1971-72, it received about \$23,000.00 from Baptist churches in the state. Its current budget calls for \$259,000.00 for 1972-73.

To say the least, Central Orphanage looks almost as old as its age indicates; hwoever, a new building program is presently underway. It proposes to build 6 new cottages between now and 1981. Under construction now is a cottage for girls which will house 16 girls and is costing \$140,000.00. This building alone is costing as much as the recently competed (1967) gym.

Presently, in one building alone, 52 girls sleep in double beds located in 3 floors. The boys dorms are similar. According to Mr. Bryant, state law now requires that children can no longer be slept in this fashion and hence the need for new buildings. Ironically, state funds cannot be used for physical improvements and hence the need for church and individual support.

Despite the oldness of the present facilities, they are kept relatively clean and all the children which we saw, appeared clean and well cared for. All of these boys and girls attend public schools in the area. Presently, three of them are students in college.

In addition to a well rounded recreation and religious program, students are taught sewing, shoe repairing and other crafts.

In addition to his own speaking schedule on behalf of the orphanage, Mr. Bryant informed us that they have a choir and band which is available for engagements in churches throughout the state.

We were also shown the new laundry building, which replaced the one which was destroyed by fire during the spring. We were also shown the clothing room where items from various groups are sorted and kept for use. Mr. Bryant stressed the fact that since the boys and girls at Central attend public school, they too like to be dressed like any other of the school students and do not care to be labeled as orphans simply by their dress.

Asked about visit to the orphanage, Mr. Bryant said that they were welcomed. Since January, 1972, he stated that they had had a total of 1,253 visitors. He also stated that from time to time students were also allowed to visit their homes and other interested responsible adults.

All in all, our visit was most informative and encouraging. It is hoped that we here at Mills Chapel will increase our support and that next spring many of us will have an opportunity to visit. If we don't care, neither will anyone else.

**A WEEK OF TRAINING
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WITH CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS**

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The Institute will offer 16 courses pertaining to the total church program and a ministers Seminar. Credit cards towards a certificate of progress will be issued to each student taking a course. This will be explained during the Institute.

Any individual church or organization in any other county in the state who wishes to participate, may write or call Reverend Charles Jones, 501 Royal Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607—Telephone 832-1973.

Time: April 30 - May 4, 1973
Place: First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Devotional Period and
Inspirational Speakers each night
Theme: "Training A Church Imperative"

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JOHN H. WESTBROOK

John H. Westbrook, consultant, interracial ministries, national student ministries, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be a feature speaker at the Annual Baptist Fellowship.

A native of Texas, Westbrook holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, with a major in English and a minor in religion. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. At Baylor he was the first black athlete to play varsity football at the Southwest Conference.

Before joining the board, Westbrook served two years as Director, Escalator Program, Southwest Missouri State College and was Administrative Assistant for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for one year.

ANNUAL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.

MAY 21-22, 1973

Theme: "Removing Barriers in
Interracial Ministries"

PLACE: The beautiful Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska in Western North Carolina (near Waynesville).

PROGRAM LEADERS: **John H. Westbrook**, consultant, interracial ministries, national student ministries, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. **J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr.**, pastor, The Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, Alabama.

WHO MAY ATTEND: Baptist pastors, lay persons, and friends of other denominations. (The Lambuth Inn ideally accommodates couples.)

COST: Only \$5.00 for registration, insurance, program, room and meals.

DATE & TIME: Begins on Monday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m., and concludes at noon on Tuesday, May 22.

PLANNED BY: O. L. Sherrill and Corbin Cooper.



J. HERBERT GILMORE, JR.

J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr., is pastor of The Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, Alabama. The church is "interracial, intercultural, and international."

Gilmore is a native of Tennessee and holds degrees from Carson-Newman College, Peabody College, and Southern Baptist Seminary.

On September 27, 1970, the First Baptist Church of Birmingham voted to remain a whites-only church. Gilmore could no longer serve as pastor and joined other members with similar feelings in organizing The Baptist Church of the Covenant. His book, **They Chose To Live**, is the story of this experience. He has written numerous other books and articles.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations at \$5.00 per person. This fee covers the cost of registration, program, insurance, room and three meals. (Two in a room.)

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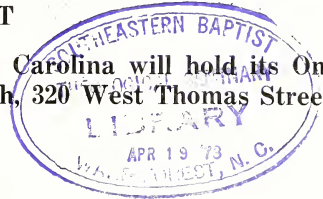
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Convention's One Day Session To Rocky Mount

MODERATORS TO MEET

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will hold its One Day Session in the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, 320 West Thomas Street, Rocky Mount. The schedule is as follows:



Tuesday, May 8 (Afternoon)

MODERATOR'S CONFERENCE
with Dr. J. M. Kennedy, Chairman, presiding
(Evening) CONVENTION MASS MEETING

Wednesday, May 9 — 10:00 A.M.

GENERAL BAPTISTS' ONE DAY SESSION
with Dr. C. R. Edwards, President, presiding

Featured on the program will be Executive Secretary, O. L. Sherrill, A. J. Sherrill, C. H. Brown, W. M. Harris, Kermit Richardson, J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University; W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; H. V. Bryant, Superintendent, Central Orphanage.

Sermons will be delivered by Walter Mack and J. A. Davis.

(See other Information on next page)

EASTER AFFIRMED

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." — John 11:25-26.

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**DIRECTIONS TO CHURCH FOR
 CONVENTION'S MAY MEETING**

Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount 27801, is located at 320 West Thomas Street between Franklin and Pearl Streets. The telephone number is 442-1627. West Thomas Street is one way going west and is U. S. Highway 64 Business going west. The Church can easily be reached from all highways coming into Rocky Mount.

We are making plans for your coming on May 8 and 9. Dinner will be served on the evening of May 8 at Mount Zion for \$2.00. Lunch will be served on May 9 for \$1.75.

Those desiring accommodations for Tuesday night, May 8, may contact the following motels: The Carleton House, 215 North Church Street (2 blocks from church) - Telephone (919) 442-1166 Single \$11.33 - Double \$17.51

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Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Highway 301 By-pass North - Telephone (919) 446-5111

Ramada Inn, I-95 Exit Telephone (919) 446-2041

There will be persons at the church on the afternoon and evening of May 8 to assist you in finding your motel if necessary.

36th Annual Meeting

North Carolina Council of Churches

April 30 - May 1, 1973

First Presbyterian Church

High Point, N. C.

The 1973 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches is to be hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of High Point. Theme of the Pastors' Conference on April 30 is "The Pastor and Himself," the leaders being the Rev. Eugene Owens of Charlotte, Dr. George A. Buttrick of Louisville, Chaplain L. L. McGee of Winston-Salem, and the Rev. Cecil Bishop of Greensboro.

The opening event of the Council's 36th Assembly will be the Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on April 30. Following this at 7:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian there will be a service of worship to which the public is invited along with the official delegates to the Assembly. The speaker on this occasion will be Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., whose subject will be "Looking Ahead in the Ecumenical Movement."

Business sessions of the Council's Assembly will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1. Visitors are welcome.

CORRECTION

In the February issue of the **Informer** in the report of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly County-Wide Drive from Sampson County the report should have read:

Lower Sampson - Mrs. Mary C. DeVane \$210.00
 Upper Sampson - Mrs. E. V. Robinson \$ 85.00

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FORSYTH COUNTY TRAINING INSTITUTE

By MRS. SALLIE G. SALVAGE
Secretary

The 20th Annual Forsyth County-Wide Training Institute was held April 2-6, 1973 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. J. Ray Butler, host pastor. Theme of the Institute "New Techniques For Service." Executive Secretary Horne of the Woman's Convention served as director.

A returned Missionary from the Southern Baptist Convention was featured each evening in slides, preaching and singing. Our own The Reverend H. Wesley Wiley, formerly of North Carolina, appeared with the group. Dr. D. R. Hedgley was host to the missionaries.

The Classes and Instructors were:

Missionary	Mrs. Mable Hester
Sunday School	Dr. Kelly Goodwin
Deacons	Dr. Jerry Drayton
Young Adult	Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
Leaders of Young People	Miss Jerrye Griffin
Ushers	Dr. J. Ray Butler
Youth	Mrs. Mary P. Brice

Sponsors of the Institute were the Forsyth Unions namely:

Senior Missionary	Mrs. Clara N. Hayes
Sunday School	Mr. Thomas Jackson
Ushers	Mr. M. J. Murray
Youth	Mrs. Erma Frazier
Deacons	Mr. W. H. Gwyn
Young Adult	Mrs. Dorothy Price

Mr. Robert Stewart, Song Leader and Miss Barbara Benson, pianist.

More than 350 persons were present nightly for information on "New Techniques for Service", inspiration and fellowship.

THE 36TH ANNUAL Missionary Training Conference

AND

THE 22ND ANNUAL Youth Bible Camp

The Missionary Training Conference and the Youth Bible Camp will be held June 11-15, 1973, on the Campus of the Shaw University.

FEES

Leadership Training Conference:

Room and Board	\$25.00
Registration Fee	10.00
Total	\$35.00

Youth Bible Camp:

Room and Board	\$25.00
Registration Fee	5.00
Total	\$30.00

Linen will be furnished by the Shaw University.
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Yours in Christ,
BERTHENIA D. HORNE
Your Conference Chairman

HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

The Handbook for the Youth Department of the Woman's Convention is off the press. Send for your Handbook(s) now! Price - \$2.00.

1973 JAMES F. WERTZ B.T.U. ORATORICAL CONTEST

SUBJECTS AND RULES FOR CONTEST

SUBJECTS:

1. "Why I Believe In The Bible"
2. "Sharing Our Christian Faith"
3. "Why I Am A Baptist"
4. "What It Means To Me To Be A Christian"
5. "The Love That The World Needs"
6. "The Church And The World"
7. "Christ Speaks To Love"
8. "The Christian And Amnesty"

9. "Will There Be Peace On Earth?"
10. "No Room For Quitters"

RULES:

1. The contest is open to high school graduates and college freshmen who are active B.T.U. members.
2. Contestants must be certified by a local B.T.U. Director.
3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
4. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
5. Each contestant will have 5 minutes.
6. Contestants will be judged on content, composition and delivery. Content will count 25%, composition 25%, and delivery 50%.
7. The two top winners will receive scholarships. First place \$150.00 and Second place \$100.00.
8. Non-winning contestants will receive a certificate of participation.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State B.T.U. Congress. This, not only is an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, Associations and District Conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest and the winners of the local contest will compete at the state level.

Mrs. Hazel McLean, Director
Box 185—Caledonia Road
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY FOR THE MT. AND CATAWBA ASSOCIATION

Christian Education Day for the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association was held on March 18 with the Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina, Reverend J. J. Alexander, Pastor.

Morning Star, St. John and Jones Chapel were in charge of the devotion. Following this, the Host Church extended words of welcome and Sister Aurelia Allison responded. The featured speaker for the occasion was the Reverend L. R. Howell, Marion, N. C. Immediately following this there were remarks from Reverend J. J. Alexander, Director of Christian Education and report of churches by Mrs. Martha Turner. The Meeting was closed by remarks from the President, Mrs. Florence Carter.

REVEREND MCGRIER PASSES



The Reverend Jesse Eugene McGrier

The Reverend Jesse Eugene McGrier of 411 West Franklin Street, Warrenton, N. C. died suddenly Saturday, February 17, at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, N. C.

Reverend McGrier was pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church, Baskerville, Va. and Flat Creek Baptist Church, Williamsboro, N. C.

Prominent in church and school life for more than a half century, Rev. McGrier was considered an outstanding minister of the Baptist denomination and held many affiliations with inter-church bodies. His life was one of deep christian love, tenderness, and humility towards God and his fellowman.

He received his educational training at Morris College, Sumter, S. C., and received the B.H. and A.B. degrees from Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. He also received the M.S. degree from A. and T. State University and did additional work at North Carolina Central University, Durham and East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C. He studied Religious Education at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

A veteran of World War I, the Reverend McGrier was Post Commander and Chaplain of the Moses Davis Post No. 260, member of Stone Square Lodge. He was President of Warren County Shaw University Alumni Club and an active member of the Ministerial Association and Ministerial Alliance of Warren, Vance and Franklin Counties.

Reverend McGrier was a past Moderator of the Reedy Creek Association, past Moderator of the Oratorical Contest of the State Ushers Convention of N. C., member of the Executive Committee of the State Ushers Convention, director of training insti-

tutes of Reedy Creek Association and Warren County Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention, member of the Ordaining Council of Reedy Creek and Shiloh Associations, counselor at Bible Youth Camp of the Woman's Baptist Convention of N. C., and chairman of the Trustee Board of the Warren County Community Center.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lavine Evans McGrier; and one brother, Marcus McGrier.

Annual Session Of The State Sunday School

And

Baptist Training Union Congresses

August 7-9, 1973

Plans are being completed for the 100th Annual Session of the State Baptist Sunday School Congress and the 73rd Annual Session of the State Baptist Training Union Congress which will be hosted by the New Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie, the Reverend T. L. Steele, Pastor, August 7-9, 1973.

At the Congress, there will be classes for: Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School teachers, Baptist Training Union workers, Vacation Bible School workers, Children (9-12), Youth (13-17), and Young Adults (18-25). There will be workshops on: Baptist Doctrine, Church Administration, Church Financing, the Role of the Pupil, and the New Morality.

Appropriate music, devotional periods, theme discussions, and three special sermons will serve as inspiration to undergird the workshop and teaching and training sessions. A highlight of the Congress will be the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest scheduled for Thursday morning, August 9.

Our representation goal is to have at least fifty-five district conventions, one thousand local Sunday Schools, and five hundred local Baptist Training Unions registered this year. Our financial goal is twenty-five thousand dollars from district conventions, local Sunday Schools and local Baptist Training Unions.

The work of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union is a Church affair; therefore, we are asking that each local church please support its Sunday School and Baptist Training Union in making preparations to participate in the Congress at Ahoskie.

Our theme is: "The Church School and the Baptist Training Union Meeting the Challenge of Change in Our Present Society".

Your cooperation in the past is deeply appreciated and we believe that we can count on every General Baptist to help make 1973 a banner year for the Cause of Christ.

THE BLACK CHURCH: WHICH DIRECTION!

By CLIFTON STONE

President, B.T.U. Congress
General Baptist Convention

Many young Blacks are saying that the Black Church is not relevant, that it does not speak to the needs of the present age. Many have been "turned off". But acknowledging all the fallacy of the Black Church, it is still the last outpost in the Black Man struggle for complete liberation. We have seen the sit-in, wade-in, burn-out, etc.; we have seen the death of the Black Public Schools, the Black Principals, the Black Community Leaders, the Black Community Centers and just about everything that we could identify with. Even the Black Family is just about gone, for if we are not married to another race our sons and daughters are dating or living with them. So you see the only institution left that is and probably will remain Black is the Black Church.

Let us take a look at the direction the Black Church must take if it will really become relevant and move toward total liberation of its people:

1. It must relate the story of Christ to its members in a way to show them that they are human beings. It must not only preach about the "land beyond the sky", but must also preach about the land here — the slums, poverty, unemployment, sickness, politics, education, etc. It must leave the confines of the four walls and go where the action is. It must teach that wherever Black people are and whatever their needs, then it will be there.
2. It must teach its members to love their oppressors, hate their ways and actions, but love them as human beings. With love you can help them overcome their ways and actions and as you help them you too can grow. But if you hate them, you will destroy them and yourself as well.
3. It must forget about denominations, great buildings, internal competitions, prestige and popularity and unite with other Black Churches to present a united front in meeting the needs of the present age. Just think of any city or town here in North Carolina with all the churches, each competing with the other for membership, buildings, space, etc., and if all of them would come together and survey the needs, organize and erect housing projects, community centers, credit unions, construction complex something could really be done! They could also conduct surveys in the pool halls,

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“. . . AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE”

By HENRY D. COOPER
Laymen's Worker

During a series of sermons which Jesus delivered on the eastern outskirts of Jerusalem, He gained many followers. One day He told the people (John 8:31-32), "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

This promise has been quoted many times by speakers before groups of students in schools as an endorsement of the value of securing education. We commend those well-meaning leaders for using any part of the Gospel which they find applicable to inspire young people to prepare themselves to face the problems of the world. However, as we read other references to Truth in the Scriptures, we interpret this teaching of the Master to be concerned with something more vast, more eternal, and more potent than anything which men could write in books.

First of all, let us remember that Jesus Himself had won out in a match of intellectual ability with a group of educated men when he was only twelve years of age. Also, He had among his disciples several capable scholars, notably Luke, the physician, who gave us his records of the ministry of Jesus and the accomplishments of the apostles. Others were Matthew, the tax collector, Mark, John, Peter, James, and Jude, the latter two being cousins of our Lord, all of whom showed their erudition by leaving us written records of what they saw and heard. Again, books as we know them were not made at that time, so pupils did their learning by having close association with their teacher; hence Jesus most likely was not thinking that this crowd of people would be able to find a sufficient number of good teachers. The concept of learning facts from books becomes small indeed, as we begin to comprehend the kind of great Truth about which the Savior was talking.

Pontius Pilate felt the power of the Truth working upon him as he conducted the mock trial of Jesus. He asked the Son of God, "What is Truth?" and walked away without waiting for an answer. The battle between Truth and falsity raged within his breast, causing him to be for and against, changing back and forth, until his stamina was exhausted; then he gave up and cut off the Savior's earthly ministry in the most cruel manner possible and took upon himself for eternity the title of world's greatest coward.

I wonder if Pilate ever felt any remorse for his un-statesmanlike act. Great pressure was upon him as a Roman officer, presiding over a nation of so-called inferior people. His gods were Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Minerva, and others, to whom he gave credit for his power. He could not publicly listen to anything that anyone might say about the God of the Hebrews. But could he, under the cover of darkness, have brought himself to question secretly some trusted Jew, in an attempt to find out what Truth Jesus was talking about? If only someone could have gone to a Temple for him, and there unrolled a papyrus scroll called Deuteronomy, he would have found in Chapter 32, verse 4, copied by some devout Scribe from Moses' own handwriting (and Moses had talked with God), "He is . . . a God of truth; . . . just and right is He." Looking in the hymn book, in the 91st Psalm, he would have found the words, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Before Jesus left his disciples He had told them (John 14:6), "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Some 30 years later, the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, whom he had left over in Ephesus (I, 3:15), ". . . The house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

So, it was asked, "What is Truth?" The answer is, The Truth is the power of God.

How do we know the Truth? The word know, as it is used here, does not mean to learn facts, as in memorizing the contents of books. It means that we shall become well acquainted with the power of God, the same way we know our friends. This is done through prayer, in observing the wonderful works which God is constantly performing all about us, through throwing ourselves completely into full cooperation with God's program, and by becoming well acquainted with God's Son, Jesus Christ.

What will the Truth make us free from? Paul testified (Romans 8:2) "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death."

What will the Truth make us free to do? Jesus commanded the disciples (Matthew 10:8) "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Peter told the members of the churches in his first letter (2:15-16) "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God."

LANE CREEK INSTITUTE

By A. E. WATSON
Publicity Chairman

The 3rd Annual Session of the Cooperative Lanes Creek Institute, Auxiliary to the Lane Creek Missionary Baptist Association, was held at the Saint Luke Baptist Church, 1109 Rodney Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina on March 12-16, 1973. The Reverend L. D. Parker was host Pastor. The Reverend Preston Pendergrass, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, was Director.

The Theme was: "The Importance of Sincere and Meaningful Worship".

Scripture: What am I to do? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the mind also.—I Corinthians 14:15

The Institute started off on a very high note Monday evening with a very inspiring devotional message by Reverend B. M. McKenzie, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church. There were greetings from the host Pastor, Reverend L. D. Parker and the introduction of staff and instructors by Reverend Preston Pendergrass, Director.

Tuesday evening our devotional message was given by Rev. M. C. Moore, Pastor, Red Branch Baptist Church. The devotion was followed by some valuable information on ushering by Rev. L. D. Parker.

Wednesday evening our devotional message was given by Rev. David Cook, Jr., Pastor of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church. We were given some very helpful hints on the value of audio visual aid in getting the program of your church over to the members. The use of slides and film strips was demonstrated by Rev. Pendergrass.

Thursday evening our devotional message was given by Rev. Vernon Worthy, who led us in some very inspirational singing as only he could do.

Friday evening classes assembled at the beginning of the period, at which time each instructor had an opportunity to close out his studies. After a short devotion, Rev. J. B. Crowder gave the closing message. His text was "Come Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord". Reverend Crowder is the Pastor of the Saint Dave and Elizabeth Baptist Church. His message was one of the most spiritual filled I had ever heard him preach. Our souls were really blessed by the message God gave his servant.

Our thanks go out to the many people who ably instructed us. Among these were: Reverend J. B. Humphrey, Pastor, First Baptist, Charlotte; Mrs. Ruby M. Bradley; Reverend L. D. Parker, Moderator, Lane Creek Association; Mrs. Jerome Watson, Junior Supervisor, Lane Creek Association; Mrs. J.

B. Crowder, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Lane Creek Association; and Mrs. Preston Pendergrass.

There were classes for adults, ministers, deacons, trustees, Sunday School directors, teachers and workers, intermediates, seniors, junior and Primary boys and girls.

We had one of the most spiritual and educational institutes that Lane Creek Association has ever witnessed. We had the largest attendance ever. We were blessed to reap some of the many blessings God had blessed Saint Luke with by sharing their beautiful new enlarged Sanctuary and educational annex. The total attendance for the week was 651!

THE BLACK CHURCH

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"winos corners", slum areas, etc., and find out the pressing needs and then do something about them!

Finally, to the young people and those that are saying the Church is not relevant, listen again to the words of Jesus as He gave the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and teach them to observe **all things** that I've commanded you". "All things" means just what it says. Jesus met mankind where he was, he did not compel him to come to church. He did not ask him was he willing to obey the rules and regulations of a certain church. He did not ask him why he waited so long. He did not ask him why he was a drunkard, a liar, etc. He simply asked him if he would be made whole and after he was healed or cleaned, then gave him directions and the guide to live by. Unless the Black church goes back to the teachings of Christ and relate to the total man, it will cease to be. But I have hope; I believe it will rise up and be the lighthouse on the hill. I believe the young people and the world will be able to see it and will return and help make it truly the liberation institution here on earth. We must have a united effort on the part of the Black churches before we can talk about an ecumenical movement. It is late in the evening, but not too late to move in the direction of total involvement. The Black Church was put here to answer in this hour of desperate need and if we fail to answer, God's movement will succeed, but we will lose our reward!

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GENERAL BAPTISTS RAISED \$55,924.47 AT ONE DAY SESSION

By JOSEPHINE TYNER
Secretary, Baptist Informer

Baptists from every part of the state converged on Mount Zion First, Rocky Mount, on Tuesday, May 9 for the greatest One Day Session in the history of the General Baptist Convention. It was indeed a record-making day! The total receipts for the day were \$55,924.47, of this amount \$3,445.97 was received by the Woman's Convention.

Pastor George Dudley and the wonderful members of Mt. Zion First truly had out the welcome carpet. Here was a perfect example of pastor and people working closely together to get a unique job done. The result was an over-adequate preparation for the entertainment of the massive crowd.

The program for the session was the best ever! Convention President, Dr. C. R. Edwards, officially opened the session. The period of devotions and preparation was led by Reverends A. J. Sherrill and C. H. Brown. Progress reports were made by the auxiliaries.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, the Convention's Executive Secretary, made a far-reaching report on the state of the Convention. He reported progress in every area of the Convention's life. To highlight his report, Dr. E. B. Turner introduced a song he had written entitled, "The Unified Plan". The Reverend S. Walter Mack closed the morning with a soul-stirring sermon.

Reverends W. M. Harris and Kermit Richardson opened the afternoon session with a devotional period. Profound and timely greetings were brought by Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President of Shaw University; Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; and Mr. H. V. Bryant, Superintendent of Central Orphanage.

To climax the afternoon, another profound and moving sermon was delivered by Reverend J. A.

Davis. Sermons by both Reverend Mack and Rev. Davis brought the Session to a great spiritual peak.

What was record-making? It had to be the financial support of the churches, associations, organizations and individuals; the warm hospitality and delicious meals extended by Mr. Zion First; and the dynamic sermons!

MODERATOR'S WORKSHOP RISING

The Second Annual Moderator's Workshop was held Tuesday, May 8 in the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. The meeting was a prelude to the One Day Session of the General Baptist Convention.

With Dr. J. M. Kennedy of Charlotte as Chairman, the Moderator's Workshop in its second meeting showed great growth in meaning, purpose and attendance. Dr. Kennedy has worked diligently to make the Moderator's Conference a rising success.

A seminar for Moderators was ably conducted by Dr. C. R. Edwards, President, General Baptist Convention; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist Convention; Reverend C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, General Baptist Convention; Reverend Leo Williams, Director, Christian Education, General Baptist Convention; and H. D. Cooper, Director of Laymen's Work, General Baptist Convention.

A Panel discussion on the Unified Program was conducted by Dr. E. B. Turner, Dean of the State Sunday School Congress; Mrs. Vera Slade, President of the Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention; Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University; H. V. Bryant, Superintendent of Central Orphanage; and Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., Secretary of the General Baptist Convention.

The day was climaxed with a moving sermon by Reverend L. D. Parker, Pastor of the St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte.

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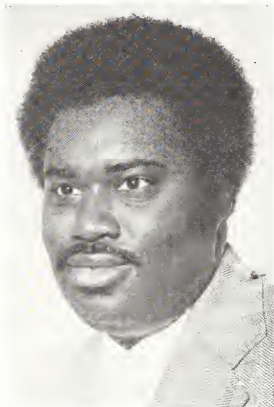
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Howard Parker, Jr.

It is no good feeling when your church has invited another church to come and worship with you and the other church has more of its members present than your own. This is the plea that comes from Howard W. Parker, Jr., Second Vice President of the Youth Department of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention. Parker is a licentiate minister at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin, Pastor.

For many years the youth seminar has been in Richmond, Va., on the campus of Virginia Union University. Last year, the city of Richmond was unable to house the seminar because the city was faced with a flood. This year the Nineteenth Annual Christian Youth Seminar will be on the campus of still another Baptist supported school, Shaw

University. The Theme for this year's seminar is "Jesus Is What's Happening in Missions". The purpose of this year's seminar as to any seminar in the past is "To give youth a world-wide view of current problems, to offer a Christian approach and technique in meeting these problems, and to create and awaken in youth a sense of responsibility as Christians".

The seminar will be June 24th-June 29th. Arrival will be Sunday, June 24th after 3:30 p.m. Departure will be June 29th after 4:00 p.m. Each day and night will be an experience that your young people will enjoy and remember for years to come. The fee for room and board for the week will be \$20.00 per person. So please Baptist churches of North Carolina from the mountains to the ocean, from Wilmington to Elizabeth City, from Burlington to Alexander, from Gastonia to Mars Hill, send me those young people If they wish to come. I will be in Raleigh to meet them on June 24th and wait to see them leave on June 29th. The age range is from 12 to 25. If you need further information about the seminar or would just like for me to come and be with your youth, just write me and tell me how to get there.

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Thank you, North Carolina, and may God bless all of you.

Howard W. Parker

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THE J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On March 31, 1973 members of the General Baptist Convention and its Auxiliaries met at the Baptist Headquarters and organized a Board of Directors for the Baptist Assembly in Laurinburg.

The top officers elected were Mrs. J. B. McLester, first Vice President of the Woman's Convention, Chairman; The Reverend H. B. Felder, Pastor, Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, Co-Chairman; Secretary, Miss Patsy Rice; Assistant Secretary, Reverend B. F. Daniels.

Dr. C. R. Edwards presided over the meeting.



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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE

JUNE 11-15, 1973



Mrs. Arnetta Wallace
Guest Speaker

Woman's Conference Night will be held June 14, 1973 in the Student Ball Room, Shaw University at 8:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Wallace is the wife of Dr. Robert C. Wallace, Dean of Chicago Baptist Institute.

She was born and reared in Knoxville, Tenn., educated at Knoxville College and Tennessee A & I State University.

She has received many awards both local, national and international for contributions to the Civic and Religious life. A life member of the Woman's National Convention, Auxiliary, National Convention USA, Inc. Music by Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE . . .

Dear Christian Co-Workers:

My heart is filled with gratitude for Mount Zion First, the host church; the moderators who attended the Moderator's Conference on May 8; officers of the Convention, pastors, laymen, and all others who came from all over the state to participate in our One Day Session, Wednesday, May 9.

Your being there made the day and pointed out clearly that you are really dedicated to the Lord's work.

We must keep up the work and pray that God will forever give us strength to do His will.

Appreciatively yours,
O. L. Sherrill

“HEAR YE THE MASTER’S CALL TO TODAY’S YOUTH: “BUILDER’S OF TOMORROW’S PEACE”

By DONALD JENKINS

First Baptist Church - Weldon, N. C.



Donald Jenkins

So long as enthusiasm lasts, so long as youth is still with us — youth — what good news. We are the leaders of tomorrow. We share a feeling of growing up one day and becoming leaders of this country. But wait — something is missing and that is our role in the Christian field.

Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for. Every man’s life is a plan of God. As a plan of God, we should pay due respect to him.

Hear ye the Master’s call today youth, you’re the builders of tomorrow’s peace — keep the following guidepaths to peace in mind. Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardness; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbors except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to love your enemies as well as your friends; to endure the oppression of the aged; to learn about life at its best, to secure a quality education, to express our Christian desires, to put our efforts into action; and to spend as much time as you can with body and spirit in God’s out-of-doors. These are ways you show your love for Christ.

These are guidepaths to peace; but remember the peace of Christ. A peace that lets everyone be equal in a unified society. Hebrew 13:1 says let Brotherly love continue; John 14:27 says “Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

The peace of Christ is in the peace of trust in the cause we serve, when service seems to fail its end. It is the peace of confidence in God when all the forces of the universe seem working for end that are undivine. It is the peace which can accept unexplained mysteries, which can hear heart-breaking sorrows, which can see natural instincts thwarted holy aspirations unrealized, Christlike purposes broken off and yet be unperturbed. It is peace of all those who have given their lives for causes too high and sacred for immediate success and who yet have been alike to believe that even their failures were being overruled by God for good.

Jesus gave us an everlasting peace. His peace passeth all understanding. But as people, we are trying to destroy God’s peace and indulge in false images. We oppose one another and dwell on evil. We are ashamed to worship his name. We have strayed away from his goodness.

Let us start now and get our hearts in order. Let the peace of God dwell within our hearts. Let us all become peacemakers and be called the children of God. Let us all join together in the struggle and fight for peace and one day we will all receive our reward in his kingdom.

WHY WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE UNIFIED PLAN

By HENRY D. COOPER

Laymen’s Worker

When our messengers at the General Baptist State Convention adopted the Unified Plan a number of years ago, we made one of the greatest forward steps that a benevolent group of people can make. In effect, we told our objectives, “We are guaranteeing to you a reliable income, in order that you may be free from anxiety in carrying forward your work.”

This pledge means that the people to whom we have given charge of planning and carrying out timely and effective programs at Shaw University, at Central Orphanage, in the Statewide activities, and on the Foreign field, can turn every ounce of their energy to the furthering of their goals, through clear-cut, stable plans.

When we think of our objectives at work, often we conceive them in terms of the salaries which are paid to the various persons who are toiling for us. May I ask you, though, to trace the power of your

money further, right on until its influence has reached the ultimate recipients.

In thinking of Shaw University, I would like for you to picture some definite, individual students, who may be faced with circumstances which could force them to leave college in mid-term, but who are able to receive special loans to tide them through a few difficult months. Picture also some cartons of books just arriving for the library, and some necessary repairs being made to buildings. At the Orphanage, you can envision better food and clothing for more children, as well as their particular and personal needs being met as they leave the Orphanage and attend public schools daily. In the State field, I wish you could see your staff workers, as they conduct workshops and give sermons and addresses day after day, week after week, in various Churches, just by being called and asked to come.

Then there are the services to migrant farm workers, and the participation in interracial Church meetings, all of which are gradually strengthening the handclasp of brotherhood which mankind so badly needs today. For Foreign Missions, think of a group of children at one of our Church schools in Haiti, Africa, or India, being educated, clothed, and fed; and more important, being reared to follow Christ. Think of these children as splendid young citizens of those countries, some of whom over the years have become adults and, through your help, have become ministers and missionaries among their own people.

Yes, we, the General Baptists of North Carolina, have just pride in the effective work which is being accomplished by our objectives. Let us make the Unified Plan succeed in two ways: First, we are assuring the consecrated people who are working for us that they can depend upon us; and Second, by putting our individuals small sums of money together we make a big half-million dollars of financial strength!

DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION UNION HELD

By D. W. HEADEN

The Lambert Chapel Baptist Church of Siler City was host to the Deep River Baptist Minister-Layman's Union in session April 28-29 with the Moderator, Reverend D. F. Brown, presiding over the business session.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. George Miller of Liberty, N. C. A workshop, conducted by Dr. M. P. McCleave of Greensboro and Rev. A. B. Bass of Durham on the "Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church" was the highlight of the Saturday morning session.

The Executive Director, Rev. A. T. Alston of Burlington, N. C. requested each church to represent in the General Baptist State Convention's One-Day Session on May 9 at Rocky Mount.

The following contributions were reported:

Sixth Avenue Baptist, Rev. James E. Brown	\$50.00
New Zion Baptist, Sanford, Rev. E. N. Hooker	30.00
First Baptist, Pittsboro, Rev. D. D. Siler	32.00
Black River Grove, Angier, Rev. G. W. Wright	25.08
Edwards Grove, Liberty, Dr. M. P. McCleave	25.08
Mt. Marrah, Cameron, Rev. L. B. Cameron	25.08
Mt. Olive, Moncure, Rev. L. B. Cameron	25.00
New Bensalem, Robbins, Rev. Davis Jones	25.08
St. John, Climax, Rev. A. B. Bass	25.00
Taylor's Chapel, Sanford, Rev. G. T. Headen	25.00
Pine Ridge, East Sanford, Rev. D. D. Siler	25.00
White Oak, Lillington, Rev. O. T. Davis	25.00
Red Hill, Cameron, Rev. E. N. Hooker	25.00
Butlers Chapel, Franklinville, Rev. A. T. Alston	25.00
Wall Street	50.00
St. John, Reverend W. L. Coachman	35.00

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TRIP OF A LIFETIME

By MRS. LILLIAN HICKS
London Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids



Rev. G. A. Gilchrist

In strange ways my life has been different ever since my trip to the Holy Lands.

Time after time I have been drawn back to fascinating countries at the far eastern end of the blue Mediterranean, where civilization was cradled and the Christian faith was founded.

So come with me to the Holy Land; I shall briefly take you through pilgrimage of my Pastor's trip there: Reverend G. A. Gilchrist, Littleton, North Carolina, March 5-16, 1973, 10 hours, 58 minutes from New York our jet "Boeing 747" comes down the radar beam into a different world, a fascinating world of sound, color and throbbing life. It is a world where history lives again; where the Bible comes dramatically alive.

On the ground you realize at once that you are in the Middle East, among the places I shall take you in this issue of My Pastor's Pilgrimage are: Tel-Aviv, city established on Sand Dunes adjacent to Jaffa, a city of beautiful buildings and hotels.

Jaffa — One of the oldest cities in the world, ancient Egyptian records confirm its existence. It has been an important seaport since Biblical times, when it was called Joppa. Most of the Arab population fled during the Arab-Israel War in the 1940's. The city merged with Tel-Aviv in 1948 to become Tel Aviv-Yafo. Jaffa also the famous seaport where Jonah rose up to flee into Tarnish from the presence of the Lord, and he found a ship going to Tarnish Caesarea which was founded in 22 B.C. by Herod the Great. It was named in honor of Caesar Augustus, Emporor of Rome from 27 B.C. to 14 A.D. Thus the town came into being shortly before Jesus' earthly life. The holy Grail was said to have reposed in Caesarea. Made of glass it was believed to be the same cup used by the Lord at the Last Supper — Also here in Caesarea is to be seen a rare stone inscribed with the name of Pontius Pilate. The Great Walls of Caesarea built by the Crusaders have been remarkably preserved for centuries under the desert sands.

Dead Sea: The Jordan pours into the Dead Sea, a daily average of six million tons of water. The sea water had a rather oily feel as well as a salty taste. In famous caves behind the Essene Village on the Dead Sea, the manuscripts known as the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden from the world from 68 A.D. to 1947.

Jordan River: Where John baptized many, telling them thereafter to live Godly lives. Many were impressed by John, and thought he was the long awaited Christ, or Messiah. He humbly said, "another would come much greater than he," that he wasn't worthy to put the water upon his head. But Jesus insisted, and when it was done, he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from Heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, In whom I'm well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17) One looks at this 'Sylvan Spot,' the softly flowing river with green covered banks, and reflects that it must appear now as then.

Galilee: The boyhood home of Jesus, and a place where immortal teachings of love, and brotherhood once relished on these famed banks. Here on a steep bank by the seashore Jesus commanded the Demons to come out of an afflicted man, and where the swine rush down a slope into the sea. (Matthew 9:

28-32) Jesus also preached from a boat to crowds on the hillside along the Galilean shore.

Nain: Where Jesus came once with his disciples and found a funeral procession at the gate of the city. A grief stricken mother reached out to Jesus where she found a compassionate love for life, and mankind. He touched the pier upon which the young man's body lay "And he that was dead sat up and began to speak, and he delivered him to his mother."

Mount of Olives: Where Jesus went down from Olivet to make his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Each night of his last week he returned to Mount Olivet until the night of his betrayal. Acts I names Olivet as the place from which Jesus rose into Heaven.

Mount Moriah: Where Solomon's temple stood; where Herod the Great built the temple that was known the world over.

Mount of Transfiguration: From its summit is a magnificent vista of the Jezreal Valley. To the south may be seen the Mountains of Samaria extending into Carmel to the west and Giboa to the east.

Jerusalem: Jerusalem is a holy city of Jews, Christians, and Moslems. Part of the city is in Israel, and part of it is in Jordan. The Jews of Bible times made Jerusalem their capital and chief city, and built their holy temple there. The Christians consider Jerusalem holy, because it was where Jesus was crucified, and because many happenings in the life of Jesus took place there. The old city is built on the site of ancient Jerusalem. Much of the old city is surrounded by high stone walls. The life along its narrow crooked streets has remained much the same for hundreds of years. Some of the most sacred religious shrines are in the old city. The old city has spread beyond the ancient walls into the adjoining territory, where modern ways of life have been introduced. The older part of Jerusalem is located in the place where the small valleys of Kidron and Hinnom join. The modern part of Jerusalem spreads over the hills and valleys that are the main feature of the landscape. King David chose Jerusalem as his capital mainly because it did not lie on any major trade routes. It was also high and difficult to attack. There his new nation could develop its religion with little interference from the outside world.

Bethlehem: Here the Church of the Nativity built over a large cave is the section reserved for livestock where Jesus Christ was born. The first Church of the Nativity was built by Constantine and his mother, Helena, in the fourth century. After its destruction, some historians think in a Samaritan revolt, it was built new by Justinian in the sixth century, and restored at other times across the years. In the church are three altars. The high altar belongs to the Greek Orthodox. The altar to the left of the Armenians, and that to the right, also, to the Greek Orthodox. You descend two flights to

the grotto of the nativity, where a silver star set in the floor marks the actual site of the birth of Jesus.

The pilgrimage continued with a visit to the home of Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Jacob's well, the upper room where Jesus had his Last Supper, the judgment hall where Pilate condemned Jesus, and the court yard where they made mark of him, and the trial of Jesus from thence to Golgotha.

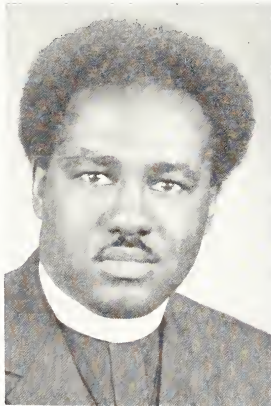
The tomb of Jesus, the tomb of Rachael and Lazarus, the walls of Jericho, the garden of Gethsemane, the valley where the sun stood still for Joshua and Herod's Amphitheater where he threw the Christians to the lions.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial, the museum of Rockefeller, the Hebrew University and the state building where Israel enacts their laws.

Truly, Israel is a land that flows with milk and honey. Anyone who walks, walks where Jesus and all the prophets walked. One can never be the same again.

It is something like the conversion of Saul on the Damascus road. He was a completely changed man and never the same again. So it is with one who visits the Holy Land with an open heart and mind.

REV. JAMES H. WARD, JR. INSTALLED ANTIOCH'S PASTOR



Rev. James H. Ward, Jr.

The Reverend James H. Ward, Jr., after having worked with the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina for a year as supply pastor, was formerly installed pastor on Sunday evening, March 25, 7:30 P.M.

Reverend Ward, the son of Reverend and Mrs. James H. Ward, Sr. of Philadelphia, Penna., received his early education in that city and held

membership in the Tindly Temple Methodist Church where he served as a Junior Usher and Sunday School Teacher. Upon graduation from the public schools of Philadelphia, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completion of his military service, Reverend Ward came to Goldsboro where he was enrolled at the Bible Training Institute, he furthered his studies at Shaw University and will complete requirements for the B.S. Degree in Social Work at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina this year.

Pre-installation services began on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 with the Reverend Earl Daniels, Moderator of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, and his membership from Barnes Chapel Church; Thursday evening our souls were fed by Reverend James McNair of the Saint Mark's Church of Christ; Friday evening, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church membership pastored by the Reverend Spencer Williams was in charge.

On Sunday evening, our pulpit was graced by many splendid ministers. The Reverend Roy Sykes of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina presided. Scripture was read by Reverend I. B. Horton of First African Baptist, Goldsboro followed with prayer by Reverend Lewis Wright of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Wallace, North Carolina. Charge to the minister was delivered by Reverend Willie Cox of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina. Deacon James White of First African Baptist Church gave a most stirring charge to Antioch members.

The installation message was brought by the Reverend H. C. Dixon, president of the North East and Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, Reverend Dixon, who resides in Wilmington, North Carolina was introduced by Mrs. Lillian Shaw of Burgaw, North Carolina.

Mrs. Elma Tuckson, member of the Woods Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Goldsboro sang "Lord I've Tried."

Following the service, refreshments were served by the Pastor's Aid Club.

The new pastor is married to the former Minnie Wilson of Willard, North Carolina. They have two sons, David Anthony, age 5, and M. Demetrius, age 3. The Wards reside in the church parsonage, 601 Persimmon Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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REVEREND LAW PASSES

Funeral services for the Reverend John Paige Law of Merry Hill, N. C. were held at the Sandy Point Baptist Church on Monday, April 30 at 11:00 A.M. The Reverend C. A. Hart presided over the services. Tributes were given by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Mrs. Vera Slade, Reverend W. H. Trotman, Mrs. Irene Yeates, Reverend James A. Davis and Reverend C. C. Lawrence. The eulogy was delivered by Dr. John W. White.

Reverend Law was the pastor of Holley Grove, Wynns Grove, Elm Grove, Indian Woods, Sandy Point (65 years), Mount Pleasant (45 years), Conocanary (55 years), and Zion Bethlehem (50 years).

Having received his educational training at Bertie County Public School and Elizabeth City Teacher's College, he taught at the Avoco Elementary School, Windsor Elementary School and the Black Rock Elementary School. He was principal of the Merry Hill Elementary School, now the J. P. Law Elementary School.

Reverend Law was a past Moderator of the Sunday School Union (twice), the West Roanoke Union and the West Roanoke Association; President of the Sub Lott Carey Conference; and member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, five daughters, five grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

BAPTIST TRAINING CLINIC

The Nash County Sunday School and Baptist Training Convention conducted its first training clinic May 12, 1973 at 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Opportunities Industrialization Center (formerly the Booker T. Washington High School - 402 E. Virginia Street, Rocky Mount).

Classes were conducted for the Sunday School, B. T. U. and the Vacation Bible School. Books for the course were available in each class. All pastors, officers, superintendents, teachers, and directors were especially invited.

The instructors were: Dr. E. B. Turner, Director and Dean of the Sunday School Congress of the General Baptist State Convention; Reverend Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education of the

General Baptist State Convention; Mr. John Harrison, President of the B. T. U. Convention of Nash County; and Mr. W. M. Kingsberry, a Nash County leader in both Sunday School and B. T. U. Conventions.

J. O. Horne is the Director of Christian Education of the Nash County Sunday School Convention, and was the Director of the Clinic. Mrs. Lillian S. Pittman was the general secretary of the Clinic.

Dr. G. S. Stokes is the President of the Nash County Sunday School Convention, and Mr. John Harrison is the President of the B. T. U.

DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

June 18-23 — Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Columbia, S. C.

June 18-23 — National Baptist S. S. & B. T. U. Congress, U.S.A., Inc., Dallas, Texas

July 10-12 — Usher's Convention, First, Lawndale

August 7-9 — State S. S. & B. T. U. Congress, New Ahoskie, Ahoskie

August 13-17 — Woman's Convention, Sycamore Hill, Greenville

August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California

September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois

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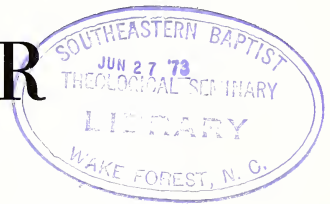
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REVEREND E. H. MARTIN
RENDERS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE



Reverend E. H. Martin of Anson County (North Carolina) has rendered meritorious service to the religious, social and civic life of Anson and surrounding Counties in North and South Carolina. These services cover a span of sixty years. A review of the biographical data of Reverend Martin is very enlightening.

He was married to Annie C. Gaddy, deceased. To this union two sons, George and Jehu were born. Both sons have preceded their father in death.

The Reverend Martin received his elementary education in the public schools of Anson County. He completed his secondary education at Shaw University; at this time Shaw had a high school as part of its educational system. His education after high school was continued by enrolling in several correspondence courses from Moody Institute, Chicago, Illinois. Further studies were pursued through Ministers Institute at A & T College, Greensboro,

North Carolina and Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. These educational endeavors were followed by the completion of three years of study at Shaw Divinity School, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The religious work of Reverend Martin is very impressive. He is a member of Rock Ford East Baptist Church, Wadesboro, N. C. He has served, or still is serving, several churches in the area. Those churches he formerly served, including years of service are: (1) Friendship Baptist, Monroe, N. C.—17 years; (2) Nicey Grove Baptist Church, Wingate, N. C.—12 years; (3) Galilee Baptist Church, Oakboro, N. C.—10 years; and (4) Salem Baptist Church, Chesterfield, S. C. The following churches are currently being served by Reverend Martin: (1) Flag Branch Baptist Church, Monroe, N. C.—54 years; (2) New Zion Baptist Church, Peachland, N. C.—40 years; (3) Meltonville Baptist Church, Peachland, N. C.—18 years; (4) Antioch Baptist Church, Monroe, N. C.—18 years; and (5) Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Wadesboro, N. C.—38 years.

For several years Mr. Martin conducted a Minister's Institute for Zion Baptist Association under the sponsorship of Shaw University. In addition, he currently is managing Religious Institutes for the Yadkin-Philadelphia Association. For eight years he served as Moderator of Zion Missionary Baptist Association; he currently serves as Vice-Moderator of Zion Association.

In addition to his religious activities, Reverend Martin works extensively with various community organizations. He is a member of the Executive Committee, Boy Scouts of America. He was chairman of Anson County Civic League. He has also served on the Board of Directors, Anson County Mental Health Association; and helped to organize and served as chairman of the Anson County Credit Union. He currently serves as an agent for the Wadesboro Mutual Exchange.

Reverend Martin served as Master of Mason, Lily of the Valley Lodge #47. He was the first Ex-

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Woman's Page----

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The Reverend Leonard Macon, Temple Memorial Baptist Church, High Point

The Reverend Aaron Johnson, Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville

**"HEAR YE THE MASTER'S CALL
 TO TODAY'S YOUTH: BUILDERS
 OF TOMORROW'S PEACE"**



By **LUCY LYONS**

First Baptist Church, Weldon, N. C.

It was said many years ago by a 12 year old and I quote "I have to go about my father's business." This was one of the first calls of the Master to build peace for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

There are many ways to express a generation's peace. The Greeks expressed theirs in their sculptures and writings, the English by their colonialism and the hippies by their long hair. "How," you ask, can today's youth: builders of tomorrow's peace express their desires for order and security? I will tell you and I will also tell you what Americans' Peace is.

First of all, peace is democracy, freedom, opportunity, religion, liberty, justice, and responsibility — thus education is the key to a nation's peace. In school, there is often stress on scholastic things, but what about God? Where does He fit into the picture? Since religion is no longer taught in school, children must look to their parents and churches for religious backgrounds. The child who hears the word of God and tries to conform his life

accordingly may be one of tomorrow's successful leaders, but the child who hears the word of God and does not apply its lessons to his everyday life may never know what true happiness and Christianity are. So, you see we must be educated religiously as well as scholastically. This is quite evident by the fact that today's youth will yield tomorrow's leadership. Therefore, these minds must be cultivated with the tools of concern and stimulated with the desire to endure world peace. But being concerned is not enough. The challenges facing our nation and communities today call for active, committed and intelligent youth. This means getting into and getting involved with the problems of amnesty, liberation, housing, busing, adoptions, abortions, drugs and other issues that set forth the foundation for tomorrow's peace. So, **Church**, offer us the youth, something to do so we won't have to seek our satisfaction, excitement, and enjoyment in the streets. Give us a chance to conform religious lives early so we won't have to learn about things the hard way.

Secondly, we have a fantastic world ahead of us. Our destiny whether rural, urban, young, old, black, white, rich or poor — should be to breathe strong yet wise patriotism. The heritages of our country, the family structures, religion, migration, and the urbanization of a technological society are some of the social forces responsible for peace identify as it exists today.

Youth, people have prepared things for us thus far. But now we are maturing and reaching the most important crossroads in life. So, rise up and make your decision. Are you going to enter the gate which leadeth to destruction or are you going to enter the one which leadeth to everlasting life? May I ask you this question, "Will you be a lawbreaker or a peacemaker?" Seek so that you may find understanding, compassion and wisdom which will be an aid in the lives of others. You don't have to be famous but be someone worthy of the love, respect, and fellowship of others.

Hear ye, Hear ye, the Master's call to today's youth, don't seek to hate before you are two, four, six or eight; but seek to give the world a better way. The test of a civilization is the estimate of its youth. Robert Kennedy once said and I quote, "Some men see things as they are and ask why, but I dream things that never were and ask why not."

So, builders of tomorrow's peace, Take Time . . . Take time to think . . . It is the source of power.

Take time to play . . . It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read . . . It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to pray . . . It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved . . . It is a God given privilege.

Take time to be friendly . . . It is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh . . . It is the music of the soul.

Take time to give . . . It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work . . . It is the price of success.

May I leave you with this thought — 'Next to God, we are indebted to Peace'.

DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION UNION TO MEET

By D. W. HEADEN

The Red Hill Baptist Church, Cameron, will be the place for the Deep River Baptist Minister-Laymen's Union, July 28-29 with the Moderator, Rev. D. F. Brown presiding over the business session.

The Reverend G. N. Miller of Liberty will be in charge of the Devotional Services while Reverend L. B. Cameron, Lillington, and Reverend Gregory Headen, Goldston, will be in charge of the workshop on "Articles of Faith In the Baptist Church".

Moderator Brown is urging all Laymen and Ministers of the Union to attend this Union at Red Hill (near Cameron) on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School was held at the Willow Chapel Baptist Church, Gold Point, North Carolina, April 30 through May 4. The theme for the week was "One Way With Jesus". It was well discussed during the week. The teachers were: Dr. G. E. Brown, Mrs. Vera Wynn, Mrs. Mary F. Brown, Miss Rita M. Cross, Mr. Jesse Black and Mr. Gregory Black.

The total enrollment for the week was 112.

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REVEREND E. H. MARTIN

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celient (sic) High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Mason of Wadesboro, N. C.—Wadesboro Hram Chapter No. 52. He was also the first Eminent Commander of Omega Commodity No. 4 which is the Knights Templar, Prince Hall Affiliation. Furthermore, he was Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in Wadesboro.

During his long and illustrious years of service, Reverend Martin has been the recipient of many prizes, gifts, awards and citations for his service to the people and communities in which he worked. However, one citation that he esteems very highly was being honored by Shaw University as "Pastor of the Year for 1973".

BAPTIST CHARTERED PLANE TO STOP IN CHARLOTTE

Due to increasing interest a larger plane has been chartered for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and a stop has been scheduled in Charlotte.

A United Airlines DC-8 Jet plane with 206 seats is scheduled to leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport on Tuesday, September 4, and stop in Charlotte for additional passengers. The return flight will be on Saturday, September 8.

Enthusiasm is growing for this unusual experience for General Baptists. A spirit of cooperation and participation is necessary to make it succeed. Those who have made reservations are urged to share this opportunity by inviting other Baptists to join them. A full plane is needed and some seats are still available.

The total cost is \$260 per person for the package trip which includes a roundtrip flight from Raleigh or Charlotte, four nights in a hotel (two in a room - no meals), airport-hotel transportation and luggage transfers, and a 4-hour tour of Los Angeles.

Reservations should be made immediately by sending a check for \$260, made out to "General Baptist Plane", and mailed to General Baptist Plane, P. O. Box 6172, Raleigh, N. C. 27608.

SIN IN THREE EASY STEPS

By HENRY D. COOPER
Laymen's Worker

The first verse of the First Psalm gives us one of the easiest methods which we can use to keep out of wrong-doing. This well-known hymn of the original Church begins, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor

seat of the scornful." Here are listed three acts which a person can commit, often inadvertently, which will involve him in sinful conduct. These are: Walking, Standing, and Sitting.

Let us first consider Walking in the counsel of the ungodly. In any community there is a vacant lot or an alley through which people sometimes walk to take a short cut on an errand which they are making. If an empty building happens to be there, or if some bushes are growing, there is a possibility that some fellows may gather in this seclusion to engage in a game of gambling. The Christian has as much right to use this path as anyone else. What should he do, knowing that he may encounter sinful behavior of his way through?

My interpretation of the meaning of the Psalmist is that the lover and obeyer of God should give us his right, and not walk through that path. Of course this choice of action is intended only for the person who is still trying to grow spiritually and who does not feel himself to be capable of breaking up the game. By not walking through this path, he standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the would certainly avoid being tempted to join the activity; but more important, he would avoid giving his approval to the operation, as he would do if he were to recognize an acquaintance while passing, and greet him, even if he kept on walking. So, he will be blessed if he stays out of that path.

Secondly, let us consider Standing in the way of sinners. May we return to the illustration? Suppose that a person who really wants to be devout finds that he has unintentionally walked up to some people who are doing wrong. He may recognize one or more friends in the group, and they may greet him cordially and offer him refreshment. Satan will put it into their minds to think of some business to take up with him, to cause him to pause a while. He does not wish to offend his friends nor give them the impression that he considers himself too good to associate with them. He remembers other times when he enjoyed their companionship. So, he stops. Alas, our friend has taken the second step into sin, and therefore has disqualified himself from receiving the blessing which the Psalmist foresaw.

The third step toward complete involvement in sin is Sitting in the seat of the scornful. When the person who thought he wanted to love and obey God finds the friendship of some people difficult to resist, even when these friends are engaged in sin, he has almost failed. One of the gambling fellows may slide further over on his box and say, "Have a seat for a minute. I'm almost ready to go, and we can finish that business which we had planned to do together." When our friend sits down he has become a full-fledged member of the group. By sitting in a seat belonging to those whose behavior God scorns, he has lost the third and last chance to receive the promised blessing.

EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Carolina B. Chadwick, Sr., the second of seven sons and three daughters, was born March 19, 1893 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Chadwick of Hubert, N. C. Someone has said, "The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one".

The surprise birthday party honoring Mr. Chadwick was held in the dining room of the St. Phillips Baptist Church, Pollocksville. Many relatives, distinguished guests and friends gathered for tributes, entertainment, and lovely repast for the honoree.

Very special thanks go to the following people for the lovely arrangements of the evening: Mrs. Annie Lee Parish (wife of the honoree), Mrs. Velma Glen Fonville, Rev. W. C. Goodwyn, Pastor of St. Phillips, and all members, and friends of St. Phillips Baptist Church as well as the community.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell and Cookie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Terrance, and Mrs. Bertha Anderson of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. George Badger, and Mrs. Frances Brimmage, all of Trenton, N. C.; and Mrs. Pearl Fonville from Hubert, N. C. Heading the out-of-state list was Mr. Leroy Dyett of Baltimore, Md., accompanied his wife and father. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fonville and Mrs. Bertha Williams, from Washington, D. C., rounded out the delegation.

After the presentation of many beautiful gifts, Mr. Chadwick said, "I take this way, in response to my many friends, to say how much I appreciate the badge of Love and Honor you have pinned on me. Your warmth and hospitality have already penetrated my heart. My very sincere thanks, and God bless you all."

REVEREND BROWN PASSES

Funeral services for the Reverend William Henry Brown, a senior at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. were held at the University Church, Shaw University on Wednesday, June 6 at 2:00 P.M. Among those who made expressions were: Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University; Reverend James Alexander, Dean of the Divinity School, Shaw University; Reverend Leatha Debham, Pastor of the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend C. T. Vivian, Dean of the Chapel, Shaw University.

Reverend Brown, son of Mrs. Hester B. Winston, was born August 11, 1952 in Gala, Virginia. While at home in Gala, he was active in the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

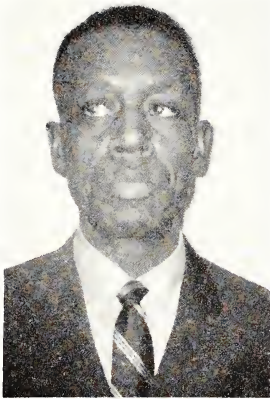
In August of 1970 William matriculated to Shaw University to expand his knowledge of the secular world. He participated in many school functions such as Alpha Eta Omega, Theological Fraternity, and served as Assistant to the Dean of the University Church. Because of his contribution to the religious life on campus, he was ordained in January, 1973. He was asked to preach in pulpits throughout the state of North Carolina. In fact, he worked very closely with the General Baptist State Convention in supplying pulpits across the state. In April of 1973, he was elected Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Wilmington, N. C.

Also while at Shaw, William met and later married Brenda Fogg on December 23, 1972.

Surviving are his wife, mother, two brothers, one sister, grandmother and a host of other relatives and friends.

DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

- July 10-12 — Usher's Convention, First, Lawndale
- August 7-9 — State S. S. & B. T. U. Congress, New Ahoskie, Ahoskie
- August 13-17 — Woman's Convention, Sycamore Hill, Greenville
- August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California
- September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois
- Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — Laymen's League and General Baptist State Convention, Greater St. Paul, Durham



John C. Foust



W. Max Hester



Mrs. Annie Foust



Mrs. Hazel Hester

HONORED FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The First Baptist Church, Mebane, and its Pastor, the Reverend John E. Davis honored Mrs. Hazel Hester, Mrs. Annie Bell Foust, Mr. John C. Foust, and Mr. W. Max Hester for their twenty years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Hester is the sixth president of the Missionary Society. She has been president for 22 years. Through the years she has been a faithful president. Under her leadership, many new members have been added, in addition to administering to the sick, visiting the Rest Homes, holding services with the aged, giving to the Central Orphanage and many others.

Mrs. Annie Foust has served as the church's

musician for more than twenty years. She started when she was in high school. Mrs. Foust has helped to organize several youth groups and has been instrumental in training many of the youth that are now serving with adult groups.

Mr. John C. Foust served as Superintendent of the Sunday School from 1939 until 1959. Mr. W. Max Hester served as the Assistant Superintendent during the same period of time. The late Dr. C. E. Griffin was pastor at the time Foust and Hester were elected. Several training courses were conducted for the teachers of the Sunday School by Dr. Griffin and the teachers held training certificates. It was during this time that the present church building was completed and the Sunday School rooms were put in use. The school had ten teachers and the role of the school exceeded that of the church membership.

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Dinner — 5:30 \$1.75

CORRECTION

It was stated in last month's (May, 1973) **Baptist Informer**, Wall Street Baptist Church reported \$50.00 at One Day Session and Lambert Chapel omitted. Instead the correct report is:

Wall Street, Sanford, Rev. J. L. Morgan \$25.00

Lambert Chapel, Siler City, Rev. D. F. Brown \$25.00

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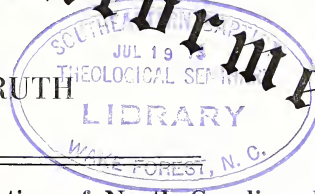
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AND

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Training Union Congress**

TO BE HELD WITH

NEW AHOSKIE BAPTIST CHURCH

AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 7-9, 1973

THE REVEREND T. L. STEELE, PASTOR

THEME:

**"The Church School and Baptist Training Union
Meeting The Challenge Of Social Change"**

BIBLICAL MOTTO:

**"And be not conformed to this world: But be ye
transformed by the renewing of your mind, that
you may prove what is that good, and acceptable
and perfect, will of God" — Romans 12:2**

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**THE 89th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE**

**Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign
Missionary Convention Of North Carolina**

TO BE HELD WITH

**THE SYCAMORE HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

AUGUST 13-17, 1973

GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REVEREND B. B. FELDER, Minister

THEME: "ONE-WORLD — ONE MISSION"

HIGHLIGHTS:

Preconvention Concert by the Youth Department,
Monday, August 13th — 7:45 P.M.

Tuesday: Symposium, "Lord What Would You
Have Us Do?". Local Program — 7:45 P.M.

Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. — The Executive Secretary
Reports

The President Delivers Annual Message

Mrs. Lula M. Hanes, Chicago — Guest Speaker
7:45 P.M.

Thursday, 9:30 A.M. — Union Presidents On
Parade (Unique Program)

MUSIC:

Sycamore Hill Choirs; Ebenezer Auxiliary Choir;
Convention Choir; Best Grove Church Choir,
Goldsboro

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Percy L. High; The Reverend Leonard Macon;
Dr. J. Archie Hargraves; Dr. W. C. Somerville

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PREACHING AT ITS BEST:

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 Alternate Sampson Buie, Jr.
 The Role of the Pupil E. B. Turner
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 The Denominational Work
 (Unified Plan) Leo Williams, Jr.

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 Youth Talent Hour
 The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest
 Candlelight Memorial Service—
 "The Voices of One Hundred Blessed Years"
 Greetings from the Parent Body and
 Auxiliary President
 Theme Discussions

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 55 District Conventions
 registered

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Christian Co-Worker:

The Fiscal Year of our Convention closes August 31, 1973. We have done fairly well this year but we have a long way to go before reaching our goal, \$500,000. Therefore, we would like for your church or organization to send us a liberal contribution before August 31.

Appreciately yours,
 O. L. SHERRILL

Woman's Page ----

THE NEWLY APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF OUR MISSION IN HAITI

Salary to be paid by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE



The Reverend John L. Daniels has been appointed by the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention and Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary to serve in Haiti as Superintendent of our Mission work beginning August 1, 1973.

Reverend Daniels is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Nathaniel Daniels of Franklinton, North Carolina.

He was born in Raleigh and reared in Franklinton. At an early age he joined the First Baptist Church (Franklinton) and later served as a teacher and superintendent of its Church School. He also joined the youth choir and Ushers.

Reverend Daniels preached his initial sermon July 23, 1967 and become an ordained Baptist Minister December 8, 1968. He is a recent graduate of The Shaw University, a member of its Theological Fraternity and has worked with many churches in the Raleigh and nearby areas.

On July 21 the Reverend Daniels will wed Miss Carrie Ward of Hamlet, North Carolina, a Business Major and Dental Assistant in Raleigh. The newlyweds will celebrate their honeymoon in Haiti, and she will assist her husband in the work.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will underwrite the salary of Reverend Daniels (to be paid quarterly) and the Lott Carey Convention will pay the salary of Mrs. Daniels.

Dr. Somerville and Mrs. Horne held a most rewarding conference with the couple July 26th in the Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina. Pray Much For Our Work and the Daniels.

BAPTIST WOMEN AND YOUTH TAKE INITIATIVE

By THELMA C. HORTON

Some 600 Baptist Women and Youth took the initiative during the week of June 11-15, to prepare themselves to render more effective Christian serv-

ice. Every section of the state was well represented and the Thirty-sixth Annual Woman's Missionary Conference and the Twenty-second Annual Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic proceeded with enthusiasm. The participants included many newcomers and others who had attended for some thirty years. One such individual stated that the fellowship, opportunity to study, worship and praise God has endeared her to the conference.

Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist State Convention and Mrs. J. B. McLester, first vice president, planned a challenging and rewarding program for the women. They served as Conference Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively. The Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic, directed by Reverend J. C. Harris of First Baptist, Statesville and Dr. W. B. Lewis of First Cosmopolitan Baptist, Raleigh, sought to create an awareness of the real meaning of Christian Stewardship among the campers. Mrs. Virginia Daye, State Youth Advisor, was Camp Coordinator. Other Counselors and Advisors were Misses Patsy Rice, Audrey Key, Ethel Stanfield, A. M. Dunigan, Mildred Allen, Mesdames Theodore Walker, M. C. Grier, Alice Wilson, Eva M. Pratt, Lucille Hill, H. M. Crews, Rosa Holloway and Milton Currie. Mrs. Eva M. Johnson, Salisbury, conducted the Charm Clinic.

The Missionary Workshop instructors were Mrs. Leola T. Harris, Statesville and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, fourth vice-president, WBH&FM Convention. From the study "Adults Continuing to Learn" by Ernest J. Loessner, the group agreed that adults are capable to learning and growing throughout life. And that God expects adults to learn and grow continually. Mrs. Evelyn Monk is Conference Secretary.

The activities of the campers were group oriented, well-rounded and stimulating. They included the Charm Clinic, study groups, sight-seeing and recreation. A Talent Program was presented on Thursday afternoon. Special rehearsals were also held for the Youth Missionary Concert Choir, under the auspices of Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor. The concert will be presented by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention on Monday, August 13, 7:30 P.M., Greenville. The Rev. B. B. Felder, pastor of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, has extended a warm and cordial invitation to the Baptist Family and Friends. Proceeds will go to the J. J. Johnson All-Baptist Assembly.

Thursday, which was designated as "Woman's Night" was concluded with a reception on the lawn of Dr. and Mrs. Archie Hargraves, president, Shaw University. The beautiful way in which the women dressed portrayed the beauty seen only in a flower garden. Mrs. Horne presided and Mrs. Leola Harris

served as pianist. Following the devotion, with Mrs. Eva Johnson reading the scripture and offering the prayer, greetings were extended by Mrs. J. Archie Hargraves, Shaw University; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Woman's Convention; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, General Baptist Convention and Mrs. Addie G. Stroud, vice president, Raleigh Ministers' Wives' Alliance.

Mrs. Clara Ballentine presented Mrs. Harriett S. Jones, Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, an orchid corsage and a plaque on behalf of District VII, Group I, WBH&FMC, in recognition of thirty years of dedicated service as District Chairman. Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, was presented by Mrs. McLester as a teacher, lecturer, writer and community organizer. She is the wife of Dr. Robert G. Wallace, Dean of Chicago Baptist Institute. Speaking from the theme, she chose "An Agenda For Action" as her subject. She spoke as one with authority and challenged the audience to "reach people where they are, the point of need". She described the "Great Commission" as the "Agenda".

Dr. William A. Jones, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., lectured to the joint sessions of the Woman's Conference and the Thirty-seventh Annual Minister's Institute (convening simultaneously). He captured the minds and hearts of many with his descriptive manner of speaking on the theme. He concluded that the "Roles of the Church in the Political and Economic Empowerment of the Oppressed" is one of action and change. The greatest sin of the church, he stated, is committed when the Church withholds the Gospel from its self, resulting in misdirected Missions. He challenged the group to help others, because Religion is for People.

Special features of the Woman's and Youth sessions were The Arts and Crafts Workshop conducted by Mrs. Alice Wilson of Durham; Dialogue Session (Woman's Convention Program) and the early morning worship service led by Mrs. E. S. Norris, Durham.

The following women received certificates from The Shaw University for having completed the required standard: Mrs. Ethel Lee Stocks, Lawndale; Miss Vera Marlow, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Mrs. Cloxie Stanley, Shallotte; Mrs. Nell Mae Gause, Ash; Mrs. Bernice Marlow, North Myrtle Beach and Miss Mary C. Williams, Henderson.

The conference closed with prayer for the lost and unconcerned.

THE HOLY LANDS PILGRIMAGE AND ATHENS



Executive Secretary Horne of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be tour hostess during a ten (10) day tour of the Holy Lands and Athens. Thirty (30) persons have signed as tour members, accompanied with more than one half of their tour fare (\$757.00), which includes round trip air flight from New York, meals and hotel accommodations.

The group will depart December 11 and return December 20 after visiting such places as Jerusalem, Bethlehem (the birthplace of Jesus), Samaria, the Sea of Galilee (where Jesus called his first disciples), the Jordan River, Mt. Olives, the Dead Sea, the home of Mary and Martha, Lazarus' Tomb, Corinth and will ascend Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul spoke so brilliantly and upheld the teachings of the Master and many other interesting points.

Miss Bettie Chisolm, personal Secretary and Assistant to Mrs. Horne will travel as Assistant Hostess.

Other interested persons may contact the tour hostess.

THE CHURCH IS

By MANSEL PHILIP McCLEAVE

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DISTRICT 3 — GROUP 1 OF THE WBH&FM CONVENTION

By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

District 3 - Group 1 with its dynamic Chairman, Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, moved into an unforgettable One-Day Conference Session with spiritual dedication, skill, music and the art of teaching the program of its Woman's State Convention.

The Conference was held Saturday, July 16th in Waco, North Carolina at the Washington Baptist Church, the Reverend P. B. Barnette, pastor. The Ebenezer Auxillary Choir lifted the hearts of everyone present as it sang praises to God. Approximately 300 or more persons were present.

The Young Adult Department and the Youth Department headed by Mrs. Freida Wallace and Miss Anita Caldwell respectively were there in large numbers with intent to teach the program of the Convention.

Following the close of the Leadership Training Conference and the Youth Bible Camp held on the Shaw Campus, Executive Secretary Horne left for Waco to address the Conference. Mrs. Horne was tired but definitely refreshed after such a business session.

Summary For The Day

Number of Circles reporting	39
Auxiliaries	4
County Unions	3
Young Adult Departments	27
Young Adult Auxiliaries	2
Young Adult Unions	3
Youth Departments	31
Youth Auxiliaries	2
Youth Unions	2

Total given to the Woman's Convention (that day) For State Missions — \$627.95.

Chairman Lucas is surrounded with such personalities as Mesdames R. H. Diggs, Willie M. Anderson, Z. A. Burge, J. H. White, H. L. Spears, R. L. Garvin, Margaret Roberts, Cora Reid, Carrie Johnson, Irma Kirpatrick, P. C. Pendergrass, Pearl Littlejohn, Ministers and others.

Hats off to Chairman Lucas and District 3 - Group 1 of the Woman's Convention.

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The Annuity Supplement is a tax-sheltered annuity program. TAS is designed to supplement the annuities of the American Baptist Churches Retirement Plan. Taxes are not paid on the amount invested until retirement, when incomes are usually lower. The TAS program comes under Sections 403 (b) and 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code.

M & M does not have a required retirement age. Members may remain active and full participants in the program to any age they desire. M & M, however, does not expect retirement to take place prior to age 65.

A surviving widow will continue to receive her annuity and other benefits even if she remarries.

Annual grants are provided to retired ministers and missionaries, and their widows, who are in serious financial need. In addition, educational grants are made available to widows to further their education and to prepare them for a vocation; and to assist children of deceased ministers to attend schools, colleges, and universities.

Emergency assistance is given to active and retired ministers and their families experiencing serious financial hardship. Such assistance is made possible in part by the Communion Fellowship Offering received from churches throughout the denomination.

The Board provides information about income taxes, social security, parsonage allowances and furnishes salary information to churches, publishes a booklet on Wills, holds income tax seminars, pre-retirement income seminars and sponsors a complimentary luncheon for ministers at the biannual sessions of the American Baptist convention.

All administrative expenses of The M & M Benefit Program and other services are made possible by income from the Board's endowment fund. Members of the Board's staff do not receive commissions and all monies invested by the member accrue to that member's account. The Board's endowment fund is made possible through the gifts and bequests of persons interested in "the better maintenance of the ministry".

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ANNUAL AWARDS DAY CELEBRATION

Hollywood has its Academy Awards for top performers in the film industry. Television has its tributes to those within its ranks, known as the Emmy Awards. But in most cities and states, it is difficult to find a recognition program which pays tribute to a great number of minority and disadvantaged Scholars, Laborers, Businessmen, etc., who have changed the course of not only their lives, but the lives of many, by their individual pursuits. These pursuits have not been achieved in the interest of self-acclaim; but, done "quietly" in an attempt to solve a problem or to satisfy self. However, in so doing, these individuals have far surpassed all established standards. It is to these unheralded minority/disadvantaged individuals, living and dead, that "Annual Awards" is dedicated to being their champion.

These people will be honored through a publication, titled **Annual Awards**, which will be published once a year. This publication will spotlight pictorially and narratively the awardees selected from those persons whom you, the churches of North Carolina, deemed worthy to receive recognition. There will also be an "Annual Awards" Banquet to be held December 1, 1973, at the Royal Villa Motor Inn, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the awardees to receive their trophies and visible laurels.

Business and Professional Research Associates, Inc., of High Point, North Carolina, an organization dedicated to the uplifting of minorities and disadvantaged individuals, is the author of the Annual Awards Day production. Governor James E. Houser, Jr., has decreed, by official proclamation,

that December 1, 1973, shall be "Annual Awards Day" throughout the state of North Carolina, as have several mayors in their local communities.

The proceeds from the Annual Awards Day production will be given to three (3) institutions of higher learning within the State. These funds will be earmarked for minority and disadvantaged students enrolled in business and business-related courses at Shaw University, Pembroke State University, and Appalachian State University.

It is our wish that you, the parishioners throughout North Carolina, will grasp the "total idea" of "Annual Awards" and thereby submit nominees for this celebration.

"As ye would that men should do unto you . . ."

If you have knowledge of an individual who has made a definite contribution to our total community, and you deem this person or persons worthy of recognition, please contact:

ANNUAL AWARDS
329 N. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina 27260
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD

Vacation Bible School was held at the End Street Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, North Carolina, May 21st through the 25th, 1973. Theme for the week was, "Looking Unto Jesus". It was well discussed. Teachers for the nursery through adult classes were Dr. G. E. Brown, Mrs. Hester Clark, Mrs. Gertrude Savage, Mrs. Bessie Pender, Miss Susie Pender, Mr. Percy James and Mr. P. O. Whitaker.

We had three to accept Christ.

We had an enrollment of 201.

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THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ADOPTS MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

The General Baptist State Convention in a Special Session on October 31, 1972, adopted the report of the Benefit Commission Committee which was chaired by C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

BENEFIT COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Benefit Commission, have given ourselves to a careful and prayerful study to benefit plans for ministers and other Christian full time workers. The committee found in its careful study many benefit plans from various Benefit Boards having advantages and disadvantages, and in the process of elimination, we used our best judgment in selecting a plan to be submitted to the convention.

WHEREAS, every pastor and full time christian worker who give their life in christian service for the church will one day reach old age and retire, or become disabled and retire, or will die in active service and leave their families, and

WHEREAS, the church has the responsibility of supporting its pastor and other full time christian workers now and in the future, and

WHEREAS, the future responsibility of a pastor and other full time christian workers can be lifted from the church in a retirement program, and

WHEREAS, every working person in our economy is protected in some type of retirement program and looks to the future for such protection in light of the rising cost of living, and

WHEREAS, in light of the need for our pastors and full time christina workers to have some type of retirement for the future in keeping with the teaching of I Corinthians 9:14 "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

We, therefore, recommend that the General Baptist State Convention will associate with other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention Protection Plan in providing retirement for pastors and other full time christian workers.

In association with such plan whereby the church will provide 13% of the total 15% of the pastor's and other full time christian worker's total compensation, which includes, cash, salary, housing and other expenses, the Southern Baptist Convention will contribute 1% up to 15% of the total compensation, and we recommend that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will also contribute 1% up to 15% of the total compensation for retirement.

If this plan is adopted (and the committee strongly supports its adoption) we recommend that this committee be responsible for the distribution of retirement material among the churches of the convention.

Humbly submitted,
C. C. Craig, Chairman
(Mrs.) Hazel McLean, Secretary

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EXAMPLES FOR "BENEFIT PLAN B" SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

EXAMPLE 1

Ages 50-65 and 50-70

If a church invested \$400.00 per year for their pastor's retirement (which is the minimum) beginning at age 50, he would receive at age 65 an annual income of \$928.00 for the remainder of his life. If he stayed in the program until age 70, he would receive an annual income of \$1,740.00 for the remainder of his life.

EXAMPLE 2

If a church invested \$600.00 per year beginning at age 50, he would receive at age 65 an annual income of \$1,392.00 for the remainder of his life. If he stayed in the program until age 70, he would receive an annual income of \$2,610.00 for the remainder of his life.

EXAMPLE 1

Ages 60-65 and 60-70

If a pastor has already reached sixty (60) years of age, his church may wish to compensate for lost year by doubling the benefits. Therefore, if the dues are paid at \$800.00 per year, beginning at age 60, he would receive at age 65 an annual income of \$448.00 for the remainder of his life. If he stayed in the program until age 70, he would receive an annual income of \$1,232.00 for the remainder of his life.

EXAMPLE 2

If the dues are paid at \$1,000.00 per year, beginning at age 60, he would receive an annual income of \$560.00 for the remainder of his life. Again, if he stayed in the program until age 70, he would receive an annual income of \$1,540.00 for the remainder of his life.

Of course, these figures would be larger if he paid in more money.

ATTENTION!

Here are the places where you may obtain housing accommodations during the forthcoming State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, August 7-9, 1973.

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THESE ARE THE PER DAY RATES. WRITE OR CALL EITHER OF THESE PLACES FOR RESERVATIONS.

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2 persons, 2 beds — \$14.56

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Mr. John Eure, Manager — 28 rooms

1 person — \$10.40

2 persons — \$12.48 (one bed)

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DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

August 7-9 — State S. S. & B. T. U. Congress, New Ahoskie, Ahoskie

August 13-17 — Woman's Convention, Sycamore Hill, Greenville

August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California

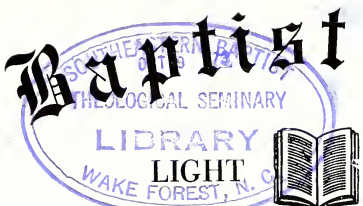
September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois

Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — Laymen's League and General Baptist State Convention, Greater St. Paul, Durham

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Baptist Convention Season Is On

As we go to press, the State Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress made history as it met August 7-9 in the New Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie. Under the wise leadership of J. W. Martin, Clifton Stone and Leo Williams, the Congress reached an all time high in attendance and participation.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention met in Greenville with the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Vera Slade is the President and Mrs. M. A. Horne is the Executive Secretary.

Many of our pastors and members will journey to the 76th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention to be held August 27-31 with the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is reported that Dr. C. R. Edwards, President of the General Baptist State Convention, will be elected President of the Lott Carey Convention in this session. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of Lott Carey, released to us a list of the "Men and Women of Troas" from North Carolina.

From September 4-9, three National Baptist bodies will attract the attention of North Carolina Baptists.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will convene in Los Angeles, California. A chartered plane will go from North Carolina.

The National Baptist Convention of America, meets in Chicago, Illinois.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., meets in Jackson, Mississippi.

Someone looking in from the outside will quickly reach the conclusion that Baptists are divided. Let me remind you that we are one, no matter what Convention we attend.

MAGNIFICENT NORTH CAROLINA "MEN OF TROAS" OF 1973

The office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, has just released the 1973 list of The 125 "Men of Troas". The following are listed as the Magnificent "Men & Women of Troas" from North Carolina:

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Dr. O. L. Hairston	Dr. E. B. Turner
Dr. D. R. Hedgley	Dr. J. B. Humphrey
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LENOIR PASTOR RETIRES
FROM FULLTIME POST



The Reverend R. W. Barber, pastor of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lenoir for the past 22 years, retired from the fulltime ministry on August 5.

Before coming to Lenoir, Rev. Barber was pastor of the New Damascus Baptist Church at North Wilkesboro for 15 years, and was pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Catawba for 15 years.

While at the churches in North Wilkesboro and Catawba, he was active in the Mountain and Catawba Association.

After retirement, Rev. Barber and his wife will make their home in North Wilkesboro and he will continue his ministry on a supply basis.

His retirement coincided with his 22nd anniversary at the Lenoir church.

BAPTIST LEADER LAID TO REST

Funeral services were held for Dr. William McKinley Wyatt, Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church for 44 years in Salisbury, Thursday, August 9, 1973.

Dr. J. B. Humphrey Pastor First Baptist Church, Charlotte, presided over the services. A timely Eulogy was ably delivered by Dr. David R. Hedgley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Tributes were given by the Reverend A. A. Spaulding for the Salisbury-Rowan Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship; Dr. O. L. Sherrill for the General Baptist State Convention of North Ca-

rolina; Dr. C. R. Edwards for the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention and the Reverend C. R. Trotter for the Rowan Baptist Association.

Dr. Wyatt was a faithful servant of Christ in Salisbury, in the State and Nation.

STRASSNER HONORED



The Wakefield Baptist Church, Zebulon, recently honored her pastor, Dr. William R. Strassner after 28 years of loyal and devoted service. Dr. Strassner is known across the nation as a great preacher and teacher. For several years, he served as president of Shaw University, Raleigh.

The occasion honoring Dr. Strassner was highlighted by a Banquet with Mrs. Carolyn High Walker serving as the Mistress of Ceremony. Others appearing on the program were, Mr. Melvin Privette, Mr. Garland Crews, Mr. Isham High, Rev. John Mangum, Miss Diana Dunn and Mr. J. D. Bobbitt. The keynote address was delivered by the Reverend George W. Dudley of Rocky Mount.

Honored with Dr. Strassner was his beloved wife who has been faithful in service by his side. Congratulations Dr. Strassner. May God's richest blessings continue to be yours.

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Woman's Page----

LOTT CAREY MEETS IN PITTSBURGH

Honorable Walter Fauntroy, Black Democratic, U. S. Congressional Representative, for the District of Columbia, is scheduled to address the 76th annual meeting of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention meeting at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, 6566 Shetland Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 27th-31st, where the Rev. Elmer Williams is pastor.

Congressman Fauntroy, who is minister of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and a former aide to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is expected to point out to the more than 2,000 black delegates new horizons for the presently embattered S. C. L. C. and also discuss valuable information as to what the black missionary church can do to keep American politics christian and likewise make missionary poverty relative at home and in black emerging nations where much of Lott Carey's efforts are directed.

According to Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville's 30th annual report from Washington, D. C., 112 black ministers have led their congregations to contribute more than \$1,000 to help make a total contribution of \$350,000 from all sources for the convention's objectives, which is the largest amount reported in the organization's history. Mr. Sommerville's report will be made on Wednesday morning at Sixth Mount Zion.

Dr. C. L. Edwards, of the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., will succeed Dr. Walter E. Paige, Minister of the Faith Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland as the organization's president. According to the rule of tenure, Mrs. Nettie Gaither, of McKeesport, Pa., will become head of the Women's Auxiliary as successor to Mrs. Agnes Jordan, Portsmouth, Va.

Convent Avenue Baptist Church, New York City, where Dr. M. L. Wilson is pastor, heads the list of contributors having contributed Four Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars. Convent also gives support to a full time missionary and his wife in Guana, Africa. Other top subscribing black congregations for the year include the Zion Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., Dr. C. H. Jordan, minister; Faith Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Walter E. Paige, pastor; and Trinity Baptist Church, The Rev. E. A. Parham, pastor, Columbus, Ohio.

This year's meeting will open with a pre-convention musical on Monday evening, August 27th, at

seven-thirty o'clock at Sixth Mount Zion with Mrs. Juanita David, New York, as director. Special tribute will be paid to pioneers of the organization including the late Dr. J. C. Hairston, former minister of the host church and at one time president.

President Paige will deliver his final address as head of Lott Carey on Wednesday evening accompanied by the Faith Baptist Church Choir of Baltimore where he is minister. Dr. Agnes Jordan, out-going President will present her address on Thursday night at the Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Hall where all evening sessions are scheduled to be held. Youth Department will meet with the AME Church here.

Joseph Manke, Pittsburgh, newly elected president of the Laymen's League will speak in his first official capacity in his home town on Tuesday evening. Mr. Manke is one of the organization's most active laymen.

TO EXPAND TO SOUTH AFRICA

Lott Carey has dedicated new buildings at its mission stations in Liberia, where the honorable Angie Brooks, U. N. Representative to the United States and former president of the United Nations Security Council is assistant to Dr. Sommerville and the African work. A new Leper Colony has been opened in New Delhi, India, where the wife of the late Dr. A. F. Nelson, a native of India, is superintendent.

Dr. Marcus Wood, Baltimore, Maryland, who was admitted to South Africa on a special assignment will display visual aids of the Segregated Black South African need and will present a proposal where the convention can extend its program into this wealthy African continent that is torn by racial strife because of unchristian practices and acts of imperialism, that has been thrust upon blacks in one of the most rigid forms of christian mockery in the history of christianism.

Lott Carey supports 140 full-time missionaries and is sponsoring eight foreign students at Howard, Union, Shaw and Iowa State Universities in the United States. The Rev. John L. Daniels, a recent graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., has recently been appointed superintendent of the organization's work in Haiti, and will be sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Convention of North Carolina, it has been reported by Mrs. M. A. Horne, chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary for Lott Carey.

Others scheduled to appear on program during the meeting in Pittsburgh, will include the Rev. H. E. Trammel, of the Mt. Jeznell Baptist Church,

Washington, D. C.; Dr. Noel Taylor, Black City Councilman of Roanoke, Va., and president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention; Dr. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va., chairman of the executive board; the Rev. J. J. Johnson, State Legislator (Black) of North Carolina; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention; the Rev. R. L. Evans, Richmond, Va., Executive of the General Baptist of Virginia; President M. C. Southerland, Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Vera Slade, President of the Women's Convention of North Carolina; Willie Battle, Columbus, Ohio, of the Youth Department and Mrs. A. J. Spradling of Columbus, Ohio.

DR. AND MRS. JOHNSON HONORED AT MARTIN STREET

Martin Street Baptist Church honored its pastor, the Reverend Dr. Paul Harold Johnson, for thirty years of outstanding services on Sunday, July 1st.



The beautiful sanctuary was taxed to its capacity for the occasion. Ushers, uniformed and most courteous, awaited one at the entrance. A full choir of more than forty persons was at its singing best for the day. An atmosphere

of changed reverence was every-where as the hour of service arrived with Dr. James Thomas, physician, serving as master of ceremonies.

At the designated hour of worship, the Deacon Board found its way into the sanctuary followed by Dr. James Thomas, Dr. O. L. Sherrill and the honoree, Dr. Johnson. Following the sentence, Dr. Thomas gave a most befitting prayer, followed by the chant of choir and people. Intercessory prayer was offered by Deacon H. B. Pullen. With all the offerings and notices finished, Mrs. Margaret Dunn introduced in her own inimitable way, the guest speaker, Dr. O. L. Sherrill.

Dr. Sherrill was lavish yet factual in his opening words of praise and commendation of the pastor-ate. Basing his theme from David's message in II Samuel 22:29-30; "For Thou Art my lamp, O God and the Lord will lighten my darkness. For by Thee have I leaped over a wall." He used for a theme, "How I Got Over." His discourse, while very timely, was divided into three areas. His first step was that of dedication. He pointed out the necessity of "growing with God"; of a high sense of mission; and a remarkable faithfulness over little things.

His second requirement was that of a great faith. He finally admired the perseverance needed and attained. And while the hearers were expecting more, Dr. Sherrill opened the doors of the church.

Dr. Johnson was privileged to do the announcements, for he was thrilled to the overflowing to see so many of his friends from his hometown of Oxford present. As happy as he must have been to greet his hometowners, relatives and friends alike, it was his supreme joy to lay "holy hands" on his own grand-daughter, extend the vow to his daughter and to his son-in-law and then bear on feeble words a petition that the God of heaven would guide, protect and encourage all in the way of the cross.

Following the regular services, the Holy Communion was given and the entire congregation felt a spiritual lift as we left the church, only to return for the 4:00 p.m. service.

In the interim, friends and visitors were served a scrumptuous dinner at the old parsonage just across the street in front of the church.

At 4:00 p.m., Rev. Percy L. High, a Raleigh native, a former member of Martin Street Baptist Church, and now pastoring Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, was present with his choir and a goodly representation of his officers and members. Typically "Percy", in his own dynamic way, his delineation of the domestic life of Hosea and Gomer, his unfaithful wife, was almost breathtaking. Here and there along the way, he dropped nuggets of gold. Explanatory, thought-provoking, adventurous, scholarly are just a few words to describe the sermon of this young dynamo.

Yet, he had to preach; his choir was packing so much power in song. The list of inspiring well done numbers included: Blessed Assurance. Mr. Eddie Williams was soloist for I Just Can't Make It By Myself, Mrs. Violet Rogers was featured in Come On Children, Little Ralph Cousin was soloist for I Can Tell The World, Mr. R. W. Davis expertly rendered Jesus Lifted Me with the choir doing the background music. Organist was Mrs. Ruth S. McCollum; while Mr. Jesse McBrite served at the piano.

At the evening hour, numerous and weighty presentations were made to both Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, with Dr. J. W. Fleming, serving as master of ceremonies.

Down at Roberts Park, the recreation hour was in full swing. More than seven hundred filed in and through to get a chance at a buffet delight of punch, cream puff stuffed with chicken salad and ribbon sandwiches as well as to extend a congratulatory hand to Dr. and Mrs. Johnson.

WORLD STEWARDSHIP

By HENRY D. COOPER
Laymen's Worker

The story of Adam's expulsion from the Garden of Eden is well known by all worshippers of God. We live in a state of continuous regret over the fact that the first man wilfully disobeyed God and as a result lost the gift of Eternal Life for himself and for us, his descendants. When Adam was questioned about his wrongdoing, he gave as his excuse, "The woman . . ." When Eve was questioned, she said, "The serpent . . ." We note, however, that although both Eve and the serpent were held guilty by God and were properly punished, Adam still was not excused.

Many theological discussions have been held on this situation throughout the years, as people have tried to analyze the basic principles which are involved in man's relationship with God. We find that the following rules must be accepted:

1. Man has freedom of choice and may decide whether to do wrong or right.
2. God demands an accounting for his gifts and trust to man.
3. An excuse blaming someone else is not valid.

It would seem, then, that we have learned our great lesson once and for all, and that we know exactly how to respond to God when He has given us a trust or has made a covenant with us. But, sad to say, we seem to be bent upon repeating the same errors, knowing that we must suffer the expected consequences. The Garden of Eden was taken away, yes; but man still has stewardship of the world. Eternal Life was lost, yes; but we still have mortal life. Dare we to think that these may never be taken from us?

Let us look again at Genesis, in Chapter 1, verses 27 and 28. There we see, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them. Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Man could not have been given any clearer mandate than this to hold stewardship over the material resources of the earth. Man has control over the earth and its contents, and consequently should expect to be held responsible for his use or abuse of these valuable creations. Both David and the Apostle Paul believed this, because they said (Psalm 24:1 and I Corinthians 10:26) "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

How are we managing the resources of the earth? We are killing off many animals and birds for the sport of seeing how straight we can shoot a gun, or because they interfere with our making of money. We are mining iron and other minerals from the ground, using them for manufacturing flimsy gadgets, then after a short period of use are dumping the remains on trash piles. We are pumping oil out of the earth and consuming it at such an alarming rate by driving automobiles unnecessarily that scientists predict that within a few generations this valuable source of energy will be exhausted. And we are using our streams and oceans as dumping places for chemicals and garbage to the extent that not only are fish dying, but also people are dying from eating fish which grow in such polluted waters.

No individual person can escape responsibility for this kind of mis-management by saying, "I am not a huntsman," or "I do not run a factory," or "Other people drive cars, why can't I ride also?" Once we can begin to realize that the unwise use of the world's resources is against God's will, and therefore is a sin, we have no excuse for continuing this kind of waste. The stupendous greatness of the contest by millions of people to make more and more money, and to enjoy more and more luxuries, should not discourage a person from freeing himself from involvement in this sin, but rather it should challenge him to exert his influence in every way possible to put a stop to such colossal destruction of reserves which can never be replaced.

This is a reason why Church members should practice economy and self-restraint in everything which they do. It is a reason why we must become educated to know the far-reaching sources and effects of goods which we purchase. It is a reason for our taking an active part in the control and operation of our local, state, and national governments. And it is one reason why we must try to carry to all people the belief in the fatherhood of God.

DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

- August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California
- September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois
- Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — Laymen's League and General Baptist State Convention, Greater St. Paul, Durham

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PASTOR INSTALLED



The Reverend Allandus Wright, Jr. was installed as the new pastor of Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro, on Sunday, July 22, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. W. T. Tuck presided over the service.

Included on the program were: Rev. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Curtis Bradsher, Dr. David Rogers, Rev. Lewis E. Wall, and Dr. J. C. Owens.

The featured guest for the occasion was the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh. Dr. Paul Johnson delivered the installation sermon while the Martin Street Choirs provided the music.

Mrs. R. J. Tillman presented Rev. Wright with the gift, after which he had brief remarks.

Reverend Wright graduated from Shaw University in April of 1973 with a degree in Religion and Philosophy. In September of this year he will enter Duke University Divinity School in order to work on his Master's Degree in some field of Theology.

On June 30, 1973 he was joined in Holy Matrimony to the former Miss Ophelia Powell of Murfreesboro, N. C.

BROWN HONORED!

The Twenty-Fourth Anniversary of Dr. G. E. Brown, Moderator of the Middle Ground Union, was observed July 29, 1973 at the Christ Temple Baptist Church, Robersonville, the Reverend H. Hammond, Pastor. The Reverend Jessie Williams of Goldsboro delivered the sermon. He was accompanied by his chorus and ushers of Belmont Baptist Church, Robersonville. It was well supported and attended. The Reverend Johnnie Bell was chairman of the committee and the Reverend H. H. Moore presented the gifts.

PASTOR RENDERS 21 YEARS OF SERVICE

Situated between Wilmington and Goldsboro is the thriving progressive town of Rose Hill. In this town there are four churches, the largest of which is First Baptist.

The Reverend J. M. Grimes, our Pastor, is a native of Mt. Olive, N. C., who has been with us at

First Baptist for twenty-one years. During Rev. Grimes' pastorate, an educational wing has been added; new rugs have been put down; an organ purchased; and air conditioning and heat have been installed. Also, 251 members have been added to the Church's roll.

Reverend Grimes is the Vice-Moderator of the Kenansville-Eastern Association, Pastor of Six Runs Baptist Church, Turkey and Hills Chapel Baptist Church of Faison.

He is a gospel preacher and a christian gentleman.

NEWS FROM EBENEZER

We, the members of the Senior Usher Board of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Greensboro, wish to thank one and all for helping to make our Baby Contest a success. The total amount raised was \$2,019.

On Sunday, July 22, 1973 at 6:00 P.M., the Senior Usher Board of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Greensboro celebrated their Fourth Anniversary. The Reverend Wallace Powell, Assistant Pastor of the Elm Grove Baptist Church was the speaker. The Reverend W. L. Gladney is Pastor of Ebenezer.

GROUND BREAKING — NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ground breaking ceremonies were held for the New Hope Baptist Church, sanctuary and educational department, on Sunday, July 24 at 3:00 p.m. The Church was organized by the Reverend Walter M. Richmond on the second Sunday in August, 1968. The Church originally began with the membership of twenty chartered members. They worked diligently together under the leadership of their pastor and have now grown to the membership of 121 members.

Participants in the ceremonies were: Deacon James Lane, Rev. Richmond, Mrs. Lillian Hughes (Missionary President), Joey Smith (Youth Choir President), and James Lowe (representative of the Building Fund).

The Church will be located at 306 Cottage Grove Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Ushers from the Trent River-Oakey Grove Association convened on June 15 at the Union Baptist Church, Jacksonville. The meeting, one of the best in its history, opened at 10:30 A.M. and continued through June 17.

Among the many highlights of the session were: the Usher's Workshop, planning for the July State Convention, and the discussion of the state theme led by Reverend W. C. Goodwyn and other ministers. Outstanding sermons were delivered by the following ministers: Reverend David Ollison, Reverend Johnny James, Reverend Wilson Johnson, Reverend W. A. Greene and Reverend W. C. Ollison.

On Saturday, June 16 at 12:00 Noon, the President's Annual Address was delivered by Deacon Carolina B. Chadwick, Sr. He used as his reference John 13:34-35 — "By this, all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Deacon Chadwick, the founder as well as President of the Convention, was at his best as he developed this impressive topic: "The Church Ushers' New Way of Life." He pointed out seven ways to be identified as an usher of the church: (1) by walking in the light; (2) by admitting that one is a sinner; (3) by obeying God's will; (4) by imitating Christ; (5) by showing love for others; (6) by one's relationship with the world; (7) by proving Christ is righteous by one's life. Indeed, many profound thoughts were gleaned from the fine address by Deacon Chadwick.

Echoes of the Association were further enjoyed from presentations made by Annie Lee Chadwick, wife of the President. After an exciting session, Moderator E. W. Wooten brought to a close the Convention proceedings. These proceedings closed one of the most fruitful sessions in our Usher's history.

A HISTORICAL DAY

PEARLIE CURETON—Reporter

"Stony the roads we trod" . . . "Lets us march on to victory is won" . . . These words were most fitting for the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Huntersville, North Carolina pastored by Rev. M. B. McIlwain.

On Sunday, June 10th, 1973, at 2:30 P.M., this church held a most long awaited and historical Mortgage Burning Service. This historical service did not climax but indeed highlighted the growth

and development of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The history of the church as read so beautifully by Mrs. Ruth Davidson, has been an enduring one. Triumphant and courageously has Mt. Olive overcome its many obstacles, and very humbly but proudly did it receive its just reward.

. . . Wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty; Beautiful words, wonderful words; wonderful words of life" . . . So describes the congratulatory statements given to the members of Mt. Olive and their pastor by Rev. J. Arthur White, pastor of the Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C. These were statements of challenge, a challenge to the members of Mt. Olive to let this service mark a new beginning for further growth and development of the church.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Barnett, who also challenged Mt. Olive to go on to higher heights in the development of God's program.

The message was followed by the most important event of the service. The two oldest members of church, Mrs. Ophelia Sloan, and Mr. Garland Gabriel lit the candles from which the other candles were lit to burn the mortgage. These candles were lit by Mrs. Alberta Alexander representing the women of the church, Deacon Hurdle Wilson representing the men, Timothy Graham representing the youth and finally Deacon Richard Graham the treasurer of the church burned the church mortgage from the fire of the candles.

As the mortgage burned so did many hearts with the warmth and love felt for the pastor Rev. McIlwain. It was with his capable leadership and steadfast dedication that led the church to the moment of victory.

. . . "Glory, Glory Hallelujah; His Truth is Marching On."

STATE S. S. AND B. T. U. SESSION GREATEST YET

Meeting in the New Achoskie Baptist Church, Achoskie, where Rev. T. L. Steele is pastor, August 7-9, the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress held a most outstanding session around the provocative theme: "The Church School and Baptist Training Union Meeting the Challenge of Social Change."

To cap the three day meeting, profound addresses were delivered by Sunday School President,

J. W. Martin of McLeansville and B. T. U. President, Clifton Stone of Carrboro.

Powerful sermons were delivered by the Reverend J. W. Barnes of Wilmington; the Reverend Johnny Woodhouse of Smithfield; and the Reverend E. L. Kirby of Reidsville.

Workshops were ably led by Mr. E. M. Butler, Miss Josephine Tyner, the Reverend W. B. Moore, Dr. E. B. Turner, the Reverend R. D. Lucas, Mr. David C. Freeman, and the Reverend Leo Williams, Jr.

During the week, devotional periods were fervently conducted by Mr. Charles Jones, Mrs. Ammie Evans, the Reverend J. H. Everett, Mr. W. S. Creecy, Jr., Mr. Weddie Gabriel and Mrs. Inease Wicker.

Instructors of the various classes were: Dr. J. B. Humphrey, Dr. T. A. Watkins, Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Reverend O. J. Rooks, Reverend J. L. Morgan, Mrs. R. M. Adams, Mrs. Carolyn Manley, and Miss Bernice Carter.

Timely greetings were brought from the General Baptist State Convention by Dr. O. L. Sherrill and Dr. C. R. Edwards; Department of Interracial Ministries by Reverend Corbin Cooper; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention by Mrs. Lillian Pittman; **Baptist Informer** by Reverend George Dudley; and special greetings were extended by Dr. T. Oscar Chappelle from the National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress.

The attendance and representation was at an all time high! Our deep appreciation goes out to New Ahoskie for their great hospitality. It can truly be said that they did an elaborate job in making this Congress one of the best yet.

THANKS TO CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

"Come; for all things are now ready," was the great spirit exemplified by the New Ahoskie Baptist Church as the pastor and members rolled out the welcome carpet for the 100th Annual Session of the State Baptist Sunday School Congress and the 73rd Annual Session of the State Baptist Training Union Congress, August 7, 8, 9, 1973. Citizens of the community, pastors, moderators, and laymen of the area, district convention presidents and loyal friends united their forces to make sure that each person would be comfortable during his stay there.

Each congress president and his official staff performed a masterful task of administration and human relationship.

The class instructors, the workshop leaders, the devotional leaders, the offering bearers and the deliverers of special sermons, seemed to be in communion with the divine as each inspired the class participants and the entire assembly.

On behalf of the General Baptist State Convention and for myself personally, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to all who helped to make the Congress a success.

In Memoriam To The Late Rev. Dr. R. M. Pitts, Sr.

"QUITE SUDDENLY"

Quite suddenly — it may be at the turning of a lane,
Where I stand to watch a skylark from out the
swelling grain,

That the trumpet of God shall thrill me, with its
call so loud and clear,

And I'm called away to meet Him, whom of all I
hold most dear.

Quite suddenly — it may be as I tread the busy
street,

Strong to endure life's stress and strain, its every
call to meet,

That through the roar of traffic, a trumpet, silvery
clear,

Shall stir my startled senses and proclaim His Com-
ing near.

Quite suddenly — it may be in His house I bend my
knee,

When the kingly voice, long hoped for, comes at
last to summon me;

And the fellowship of earth-life that has seemed so
passing sweet,

Proves nothing but the shadow of our meeting round
His feet.

Quite suddenly — it may be as I lie in dreamless
sleep,

God's gift to many a sorrowing heart, with no more
tears to weep,

That a call shall break my slumber and a Voice
sound in my ear;

"Rise up, my love, and come away! Behold the
Bridegroom's here!"

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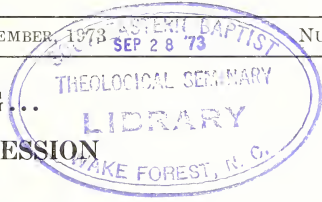
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News Around the State . . .

DEEP RIVER ASSN. TO MEET

The 1973 annual session of the Deep River Association and Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with New Zion Baptist Church, October 5-7 in Jonesboro Heights, Sanford. The Reverend E. N. Hooker is host pastor; Reverend A. T. Alston, Burlington, is Moderator of the Association; and Mrs. M. E. Singletary is President of the Woman's Convention.

The sermon committee submits the report of preaching at its best from the following:

Friday morning, October 5, 11:00 A.M. — introductory sermon by Rev. D. F. Brown, Durham; alternate — Rev. Elma Graves, Liberty, N. C.

Friday afternoon sermon — Rev. L. B. Cameron, Lillington; alternate — Rev. T. O. Davis, Moncure, N. C.

Friday evening missionary sermon — Rev. Gregory T. Headen, Goldston and finally Moderator Alston will bring the annual sermon Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M.

PASTOR RENDERS 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

The Reverend L. D. Parker of the St. Luke Baptist Church, 1109 Rodney Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., was honored for 20 years of dedicated and fruitful service by the St. Luke Baptist Church congregation on July 31-August 5, 1973.

During Dr. Parker's pastorate, seven sons in the ministry have been born under his watchful eyes.

The church structure has come from a tent to the present beautiful edifice that includes an educa-

tional department and dining facilities. The membership has grown from a few to approximately 500 members.

Dr. Parker is also the Moderator of the Lane Creek Baptist Association. He received his honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in June, 1973 from the Teamers School of Religion.

Dr. Parker is a native of Matthews, N. C. He is married to the former Miss Helen Tanner and they are the proud parents of four children. It can truly be said that St. Luke has a Christian gentleman and a Gospel preacher.

Congratulations to you, Dr. Parker!

PASTOR INSTALLED

The Reverend Vernon Malcolm Worthy was installed as Pastor of First Baptist, Concord on July 15, 3:00 P.M.

A fellowship dinner was served at 1:30 P.M. in the church dining area. A great feast was served. The St. Luke Baptist Church and their Pastor, Dr. L. D. Parker were the invited guests. Dr. Parker preached a soul stirring message and the choirs sang beautifully.

The Ordaining Council of the Lane Creek Association were also present. The Council included Reverends L. D. Parker, H. L. Nickleson, J. W. Wallace, G. W. Kennedy and B. M. McKenzie.

Reverend Worthy graduated from the Teamers High School and has received his Bachelor of Theology Degree. He is now continuing his theological education with the Teamers School of Religion.

He is married to the former Miss Carrie B. Burris and is the father of 5 children.

EDWARDS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOTT CAREY CONVENTION

By S. R. JOHNSON, JR.

Dr. C. E. Edwards of Fayetteville, N. C. was elected President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention meeting at the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., at its 76th annual session without a dissenting vote.



Rev. Mr. Edwards is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville and is also presently president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, a graduate and a member of the trustee board at Shaw University in Raleigh. Mr. Edwards is one of

the youngest members of the organization to have been selected as its chief leader. He is married to Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, who is employed by the North Carolina Department of Education, and is the father of one daughter, Miss Jewyle Edwards, a member of the North Carolina Social Services Department.

Dr. J. D. Bussey, of Washington, D. C., was chosen as Vice-President; The Rev. George L. Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., will serve as Second Vice-President; Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., was reelected as Recording Secretary; Dr. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, N. C., was reelected to the post of Assistant Recording Secretary; Dr. J. L. Shipman, Youngstown, Ohio, was chosen as Statistician; and Dr. M. C. Wood, Baltimore, Md., was elected as Director of Promotions.

In the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Nettie Gaither, McKeesport, Pa., was elected as President. Mrs. Gaither is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in McKeesport, where the Rev. T. I. Pollar is minister.

President Gaither is past president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Allegheny Union Baptist Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Union Association of Senior Citizen's Apartments; a member of the NAACP; a member of the Semper Club and is Corresponding Secretary of the Church United Women of McKeesport County, Pa.

She is an alumnus of Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C. Her husband is Lonnie Gaither. The Gaither's are the parents of three children, Mrs. Joretta Harper, Mrs. Elaine Richardson, and Larry Dana Gaither.

Mrs. Vera Slade of North Carolina was chosen by the women as vice-president; recording secretary is Mrs. Inez Thomas; finance secretary is Mrs. L. S. Hobbs, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer is Mrs. Ruby Marshall, Washington, D. C.; historian is Mrs. Jennie E. Hall, Washington, D. C.; Director of Children's and Intermediate Departments is Mrs. Y. B. Williams, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. M. A. Horne was returned as chairman of the executive board from Winston-Salem, N. C. Dr. W. L. Ransome is chairman of the Men's Department's Executive Board.

Officers of the Laymen's League elected at this year's meeting were: Joseph O. Manker, Pittsburgh, Pa.; his vice elected was James A. Williamson, New York City. Willie Battle, Columbus, Ohio, was chosen by the young people to head their division. Mrs. Louise Slater, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected as advisor and treasurer.

10,000 TO AFRICAN DROUGHT

Highlight of the convention was on Wednesday night after executive secretary Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Washington, D. C., had made his report for the year and a public offering of \$5,000 was contributed by delegates present in Soldiers and Sailors Hall for African Nations that have been suffering from the drought. The convention will match this amount to be forwarded to the stricken African section.



Reporting this to be the greatest year in Lott Carey's 76 years history, Dr. Somerville's report showed a total amount of \$311,549.35 collected for missions by black churches. The receipts for the year showed an increase of \$41,888.91. This is 14.3% over the last report. Of this amount only 9% was used for general operations. Salaries only totaled \$16,842.06 which is 5%; transportation to and from mission fields by missionaries and in this country was \$10,372.56; and General missions received \$270,786.24, or 86% of the total amount collected.

According to the National Council of Churches for Foreign Missions, Lott Carey's had the lowest operational expense of any other mission convention in America. The report of auditors was in accord with Secretary Somerville's report.

Dr. Somerville told the delegation numbering more than 2,000, "That the current inflation has justified our economic system. Both at home and throughout the world, money market, the current political debauch as evidenced by the Watergate tragedy seems to have its incipient origin in the White House; the moral decay of our whole generation is seen both in the lives of individuals and government

policies. Perhaps the most serious conformate is seen in the revolutionary changes and modulations in our religious values.

Even the average laymen and our youth are aware that something is happening in the area of church thought and practice, but they are not sure what it is. Some of our modern youth are vaguely pleased that the church seems to be catching up with a scientific and revolutionary era, while others are apprehensive that the church is about to surrender his distinctive positions in moral and religious leadership.

In the midst of this horrible and lurid period of creeping malignity, Dr. Somerville said, "the officials of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention realizes the serious role of Christian Missions in times like these. However, we are aware that we have not passed this way before." Therefore, we are emphasizing how to deal with affluence in the midst of affliction.

Dr. Somerville declared that the secret of the convention's program is found in the fulfillment of our divine assignment which the master gave, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you, and remember, I will be with you always, to the end of the age, he concluded.

Dr. Walter E. Paige, retiring president of Baltimore, Md., in his third annual address appealed for true Christian witnesses in this terrible age. "We need boldness in witnessing today for Christ, Mr. Paige emphasized. We must speak now as Christians. We are a long ways from peace as long as statesmen are motivated by greed and politicians as in the Watergate scandal, practice graft.

Retiring Mr. Paige told the messengers that "There shall be no peace, until prejudice is swept from the human heart, until love takes the place of hate, and until the practice of justice and goodwill become the policy within and among the nations of the world.

President Agnes Jordan, wife of Dr. C. H. Jordan, Portsmouth, Va., called both laymen and women delegates to the need for cooperation in missions at home and abroad. During her administration, it was reported that the building program pledged by the women in Liberia was completed. They also adopted the salary for the Haitian missionary who has recently gone there, who is a recent graduate of Shaw University at Raleigh, N. C.

troy, who represents the District of Columbia, electrified the audience into an old time revival meeting. "Religion is real, the preacher congressman told the convention. I have respect for intelligence, but Christianity that has a feeling is real. We must put Christ first in all that we do, if we expect to get along in the world. He was loud in his praise for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, with whom he was a close associate and advocated the ideal of the SCLC.

Others appearing on the program during the week-long meeting included: Dr. E. A. Parham, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. George W. Blakey, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Vincent Robinson, Richmond, Va.; Willie Battle, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. J. A. Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Aaron L. Borkin, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Walter E. Paige, Baltimore, Md.; Willie Bowman, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Milton Reid, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Roberly L. Gaylor, Richmond, Va.; Dr. M. G. Wood, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. R. R. Wilkerson, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. G. L. Bodwick, Pittsburgh, Pa.; The Rev. John White, Asheville, N. C.; Dr. M. L. Wilson, New York, N. Y.; and Mrs. Juanita David of New York City, who directed the pre-conventional musical on Monday night and throughout the week. The 86 member choir of Faith Baptist Church, Baltimore, was also present.

Others were: Rev. J. O. Patterson, Alexandria, Va.; Rev. V. R. Mathews, Neptune, N. J.; and the Rev. W. H. D. Flowers of Longwood, N. C.

A testimonial was presented honoring Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, office secretary at the Washington headquarters for twenty-five years, at St. James A. M. E. Church where the women's department held their sessions. Special tributes from all auxiliaries of the organization were presented to Mrs. Thompson, who is the granddaughter of the late Dr. A. L. James, an ex-president of Roanoke, Va. Her husband, Frank Thompson, and son, Mark A. Thompson, were present to enjoy the presentation to Mrs. Thompson.

Next year's meeting will be at Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C. where the Rev. Otis Hairston, is pastor. The Rev. Elmer Williams was this year's host at Sixth Mount Zion. Meetings were also held daily at St. James A. M. E. Church and the Church of God and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in the Steel City.

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Woman's Page----

MRS. C. E. McLESTER OF DURHAM TO HEAD WOMAN'S CONVENTION



The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, closed its 89th Annual Session on August 17th, at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, the Reverend B. B. Felder, Minister.

Mrs. C. E. McLester (Mrs. Johnnie Blunt McLester), of Durham, North Carolina, member of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, was elected to serve a tenure of four years as president. She has served the convention for more than twenty-five years in the capacity of third vice-president, second vice-president, first vice-president and chairman of the Executive Committee. On district and local levels, she has served as Youth Supervisor, also on State level, she conducts Leadership Training Classes and co-ordinates the Annual Leadership Training Conference at Shaw University as assistant to the Executive Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Horne. Recently, she was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Committee of the General Baptist State Convention, the duties of this committee entail responsibilities for development, operation and implementation of programs, etc.

Mrs. McLester is a native of Mobile, Alabama, where she completed her Elementary and High

School training. She holds an A.B. Degree from Taladega College and a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University, New York City, in the areas of English and Student Personnel Administration with major emphasis on Counseling and Guidance. She has studied beyond the Master's level in both English, and Guidance at North Carolina Central University, Durham, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Mrs. McLester has attained the status as an outstanding educator and as a leader of both adults and youth. In 1971 she received THE CITIZEN-TEACHER AWARD from the Kiwanis Club of Durham for the Durham City Teacher who best exemplified the highest ideals of teaching and citizenship; in 1971 she also received the distinguished Service Award for meritorious service as a teacher and counselor in the City of Durham from the North Carolina Resource-Use Education Conference. In 1972 she was presented another plaque from the Young Adult Missionary Department of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church for Leadership, Loyalty, Service and Spiritual guidance through the years to its members. In 1973 she has received numerous certificates of Merit from the North Carolina High School Drama Association, the Union Christian Bible Institute, the YWCA, etc. During the spring of 1973, she was voted and received the Durham Teachers' nomination for the TERRY SANFORD AWARD for educators of the State of North Carolina.

Mrs. McLester brings to this office a wealth of varied experiences. She holds membership in numerous professional, civic and religious organizations and holds active positions on several Board of Directors locally, and State-wide. To extend her missionary service, she is currently Youth Supervisor of Durham County Youth Missionary Union, Youth Supervisor of District 7, group 2, which covers five counties, and a member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, and editor of its Woman's page of the "Lott Carey Herald", the official publication of the Convention. To enhance her knowledge with practical information, she has traveled extensively to the major countries of Europe and Mexico for the last five years.

Other new officers: Y. A. President, Miss Natalie Mitchell, Reidsville; Youth President, Miss Audrey Kee, Durham; Recorders, Mrs. Novella T. Whitted, Lumberton and Mrs. Velma K. Foster, Louisburg.



Dr. Mary O Ross, President of the National Woman's Convention, Executive Secretary Horne and President C. E. McLester of North Carolina take time out to chat, smile and relax during the 72nd Annual Session of the National Woman's Convention, U.S.A., Inc., held in Los Angeles, California, September 4-9, 1973.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S CONVENTION CONTINUES TO MOUNT

From MRS. THELMA C. HORTON
Chairman — Public Relations

The Woman's Baptist and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., continues to mount its efforts to establish "Christ in Every Home". This includes all of the methods of spreading the gospel to the unsaved — Christian Education, Foreign and Home Missions, The J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly and the Central Orphanage. With this idea in mind, they adopted the theme "One World, One Mission" for the 89th Annual Session, which was held at the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, August 13-17, Reverend B. B. Felder, Pastor. Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ashokie served as Convention President and Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne of Winston-Salem, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

In spite of the early opening of school, more than 1,000 delegates attended the spirit-filled five-day meeting. Things really got off to a good start Monday evening when the Convention presented the Youth Department in Concert. Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor, directed the 100 Voice Choir, assisted by Miss Andrea Turner of Lumberton. Miss Rosiland Turner of Lumberton and Waverly Camp accompanied the group. They presented a program of Negro Spirituals, Sacred Hymns, and Gospel Songs, including vocal and instrumental solos.

Wednesday, which was designated as Convention Day, was filled with mixed emotions. Mrs. Vera M. Slade addressed the Convention in the midst of "Amens", "Shouts" and "Praise the Lord." She challenged the delegates "not to be discouraged because of the nature and conditions of the times." These may be times, she continued, which try men's souls; But we know that God still has the whole world in His hands and all power at his command; For even the seas obey Him and the winds are His messengers. Nothing has happened, which was not predicted by Jesus Christ when He was here."

Her final words were: "Sisters, as I bring my message to a close, this terminates my tenure of office as your President and humble servant. I want to express my profound gratitude to the Convention for the honor they conferred upon me, allowing me to serve as President of an organization that has the distinction of being the best in the Nation. My term of office has brought me into close relationship, which has been mine to experience with you. The fact that I am retiring from office does not mean that I am retiring from service. The debt of gratitude that I owe to the Woman's Convention can only be paid through my continued cooperation and service. May I admonish you to pledge anew your allegiance and support to the incoming administra-

tion. May God continue to shower His Blessings on the work of the Woman's Convention.

Mrs. Horne, who is being affectionately called, "The Financial Wizard," stated that the Woman's Convention stands as a monument of Faith and Prayer and a tribute to every Christian woman in the state. She reported that the total receipts for the 1972-73 Convention year had exceeded its proposed budget of \$150,000.00 with a total of \$173,648.67 received. (\$23,648.67 over the proposed Budget). Thankful again, she continued, am I to say that through faith, prayer and work this Convention Year closes with all obligations paid and the finance exceeds all previous years.

A total of \$50,504.52 was given for the objectives of the Convention during the week.

Brother C. H. Edwards of Cleveland County expressed the feeling of the delegates when he sang "Serving the Lord Will Pay Off After While" and dedicated the song to Mrs. Horne and her Staff.

The Woman's Convention At Work was presented by Executive Secretary Horne on Thursday morning. The Convention Choir under the direction of Mrs. Jettie Lucas and Mrs. M. C. Grier, furnished the music. The Union Presidents presented the Acrostics of the Woman's Convention, written by Mrs. Horne. Mrs. W. A. Mountain of Windsor was crowned queen for having reported the largest amount of money. The Union Presidents presented their president, Mrs. Clara Ballentine of Raleigh, a service Plaque. Total amount received from this effort was \$5,190.75. A-1 Circles, Unions and Auxiliaries were presented Certificates of Recognition. The 1973 Best Stewardship Banner was presented to the Shiloh Baptist Church Missionary Department, Winston-Salem; New Bethel Circle, Winston-Salem received the Permanent Stewardship Banner for leading the State in Stewardship three (3) consecutive years. The Best Stewardship Union Banner was received by the Forsyth County Union and the Auxiliary Banner by the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Amanda H. Stevens of Lumberton, president of the Young Adult Department, told the group about the things one needs in order to achieve "Missionary Goals," namely (1) Focus, (2) Aim, (3) Planning and Preparation. She challenged the group to choose the high-road, one of love, humility, patience, hard work, peace and joy. The right decision can be made, she stated, by praying to God for guidance and strength.

The Young Adults presented a most inspiring and challenging discussion on "The Goal of Mission" with the Associate Young Adult Director, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, presiding. They discussed the Geographical, Individual, Divine and Personal Goals of Missions. The program ended with Mrs. Mary Edwards, of Cleveland County singing "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow."

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News From Shaw U. . . .

STAFF APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Shaw University's Vice President for University Relations, Thomas E. Kee, announces the appointment of Mrs. Marjorie J. Scott as Alumni Relations Coordinator.

Mrs. Scott is a 1964 graduate of Shaw and taught in the Raleigh Public School system for 4 years before moving to Baltimore, Maryland.

While residing in Baltimore, Mrs. Scott worked as a teacher in the city school system; as Manpower Training Coordinator for a Model Cities project and in travel and public relations.

Mrs. Scott will be working with the Office of University Relations to coordinate Shaw's Alumni Relations.

SHAW UNIVERSITY APPOINTS NEW COORDINATOR OF PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thomas E. Kee, Vice President for University Relations proudly announces that Donald Clay has been appointed Coordinator of Publicity and Public Relations for Shaw University. His duties will also include Sports Information Director. Mr. Clay is recognized for his achievements in the field of education, radio, television, motion pictures and service to the community.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, he is a true believer in professional communications. They are creating a Shaw University Press and Media Association. This new concept is new, bold and aggressive. This is a first, where industry, media and education are jointly progressing 'with a hands on policy' in the fields of radio, television, motion pictures, journalism, advertising, public relations, and photography.

Mr. Clay has a wide range of experiences which include Communication Consultant for Government of Puerto Rico, University of Hawaii, Clark College, Royal Ministry of Education for Denmark, Martin Luther King Jr. High School (Chicago), Berkeley Unified School District, Berkeley, California, Assistant Director Universal Studios, Hollywood, California, Communication Planner, City of Chicago, Sports Writer, Sun-Reporter, San Francisco, California, Film Editor, WMAQ-TV, NBC Chicago, Public Relations, Boston Celtics.

Mr. Clay has a flair for creating new concepts in the field of communications, the most outstanding is the program at Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Chicago. The program called "Creative Communications" is the only one of its kind east of the Mississippi.

SHAW UNIVERSITY'S UNIVERSITY WITHOUT WALLS PROGRAM OFFERS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ever had the desire to earn a college degree despite being beyond college age, tied down with kids, or busy with your job?

The latest thing in higher education has a number of names, but it's commonly called University Without Walls (UWW).

The Shaw University's UWW program is part of an experimental colleges' Consortium of some 30 universities and colleges. But unlike most of the programs, the student who earns an external degree from the UWW center receives a regularly accredited degree from Shaw University, not a UWW degree.

The commencement of the 1973-74 school year marks the third anniversary of this most innovative and dramatic approach to higher education. This highly questionable concept of three years prior is today a viable, productive and legitimized contributor to the University's growth and development.

UWW is viewed by some as the extension arm of the University. It does, in fact, represent but another system of delivery that is utilized both at the Raleigh campus and in UWW centers through the country. By instituting this new system of delivery, the University is no longer limited to the education of persons who live on or in proximity to the Raleigh campus.

The Shaw-UWW student population has grown phenomenally over the last three years. Some three hundred students who reside in places like Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Miami are currently enrolled while a long list of prospective students waits for permission to enroll.

"The program tries to reach people who can't go to school in the traditional manner," explains the director of the program.

The key to this modern educational program is "flexibility." What goes for one student may not hold for the next. It depends on the individual.

In UWW the students work on their own time and speed, often earning credits toward a degree through what is called "life experience." For instance; Living or working in the ghetto could perhaps satisfy a sociology credit, instead of earning it in the cloistered campus concept. The students have the option to take courses at other colleges, or they can work alongside a nutritionist, for example, to earn a natural science degree requirement.

The UWW program is designed to qualify people who have already gained experience in life, for the person who has been "out there" for some time.

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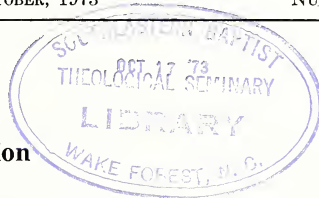
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1973

Theme: "The More Excellent Way"

- 10:00 A.M. Executive Board Meeting
Registration
- MONDAY AFTERNOON**
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 2:00 P.M. Devotion John McQueen,
James Grier and Walter McLean
- 2:15 P.M. Welcome Host Church
Response Vance C. Raye
Business Meeting
President Frank Marshall, Presiding
- 2:45 P.M. Workshop Period
Subordinate Theme,
"Laymen as Followers of Christ"
(30 min.) "Serving, Sacrificing,
Suffering" — E. B. Turner
(30 min.) "The Jesus Way of Life in
this Age of Technology" —
H. D. Cooper

(30 min.) "Shaw University as a
Builder of Character in Young
People" — Mack Sowell

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:00 P.M. Welcome Program Host Church
Response to Welcome C. J. Barber
- 7:30 P.M. Convention Call to Order
President, C. R. Edwards
- 7:45 P.M. Laymen In Charge
Vice President Leroy James, Presiding
Royal Ambassador Highlights
Wilch H. Caldwell
- 8:15 P.M. Appointment of Committees
- 8:30 P.M. Annual Sermon J. H. Smith
Music
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1973

Laymen in Charge

Vice President John McQueen, Presiding

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast and Committee Meetings
 9:00 A.M. Devotions John McQueen,
 James Grier and Walter McLean
 9:15 A.M. Workshop Period
 Subordinate Theme,
 "Laymen as Members of a
 Democratic Organization"
 (30 min.) "Church Officers and Their
 Duties" — E. B. Turner
 (30 min.) "The Church as an
 Influence in the Community" —
 H. K. Griggs, Sr.
 (30 min.) "What the Church Can
 Offer Young People, as Chances
 for their Development" —
 H. D. Cooper
 10:45 A.M. Hymn Time
 11:00 A.M. President's Annual Message
 Frank Marshall
 Offering
 Announcements
 Adjournment
 Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Vice President Clarence McNeil, Presiding

- 2:00 P.M. Devotion John McQueen,
 James Grier and Walter McLean
 2:15 P.M. Committees Reports
 2:30 P.M. Mission Tours
 President Frank H. Marshall
 C. C. Craig
 Announcements
 Adjournment

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:00 P.M. Devotion R. B. Blanton
 and W. S. Wilson
 7:30 P.M. Theme: "The More Excellent Way in
 Giving" O'Kelly Lawson
 8:00 P.M. Music
 8:20 P.M. Sermon J. Ray Butler
 Music
 Offering
 Benediction

WEDNESDAY, October 31st, 1973

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast
 9:00 A.M. Devotion J. H. Thomas
 and J. D. Ponder
 9:15 A.M. Enrollment
 9:30 A.M. Theme Address: "The More Excellent
 Way in the Area of Cooperative
 Christianity" H. L. Mitchell
 10:00 A.M. Reports
 General Board J. Ray Butler
 Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill
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 Cooperation Corbin Cooper
Baptist Informer George Dudley
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 Usher's Convention .. Arthur Williams
 Woman's Convention
 Mrs. J. B. McLester
 Sunday School Convention
 J. W. Martin
 B.T.U. Convention Clifton Stone
 Congregational Singing
 11:00 A.M. The Annual Address
 of the President .. C. R. Edwards
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A REMINDER FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



As was stated in the last issue of **The Baptist Informer**, the 1972-1973 fiscal year ended on August 31. We highly appreciate the cooperation which has been given to the Unified Program during the year just closed, and also during the past years.

We especially wish to call your attention to the forthcoming Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention, which will be from October 29 through November 1, at Greater St. Paul Church, Durham, North Carolina. The Laymen and boys will be in charge of the programs the first two days, with the parent body holding its opening session Tuesday night. All messengers are urged to come Monday morning, so as to be present when the meeting opens at 2:00, and be prepared to stay through the 4 days.

Every messenger and Minister is urged to bring a substantial contribution from his or her Church. Those who did not contribute as much as they felt they should have given during the 1972-1973 year can get into good standing by bringing a sizeable amount to the Convention.

The year just ended has been one of our best years. We were successful in carrying out our first half-million dollar budget. Can you share in the credit for this noteworthy achievement?

We must continue to move forward in 1973-1974. Therefore, willing arms are needed to pull together to do the great work which we must undertake. Meet us in Durham the week of October 29-November 1 with a strong representation from your Church.

O. L. SHERRILL

CHURCH RELATED PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM OPENED

A first for the State of North Carolina, a Public Relations and Consulting Firm established to address itself to public relations in the minority church in particular areas requested by the local pastors, has opened an office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The new firm, A & G Enterprises & Associates, Inc., is directed by its founder and President, Rev. George Robinson. The office is located at 417 S. Person Street, telephone number (919) 828-1276.

The firm will offer special plans for fund raising, pastor and church anniversaries, positive church program outlines, pastor placement, minority church literature, workshops, day care development, and a list of ministers open for speaking engagements.

In an interview, Mr. Robinson said that the areas of fund raising, minority marketing and relations, political campaigning, employer-employee relations, professional and paraprofessional recruitment, race relations, and community services from family counseling to revenue sharing and minority books will receive special emphasis from his staff.

Mr. Robinson feels such service will fill a gap in the minority church and give the church a positive direction and force to depend on for prompt service needed by a given church.

Black Baptists Contribute \$10,000 For African Famine Relief

During the 76th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 27-31, 1973, delegates attending the session contributed \$10,000.00 for the current famine crisis in Central West Africa.

Following an urgent appeal by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, a public offering of \$5,375.00 was taken. The Executive Board supplemented the public offering with additional funds to make the total gift of \$10,000.00.

According to Dr. Somerville, these funds will be forwarded to the famine victims through the Church World Service and the Africare Famine Relief Fund.

The Lott Carey Convention currently has a staff of one hundred and forty missionaries in Guyana, Haiti, India, Liberia and Nigeria.

While in session, the Convention passed a Resolution petitioning the United States Government to provide a substantial assistance to this current crisis

Woman's Page ----

BAPTIST WOMAN'S CONVENTION CONTINUES TO MOUNT (Continued from Previous Issue)

The Youth Department experienced a very challenging and informative session. In the midst of worship through songs, prayers, the reading and interpretation of the scriptures, many of the Youth experienced the presence of God. Hearts were moved and challenged as the group listened to the final message of their president, Miss Jewyl Edwards, speaking from the theme "One World, One Mission," she challenged the group not to just sit back and listen, but to come with Him." It doesn't pay for us to read the Bible if we don't live it, she continued. It goes to the old idea of "practice what you preach." Before you witness to a dying soul, be sure you know what you are talking about. She admonished the Youth to pray and believe, because God answers prayers. Mrs. L. E. McGrier of Warrenton is the State Consultant and Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Supervisor.

The Theme, "One World, One Mission," was emphasized during the Quiet Morning Worship Hour conducted at 6 a.m. by Mrs. E. S. Norris of Durham. Mrs. Georgia Thompson and her committee lead the delegates nearer to the throne of God in worship before each session. The joy and satisfying experiences that captured the delegates through songs and hymns throughout the Convention are almost indescribable. Contributors include the Woman's Convention Choir, Mesdames M. C. Grier and Jettie Lucas, directress and organist; The J. A. Nimmo and Senior Choirs of the Host Church; The Best Grove Choir, Goldsboro, Benjamin Johnson, director; The Ebenezer Auxiliary Choir, Cleveland County, Mrs. J. Lucas, directress and the Gospel-Lights of Johnston County. The Symposium on Tuesday carried the theme, "Lord, What Would You Have Us To Do Through — Fellowship, Serving, Giving, Prayer?" Participants included Madames Amaza Davis, Janie James, Lugenia M. Jones, E. B. Arrington, Wilmenia Davis and Jennie Bruton.

Other outstanding personalities appearing on program were Dr. T. A. Watkins of Wilson who gave a progress report on The J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. He called the "Land Donation" from Dr. and Mrs. Joy J. Johnson and daughter Deborah of Fairmont a miracle. In looking over the developmental years of the Camp (Assembly) — Lift up your heads, he stated, we have come a long ways by faith. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention reported that the Convention has the largest expenditure of any non-white organization in the world according to the National Council of Churches. He praised the Woman's Convention for sponsoring our

most recent Missionary to the Foreign Fields — Reverend and Mrs. John Daniels. Reverend Daniels is Superintendent of the Missions in Haiti.

The Honorable J. J. Johnson, North Carolina House of Representatives made his remarks in the midst of loud applause. He talked about Legislative Progress and Future Proposals and the increased value of the Assembly property. Mrs. Martha J. Brown, Field Workers, Emeritus, now residing in Yonkers, N. Y., addressed the Convention. She gave a challenging message and stated that she was offering a special prayer for "Mothers and Fathers" of children and the Young Adult Department, Jesus is depending on you to lead the children and young people to walk with Him in knowledge of the Bible and in His spirit (John 3:16, 14:6). She admonished all Church members and leaders to put their hands in God's hands and walk with Him in training our children and youth.

Mrs. Lula M. Haynes, very special guest from Three Rivers, Michigan, gave a demonstration on "Worship" and delivered an address. She is a nationally known worker in the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., serving as Chairman of the Worship Committee. She gave the answer to a frequently asked question "When are we going to get the young people interested in the Church?" Her answer is "when they see that what you have is doing something for you." "You can't give bread (spiritual) if you haven't any."

The ministers of the Gospel broke the bread of life and challenged each of us to trust the Lord. Dr. Archie Hargraves, President of Shaw University stated the world needs spiritual food to satisfy hunger. He challenged the delegates to know who you are and what you should do and then do it. Reverend Leonard Macon, Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, High Point, gave the account of the Resurrection Story and related the challenge, call and mission of every Christian. He recommended one's personal testimony as proof of knowing that Jesus lives. Reverend Percy High, Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham preached about "The Beautiful Gate." He stated that "those outside of the Church have a right to ask you to prove it if you say you are a child of God. Reverend Aaron Johnson, Mount Simia, Fayetteville related three (3) great truths (1) You can trust God's wisdom and counsel, (2) God keeps His word and you can depend on what he says and (3) God's love is wonderfully kind and compassionate.

Thus ends the 89th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention. The 90th Annual Session will be held in Winston-Salem, July 30-August 2, 1974.

MISSIONARY NEWS

The Reverend John L. Daniels
 Superintendent
 Central Office P. O. Box 20
 St.-Marc, Haiti, W. I.
 August 17, 1973

Dear Mrs. Horne:

How are you? Please forgive us for not writing earlier. We have been very busy in our new field of missions.

We had a lovely flight. God was with us all the way (AND HE IS STILL WITH US).

John is really on the ball and everything seems to be falling in line. Gradually, we are adjusting to each situation, **especially the language**. We are trying to do the work here step by step in order that God might be glorified and bless this work through us.

We shall remain eternally grateful to you, Dr. Sommerville, the women of North Carolina and our Lord Jesus for this opportunity to serve.

Love to your office staff and everyone, We are devotedly

Your Children
 John and Carrie
 Reverend and Mrs. John L. Daniels

HOW ARE WE DOING?

By LEO WILLIAMS
 Director of Christian Education

How are we doing? Every thoughtful individual in one way or another occasionally asks himself the question, how am I doing? on the basis of such a question we have become accustomed to a physical and dental check-up. We take the family car to a good mechanic for an occasional tuneup. Business men conduct conferences to analyze their strengths and weaknesses and look for ways to improve their businesses. Evaluation has become an important part of every area of modern-day life.

Religious Education Week was September 30 through October 7. This period offered a golden opportunity for a church to complete the evaluation of its Christian Education program. Now is a good time to take a close look at the Bible Teaching agency (Sunday School) and the church training agency (Baptist Training Union) of the church, since

Christian Education is one of the functions of a church. The work of the Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union is a church affair. If a church does not have a Baptist Training Union, then, why not? If only twenty-five percent of a church's membership participates in the Bible teaching program, then what is the other seventy-five percent doing at the same hour? Behold, these are questions which a church must seek to answer before it can even hope to do any mighty work for the Lord.

Bible teaching in the Sunday School and Bible preaching by the pastor provide the foundation upon which everything else in the church program is built. Every church that is seriously committed to doing the Lord's will on earth will provide for a program of Bible teaching. Every person and every organization in the church should support the Bible teaching program.

The basic purpose of the church training program is to equip church members with the training necessary for the church to effectively do its job for the Lord. A good mechanic has been trained to the point where he can tear down an automobile engine and then put all the parts back where they belong. Church members must have training to do their jobs. Every officer of the church — deacon, clerk, treasurer, superintendent, usher, pianist — everyone must be trained in certain skills.

How are you doing? If you are not doing nearly as well as you should, then may I suggest that you take the first step and consider the great need for a Bible teaching program in your church. There is a great need because: there is widespread ignorance of the Bible; Many persons do not understand the nature of the Bible; Man needs the assurance and directions of the Bible; A church needs to know and sustain itself through Bible study; and A church needs to share redemptions story through Bible teachings.

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News From Shaw U. . . .

NATIONAL BAND HONORS TWO SHAW MUSICIANS

To compete, to be the best, to excel, to have the ability to achieve that which others cannot; that describes the two young men who competed in the National Intercollegiate Bands Competition sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Fraternities held August 9, 1973 at the University of Connecticut.

The two young men who competed were named Ike and Lorenzo, comparatively soft speaking young men who come from the cities of Newport News and Portsmouth, Virginia. They are perfect examples of what real music majors should seek to obtain and that is perfection.

There were 57 colleges and universities represented: to name a few, Baylor, Arkansas, UCLA, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Grambling, Michigan State, Purdue and Texas Southern; the guest conductor was Colonel Arnauld D. Gabriel; the music was Concerto for Trumpet and Wind Orchestra, and other arrangements.

When questioned about the competition they stated that little things were the turning point such as tune, hard rhythm, and projection. Considering most of the students who qualified for the band were juniors and seniors, Ike and Lorenzo expected more from them than they encountered, but as stated "they were really monsters who could play anything that was placed in front of them". It was a great learning experience and allowed the two Shaw musicians an opportunity to see what was being taught to other students throughout the country. The quality of the student depends on how much he applies himself to his trade.

It was once stated that if you think you are the best then compete against the best and you will know exactly where you stand. Lorenzo Michael Hainsworth, Clarinet and Isaac Henry Ruffin, Trumpet, know where they stand. They competed with the best and won honors by being designated as National Collegiate Band Members.

SHAW INITIATES DEGREE PROGRAM IN AVIATION

Shaw University's University Without Walls (UWW) component has recently initiated a new and innovative educational program in aviation. The program is a cooperative venture between Shaw University and Wheeler Flying Service, Inc. and facilitates and encourages student participation in a B.A. degree program in Business and Public Administra-

tion focusing on their special relationships to and implications in the field of aviation.

With the completion of 400 to 500 hours flying time requirement, the regular B.A. course requirements and the courses emphasizing aviation technology, the student will then be qualified to gain employment as a manager or pilot of a commercial fixed base operation; as an administrator in the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), and as an administrator for a large commercial airline. Further possibilities are involved in training programs leading to a career as a flight engineer, co-pilot and finally, a pilot for the large airlines.

The practical flight training, and the accompanying equipment and facilities will be coordinated and provided by Wheeler Flying Service, Inc. Wheeler Flying Service is one of the few aviation companies that has a Black president. The academic subject matter requisite for the appropriate degree will be provided by Shaw University faculty.

According to Robert Powell, Dean of the University Without Walls, "It is important that we develop competence in fields heretofore little explored by Blacks."

The idea was developed by UWW staff members, in cooperation with Warren Wheeler, president of Wheeler Flying Service, and is the first program of its kind to be implemented by a Black University.

SHAW TO INITIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Shaw University has moved another step forward in her effort to formalize and legitimize learning wherever it occurs. The University's "University Without Walls" is offering for the first time a Bachelor of Science degree to individuals who hold an associate degree in one of the many areas of technology.

Developed by Shaw University at the request of a number of community colleges, technical institutes, and technicians, the new program will allow graduates of these institutions to enroll at Shaw University through the University Without Walls, at the third-year level of higher education. After two years or less of concentrated training in professional education and technology, including two trimesters of applied cooperative learning and a one month seminar on program synthesis, the student will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. He may then return to his institution as an instructor, teach in the public school system, or find employment in

industry as a skilled technician with a broad educational background.

The central thrust will be the sharpening of the basic skills already acquired through a much deeper comprehension and a broader use of basic interdisciplinary thinking and researching, and a functional approach to learning through the University Without Walls delivery system.

LIVING A LIFE OF TRUTH

By HENRY D. COOPER
Laymen's Worker

A recent Sunday School lesson was on the subject of Truthfulness. The members of my class, including myself, I suspect like those of thousands of other classes throughout the world, spent considerable time and thought in trying to find some way in which a lie might be excusable. To conform to the truth is a simple requirement; yet to adhere to this standard appears to many people to be a most difficult and dangerous style of living.

The Prophet Zechariah instructed (8:16), "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates." The Apostle Paul wrote the same message to the Christians at Ephesus (4:25), "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." Malachi explained how Levi received his blessing from God (2:5, 6) as a "covenant . . . of life and peace; . . . The law of truth was in his mouth."

Perhaps the most easily remembered example of truthfulness is that of George Washington, when he reportedly told his father, "I can't tell a lie, Pa; I did cut it with my hatchet." We laugh at the childish anecdote and dismiss it, because we know that in the realities of daily living we will be confronted with crises of crucial seriousness, and we feel that they cannot be solved so easily as George's.

But does a person really have to lie? You may say, "If I tell my business, someone will take advantage of me." Right; you are entitled to privacy, but just be sure that the business is indeed yours; and if it is all yours, you do not need to say anything. If some part of it belongs to someone else, and you reveal it improperly, you have treated that person wrongly, by betraying his trust. If you withhold truth from someone who has a right to hear it, then of course you have robbed him.

Let us look at this whole matter of truth in a bigger way. Little statements of fact are just tiny parts of the great Truth which is going on all around us. The billions of people throughout the world are involved in situations which help to compromise the truth. They are having transactions with each other. They are being born, and they are dying. They are producing goods, and they are consuming materials. Each of the many billions of trees bears a fixed number of leaves which can be recorded by arithmetic.

The number of leaves on a particular tree yesterday, plus the number of new leaves sprouted, minus the number eaten by a bird or worm, corrected by the number blown away by the wind, equals the number there today. Who knows all of this truth? How many new pairs of eyes came open for their first time during the last five minutes, and how many were closed by death? What musical notes were sung by some feathered creature in the depths of a forest glade and fell on no appreciative ear? How many grains of sand lie in yonder hill, the same which have been there from the time of creation, less those which have been washed or blown away, or increased by those carried there on the foot of man or beast?

Only God knows the whole Truth. The Truth changes continuously, intricately, yet harmonizingly, as God does His work. In fact, the truth is so closely related to God that in the Bible there are quite a number of references to God and Truth as being the same. The Psalmist sang (100:5) ". . . His truth endureth to all generations." Moses cited God (Exodus 34:6) as "The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." King Nebuchadnezzar realized that truth is God's program in action when he said (Daniel 4:37) ". . . Praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth."

Not when an individual person deliberately chooses to tell a lie, or to live a lie, he is simply taking himself out of God's program. He has made himself an outlaw in God's resplendent system of cooperating forces and peaceful harmonies. He has given up his chance to draw upon the real source of strength and the power of right. He has made his job more difficult by working against the prevailing order.

"Suppose a robber is attacking me," he asks, and wants to know where my money is. Can't I tell him a lie?" The answer to that question is the same as to the question, "Can't I draw my pistol on him?" Remember, one cannot whip Satan by using the Evil One's own methods, and would not try unless he felt himself to be an expert in that field. If one can draw a pistol quickly and can shoot straight, he might feel confident that he can out-do the robber. Likewise, if he can fib convincingly and has other worldly skills upon which he can rely if the emergency becomes greater, he may want to use that technique.

The way of the Christian, it would seem, would be to look ahead and plan his activity for each minute in such a way that his life, his business affairs, and his possessions would be protected. If he must expose himself, it should not be through carelessness or for an unworthy cause. Let him be sure that whatever he is doing must be done in the service of Jesus. Then, he is ready to give up his money, or even his life, as he follows the examples of the eleven surviving disciples, all of whom chose martyrdom rather than to deny the Truth.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15 P.M. Devotion J. H. Ward
and Rudolph Tripp
- 1:30 P.M. Theme Address: "The More Excellent
Way in the Area of International
Relation" T. A. Watkins
- 1:45 P.M. Report of Nominations Committee
- 2:00 P.M. Greetings—
Central Orphanage H. V. Bryant
Lott Carey Foreign Mission
Convention W. C. Somerville
- 2:15 P.M. Moderator's Hour J. M. Kennedy
- 3:15 P.M. Sermon C. W. Kerry

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:00 P.M. Devotion T. R. Vines
and T. L. Walker

- 7:30 P.M. Music The Shaw Chorale Society
- 8:00 P.M. Address J. Archie Hargraves
- 8:30 P.M. Music - Offering for Shaw University
- 8:45 P.M. Sermon Percy High
Benediction

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1973

- 9:00 A.M. Devotion Eugene Watson
and W. K. Raynor
- 9:15 A.M. Shaw Divinity School
- 9:45 A.M. Reports—
Historian W. B. Lewis
Statistician Frank Marshall
Standing Committees
Address
Sermon J. W. Law
Adjournment

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

FOR THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Below are listed some of the suggested hotels where room are available at suggested rates for the Convention.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
1. HOLIDAY INN Single — \$12.00; Double — \$18.00	605 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham	(919) 682-5411
2. DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN Single — \$12.50; Double \$15.50 (1 bed) - \$19.75 (2 beds)	309 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham	(919) 688-8221
3. DURHAM HOTEL Single — \$12.00; Double — \$17.00	Corcoran Street, Durham	(919) 682-1101
4. RAMADA INN Single — \$14.00; Double — \$18.00	I-85, Durham	(919) 477-7371
5. HOWARD JOHNSON Single — \$13.00; Double — \$19.76	1800 Hillandale Rd., Durham	(919) 477-7381

For any other lodging information, please contact the HOUSING COMMITTEE at Greater St. Paul Church for homes or any other hotels desired.

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We thank you for your continued interest and support.

BAPTIST EDUCATOR HONORED

Miss Ethel J. Matthews of Carthage was honored as "one who has served well" in the church, school and community organizations. She has been recently re-elected Recording Secretary of the Deep River Baptist Sunday School Convention where she has served for 30 years without missing a Convention since she was first elected to this position 30 years ago. She also was recently honored in a special celebration with an award for her 44 years of teaching service in the Moore County School system. She retired this year.

The reception for this occasion was held at De Playboy's Club, Carthage, N. C.

Guests from all over the state attended this celebration to show honor to the outstanding educator, Miss Matthews.

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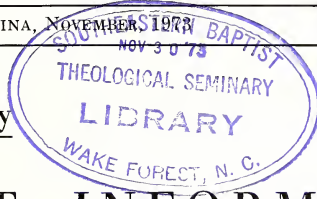
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Statement from the Executive Secretary



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

Now that we have returned to our fields of labor after attending the sessions of the General Baptist State Convention and the Laymen's League Convention, which were held at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church in Durham, with Dr. W. T. Bigelow as our host Pastor, we can look back and see clearly the image which was dawning upon us while we were yet in each other's presence. At the meetings we looked out upon the congregation and saw seats filled; we were impressed by the registration which showed financial growth; we felt inspired by the Holy Spirit many times through the God-directed sermons and addresses; and we saw brotherly love put into action as we conducted business democratically and efficiently. Now the picture has definitely emerged showing this to be one of the most successful conventions which we have held.

I am sure that those of you who were privileged to be present with us enjoy thumbing through your copy of the program, reading the notes which you penciled in the margin, and living over and over again those exhilarating moments when fellow-Christians demonstrated their answer to the Master's call. Please also study carefully the Annual Report which was issued during the convention, as it was designed to inspire and challenge us to greater achievement.

To all Officers, Pastors, Speakers, Committee Members, Messengers, Friends, and Workers and to the Host Congregation and Pastor, on behalf of the Convention and the administrative department, we say, "Thank you," most sincerely for your splendid cooperation in helping the General Baptists of North Carolina to make a great step forward in their commitment to Christ.

Yours for His Cause,
O. L. SHERRILL

Woman's Page----

THE MID-YEAR SESSION

**Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary
Convention To Be Held
Saturday, January 12, 1974
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
Hours 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
By Executive Secretary Horne**

The Presidents of Unions, Auxiliaries, Chairmen and Co-chairmen of Year-Round Committees and District Conference Chairmen held a get-together meeting in the Shaw Campus Church Saturday, November 3, and suggested plans for the MID-YEAR SESSION and the ANNUAL SESSION.

The convention will celebrate its 90th birthday July 30-31, 1974. Mrs. Horne made the following suggestion. That each Union, Auxiliary, District Conference and Year-Round Committee report \$90.00 at the Mid-Year Session to indicate the 90th birthday of the Convention. The suggestion was unanimously accepted.

The groups divided into class instruction group and returned with the suggestion that each organization within the Woman's Convention will focus attention on "KEY 9." This is your representation fee, contributions to objectives for the Annual Session should include the number "9"—Report from \$9.00 to \$900.00 as the Lord has prospered you. This includes all departments within the local Missionary Department of the local church. More than 300 persons were present.

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Your Executive Secretary

STATE FIELD WORKER'S CLINIC

By MRS. LUCY GRAY

On October 10th in Baptist Headquarters the State Field Workers met with executive secretary Mrs. M. A. Horne to receive information and directions relative to our duties and outlook for the year 1973-'74 and means of **improving** and **implementing** the program of the Woman's Convention. Mrs. Horne gave pertinent information to fit the occasion. She gave us to know why we were present and also to map plans for the work.

The following text books were recommended to be used for the fiscal year:

- "These Things We Believe"—J. C. Turner
- "The Message We Proclaim"—Gordon
- "Heralds of Christ"—(to be completed by some)

A MUST

Mrs. Horne further stated in order to be a good leader one must "KNOW". Therefore, it is a must that all Field Workers, Presidents of Unions, Auxiliaries, Circles, Districts Conference Chairmen, Directors, Supervisors and Special Workers should have the following Convention publications:

- Guidelines for Leaders
- Young Adult Handbook
- Youth Handbook

The group was thanked and congratulated for purchasing a paymaster for the Baptist Assembly. Each person left full of encouragement and a determination to teach and proclaim His name. Those present were Mesdames Mable Hester, Lena Singletary, Annie R. Bryant, Marie Stovall, Lucy Gray and Executive Secretary Horne.

Plan your Dates for Your Institutes and Notify Your State Office.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SISTER LENDORA YANCEY BROWN

By Mrs. Lillian S. Pittman

Chairman, Executive Board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

LENDORA'S CONTRIBUTIONS

- L—LEADERSHIP**
Executive Board Member — First Convention Choir Director — Faithful Steward of time, talent and means.
 - E—ENERGETIC**, foresighted, always had something to offer.
 - N—NEVER SAYING "NO"** to any request made (if possible).
 - D—DEDICATED**, devoted.
 - O—OPEN HEART**, open doors for others.
 - R—READY TO SPEAK**, to Stand, even to Suffer Pain in His Name.
 - A—ANXIOUS TO SERVE**, to Share, Just anything for good and just everywhere.
- And that was our beloved Sister Lendora Y. Brown. Departed this life October 23, 1973.

With all our Prayers and Love to the bereaved family.

The Sisterhood of North Carolina
Mrs. J. B. McLester, President
Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary

Mrs. Martha J. Brown, the First Field Worker of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Writes Mrs. Horne After Attending the Greenville Annual Session

35 Pine Street, #1-N
Yonkers, N. Y. 10701
July 28, 1973

My Dear, Dear Daughter Horne:

I am still so happy and grateful to our Heavenly Father for one more visit and fellowship with my friends and co-workers; He opened the way and made it possible for me to go.

I am so thankful to God, that the work is growing and prospering in His Name. I was so happy to meet the Youth Department and see so many children and young people, especially so many boys and young men learning and practicing the work of God.

Jewyl Edwards, the president, Eva M. Pratt and Lavine McGrier are doing a fine job. I pray each day that God will bless and continue the sanctification of the entire leadership of both Youth and Young Adults and Seniors. God bless them.

Now to you, my dear daughter. God has blessed you so; one can see and feel your spiritual growth and wisdom in the leadership and handling of God's work. The simplicity and handling of His money. I never saw so much satisfaction and understanding of the reports. As I look back over the fifty years I struggled as an instrument in God's hand, I believed then and I know now that He led in giving me a program of Christian Education for all the members of the church. You cannot lead people where you do not go. Organization without knowledge does more harm than good.

God is willing to bestow His wisdom upon us if one only accepts it. Organization works fine when God's people know the direction they are going. Keep the spirit of learning and using God's word and work alive.

How thankful we were to God to see the 10 Districts and almost 50 counties reporting to God and the Convention of their Stewardship. May God continue His blessings of knowledge and learning His word and works.

I pray that the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly will be a great Christian Missionary Education Center — where youth and age can assemble to study and practice God's word and work. Pray that God will help you and the leaders to keep it from becoming a play ground. Satan would like so much to do just that and will use every one of his wiles to do so. It will take Faith and Prayer to make it what you believe it should be in God's Name.

Thank you, my dear and the convention for the donation. It means so much to me. Thank you again.

Love to all your helpers in the office. I could see that they were well organized and in Unity.

Love to you, my dear daughter.

Ma. Brown

WHITE OAK HONORS FORMER PASTOR

It very well may be that the White Oak Baptist Church in Wake County has set a precedent unknown throughout the history of the Baptist Church. In the Baptist church, after a minister resigns, it generally severs all relationships with the deputy pastor, especially in terms of financial obligations to the minister. Such has not been the case at the White Oak Baptist Church. For the past four years, after the church's Reverend James A. Stewart terminated his leadership at the small one hundred and eight years old church, the membership and current pastor of the church has had a big heart, big enough to give due recognition and honor to its former leader, who served the church for forty-six continuous years, by scheduling a Stewart's Day.

At this time the White Oak Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Reverend Charles R. Tyner, Sr., is in the process of building a new sanctuary complete with classrooms, pastor's study, fellowship hall and other modern comforts and conveniences known in our day. The church is also experiencing a growth in membership and the activity of its auxiliaries and organizations. In short, the church seems to be tremendously blessed. Conceivably, many of the blessings have come as a result of the church's desire and willingness to demonstrate its love and concern for one who served it so well in the past. Could this be a lesson to other churches of the Baptist faith? We think so. It is our feeling that God honors those who honor Him; and we honor God through honoring others!

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## GENERAL BAPTIST TRAVEL THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

By LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

"The More Excellent Way" was the Convention's theme which called more than one thousand Baptist ministers, laymen, women and youth to the 24th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Laymen's League Convention and the 106th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., which convened October 29-November 1 with the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, Pastor. History was made in many instances which added another banner year for Christ to the annals of the 106 year-old August body numbering 350,000 members in 1700 churches across the state.

Much of the success of the session is attributed to the extensive preparation made and the warm hospitality extended by the pastor, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, and the members of the Greater Saint Paul Church. On the same note, fellow pastors and churches, community representatives and friends extended greetings and stood ready to assist Greater St. Paul with the task of hosting the Convention.

The first period of the laymen's session shifted into gear Monday, October 29, 2:00 p.m., when Laymen's League President Frank Marshall called the meeting to order. With the assistance of his official staff: Leroy James, John McQueen and Clarence McNeil; and the program participants, the brethren assembled experienced new heights of dedication. Workshops were ably and effectively conducted by Dr. E. B. Turner, H. D. Cooper, Mack Sowell, and H. K. Griggs, Sr. President Marshall's address, the annual sermon by the Reverend J. H. Smith, the welcome response by Dr. C. J. Barber, and the presentation of Mission Tours by the Reverend C. C. Craig concluded the highlights of the Laymen's session.

The spirit of the More Excellent Way seemed to possess each soul as General Baptist Convention President, Dr. C. R. Edwards, assisted by Vice-President-At-Large Dr. D. R. Hedgley, First Vice-President Dr. J. J. Johnson, Third Vice-President Dr. E. B. Turner and Fourth Vice-President Reverend J. C. Harris, led the Convention into its 106th Annual Session Tuesday evening. The attendants were informed and inspired through powerful preaching by Dr. J. Ray Butler, Dr. C. W. Kerry, the Reverend Percy High, and the Reverend J. W. Law. The Reverend O'Kelly Lawson, Dr. T. A. Watkins, and Dr. H. L. Mitchell ably discussed different phases of the theme. Challenging reports were made by Dr. J. Ray Butler, Dr. T. A. Watkins, the Reverend G. W. Dudley, the Reverend Corbin Cooper, Dr. W. B. Lewis, Arthur Williams, Mrs. J. B. McLester, Frank Mar-

shall, J. W. Martin, and Clifton Stone. Warm greetings were extended by H. V. Bryant, Dr. W. C. Somerville, Dr. W. R. Grigg, and the Reverend Wiley and friends from Washington, D. C.

Everyone was greatly inspired through the report of our Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, when he informed the Convention that we had met our budget of \$500,000.00 and had gone beyond to a sum of \$531,707.79. Everybody said "Amen" as he expressed deepest appreciation to all for their deep concern and loyal support. Dr. Sherrill further stated that our new budget for 1973-74 is \$600,000, which we can do by the help of God and the continued cooperation of everyone.

As each person made ready for the President's Annual Address, a thoughtful staff of Vice-Presidents escorted Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Edwards and their daughter, Jewyl, to the platform. A beautiful orchid corsage was presented to Mrs. Edwards, which was pinned on by Mrs. Butler, who is Mother of the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville of which Dr. Edwards is pastor. The Vice-Presidents also presented boutonnières to President Edwards and Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill.

The witness can never forget how the spirit of the Lord was upon President Edwards as he broke the soul-searching, heart-warming, spirit-nourishing bread of life to us. He led us, as it were, to the portal of heaven and we were want to say, "Do Lord, show us the more excellent way and guide us on Thy road." Dr. Edwards was elected for another term as President.

The Moderators exemplified their dedication and fellowship as they marched in two-by-two and presented their program on Wednesday afternoon. Each had a boutonniere in his lapel and each was given the opportunity to give his name and the name of his association. Dr. E. B. Turner and the Reverend C. T. Bowen were chosen Moderators of the Year.

As always, the report of the Finance Committee is greatly awaited. The Committee composed of the Reverend J. R. Burt, Chairman, Mrs. M. W. Dunn, Secretary-Bookkeeper, and Miss Josephine Tyner, Secretary-Baptist Informer, reported \$35,767.40 the total receipts for the session.

The Committee on the State of the State and Nation performed a marvelous task and the following is its report in its entirety:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE STATE AND NATION

Brother President; Officers and Messengers assembled in the 24th Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist Laymen's League Convention and the 106th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina,

Greetings:

We your Committee on the State of the State and Nation, in the providence of God, and after prayer and serious deliberations, wish to submit to you our report and observe the following:

Whereas, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., here assembled at the Greater Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, wish to reaffirm our allegiance to Almighty God, and to the State of North Carolina, to the United States of America, and to the principles and objectives of this incorporated Christian Body, and;

Whereas, there are different problems which must be solved, serious obstacles which must be overcome, and multiple forces of evil which must be fought, and;

Whereas, it is our inescapable duty to give, unreservedly, of our lives and energies and our resources to make the world a better place in which to live, and;

Whereas, our role as Christian leaders and American citizens make it imperative that we take a positive and courageous stand on the vital issues of the hour, and;

Whereas, we deplore the wave of dishonesty that is blowing currently across our state and nation, to wit:

- a. Political corruption, power madness, rebellion against the law, and ignoring our constitution;
- b. Economic corruption, exploitation of the poor for gain, the unequal distribution of the wealth;
- c. Social corruption, socially divided; the president promised to unify the country; instead, divisions exist in his own cabinet, no solidarity of opinions, groups against groups, because of this, the country is facing moral and spiritual chaos, and;

Whereas, these conditions of the nation have had a demoralizing effect on our state and local communities;

Be it resolved that:

1. In the light of the above observations, that our convention call upon the leaders of our state and nation, from top to bottom and in every level of our government and society to rededicate themselves to a moral and spiritual revival.
2. This convention express its opposition to capital punishment, and call upon the General Assembly of North Carolina and the Congress

- of the United States to oppose such action.
3. This convention, under the Word of God and guided by the Missionary Baptist Church Covenant, express its opposition to the sale and use of alcohol as a beverage. And because of this covenant opposition, that our Convention express its opposition to liquor by the drink, as is now being proposed to the voters of North Carolina.
4. This convention express its approval and endorsement of the current statewide School Bond issue as is being proposed to the voters of North Carolina.
5. This convention urge the members of our churches to vote in the upcoming November 6th election and use their citizenship right to register and vote in all municipal, state and federal elections.
6. That we express our opposition to the Governor of our state on the recent mass firing of state employees.
7. That we urge the members of our churches in our various counties to meet with their county commissioners and express an interest in the use of revenue sharing funds to be used for the development of the poor and under privileged.
9. That our convention give to our host pastor, Dr. T. W. Bigelow, and the membership of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church our deep and abiding thanks for their kind, gracious, warm and cordial hospitality extended to our Convention.

Your Committee on the State of the State and Nation.

Mr. Weddie Gabriel, Chairman  
 Dr. E. Burns Turner, Co-Chairman  
 Mr. Willie Burris  
 Reverend J. C. Harris  
 Mr. Cicero Reaves  
 Reverend I. B. Horton  
 Mr. James Lawrence  
 Dr. A. J. Ryans  
 Mr. John W. McQueen  
 Reverend J. H. Ferguson  
 Reverend John B. Moore

## THE HOLY LAND TOUR/ATHENS

The group consists of thirty (30) persons to depart December 11, 1973, for the Holy Lands/Athens. We will return December 20 (a ten (10) day tour). There is room for others. The Tour cost is \$757.00 round trip fare from New York City to the Holy Lands. The fare also includes your hotel accommodations and three (3) meals a day. Please know if the conflict exists in the Mid-East and we cannot go, every penny will be refunded.

Mrs. M. A. Horne  
 Your Tour Hostess

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

### ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

#### Present:

##### Section 1. Election of Officers

All officers of this Convention and its Auxiliaries shall be elected annually with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. (The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for an indefinite period of time.) All officers shall be elected to serve not more than four (4) consecutive years in office without having vacated that office for at least one (1) year.

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#### Present:

##### Section 2. Tenure of Office

Tenure of office shall consist of four (4) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the fourth (4th) year in office.

#### Proposed Change:

##### Section 2. Tenure of Office

Tenure of office shall consist of two (2) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the second (2nd) year in office.

### ARTICLE VII—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Present:

The Executive Committee shall be made up of thirty (30) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3) Auxiliaries and twenty-one (21) from the Convention.

#### Proposed Change:

The Executive Committee shall be made up of thirty (30) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3) Auxiliaries and twenty-one (21) from the Convention. One third (1/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall expire every 3 years.

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The Executive Committee shall be made up of thirty (30) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3) Auxiliaries and twenty-one (21) from the Convention.

#### Proposed Change:

The Executive Committee shall be made up of forty (40) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3)

Auxiliaries, and thirty-one (31) from the Convention. One fourth (1/4) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall expire every four (4) years.

#### Meetings

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention shall meet annually following the fourth (4th) Sunday in July except in the year of the All Baptist Assembly.

## UNION BRANCH VISITS PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Sixty-three members and friends of Union Branch Baptist Church, Corapeake, including the pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville, were the special guests on Sunday, October 7, for the Annual Homecoming Service at the New Umbria Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. The group left Union Branch Church Sunday about 12:45 a.m. Breakfast had been prepared for them by the host church and many friends were on hand to greet them when they arrived at 8:30 a.m.

The Homecoming service was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with the Union Branch choir rendering the music under the direction of their pianist, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell delivered the sermon.

Among the group that traveled to Philadelphia were the deacons of Union Branch, John W. Knight, Adel C. Knight, S. H. Booker, J. C. Smith and W. E. Lee. Mrs. J. Z. Booker, one of the oldest members of the church, was also present for the service.

During the service special music was sung by members of the former members of the Union Four Quartet: Vannie Knight, Adel Knight, J. W. Knight, and a friend who took the place of J. L. Knight who passed a few months ago. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell also sang a solo.

The group returned to Union Branch at about 12:30 o'clock Monday morning, October 8.

Drivers were W. L. Seldon of Gates, George T. Knight, and Duke's Bus Lines of Suffolk, and S. H. Booker of Corapeake, who drove his station wagon.

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### CONVENTION ADOPTS COMMITTEE'S REPORT RELATING TO PASTOR!

#### HOW DOES YOUR CHURCH MEASURE UP?

We, your committee on Benefit Commission, submit to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina the following report:

Whereas, the Bible teaches us to know that a servant is worthy of his hire, and that it has been ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel (I Cor. 9:1-14);

Whereas, the pastor's salary is the lowest salary on any professional scale and many of the pastor's salaries have reached an all-time low and the cost of living has reached an all-time high;

Whereas, most of our churches compensate their pastors in salaries only with no provisions made for housing allowance, utilities, insurance, retirement, automobile and convention expenses;

1. We strongly recommend that our churches of the General Baptist State Convention will give prayerful and serious thought to the idea of giving their pastors a yearly raise in keeping with the rising cost of living (when churches fail to give their pastors a yearly increase, the pastors will automatically receive a yearly decrease.)

2. We recommend that our churches of the General Baptist State Convention will compensate their pastors not only in salaries, but also provide housing allowance, utilities, insurance, retirement, automobile and convention expenses.

3. We recommend that the churches of our General Baptist State Convention will keep open hearts and minds to the needs of their pastors who get no double time pay when they work round the clock in the interests of the members, and who serve, in the words of Dr. T. E. Huntley of St. Louis, Mo., from a yearning and not for an earning.

4. We recommend that the pastors of the General Baptist State Convention be encouraged to purchase their own homes in order to avoid the possible embarrassment to themselves and to the churches by being asked to move out of the parsonage at retirement age with nowhere to go.

5. We recommend that the pastors of our General Baptist State Convention be encouraged to give increased pastoral leadership and administrative direction to their churches.

6. We recommend that copies of these recommendations be distributed among the churches of the General Baptist State Convention.

Your Committee,  
C. C. Craig, Chairman  
(Mrs.) Hazel McLean, Secretary

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## Greetings From Baptist Headquarters

We fervently extend warm, joyful and sincere greetings during this great season called Christmas. With the gloom that continues to rise on our National and International horizons, let us look to the Savior who gave us Christmas and by his presence and power make it a light to shine through all darkness; a song that sings the gloom away; a joy that can make every heart glad; and a peace that outlives all confusion.

May Christmas to you be happy and bright in Jesus' name.

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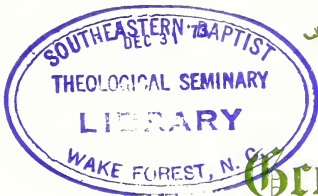
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## Greetings

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity we have to say "Thank You" and extend, to you and your family, our most cordial good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

They say that Christmas has become commercial. But, thanks be to God, there is something in Christmas that lifts it above commercialism. It is the Spirit. It is the indefinable mood. It is tied in with the deepest emotions of our lives. And, may the Spirit and Peace of Christ rule in your hearts forever.

—Executive Secretary Horne and Staff

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**LETTER FROM  
 THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Dear Christian Co-worker:

As we round out one of the best years in the history of our convention, I want you to know that your hard work, unselfishness, sincerity, cooperation and humility throughout 1973 have not only been noticed, but sincerely appreciated.

Now as we enjoy the holiday season, we will be looking forward to 1974 with new and better ideas to make the coming year even greater than the present one.

All this can be possible only through your continued loyalty and support, and for this we extend our sincere thanks. May your holiday be most happy and your New Year bright.

Sincerely,  
 O. L. SHERRILL

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*Season's Greetings*

**CORRECTION**

In our Annual Report, you will note the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, S. A. Raper, Pastor, listed as giving \$2,363.00. Instead, the corrected amount is \$2,563.00. This was left out because we did not receive a complete report from Dr. Somerville's office.

The Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Durham, A. T. Alston, Pastor, listed as giving \$244.45. Instead, the corrected amount is \$300.00. I regret these errors and any embarrassment or confusion they have caused.

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## WHAT THE CHURCH CAN OFFER YOUNG PEOPLE

By HENRY D. COOPER  
Laymen's Worker

Many reasons have been offered for the lack of communications between adults and young people, and we wish we had a simple solution for this problem. The aim of this article, however, is not to attack this whole fault in our society, but to point out the simple truth that if a Church does not develop its young people to-day, it will have no adults to-morrow. The need before us is clear: Adult Christians must engage in some kind of meaningful and purposeful activity with young people.

In the previous generation, this need was met within the family. Now, the close union within the family is not required for subsistence. Further, open travel, communication, and liberation in all age groups have given all of us experience with cultures different from our own. To children, sometimes a less valued culture has one appealing aspect which will cause them to accept it in order "to belong" and to reject the culture which we feel is best for them.

We have built an adult society which is based on three strong powers which are not available to young people. These powers are (1) The ownership of money and other property; (2) The management of affairs; and (3) The development of an identity. Unless we find a way to give young people access to these powers, we cannot expect them to be drawn into our establishment.

Even if we are ready to offer these powers to young people, there are some problems which we must overcome. First of all, any worthwhile operation which is to be carried on anywhere requires time, effort, and money. The Church and what it does for people, young or old, is no exception. Adult Christians who have property and money, and who are successful in managing the affairs of life, and who feel that they are really purposeful citizens, must be willing to give money and services in order to carry forward the Savior's program.

Next, we must realize that many of our activities for young people — and for mature people, also — fail because we have been reluctant to include in them a sustaining materialistic factor. We cannot expect people who are tender in Christian experience to be motivated by spiritual objectives alone. It is true that some activities or projects might be too worldly or materialistic to be included in the Church building, but if they still offer a chance to provide Christian growth, Church members can conduct them in rented quarters away from the Church grounds.

Please do not confuse the word "materialistic" with "immoral". Let it be clearly stated that Christians cannot engage in any operation which contains any small amount of wrong-doing, whether in con-

nection with Church or anywhere else they may be. By "materialistic" we mean the Church's cost and the young people's profit, measured in terms of property or money.

Another problem area in which adults need to yield some ground is that of shared planning. When any person shares in planning an undertaking, he automatically feels responsible for helping to carry out those plans. We often see adults who do not share planning with each other, and we see the poor results which follow. Special effort must be exerted, and pet ideas must be given up, if we are to allow young people to have a "say" in managing serious business. We must let someone else try his idea, even if we know something which is better. Remember the fable of the Little Red Hen. If the wheat was hers when it was time to plant, harvest and grind the grain, then it was also hers when the time came to eat it. Hence, planning must be shared all the way through a project, from the beginning to the end.

Is the Church basement too good for the Boy Scouts to use it to construct articles with tools? Will they damage the floor, leave lights burning, leave water running, or leave the doors open? If the Church cannot make its materialistic contribution in the form of accepting this kind of loss, then why not rent a vacant garage from somebody and let the troop make its headquarters there?

Personal profit is a strong motivating force for people engaged in any activity. Although you may not wish to see the Church edifice used for an enterprise in this category, please remember that the earning of money is fully compatible with Christianity. This would be a guiding principle in helping some boys to operate a car-washing plan, or leading some girls in making corn-shuck door mats for sale. The key need, again, is for adults who are willing to give their time and energy to the undertaking. Remember, the purpose of all this hustle of doing things is to encourage young people to trust their elders, to come to them with problems, and to practice Christian principles in everyday life. Surely, half a dozen boys who go fishing with a man on Saturday will want to meet him in Sunday School the next day.

Here are some specific openings for service: List names of young people on printed programs, correctly spelled, at every opportunity. Give certificates for service in Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Choir, Elected or Appointed Office, Committee Service, or Volunteer Duty. Conduct Choirs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Missionaries, Royal Ambassadors, Benevolence Club, Hospital Club, Piano or Organ Lessons, Sewing Class, Savings Club, Employment Service, Foreign Language Class, and similar activities, all of which can involve bookkeeping, typewriting, and duplicating.

Our young people must be led to feel that they are a part of the Christian family now. We should not wait for some miracle to bring them over to us after they grow up.

## NEWS FROM SHAW - - -

### SHAW'S UWW CLUSTER AT LOS ANGELES

#### FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Shaw's University Without Walls made history this past April when 15 Shaw students marched for the first time with the University's graduating class and received their bachelor's degree through the University Without Walls educational route. Current enrollment in this most viable institution at Shaw is 370 students distributed among UWW Clusters throughout the United States.

Again, on October 11, 1973, Shaw's UWW made history when 11 students from the UWW Cluster at Los Angeles received the certificates for the completion of their bachelor's degrees from Shaw University. The ceremony was held in the VonKleinsmid Center for International and Public Affairs at the University of Southern California, and was followed by a reception in the USC Faculty Center.

Among those present were President J. Archie Hargraves, Shaw University; Dr. Abdul H. Elkordy, Professor and Associate Dean of UWW at Shaw University; Dr. William Williams, Professor of Public Administration of the University of Southern California, Adjunct Professor at Shaw's UWW, and Coordinator of the UWW Cluster at Los Angeles; Dr. Milton C. Kloetzel, Academic Vice President of USC; Dr. Lennard Davis, USC Professor of Business Administration and UWW Adjunct Professor; Dr. Eli Glogov, USC Professor of Public Administration and UWW Adjunct Professor; Dr. Melvin Baron, USC Professor of Pharmacy and UWW Adjunct Professor; Mrs. Robin Cooper and Mr. Alan Stave, UWW staff at the Los Angeles Cluster.

Following are the graduates of the Shaw UWW Cluster at Los Angeles. They also have the option to attend the University's annual graduation exercises in June, 1974.

ADAM BURTON, 47, is the head of the Model Neighborhood Program for the County of Los Angeles. An experienced community and legislative administrator for over 10 years, Burton developed the County's Model Cities Program while Deputy for County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. He graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration.

BENTON BLAKELY, a career Army officer retiring with the rank of major, is now Assistant to the Vice President of Personnel of Santa Fe Railway. Blakely, age 50, handles the company's affirmative action program and the hiring of minorities. In addition, Blakely has worked as the Mayor's Assistant for Youth Affairs in San Bernardino, and is currently a district manager of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. He graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Economics.

JESSE BREWER was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division, after graduating with a degree in Public Administration from Shaw. Brewer, a career police officer, has worked in the LAPD since 1952, serving as a patrolman, detective, police academy instructor and acting Director of Community Relations.

LESLIE DUGGER, 22, graduated with degree in Business Management and Economics. Dugger, a native of Mississippi, had previously attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and the University of Mississippi. He is currently involved in graduate studies in Public Administration.

WILLIAM KALEPP, owner and operator of a successful interior design firm since 1965, returned to school for a degree in Business Management and Economics from Shaw University. Kalepp had previously been employed as a designer and administrator in various commercial establishments.

JOHN KYLE, 38, has recently received a degree in Business Management and Economics after an experienced career in contracts procurement management and engineering. Kyle, currently responsible for developing a Contracts Procurement Department under the Department of Commerce for the South Central Improvement Action Council in Los Angeles, has previously served as a contracts consultant and engineering drawing checker.

SHIRLEY KYLE, married to John Kyle, the feminine half of the husband-wife graduating team, also received her degree in Business Management and Economics. Mrs. Kyle had several years of secretarial experience in government offices in Washington, D. C., prior to moving to Southern California.

LA-DORIS McCLANEY, a part-time college student since 1957, has a vast amount of experience in community and administrative affairs before receiving her Shaw degree in Behavioral Science this year. With her sister, also a Shaw University graduate, Miss McClaney currently operates a group of extended care residential facilities for the mentally retarded.

BURNISTINE McCLANEY, 38, previously worked as coordinator of volunteers and public relations manager for the Opportunities Industrialization Center in Los Angeles. Burnistine obtained her degree in Behavioral Science, which enables her to better run the board and care facility she operates.

WILLIE ROBERTS currently holds the position of Community Relations Consultant for Governor Reagan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Appointed by the Governor, Roberts represents his office and other state agencies in dealing with minority groups, private organizations, local individuals and agencies aimed at promoting and providing equal opportunities. Roberts is a Public Administration graduate of UWW.

STEPHEN ARENA graduated with a degree in Elementary Education.

## News Around the State . . .

### STONY POINT

The members of the Third Baptist Church, Stony Point, North Carolina, honored their pastor, the Reverend D. U. Cooper and family on his fourth Anniversary with the church, Sunday, October 21, 1973, with special services.

The Reverend Cooper began serving at Third Creek in October 1968 as assistant to the late Reverend D. W. Rutherford and was called as pastor in October 1969 after Reverend Rutherford's death.

Reverend Cooper received his degree from Livingstone College and Hood Seminary in 1973. The church has experienced tremendous growth under his leadership. A new sanctuary was completed in 1970 and new church programs have been added as well as up-grading the existing ones. Reverend Cooper is active in the Mt. & Catawba Association, where he serves as Assistant Director of Christian Education.

Lunch was served in the fellowship hall prior to the afternoon services conducted by the Reverend J. C. Graham and the members of the Clarks Chapel Baptist Church, Statesville. The 7:00 P.M. services were conducted by the Reverend C. M. Moore and members of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Taylorsville. Special presentations were made at both services.

Reverend and Mrs. Cooper have two children.

### LUMBERTON

Dr. E. B. Turner was recently honored for 25 years as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton. Turner has distinguished himself as a powerful leader in the Lumberton Community. He has served the city of Lumberton as a Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem.

Congratulations, Dr. Turner!

### BELMONT

The members and Pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina, celebrated their Ninetieth Anniversary on Sunday, November 18, 1973.

Dr. C. W. Anderson, Greensboro, was the special speaker for the 11:00 Morning Worship and Dr. Harold Diggs, Charlotte, was guest speaker for the afternoon service at 3:00 P.M. There was a social hour following the afternoon service in the lower level of the church.

### RAEFORD

The Silver Grove Baptist Church observed their third annual Woman's Day Service on Sunday, October 7, 1973. The service began when Mrs. Candye Walker, serving as superintendent, called the all female instructed Sunday School classes to order. Mrs. Annie Y. McKinnon made the call to worship.

Mrs. C. E. McLester, a Mobile, Ala., native and resident of Durham, was guest speaker. The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention President spoke on the influence of Christian womanhood in our society.

Music was by the church's all women's chorus, the Gospellettes. The program concluded with a local talent program with music by junior choir girls.

The Reverend W. K. Mitchell is pastor.

### WELDON

An epoch in the life of First Baptist Church, Weldon, N. C., was observed in the highest tradition of the Baptist Faith Sunday, November 25, 1973, 5:00 P.M., at which time Rev. John Bee Moore was installed as Pastor.

Rev. John Bee Moore is the son of Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Lucy W. Moore of Washington, N. C., where he was born, reared and attended high school. He is married to the former Rebecca E. Pruden of



Washington, N. C., the daughter of Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Delcie E. Pruden of Washington, N. C. The Moores are the proud parents of three lovely children: Mrs. Ethel M. Gilmore, who is a teacher in the school system of Baltimore, Maryland, and James and Elaine, who live with them in the church parsonage.

Rev. Moore has experienced a wide range of events that preceded the call to First Baptist Church of Weldon, N. C. He has studied at St. Phillips University, San Antonio, Texas; Kodakan College, Tokyo, Japan; University of the Philippines, Republic of the Philippines; Riverside City College, Riverside, California; Chapman College, Orange, California; University of Maryland Okinawa Branch; and is presently enrolled at Shaw University. He is the former Missionary Pastor and founder of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Okinawa, Japan, which he pastored for nearly four and one-half years (1968-1973).

His service in the U. S. Air Force for twenty-five years took him to many countries around the world which afforded him a chance to do missionary work through the various chapels, churches and community organizations throughout the wide range of his travel. He comes to pastor First Baptist Church as an exponent of a Teaching Ministry as well as a Preaching Ministry and he believes in Personal Evangelism as a vital tool in motivating others to participate in the Christian movement.

The installation service was enhanced by the visit and participation of many local and visiting ministers. Rev. J. M. Boone, Weldon, N. C., served ably as Worship Leader. Invocation was given by Rev. Jeremiah Webb. Mrs. Mae Clanton extended welcome in her own impressive manner. Dr. H. Clarence Walker, Presiding Elder, Rocky Mount District AME Church, read the Scripture.

The installation sermon was brought by Rev. Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education of N. C. State Baptist Convention, Inc., Raleigh, N. C. Rev. Williams preached from Acts 10, using the subject, "God's People, God's Preacher, God's Church." The audience was moved by eloquence of the speaker. Mr. F. S. Kee sang a solo, "I Am So Grateful," following the sermon. The Charge to the pastor was presented by Rev. C. B. Gray of Washington, N. C. (the Pastor of Rev. Moore) and the charge to the church was presented by Rev. Isaac Johnson, a former Associate Minister of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Okinawa, organized and pastored by Rev. Moore.

The pastor and his wife were presented by deacons of First Baptist Church at which time the keys were also presented by Deacon I. H. Hilliard, Chairman of the Deacons. Words of welcome were presented by: Miss Lucy Lyons, representing the Youth of First Baptist; Dr. F. L. Bullock, Moderator of Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association; Dr. J. C. Brooks, President, Roanoke Rapids-Weldon Area Ministerial Fellowship.

The installation prayer was offered by Rev. E. R. McNair, Pastor, Spring Garden Baptist Church, Washington, N. C. Mrs. Dallas M. Fitts presented gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Moore. After the fellowship the guests were treated to a reception held in the Jane Richards Annex and visited the Parsonage during the open house.

The Deacons, co-sponsors for the occasion, and the Installation Committee were highly commended for the excellence of the program. Our Pastor and his lovely wife extended thanks and appreciation to all who contributed toward the success of the occasion.

#### LANE CREEK

The Seventy-eighth Session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary, the First Session of the Usher's Auxiliary and the First Session

of the Laymen's Auxiliary was held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church, Marshville, North Carolina, October 24-26, 1973. The Reverend L. D. Parker is Moderator of this Association. The theme for this meeting was "New Techniques: Christ for All Crises."

The Association was opened by the Usher and Laymen Auxiliaries on Wednesday evening, October 24, 7:00 P.M. The warm devotion by St. Luke and Red Level messengers set the hearts ready for the evening. Reverend Parker brought greetings and welcomed the ushers and laymen to the Association. There was roll call, financial responses and an oral response from each church.

The evening sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Wallace, pastor of the Watts Grove Baptist Church. His subject was: "This Way, Please, If You Want To See My Father."—St. John 14:6.

The Thursday morning session opened with the spirit that prevailed on Wednesday evening. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Reverend H. L. Nickelson, pastor of Elizabeth and Macedonia Baptist Churches. His subject was: "Total Way of Life."—Psalm 41:1-3.

Thursday afternoon session was the business session with roll call of churches and financial responses. Following this was the Moderator's Annual Address. Reverend Parker's subject was: "Failing To Communicate."—St. Luke 10:20 and St. John 16:12.

Thursday evening was another evening that is to be long remembered. The Doctrinal Sermon was delivered by the Reverend Preston Pendergrass, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church. His subject was: "Bible Teaching On the Justice of God."—I Samuel 8:1-3.

Friday morning after the minutes of the previous day, the Reverend B. M. McKenzie delivered the Educational Sermon. His subject was: "Teach Them."—Matthew 28:20.

Friday evening the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary was in charge of the session. There was a warm and inspiring devotion. Mrs. Josephine Summers, the Vice-President, introduced the President, Mrs. J. B. Crowder, who read a few recommendations that were approved. Mrs. Crowder was also the speaker of the evening. Her subject was: "One World—One Mission"—St. John 3:16-17 and Matthew 28:19-20.

There were greetings from Mrs. Jerome Watson, Youth Supervisor. She asked all churches to organize a youth department and urged everyone's attendance to the Youth Concert at the Elizabeth Baptist Church the following Sunday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon the youth were in charge of the session and they did their thing. The concert choir, composed of the youth of the Lanes Creek Association, was under the direction of Mr. Ivan Davis and Mrs. Louise Harris. Songs such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "Open Up Your Heart and Let Jesus Come In" were performed. Everyone had to agree that this was a most rewarding and inspiring session.

### WINSTON-SALEM

"I'm not suggesting for a moment that public housing changes people," says the Rev. O. P. Goodwin—"but it helps people to change."

That is the gospel that Goodwin, the pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, preaches from his other pulpit — the chairmanship of the Winston-Salem Housing Authority.

He was elected this summer to succeed Meade H. Willis, Jr., as head of the five-member board. Having been appointed by Mayor Marshall C. Kurfrees in 1958, he was the senior housing commissioner; and he had served 12 years as vice chairman.

In an interview last week, Goodwin discussed the sweeping changes and achievements in local public housing during his 15 years on the authority. He also commented on the recent shifts in national housing policy that cloud continuation of the program.

The story came out in a sometimes-moralistic tone that sprang from his abiding belief in public housing. Rent subsidies, in Goodwin's view, might not save the poor from sin; but at least they could save the poor from squalor. It followed, of course, that the Nixon administration was wrong in trying to dismantle public housing programs.

"I don't feel the government can abdicate its moral responsibility in . . . seeing to it that its citizens are adequately housed, fed, educated, secure," he said. "This is no time . . . for making these basic needs political footballs."

Goodwin has taken the chairman's job during what he calls a time of frustration. The Brooks Amendment to the federal housing act has reduced the rent the authority can collect by \$260,000 per year. That makes it hard to maintain services to residents.

(Occupants of public housing units, Goodwin insists, are "residents," not "tenants." To him, the word tenant "suggests the old agrarian idea of the sharecropper, and this is an urban matter.")

The moratorium on new public housing units that was announced in January, complicated by other changes at the federal level, prevents the authority from building to meet new needs. Goodwin doubts that federal revenue-sharing can substitute satisfactorily for present housing laws.

"There's a feeling that we're doing too much for poor people and we need to change back to local control," he said. "Well, the poor haven't gotten a very good deal on the local front; they've always gotten their best support from the federal level . . . It will be a national disgrace if we have to go back to the old poor-house concept under revenue-sharing."

Some of the more than 12,000 residents of public housing in Winston-Salem, frightened by the uncertainty, have become "restless, unhappy, difficult to deal with." Last year the authority sent them all letters to dispel rumors that they would be turned out.

For 22 years Winston-Salem, through "gratmanship," has gotten more than its share of federal housing funds. With 3,400 units, 1,600 of which opened in just the past four years, the city has the largest program in North Carolina. Because of the Brooke Amendment and the other changes, though, the challenge is no longer expansion but simply holding the line against shrinking federal subsidies.

Goodwin rejects the arguments of the administration that public housing programs are rife with waste and mismanagement. He thinks the scandals have been blown out of proportion, and he points with pride to the shift during the last decade from simply providing shelter to coordinating such social services as consumer education and children's day care.

"This was a new dimension in public housing," he said. "Anybody can be a landlord and just collect rent, but this sort of thing helps folks be good citizens . . ."

"Citizen participation programs help them feel partly responsible for their own destiny . . . A slice of American life is turned their way."

Goodwin can look back on another long-range transition in public housing — the effects of the revolution in race relations over the past 20 years. Winston-Salem's first units were designated "white" and "nonwhite"; now Goodwin is the first black chairman of the authority.

He is likely to be re-elected, a year at a time, until his term as a commissioner expires in 1977. (Because of a new rule in city government, he will not be eligible for reappointment.) But there is little he can predict about the authority's activities until more questions about federal support are answered.

He thinks more public housing for the elderly is the city's most urgent need. In the last two years the authority has opened 408 apartments in high-rise buildings, and it has applicants to fill at least that many more.

The administration has proposed "housing allowances" (which would go directly to the poor) in place of rent subsidies, and the role of the authority will change if such allowances are enacted by the Congress. Goodwin finds President Nixon's proposal puzzling.

"It seems strange to me," he said, "that anybody opposed to giving people a decent standard of living — let's say the minimum wage — would come up with a concept that gives people money to rent a house."

But to him the central question about public housing is not technical or political but essentially moral. "With this much affluence in this nation next to this much poverty," he said, "the resolution of it ought to be of immediate governmental concern . . . The highest priority should be given to human needs rather than business as usual."

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE**

**ARTICLE V—OFFICERS**

**Present:**

**Section 1. Election of Officers**

All officers of this Convention and its Auxiliaries shall be elected annually with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. (The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for an indefinite period of time.) All officers shall be elected to serve not more than four (4) consecutive years in office without having vacated that office for at least one (1) year.

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**Present:**

**Section 2. Tenure of Office**

Tenure of office shall consist of four (4) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the fourth (4th) year in office.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 2. Tenure of Office**

Tenure of office shall consist of two (2) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the second (2nd) year in office.

**ARTICLE VII—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Present:**

The Executive Committee shall be made up of thirty (30) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3) Auxiliaries and twenty-one (21) from the Convention.

**Proposed Change:**

The Executive Committee shall be made up of thirty (30) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3) Auxiliaries and twenty-one (21) from the Convention. One third (1/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall expire every 3 years.

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**Proposed Change:**

The Executive Committee shall be made up of forty (40) members; three (3) from the Woman's Auxiliary, two (2) each from the other three (3)

Auxiliaries, and thirty-one (31) from the Convention. One fourth (1/4) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall expire every four (4) years.

**Meetings**

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