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Book Presented To General Baptist

Sparta — While attending the 103rd annual session of the New Covenant Baptist Association, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive-Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, was presented with a copy of the New Covenant Association's official history, *The Chalice and the Covenant*, by the book's author, Mark S. Sexton

The presentation occurred on 17 September, 1976, at the Macedonia Baptist Church near Sparta, North Carolina, site of this year's N.C.B.A. convention.

Extending over five counties in the Blue Ridge Mountains of northwestern North Carolina and southwestern Virginia, the New Covenant Association is the only organization of Negro Baptists to have existed in this region during the years since the Civil War.

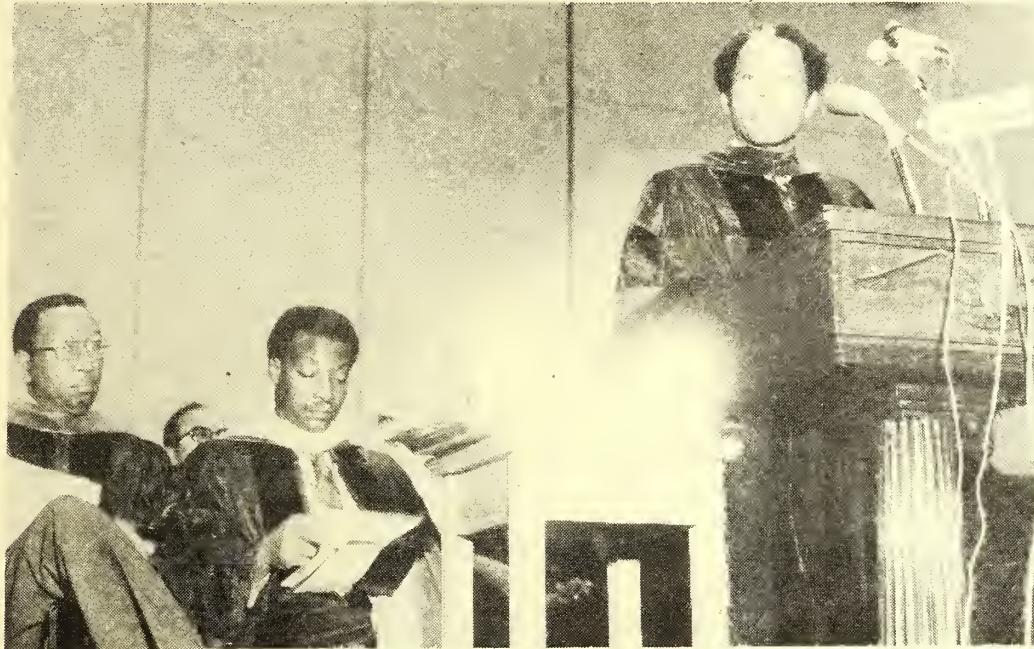
While the association was officially organized in 1873, the histories of several of its constituent churches extend as far back as 1868. In *The Chalice and the Covenant*, the N.C.B.A.'s history is traced from its humble beginnings of log church houses, through its lean years of modest but steady development, until its gradual emergence as a thriving and vigorous organization today.

N.C.B.A. Moderator Mack McMillan, who gathered most of the photographs and historical materials used in *The Chalice and the Covenant*, relates that the 330 page book portrays a unique yet often overlooked heritage. He says that because of its rare collection of old photographs and well documented facts, the book has been well received by a wide variety of people interested in Negro, Baptist, and Appalachian studies.

After the presentation, Dr. Sherrill, who has visited the New Covenant Association at most of its annual sessions during the last twenty years, commended those involved for this valuable contribution to religious history.

Anyone interested in the New Covenant Baptist Association and its history can contact Moderator Mack McMillan at Route 2 Box 199 Piney Creek, North Carolina 28663 (Ph.: 919-384-2402).

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"Critical days are ahead for all black institutions", declared Dr. J.J. Johnson in his Founder's Day address before the student body at Shaw. Seated left, Dr. C.R. Edwards and Dr. Richard Fields, right, Dr. Johnson is the president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

Foreign Mission Board To North Carolina

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America will hold its December meeting with the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, the Rev. B.B. Felder, Host Pastor. Rev. Felder is a member of the Board. The Session will begin with a worship service Tuesday night, December 7, and continue with full day sessions Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Robt. H. Wilson of Dallas, Texas, Executive-Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, stresses that this Session will be extraordinary. Many of the general officers of the Convention are expected to be in attendance. The sermon Tuesday night will be preached by the President of the Convention, Dr. James Carl Sams, of Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. E.D. Dixon of Greenville, South Carolina is the scheduled preacher for Wednesday night, and Secretary Wilson will preach the sermon on Thursday night. The day Sessions will be interestingly filled with Bible messages, information report sessions, and guided discussions.

Pastors and missionary workers are especially invited to share this meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America. It is expected that delegations will be in attendance from cities in South Carolina, Florida, New York, and other points in addition to the members of the Board who come from as widely scattered places as California, Mississippi and Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Robert H. Wilson

We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

Raleigh — Merry Christmas to each of you from president, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, the Baptist Headquarters Staff, and all general Baptist leaders who have had the privilege of serving you in 1976. We pause, with deep gratitude to say thank you for your loyal support and unending good will.

When we reflect upon the

ground which we have covered in 1976, we can but say: "Truly the Lord has been gracious to us". His gracious benefits towards us are more than we can number. Yet, the truth is, that these countless blessings, came to us through your dedication of yourselves to the Cause of Christ. You have been the instruments of God, to touch

others at their points of need.

Our prayer and hope is that you have been blessed through your giving of yourself, as much as we have been blessed by your gifts. God's gift of Himself at Bethlehem over 1900 years ago is the central theme of Christmas. May each of your experience His presence anew.

Workshops Will Continue Spreading Message Of GBSC

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13 First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford, Rev. J.L. Morgan, pastor
14 West Durham Baptist Church, Durham, Dr. H.J. Cobb, pastor
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17 Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, Dr. R.W. Perry, pastor

JANUARY - REGION SIX
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4 New Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Rev. W.E. Beamon, pastor
5 Friendship Baptist Church,

Whiteville, Rev. John Prince, pastor
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28 End Street Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, Dr. G.E. Brown, pastor

GBSC To Honor

Dr. King's Birthday

The General Baptist State Convention is sponsoring a Banquet to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of Friday, January 14, 1977, 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Villa, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The price of the Banquet ticket is \$12.50. Each church, association, union, district Convention and auxiliary will receive credit for the tickets they buy and it will also be credited toward the Convention's one million dollar goal for 1976-77.

The profits from the Banquet will go toward the construction of a Retirement Home for ministers and missionaries at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

The first report of the tickets will be due on Monday, December 6, 1976 at the Baptist

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The President's Pen

The Bicentennial A Banner Year For North Carolina Baptist

The most excellent Executive Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, reported at the Special One Day Session, November 4 at St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Reverend C.T. Bullock, pastor, over 5,000 souls saved and over \$872,000 raised from all sources by the entire Baptist Family ... pastors, women, laymen, the General Convention and all Auxiliaries during the fiscal year 1975-76.

This is a remarkable record. No other black state Convention in the nation can boast of such a distinction or record. Also North Carolina is one of the few states that has only one Convention. We can point with pride; one brotherhood and one budget. We disagree but we do not divide our Conventions - each to his own satisfaction.

All the pastors and members are commended highly for their sacrifice and support in making this a banner year along with the efficient and effective leadership of the Executives, Auxiliary Officers and Headquarters Staff of the Conventions. Pastors, women and Laymen were one big Baptist Christian band.

Yet, if all the pastors and churches had reached their quotas and budgets we would have exceeded our goal of 5,000 souls saved and \$1,000,000 raised. We must be conscientious about, concerned and committed to the Lord's work

Joy J. Johnson

From

The Executive Secretary's Desk

Dear Brother Pastor:

As we set sail on a new Convention year, 1976-77, we feel it necessary to take this opportunity to say thanks for your cooperation and support during the past fiscal year. We feel that 1976 was our banner year. This would not have been possible, however, without your interest, zeal, hard work and cooperation.

Our budget for 1976-77 is \$1,000,000.00, which is the highest in our history. This figure looks good on paper, but in order for it to become a reality, all pastors, churches, and organizations must give liberally and regularly each month. We urge you to make

and Kingdom. In 1977 let us work more diligently and give more sacrificially to reach our goal of over 5,000 souls and one million dollars.

By now, most pastors and laymen have received an invitation and application to appear in Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists and Shawites. If you have not responded by returning your completed applications, photos, and checks, please do so immediately. This significant publication will not only be a history of our heritage but will be instrumental in raising essential funds for the survival of Shaw University.

All pastors who have served fifty or more years are to be honored for their services at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet, January 14, 1977 at the Royal Villa, Raleigh, N.C. Please notify Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C., 27601, by December 1, 1976

Remember this Thanksgiving - To be more thankful and less wasteful. Give more compliments than complaints. Show more favors to your neighbors. Forgive and give more. Pray everyday and your way will be gay. Never fret over any problems you confront or forget.
Joy J. Johnson, President.

contributions monthly, because our objectives - Shaw University, Central Orphanage, Foreign Missions and State Missions must be supported on a monthly basis. The promotional expenses of the Convention have increased. The cost of printing has tripled and the cost of electricity, fuel and many other items have doubled. It is a must that we close ranks and march together as never before. We are planning workshops to be conducted in every area of the State, and we are urging you and your people to be present when we are in your area. We are counting on you to help do the Lord's work.

May God bless you mightily.

Attention!

All pastors who have served 50 years or more are urged to send your names and addresses to the office of the Executive Secretary (Baptist Headquarters) you are to be honored at the Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration at the Royal Villa in Raleigh on January 14, 1977.

Black Baptist Congratulate President-Elect Carter

RALEIGH—General Baptists congratulate President-elect Jimmy Carter, not only because he is a liberal Southerner, but because he is a Baptist. President-elect Carter is a Southern Baptist, a member of the largest religious bodies in the United States. According to recent figures that have been released by the Southern Baptist Convention, they number 12.7 million.

It has been 128 years since a southerner has been elected to the office of President in the United States. This is indeed a notable event, especially in light of the fact that he receives some

90 per cent of the Black vote throughout the nation. There seems to be an air of healing and reconciliation in the mood of the American people. The significant thing in regards to that mood is that the man who has stepped forward as a symbol of reconciliation is a man who professes to be a Christian and comes from the deep South. Racial unrest and the civil rights movements began in the South, now it seems that healing and reconciliation will also come from the South.

This is not to be construed to indicate that all Black Americans are solidly behind President-elect Carter, in fact, some are bitterly opposed to him. What this writer suggests is that there will always be those who will choose to hold bitterness, be unforgiving, and alienated from their fellowman. But it seems that the pedulum is

swinging back toward reconciliation between the various factions in our nation.

It seems that God in Christ has played an important role in shaping that mood of reconciliation which we are now experiencing. Significantly, some of the notable events that have transpired, during the recent election, have had their setting in the Christian church. This would tend to indicate that the non-violent approach to good human relations, taught by Christ, is more effective than the hostile methods, advocated by many groups.

Let us then renew our faith in the word of our God, in the teachings of our Lord and Christ Jesus. As General Baptist, we are proud to be identified with the religious group that will have one of its members in the White House, come January 20, 1977.

Self Measuring Rod

By WILLIAM LAW

The question is not whether Gospel perfection can be obtained, but whether you come as near as a sincere intention and a careful diligence can carry you. Whether you are not in a much lower state than you might be if you sincerely intend and carefully labored to advance yourself in all Christian virtues.

Correction !

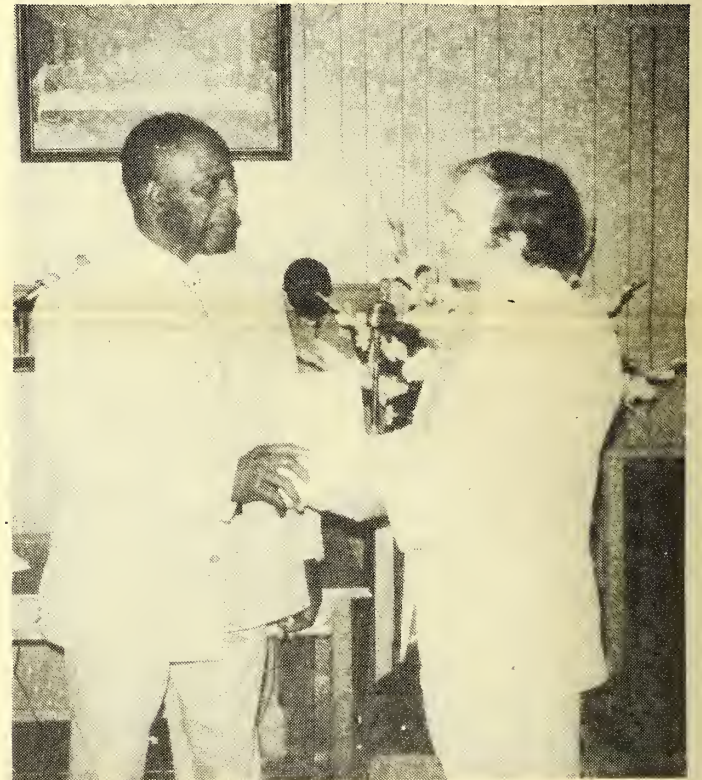
First Baptist Church, Fairmont, contributed \$300 to the Guatemala Relief Fund. This contribution was inadvertently omitted from the Annual Report. Please accept our apology.

King's Motives Questioned

By BAPTIST PRESS
NASHVILLE, TENN. — Southern Baptist Leaders, although noting they have no authority to tell any Southern Baptist church what to do, joined Carter and Edwards and others in their dismay at the barring of King — but also sounded a note of caution about his motivations.

SBC President James L. Sullivan of Nashville, noting that his own congregation in Nashville admits blacks, said, "I'd be greatly disappointed to think that any Southern Baptist church would refuse membership to any qualified person of any race or ethnic group who presents himself or herself in sincerity, with the desire of being sincere and faithful to the church. On the other hand, as president of the SBC, I, myself, would not be admitted into any Southern Baptist church if I was insincere or tried to coerce the church into receiving me for membership, as apparently happened in this case."

SBC Home Mission Board chief executive Arthur B. Ruthledge of Atlanta expressed "deep regret" at the episode, but noted that it seems so "mixed up in politics I wouldn't want to sit in judgement.



Mark S. Sexton (right) presenting a copy of New Covenant Baptist Association History to Dr. O.L. Sherrill.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Women Call For Understanding

NASHVILLE (BP) — A group of ministers' wives meeting here has issued a plea for a re-education of Southern Baptists concerning the unique role of the pastor's wife, particularly in such areas as individuality, time management, conflicting expectations and finances.

Fifteen women from 13 different states participated in the special Pastors' Wives Consultation, sponsored by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The conference focused on the needs of the pastor's wife and possible denominational resources to help meet those needs.

After three days of discussion, the participants drafted a summary statement directed toward Southern Baptist church members.

In the statement, the pastors' wives emphasized that they were not attempting to speak for all ministers' wives, noting that one of the most significant needs of the minister's wife today is to be recognized and treated as an individual.

"We are Christians just like you are — sometimes struggling, hopefully always growing and needing very much to be allowed to be less than 'perfect' at all times," the statement reads. "We do not want to be confused with all the other minister's wives you have known or expected to be like them. We really are not appendages to our husbands.

"We like for you to introduce us and refer to us, at least some of the time, by our own names and not by our relationship to our husbands or to the church. Do not necessarily expect us to be our husband's assistant unless we see this as our own particular avenue of service. Be assured that as we seek our own obedience to Christ we are trying to find that special place of service that is uniquely ours. Help us exercise our own gifts rather than feeling that we must automatically adjust to fill some immediate need of the church."

Another concern expressed in the consensus statement is the need for time for pastors' wives to give to their husbands and to their families.

"Let us love you," the statement says to the church member, "and you will make that more likely if you will make non-emergency calls to our husbands at the office during stated office hours rather than waiting until evenings or Saturdays, which just might be the only time that they have with their families.

"Realize that our husbands are married to us and not to the church," the statement continues. "The ministry is their calling, but they can fulfill this call more effectively if the workload at the church allows us time together and church members encourage us to nurture our relationship."

The statement also includes a suggestion related to church members' often unrealistic expectations of the pastor's children.



Mrs. Bronnie Daniels receives a seminary extension teacher's certificate from Dr. Corbin Cooper.

Christian Educator

Teacher Is Honored In Winston-Salem

By Corbin Cooper

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels is an example of a Christian teacher who believes in using the talents entrusted to her by God. Her students reflect her zeal and enthusiasm.

On a recent trip to Winston-Salem for a class visit, I arrived early at the First Baptist Church where Mrs. Daniels is teaching a course on Christian Ethics to a class enrollment of 51 adults. Students had arrived over thirty minutes early to compare notes and enjoy the fellowship together. It was a pleasant experience.

Later, applause was spontaneous as the entire class

eagerly expressed their pride when their teacher was presented with a certificate from the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Convention. She was the third General Baptist teacher to receive certification in North Carolina.

Teaching is not a new profession for Mrs. Daniels. She has been employed for a number of years with the Winston-Salem - Forsyth County public schools. She also serves faithfully as the director of the Young Adult Department with the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. She is the wife of the Reverend

Benjamin Daniels, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington.

Her husband shares her concern for Christian education. He has begun a course in his church on Leadership Development. The teacher is Miss Frances Hargraves.

The Department of Cooperative Ministries is eager to begin more such classes throughout North Carolina. Those interested in further information on how to start a seminary extension center should write to Corbin Cooper, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or telephone 919 - 833-1605.

Women's Day Celebrated Here

By Lelia Gregory

Taylorsville — The women of the Alexander County Union, by recommendation of the county special worker, and leadership of Union president, Mrs. Emma Mays, were led into their first annual Woman's Day Sunday, August 22, 1976 at the St. John Baptist Church, Taylorsville. The Reverend Mack Millsap, pastor.

Highlights of the program was the address given by Mrs. Howard Little of Taylorsville, N.C. Mrs. Little used as her theme "Reach Out and Touch". After reminding the ladies of Isaiah and the live coal touch, He was ready to reach out and touch others. Is this what we want today, the Master's touch? When the church turns to the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is her strength and help. If we will wait upon God to be filled with the spirit, then will her days of beauty and gladness return and the Glory of God be revealed among us. God wants each of us to be a living vessel in whom the power of the spirit is to be manifested each day. When this is accomplished, we will be able to grasp God's will and purpose for us in His plan. It is the supreme command of God upon citizens of His Kingdom, go into all the world. Our task is to get the truth out to the multitudes.

Let us reach and touch someone in love. See what can happen when the heart of one individual is renewed. One man touches another and so on until a spiritual awakening is evident to the world around us.

Mrs. Little received a standing ovation after giving her address.

Celebrate Country's Bicentennial

By LILLIE PARKER

Walstonburg — The St. Delight Baptist Church observed its annual Woman's Day, Sunday, October 17. The guest speaker was Miss Hattie Ruth Johnson of Farmville, N.C. Her theme was: "Onward Christian Women". She challenged the women to keep marching and holding up the blood stained banner for the Lord.

The pastor, Reverend Roosevelt Taylor delivered the a.m. sermon. His text was (St. Luke 9:13-16). He preached from the theme: "Little things mean a lot". The challenge was that if we could consider the smaller things in life the larger things will take care of themselves.

Mrs. Minerva Evans was honored on the occasion as "Woman of the Year". Mrs. Lillie Parker was the guest soloist. Many members from the churches in the surrounding areas of Greene and Pitt counties, attended the service.



Facial expression reveal the teacher-student relationship in Mrs. Daniels' class.

Season's Greetings!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US

at The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Inc.

Coming Events: 1977
All Institutes are \$60.00 per week
January 8, 1977 (Staté Mission)
The Mid-Year Session
Bring a Sandwich
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

April 2, 1977 State-wide Leaders' Workshop
The Shaw University (Lunch-Shaw Dining Hall)
For Leaders and Officers of Departments
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Shaw Divinity School, A Continuing Light

RALEIGH — (Editor's note: This article, concerning the Shaw Divinity School, is the second in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention, N.C., Inc. One of the Objectives is emphasized each month. All Baptists, Departments, Auxiliaries, leaders and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for that Objective during the month of its emphasis. It should be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much financial support as possible should be given through the Unified Program).

"Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

"No man, when he doth lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light". (Luke 11:33 KJV).

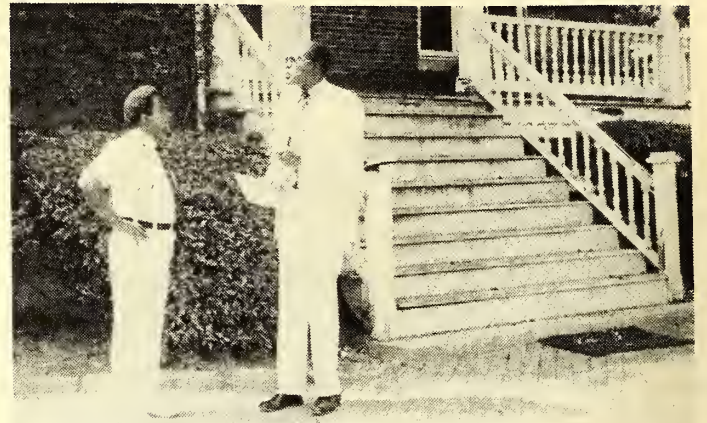
"That they which come in may see the light". This is the key phrase that holds the secret of the Shaw Divinity School. Those

who enter the sacred halls of the Shaw Divinity School, not only "see the light", but go out better equipped to show the light of God's word to a dying world. God's word is the Truth, and the Truth is the light of the world. This has always been, and is now, the express business of the Shaw Divinity School: Preparing men of God to do a more excellent and more efficient job.

The study of God's word is a never ending task of the Christian church, for it is through the propagation of the word of God that men are saved. Baptist leaders have a thirst for knowledge ... ways and means of doing a more excellent job for Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have a large number of dedicated leaders across the state and nation who have the Shaw Divinity School at heart. Many labor untiringly to raise funds, so that the work may continue. The photo on this page shows a scene from a Banquet, held in June 1976, at Shaw University. This is one of the examples of what is being done

to raise funds to support and develop the Divinity School. As can be seen from the photo the school has friends from many aspects of society.

Another photo shown on this page shows Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Trustees of the Divinity School, and Dr. J.Z. Alexander, Dean of the Divinity School standing in front of Meserve Hall, "home of the Shaw Divinity School. This photo was made immediately following a fire which did extensive damage to the historic structure. Plans were made immediately to begin a program



Dean J.Z. Alexander and Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School, standing in front of Meserve Hall, home of the Shaw Divinity School.

Course In Judaism

Endowed At Shaw

A resident lectureship in the Old Testament will be taught during the 1976-77 academic year at Shaw University by Rabbi Leo Stillpass of Temple Beth Or. The course will be endowed by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

The Chautauqua Society, the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, has assigned 600 rabbis to lecture at 2,200 colleges, endowed 200 accredited college courses in Judaic Studies, and donated 90,000 reference books to college libraries. The JCB has also produced 37 motion pictures on universal Jewish ethical themes for public service television and group showings.

Rabbi Stillpass, who was ordained at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, in 1940 after completing his Bachelor and Masters degrees in Hebrew Letters, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the same institution in 1968. He has served as spiritual leader of his temple since 1961.

The rabbi, listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in Religion - 1975" and "Who's Who is World Jewry," is a member of the American Association of Jewish Chaplains, the American Military Chaplains Association, the American Association of University Professors, the North Carolina Historical Society. He has been president of the Mid-Atlantic Central Conference of American Rabbis, and is currently chaplain at North Carolina State University and a member of the Raleigh Community Relations Commission.

Auxiliary Highlights

By Minerva C. Evans

Walstonburg — The 69th Annual Session of the Bear Creek Woman's Auxiliary met at the St. Delight Baptist Church, September 16-18. Mrs. Mabel Brown is president of the Auxiliary. The highlights of the day was a sermon by Reverend B.J. Daniels, his theme was: "I Nominate Jesus for My Candidate". Text, Matthew 27:22.

The above photo shows the Auxiliary with some of the Bear Creek Association pastors, and lay leaders.

of renovation for the building.

On a recent visit to the structure, this writer observed that the renovation is nearing completion. There will be ample space for a library, administration, and student activity in the renovated facility. This program is demanding a considerable amount of financial support. Therefore, Baptists are urged to send in contributions ear-marked for the Divinity School. The School operates on a \$40,000.00 yearly budget; the renovation and "Seminaries - Without - Walls" program are in addition to that budget.

If you would "let your light shine" ... "that men may see your good works", you can do

this by sending a personal contribution to the School and by getting students to enroll at the School. The Divinity School is a continuing light that has never gone out since its founding. True, there have been times the "flame" has burned low in the "wick", and the "globe" was dim with the "smoke of neglect"; but today the light continues to shine even brighter. The light is shining brighter because the Divinity School seeks to provide the best scholarships available to preach and to teach.

"That they that come in may see the Light" ... the unending task of the church of Jesus Christ.

Concerning Shaw Divinity School

By W.R. GRIGG

RALEIGH — Dean of Academic Affairs of the Shaw Divinity School, Reverend James Z. Alexander, on October 6, 1976, reports that fifty-nine (59) students are enrolled in the on-campus program, working toward theological degrees. He also reports that there are three others studying on campus in the recently instituted certificate programs in Church Vocations program in classes off-campus.

Director of the Seminary Without Walls, Reverend C.T. Vivian, joyfully reports that forty (40) students are enrolled in that degree program of the Divinity School.

Forty two (42) persons are enrolled for the first semester in the In-Service Class for Ministers which meets on Tuesday evenings in the Leonard Building on the Shaw campus. A two unit course in Survey of the Old Testament and Homelitics is being offered during the semester.

These enrollment figures include twenty (20) students who are enrolled in the on-campus degree program. The total enrollment is the largest number to ever be enrolled in the Divinity School's history. The faculty is composed of Dean J.Z. Alexander, Rabbi Leo J. Stillpass; Dr. C.R. Trotter; Dr. John Fleming; Dr. Priscilla

Brodie, Dr. W.R. Grigg, Dr. Henry Turlington, and Dr. Herbert Edwards.

The Divinity School programs are now of such nature that all people who desire to improve their church leadership ability may do so by participating in one or more of the programs offered.

The future looks bright and encouraging for the Divinity School as she proceeds to grow and to serve as a school now separated from the University.

Those interested in participating in the continued growth of the School should do at least three things: Pray for us; Send us some students, and send us some money regularly.

Sarah Turner Tupper Remembered At Banquet

By W.R. GRIGG

RALEIGH — Mrs. Marcella Ford, former Bible and Religious Education instructor at Shaw University, now residing in Oakland, California, returned to the Campus on October 29 to address approximately 135 former students, alumni, and friends who attended a banquet honoring the memory of the late Sarah Turner Tupper, wife of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, founder of Shaw University.

Mrs. Ford called attention to the kind of person Mrs. Tupper was by referring to a personal commitment that she had made which was written on the fly-leaf of her Bible, now in possession of the Archives of Shaw University library, and signed by Mrs. Tupper, October 31, 1834. The commitment reads as follows: "What will you do with Jesus? I accept Him as my Lord, My Master, My King, My Redeemer, My Savior!"

Mrs. Ford also called attention to Mrs. Tupper's having formed

a class for females in March, 1866, which met in the Tupper residence. "Such concern for people," she said, coincided with Mrs. Tupper's commitment, to the Lordship and Saviorhood of Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Ford also urged all present to continue their fullest support of the total program of the Shaw Divinity School.

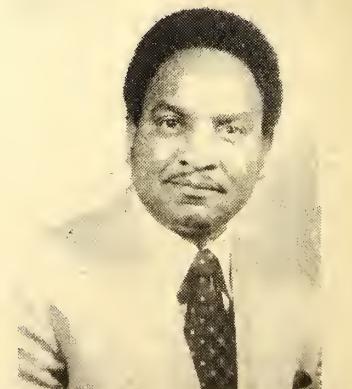
Wives of the Trustees and the Board of Visitors prepared for and promoted the Banquet. The steering committee was composed of: Mrs. E.B. Turner, Lumberton; Mrs. C.R. Edwards, Fayetteville; Mrs. H.L. Mitchell, Gatesville; Mrs. J.J. Johnson, Fairmont; Mrs. W.K. Mitchell, Red Springs; Mrs. C.R. Mosley, Asheville, and Mrs. J.E. Arnette, Rocky Mount.

Profits from the Banquet were for the benefit of the Shaw Divinity School.

The Committee extends their sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this venture.



This photo is of the Henry Martin Tupper Banquet held in June, 1976, at the Shaw University.



Dr. J. Z. Alexander

Shaw Observes Homecoming, Founder's Day

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK

Raleigh — Shaw University celebrated its 111th year in existence with the Homecoming activities, November 8-14. The week was highlighted by many events, from the presentation of Dick Gregory on campus on Monday night, to the Hall of Fame Awards dinner on Saturday night, honoring "Army" and "Navy" Armstrong.

Many events were sandwiched in between, with the coronation of Miss Shaw, Miss Dottie Harrison, Rocky Mount, being one of them. Others included the Alumni banquet, the Homecoming game, and the homecoming concert at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Just as there were the lighter sides of the homecoming week, the heart of the situation was the celebration of 111 years in

Raleigh, and honoring the man that had the foresight and dream to make it all possible. In 1865, Henry Martin Tupper decided to prepare a place for freedmen to learn to read the Bible. "He never knew what he had wrought," was the quotation spoken by Dr. Richard L. Fields, acting president of Shaw University, at the graveside ceremonies on Friday morning.

The convocation services continued on Friday with the address being delivered by Dr. Joy J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., and a member of the N.C. House of Representatives. Dr. Johnson challenged the audience of friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students to prepare for the "critical days ahead for all black institutions, Shaw University being no exception."

At the conclusion of the services, there were two men honored with honorary degrees, Mr. Milton Owens, with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, and Reverend Chester A. Hart, with the Doctor of Divinity, from the Divinity School of Shaw University, with Dr. O.L. Sherrill making the presentation.

Saturday culminated the week's activities with a parade through downtown Raleigh, the football game with Winston Salem State University, the second annual Hall of Fame Awards dinner in Raleigh's Hilton Inn.

The University's Family Day worship services on the campus, with Reverend Ronald Swain, University Minister, delivering the message, concluded the week that was: Homecoming 1976!



Solemn moments were observed following the placing of the wreath on the grave of Henry Martin Tupper during the 111th Founder's Day at Shaw, November 12. Seen in the photo are: Dr. James Lytle, Larry Williams, President of the Student Body at Shaw, Miss Dottie Harrison, "Miss Shaw", Dr. Richard L. Fields, Acting President of Shaw University, and Reverend Ronald Swain.



Reverend Chester A. Hart, (left), who received the honorary D.D. degree and Mr. Milton Owens (right), march in the Academic Procession during the Founders Day activities held at Shaw.

Laymen's Corner

"Christ was born in a lonely manger"

Tell the Good News, Tell the Good News"

As this yuletide season dawns upon us let us focus our attention on the following question: "What is Christmas all about?"

So often we see it as a time for buying gifts, having parties, visiting friends and relatives. Also, in our churches we only think of Christmas as a time to have skits, cantatas and go caroling at the hospitals, rest homes, etc. What a pity!

We are very poor Christians if we only do these things at Christmas time. If you are guilty of these things take a look at yourself. As missionaries and laymen it is our duty first to spread the "good news",

"Go tell it on the Mountain, above the Hills, and everywhere"

"Go tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is Born.

The other things mentioned

above are important but the idea of witnessing should be first.

"Don't only spread "Christmas cheer", but spread some "Gospel Cheer". Amen.

As a new year dawns upon us let us not boast about what we have done in our local, district, regional, associational, state and national Laymen organization. Let us strive to make the oncoming year the best with higher aims.

"We're pressing on the upward way, new heights we're climbing everyday".

God has blessed each and everyone of us, let us continue to pray so that he can do the same in 1977. If we let Him he will open up Heaven and shower down blessings upon us.

"Merry Christmas and a very successful New Year".

Waverly Camp, Jr., Field Secretary of Laymen's Work and Church Music

Usher's Session Planned

Durham — The One Day Session of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention will be held February 26, 1977 with the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, North Carolina, Dr. J.J. Johnson, pastor.

Dear Co-Workers:

In order to have a better arranged Oratorical Contest during the One Day Session of the Ushers' Convention, we are sending you the necessary information you will need to select and prepare your young people for the contest.

When you have made your selection of the person who will take part in the contest, please fill in the form below - detach and mail to the address below. All entries must be sent in no later than February 12, 1977.

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Yours in Christ,
S.L. Fennell, President
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Elizabeth Matthews, Contest Director

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\$\$\$ Reported At Special Session

Rocky Mount — Although the primary purpose of the Special Session of the General Convention last November, was not to raise money, \$32,028.72, was reported during the sitting. Messengers from all over the state responded financially to the Convention's call for every pastor and church to try and complete their quotas during the Special Session. President Johnson was overjoyed at the

response that was made by Baptists throughout the state. He pointed out that this is the first time that he can recall that Baptists came together and did not take a public offering.

Dr. Johnson also reminded the pastors and messengers that had every pastor and congregation raised their quotas, the results would have been far in excess of \$1,000,000.00.

Facts Concerning Shaw Divinity School

1. Vice - President of Administration - Mr. Robert E. Powell

2. Dean of Academic Affairs - Reverend J.Z. Alexander

3. Director of Seminary Without Walls - Reverend C.T. Vivian

4. Director of Development - Dr. W.R. Grigg

5. The Divinity School was established in 1933 and is now operating separately from the University.

6. Present Structure of the Divinity School

(1) Internal Program - A busy pastor and others (including women) may enroll in classes on campus all day on Saturday for forty - eight weeks annually for a period of two and two - thirds calendar years after which he or

she will receive an appropriate degree.

(2) Seminary Without Walls Program - This program provides theological education for ministers and other full time Christian workers without their having to leave their home base.

This is the newest approach for delivering educational competency and honorable theological degree opportunities to deserving people who are unable to leave their home communities to acquire them.

Members Of Shiloh Share Estate With Baptist

WINSTON-SALEM — The \$22,000 estate of the late Mrs. Irene Robinson, a faithful member of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Winston Salem, has been divided among several institutions concerned with human welfare. Mrs. Robinson was led into this decision by Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh. Attorney Richard C. Erwin was made Trustee of the estate; Mr. R.D. Steward and Dr. Butler were appointed as the Board of Executors.

Mrs. Robinson was a staunch member of Shiloh Baptist Church for many years, and her life was a source of strength and inspiration to many who knew her. She loved people and invested her life in others through her commitment to Christ. Now that she has passed into the great beyond; inspiration through her bequest to Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, and other Human Welfare institutions. This is a notable example of human welfare institutions. This is a notable example of human concern and pastoral counseling that could well be followed by other individuals and pastors.

On October 15, 1976, Shaw University received the sum of \$8,000 from the estate. The appropriation was made in July of this year, but due to a delay caused by the assessment of inheritance taxes, Shaw did not receive the gift until October. Dr. Butler has discussed the financial needs of Shaw with Mrs. Robinson many times, and

she had become satisfied that Shaw was a worthy beneficiary of her estate. It was also through the efforts of Dr. Butler that a stipulation was made that \$4,000, of the \$8,000 donation be earmarked for the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Divinity School, Dr. W.R. Grigg, Director of Development for the Divinity School, and Dr. Richard L. Fields, Acting President of Shaw University, have hailed the action of Mrs. Robinson and Dr. Butler as an example that they hope others will follow.

Other beneficiaries of the estate were: The Winston-Salem Foundation, which received \$9,000, the Red Cross, \$1,000; the Shiloh Baptist Church \$200; the Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School \$5,000.

Dr. Butler stated that he has wanted to do something significant for Shaw University and the Divinity School for many years. When Mrs. Robinson indicated that she desired to have some guidance as to how her estate should be settled; he did not hesitate to recommend that she consider Shaw. After prayerful consideration she came to believe that Shaw was indeed a worthwhile candidate to be a recipient of her estate.

We can discern the hand of God in a move such as this; and it is our prayer that the blessing that she has bestowed will continue throughout the eternal ages.

Highlights Of Special Session

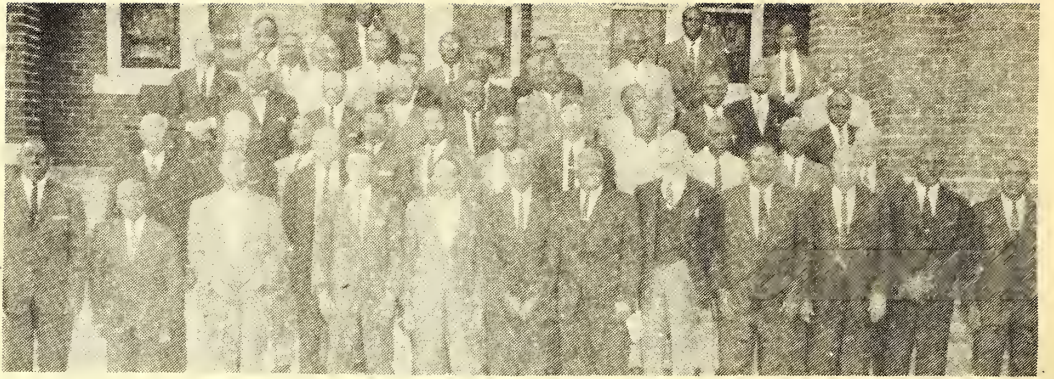
At St. James Church

ROCKY MOUNT — The St. James Baptist Church of Rocky Mount was filled to capacity last November 4 when the General Baptist State Convention met in a Special Session. The Special Session was called in order to give the Convention a report of the year's activities which could not be reported during the All Baptist Assembly last August. Messengers were seen from every part of the state, some even came by the bus loads.

The St. James Baptist Church is a historic and classic example of the Black Baptist Church in its significant role as prophet, educator, and spiritual leader of God's people. The architecture of the edifice is reminiscent of that which was dominant during

the period immediately following the Civil War. Many of those in the modern generation do not love and appreciate these historic structures, but such is not the case with St. James. The church has been completely renovated, but the beauty of the architecture has been preserved both inside and outside of the edifice. The sanctuary has been repainted and the woodwork trimmed in gold, giving it an air of quiet sophistication. As you view the structure, there appears a story of struggle and growth, written in brick mortar, cement, stained glass and woodwork. The story is an account of dedication, sacrifice, hope, love and divine leadership.

Not only does the edifice speak of the past, but it reveals the vitality of the present generation of believers in Christ. The building has been enlarged to include a modern church office, pastor's study, restrooms, a lounge for women, chair rooms, and classrooms for educational activities. The messengers to the Session probably will remember the dining room with warm appreciation, because they enjoyed a delicious meal there at a reasonable price. The Baptist Family will always be grateful to St. James for being a gracious host.



Sunday School Teacher For 58 Years

Rocky Mount — The Eureka Bible Class of St. James Baptist Church was organized in 1918, by Deacon W.E. Gay. Deacon Gay has been teacher of the class for the past 58 years and is very much alive and active today. He joined St. James Church, 71 years ago in 1905. An interesting fact is that Deacon Gay is the only living member of the in - number - of - years - service in St. James Baptist Church. There is no other member living that was living when he joined the St. James Church in 1905. He is also a member of the Deacon Board and a Trustee.

Deacon Gay is District Grand Master of the C.V.O. Odd Fellows in North Carolina. He is coordinator and auditor of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythians of North Carolina. At 83 years young, he is still active in his church and class meetings.

Deacon Gay is pictured seventh from left, front row.

Management Program Held

Manage The Local Church Effectively

RICHMOND, VA. — "Managing the Local Church Effectively," a new comprehensive church management program will be offered by the University of Richmond beginning in January. The four-day program will be conducted at the Institute's facilities at 601 North Lombardy street in Richmond.

Sponsored by the University's Institute for Business and Community Development at the Off-Campus School of Christian Studies, the program is designed for ministers, finance chairmen, business managers, education directors, and any officers of church organizations who want to improve their skills in the use of modern management techniques in their local church

roles.

The faculty will be drawn from the University faculty and the local religious community. All faculty members have broad experience in local church management, as well as training and consulting successes in many church organizations. The members of the faculty are Arthur C. Beck, Jr., Associate Professor of Organization Development and Director of the Institute; H. Addison Dalton, C.P.A. and a partner in Dalton, Pennell and Company; Richard J. Dunsing, Associate Professor of Organization Development, Institute; Ellis D. Hillmar, Associate Professor of Organization Development Institute; and H. Gerald Quigg, the University's Vice President

for University Relations.

The program will deal with vital local church functions as Planning, Problem Solving and Decision Making, Management Styles, Career Planning, Conducting Meetings, Financial Management, Fund Raising, New Member Recruitment, and Managing Change.

The sponsors of the program recommend that church groups send their entire management team. Further details and registration information is available from the Institute for Business and Community Development, 601 North Lombardy Street, Richmond, Va., 23220, or by calling the Institute Offices at 804-358-8401 in Richmond.



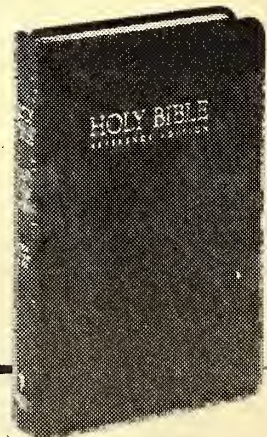
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Rev. Charles Bullock

Reports Of GBSC Special Session

Dr. T.A. Watkins, chairman of the Trustees, and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilson, reported to the Convention that the business and property of the Convention was in fine order. The construction of buildings at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is progressing nicely, and the camp is nearing completion. He assured the messengers that the orders of the Convention were being followed to the letter.

The auditor, Mr. Joe Norman, reported to the Executive Committee and the messengers that he had examined the books of the Woman's Convention and the General Baptist Convention and found them to be in good order. He stated that when he says that the books are in good order, he is staking his license as a Certified Public Accountant on his word. He can be held accountable if his report is not true.

The report of the Executive Secretary was one of en-

couragement and praise. He stated that the Convention had experienced the best year in its history in every way.

Following a great challenge to the messengers to do an even bigger and better job in 1976 - 77, he released the Annual Report which can be secured by writing the Headquarters office.

The Assistant Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig, reported that he had been across the state and nation representing and had found a dedicated group of pastors, and lay members doing a wonderful job for the Lord.

As chairman of the Benefit Commission Committee, I am pleased to say that remarkable progress has been made in the areas of our work.

Many of our associational Ordaining Boards across the state are making full use of the book that I edited, "Standard of Ordination for Ministers and Deacons", that the Convention adopted as a guide in 1974.

As a Baptist body, we must

continue to insist upon basic Guides and Standards in an effort to raise our educational level along with our teaching and training, if we are to be a more powerful force for Christ in the world. Our Convention through our churches must do more than serve the function of sleeping pills and rest cure tablets. It must be a strong voice in the wilderness, a waymaker through the desert, and a dispenser of life in the presence of death.

Retirement Plans For The General Baptists of North Carolina (New and Improved)

The retirement plan available to Baptist pastors, other Baptist church staff members who affiliate and cooperate with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., has been greatly improved.

In keeping with action taken by the annual convention meeting in Shelby, N.C., October

28, 1975, the General Baptist State Convention has doubled its provisions in assisting those who participate. Those already in the plan have automatically begun receiving the new benefits.

Basic and detailed information may be secured by writing to Dr. C.C. Craig at Baptist Headquarters or to Dr. Corbin Cooper at P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, Baptist State Convention.

Transportation Report

As chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Convention, which is a related service of the Benefit Commission Committee, I am pleased to report that we made two successful trips by plane to our National gatherings: (1) the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, San Francisco, California, June 21-25, 1976 and (2) The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Dallas, Texas, September 6-11, 1976.

By pooling our resources together, we were able to travel at a much cheaper rate, thus making it possible for many of our Baptist constituencies to attend our National meetings.

A representative of the Cancer Society appeared before the Convention to ask for support for the work of the Society. She also gave a brief account of the research work that is now being carried on by the Cancer Society.

Dr. Wendell Somerville, Executive Secretary of Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention appeared before the Convention and reported that Lott Carey is doing more now for Foreign Missions than ever before in its history. He declared that 144 North Carolina Baptist pastors led their congregations to give over a thousand dollars for foreign missions in 1976. This is a larger number than any other state in the nation.

President, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, stated that he is deeply gratified at the response that has been made to the Lord's work through the Convention in 1976. Although there are a large number of new programs in operation, he stated that great progress has been made. One of the new programs is that of a prison ministry in the form of a chaplain at the Polk Youth Center in Raleigh. Chaplain Moore appeared before the group to give a brief statement of his work and to thank the Convention for giving him the opportunity to work with people whose lives are broken. He declared that he loves the work in which he is engaged and feels a calling from the Lord to give his life to it.

A full report of his work was carried in the November issue of the "Baptist Informer".

Where Is He ?

By I.B. Horton

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him". (Matthew 2:1-2).

These words, recorded by St. Matthew, raise one of life's most profound questions: "Where is the God who created the heavens and the earth?" Can we behold him in the sky with our natural eyes? Can we reach out and touch Him with the fingers of our hands? Is His voice ever heard ringing in our ears? Where is He? The Psalmist wrote: "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handy work". (Psalm 19:1), again he wrote ... "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God ... God looked down from heaven ... to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. (Psalm 53:1-2). Finally, he wrote: "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

When we read these inspired words and listen to the promise of Jesus that: "... And lo, I'm with you always, even into the end of the world", (Matthew 28:20), the question comes: "How could the Presence of God be so real to these men of old, and yet so far removed from those of our present generation?"

Jesus came into a world that had become alienated from God because of sin. That age was fallen into a spiritual pit, darker than a thousand midnights. They had let the God of love be driven from their hearts, by yielding to the urgings and enticements of human lust and greed. When sin and self take over, the spirit of the Lord departs. That Holy Presence cannot mix with the death - dealing clutches of sin. As ice and fire can not dwell together, neither can r i g h t e o u s n e s s a n d

unrighteousness dwell together.

Thus we hear the voice of these wise men asking: "Where Is He?" They knew that something was missing ... that the vitality of their lives had vanished. They had a sense of the death that was closing in on the human race, because of the absence of God. Therefore, when they saw the star and observed the strange things that were happening that December night in Bethlehem: They were moved by the Holy Spirit to go and see if God could be found. There was a yearning for God in their hearts. When God departs, there is a thirst deep within, like that expressed by the Psalmist: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee O God". (Psalm 42:1). The hymn writer expressed it through that great hymn: "O For a Closer Walk With God 'Return O Holy Dove, return, sweet Messenger of rest; I hate the sin that made the mourn and drove thee from my breast". These men had lost contact with the Almighty, and their very being called out: "Where Is He?"

There are two significant facts revealed in the words of the wise men in this text. (1) God did not wait for man to return before He became interested in his redemption. "But God commandeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". (Romans 5:8). The scripture are plain in this teaching, our God is capable of a love that goes beyond human comprehension. He always reaches out for us, though we turn our backs on Him ... though we get into trouble because of disobedience ... though we nail Him on a cross and deny Him ... Yet He reaches out to us. This is what God was doing when Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

(2) There is something of God's nature in us that searches for God when we turn from Him.

This fact is demonstrated by the words of the Psalmist mentioned above, and the search carried on by the wise men.

This Christmas Season finds us still in a world that has lost contact with God. Many today are searching for this same Babe, but are not aware of it. It is a good thing for everyone to pause during this season and raise the question "Where Is He" in my life. Is Christ in every aspect of my being or is He just in my worship hour on Sunday? He He is my marriage? Is He in my work each day? Is He in my school life? Is He in my social activities. Where is He?

Is He near? Am I sensitive to His presence? No one but you, and you alone can answer this question. But the Christmas experience is a call to each of us to search our lives anew, that we may rediscover Christ.

It is a tragedy that one can go to church on Sunday in this great land of ours, and still come away with our hearts crying out "Where Is He?", with all the singing, all the beautiful buildings, all the equipment, and all the time we spend, that over half of the youth of this nation are still trying to find salvation in sex, drugs, and alcohol. They are crying out from overcrowded prisons and mental hospitals, saying in a deep and hurtful voice... "Where Is He?"

If we can come, like the wise men, to the manger in Bethlehem, with expectant hearts: with faith to believe that the eternal God who created all things was indeed in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to Himself, our hearts will know without a doubt where He is.

Rudolf Butmann, a contemporary theologian, says that Faith is the act of accepting "God's prevenient deed of grace". That is, one must walk away from the doubts and shackles of fear and boldly cast himself upon God's grace. Yes, "where Is He that is born King of

the Jews; for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him".

Thou . . . Shalt Call His Name JESUS. He Shall Be Great. And Shall Be Called The Son Of The Highest.

—Luke 1:31, 32.



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GBSC To Honor

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Headquarters, Raleigh. The final report is to be made on January 5 at the Baptist Headquarters.

In addition to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the General Baptist State Convention will honor all pastors of the state who have served fifty or more years in the ministry. The names of these pastors are to be sent to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible.

During the Special Session of the Convention, recently held in Rocky Mount, the Birthday Banquet became a subject of debate. Some pastors were concerned about the question of stewardship as it relates to the sale of the banquet tickets. After a brief discussion of the issue, Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, pastor of Mt. Zion, Winston Salem, stated that: "It is a good effort with a good intent. Let us not destroy something that has a potential for enormous good, because there is a chance that some harm might be done".

Dr. Charles Anderson, pastor of Institutional, Greensboro, pointed out that: "As Baptists, we are free to do anything we want to do. Let those who can see their way clear to support it, support it; and those who can't should just simply let it alone".

There was overwhelming support among the messengers for the Banquet to be held, and a large majority pledged to do all in their power to promote it.

Makes Grants

Rocky Mount — One of the notable events during the Special Session of the General Convention, held recently at Rocky Mount, was the presentation of several

"grants-in-aid" by representatives of the Fund of Renewal. Reverend



O'Kelly Lawson, the Fund's N.C. Director, and pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Greenville, made the presentations. The largest amount \$1,021.63, went to the Clinton Outreach Center, Inc., which is based in the First Baptist Church, Clinton; Reverend Clifford Jones, pastor and director of the center. The Robeson County Outreach Center, Inc., received \$681.09. It was announced that Shaw University is to receive \$1,000.00 at a later date.

The Reverend O.T. Tomes, pastor of the New Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Asheville, and the Reverend Aaron Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville, are among the leading N.C. pastors that comprise the Fund of Renewal Committee in North Carolina.

The Fund of Renewal is sponsored jointly by the American National Baptist Convention and the Progressive National Baptist Convention. The Objectives of the Fund is to aid the underprivileged.

'Moderator Montreal Howell' Says

'Preach, Teach And Make Disciples'

Matthew 28:19-20

19 - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

20-Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Depending upon this promise, the Yadkin Valley Association begins with all faces toward the east, the morning of our experience. Rocking in the cradle of hope, trusting God to help us take what we have and make something out of it. We took the talents God has given us, trusting He will multiply them into worthy service, and to His glory.

Years have passed and made history. They have brought about in their passing a closer relationship one with another. Our standards have been raised along all lines and we are pushing forward to the prize of the high calling.

Never before in our history has time been more ripe for united effort. The macedonian call can be heard from slums to mansions. The reach of the

Yadkin Valley Association is like a field sown by our fore parents through many hardships and struggles. Now we find ourselves face to face with a field, white with the harvest of Christian ideals, healthy living, reasonable conclusions and sober awakening. As we listen to Jesus' words I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, it is here and with this promise, we are able to grasp courage for whatever is to come. I would like to encourage each Pastor and Church, to take a lesson from the great teacher, Jesus Christ, in the real spirit of patient, humility, faithfulness, and sacrificial service.

It is in our local church more than any other place, we are to learn the lesson of oneness, to get closer together, to get closer to God, to form a solid chain that we may be able to cross that awful Red Sea of Economic slavery, of racial distrust and sinful prejudice, whether we recognized it or not, the youth of our communities are depending on our churches to give a sense of direction, a background they can depend on when society is

saying one thing demonationalis, another and their own desires, another the word of God, has the answer, teach it is its purity and beauty. Teach them how to observe what Jesus said.

We must pave a way through which our youth may find the path that leads to self respect, truthfulness, honesty and Godliness. This is a time when we must meet the challenges of our day. And to do this we must have contact. And we must be prepared. Our ministers and teachers must realize that they have no longer to hide behind a lack of opportunity for the greatest achievements have begun with little opportunities. Start where you are with what you have, and go forward.

We must raise our eyes to higher things. We must set our goal and with the ball of determination in hand, we run fast without looking back. May I say to the churches of the association, the path of the world is beautiful. But, we must make a path of right and make it so inviting that the world will turn to it. Don't wait for someone else to do a job that you can do yourself, realizing the need of

Christian leaders.

Growing churches are setting up annual institutes within their own borders, headed by trained workers, that their members

and others who would come may learn the hows and whens of religious training. The set up of our religious training school in our state is second to none in its

scope. For there are leaders fully trained in special departments to give the best that they have to their constituency. As I look over the situation now, after

all the years, I find a field still white to harvest but thanks to God, through our consecrated and conscientious efforts, we have more workers in the field now than we had at the beginning. Brother Ministers, Jesus is still saying: "Preach, Teach and make Disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Then the greatest promise we can have comes from Christ. I am with you always even to the end of the world".

By Moderator Montreal Howell Yadkin Valley Association

'Big Cat' Williams Finds Christ's Turf Not Artificial

By DAN MARTIN

GREEN BAY, Wisc. (BP) — At age 13, the world of Clarence Williams — now of Green Bay Packers Football fame — fell apart.

Williams is black. He lived in South Texas and had to leave his home community to attend school in another town because there was no school for blacks where he lived.

He was, like most adolescent boys — gawky, gangly, awkward. As if he didn't have enough problems, his father died as the horrified teenager watched helplessly.

Williams' father had been a Baptist pastor of a church in Brazoria, Tex., near Houston.

"I grew up in church ... I had always gone to church," said Williams. "They took me more than I wanted to, but they said go, I had to go."

Williams was one of nine children. "I always depended on my father for a livelihood ... for everything. I knew my father and mother would take care of me."

But the youngster's sense of security was shaken with the death of his father.

"He was preaching at an associational meeting in Freeport. I was in the choir, right behind him. He had a heart attack and fell right in front of me. When he hit the floor, he was dead," Williams said.

"I never thought anything like that could happen ... to somebody I was depending on. After he was buried, my mamma said, 'Son, if you ever have trusted God, you have to trust him now...If you ever have believed, you have to believe now.'"

But it was tough. "I didn't

know what to think. I didn't know what to do. I didn't know who would take care of us. But mamma said we have to trust in the Lord."

Williams cherished a dream of going to college, of making something of himself.

"My mother didn't have enough money to do it, but what happened was that my high school coach saw I had potential. He was kind of like a father to me. He kept me from going wrong. He made me participate in three sports, football, basketball and track.

"He kept me busy ... kept me intact."

In high school, Williams was 6-foot, 5-inches tall, but weighed only 205 pounds. He was tall and gangly. He made all-state in basketball, and also excelled in football.

"Then, by the help of the Lord, I received a college scholarship. All of this was his work, not mine. When my father 'passed' I would never have thought I could go to college on an athletic scholarship."

Williams went to Prairie View A&M, a small all-black school near Houston. He became a starter in football and in his senior year was elected team captain and selected to a small-college All-American list.

"I showed a little potential, I guess, and the pro teams started sending me questionnaires," he said. "I couldn't see myself as a pro...I saw those guys play on TV every Sunday and couldn't imagine me doing that...."

But he was drafted in 1968 by the Dallas Cowboys.

"They had been in the playoffs. They had defensive linemen like Willie Townes, Jethro Pugh and Bob Lilly. They

didn't need somebody like me."

Williams made the taxi (reserve) squad in 1969. He was traded in 1970 to the Green Bay Packers, in the National Football League, where he soon became a starter at defensive end.

"My career really started when my father 'passed.' I think I had to take on new life, had to believe in somebody beyond human beings. You can be as good as you want to be when you ask the Lord for help. I try now to depend on the Lord for everything," Williams said.

For almost seven years, he has been a member of Highland Crest Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated congregation in Green Bay. He says he first went to the church because it was close — and "friendly" — for him and his wife, Icy.

Williams works with Royal Ambassador boys (a Baptist Brotherhood organization), often helps with ushering duties and takes part in the lay ministry to prisoners in the nearby maximum security penitentiary.

His pastor, William Jenkins, calls Williams "above average in his Christian life and witness." Williams, himself, says he tries to present his Christian witness by "living a life. It is hard for me to go out and talk to somebody, but I try to set an example."

Recently, Williams played a part in helping Fred Carr, the all-pro linebacker for the Packers. On Williams' advice, Carr visited Jenkins and Emmanuel McCall, director of the Home Mission Board's Cooperative Work with National Baptists, who was in Green Bay

for a weekend revival.

Carr, who admitted having personal problems, made a profession of faith. He was baptized into membership in the church.

Williams has grown from the gawky, gangly, awkward boy of 13 into a confident, assured man.

"People ask me what I'm going to do when I get out of pro ball. Well, I don't know. I have some things in mind, but I want to do whatever the Lord has in mind. He's been taking care of me this far. I've got confidence in him. I don't think he's going to let me down. He has something and he'll make a way."

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Africa. Secretary Wilson indicates that building projects are presently underway in Liberia and are in the planning stages for the Cameroon and

Panama. A Medical Mission is expected to be sent to the Cameroon early in 1977. The churches of North Carolina are invited and urged to share

support of this worthy work. Checks should be made payable to the Foreign Mission Board and may be given in the

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