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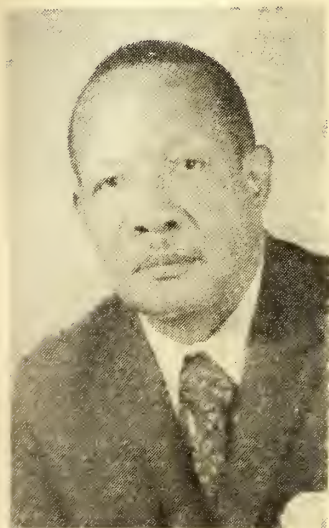
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Dr. Jerry Drayton, Host Pastor Of The All Baptist Assembly.

Replacement Major Issue

Raleigh — One of the major issues facing the General Baptist Convention, as it nears the close of the year is the replacement for Dr. O.L. Sherrill who announced his retirement (in an unexpected move) on February 16, to the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention effective August 1977.

In a recent conversation with Dr. Jordan C. Harris, Statesville, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, he stated that the Committee is still receiving applications for a replacement to Dr. Sherrill. Interested persons should place an application with the Committee. Applications may be secured from the Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601 and Dr. J.C. Harris, Post Office Box 301 Statesville, N.C. 28677.

Completed applications should be sent to Dr. Harris.

Carter Is Congratulated

Raleigh — BLACK BAPTISTS CONGRATULATE JIMMY CARTER UPON HIS NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET, WITH PRAYER THAT OUR GOD WILL PROTECT AND ENABLE THIS SOUTHERN BAPTIST TO LEAD US BACK TO SANITY AND MORALITY.

Twin City Set To Host General Baptist Assembly

By Dr. Jerry Drayton
Winston Salem — As the date of the All Baptist Assembly draws near (August 2-5), the spotlight and focus of Baptists' attention on Winston Salem grows more and more intense. The twin city has become a beehive of activity as local Baptist forces seem to set no limit upon their efforts to make the Baptist family welcome to the city. The Baptist Ministers Conference and associates of Winston Salem have joined with New Bethel Baptist Church to co-host the Assembly. Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church and chairman of the entertainment Committee for the Assembly, has done an excellent job in putting together the elements necessary to give the Baptists the red carpet treatment.

New Bethel Baptist Church is the official host church for the Assembly (see photo) but all of the joint sessions of the Assembly will be held at the Benton Convention Center.

Directions to All Baptist Assembly

The New Bethel Baptist Church is located at 1016 N. Trade Street. Direction to the Convention Center are as follows:

Those coming into Winston Salem on Highway 40 from the west, will exit at the ramp marked "Cherry Street Downtown". Proceed one block beyond first stop light, turn left

onto Cherry Street and proceed five blocks to the Convention Center.

For those coming from other directions, the Convention Center is located at Cherry and Fifth Street.

To reach New Bethel Church from the Convention Center proceed North one block on Cherry Street, turn right on Sixth, proceed one block to Trade Street, turn left on Trade and proceed to New Bethel Baptist Church.

Pastor Drayton stated recently that plans had been made to satisfy every need of the delegation which is expected to attend the Assembly. There will be courtesy cars and buses to shuttle the delegates to and from their accommodations. Space has been provided for all Auxiliaries

to have office or headquarters since there will be no individual session for the Auxiliaries. New Bethel will be the meeting place for most of the General Baptist Committees, but the Auxiliaries will have space in the Convention center.

Evangelistic Services Scheduled

A new feature of the Assembly this year will be Evangelistic Services held each evening following the close of the Convention. Services are scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at the New Bethel Baptist Church. The speaker for Monday, August 2, will be the Reverend W.E. Mills; Tuesday, August 3, the speaker will be the Reverend Oscar B. Cook; Wednesday, August 4, the

speaker will be the Reverend L.D. Parker.

With New Bethel as the host church, one of Winston Salem's most outstanding churches, and the modern Benton Convention Center as the setting of the Assembly, it promises to be a great event.

Dr. Drayton has made an outstanding contribution to the religion, civic, and social life of the city. He is also chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

St. Delight Has Men's Day

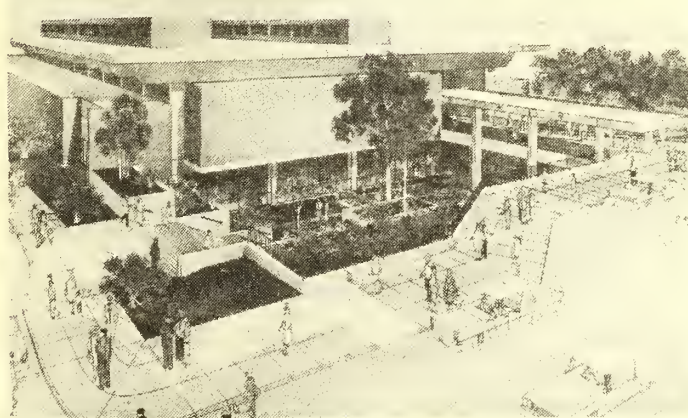
By Mrs. Minerva Evans

Walstonburg — The Annual Men's Day Service was observed by the St. Delight Baptist Church June 20, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Male Chorus, Elm Grove Baptist Church, Pikeville. Reverend Roosevelt Taylor, pastor was in charge of the service.

Included in the service was the presentation of New Testaments to thirteen high school graduates and one adult graduate of Bible school. A tribute to men was given by Brother Robert L. Lane of Waterside Church in Farmville.

The Annual Men's Day Service, delivered by Reverend

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The Benton Convention Center the meeting place of the All Baptist Assembly, convening August.

General Baptist Board Takes Important Actions

The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention meeting at Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh last July 13 went on record as supporting the sanitation workers of Raleigh, in their demand for a 3.5 percent increase in salary and for all other workers who are on the lower side of the pay scale.

The Convention finds it hard to conceive of a Christian church

which seems to condone murder (Reference to the Dupree murder trial and acquittal). The congregation pastored by the Reverend Dupree, husband of Mrs. Sandra Dupree tried for murder in the death of Harvey Lee Dickens, rejoiced at the release of Mrs. Dupree. Dr. Johnson, stated that it is inconceivable that we can call ourselves Christians and then want to impose on others con-

ditions that we would not accept.

Simpson Named

In other action taken by the Board, the Reverend Lacy Simpson of Selma was placed on the Personnel Committee of the Convention, replacing Dr. E. Burns Turner of Lumberton, who resigned last month. Simpson becomes active on the Committee immediately.

A resolution authorizing and requiring the Trustee of the

Convention to carry out the legal transactions of the General Baptist Convention was also adopted. It called for Trustees to handle and negotiate all contracts involving (1) Property (2) Construction, (3) Leasing, (4)

Employment for construction and (5) All contracts involving the General Convention where the Convention is liable for legal responsibility.

The President's Pen!

The Black Baptist pastors in North Carolina are overworked and underpaid. Two thirds of them receive less than \$5,000 annually. Also, two thirds of these clergymen hold down other positions to help make ends meet. Furthermore, less than one third of these pastors have college or seminary training. Yet they make significant contributions and magnificent sacrifices to the cities, communities and the Convention.

Why do they live in poverty and preach their "Father is rich?" This question can be answered in two, similar ways. First, their congregation consists primarily of domestics, migrants, day hands, tenants, welfare recipients, low, fixed-income people, janitors, few professionals and in recent years, many factory workers. In other words, the vast majority of these members live below poverty level.

The economic and political systems seem to have been planned and structured against minorities by the power structure or politicians.

Secondly, in spite of these systems the Black preacher has maintained his firm faith, dignity and influence in the local church and community. They still believe their greatest reward is in the future.

No group has done so much with so little. Many of these poor, honest and dedicated Christians have educated their children, built homes, and entered successful professions and businesses.

How did they do it? First, they gave their little bit to the Lord, and He blessed it. In return they thanked God and distributed the little nightly.

Of course, there remains a strange mystery of these miracle men and women's off-



Dr. J. J. Johnson

spring today. They are not as conscientious, concerned, crafty, clean or committed. Is it, they have forgotten from whence their blessings flow? They get their weekly or monthly checks, and never stop to thank anyone but simply slow to punch in; punch out and bow at the computer. Shortly, they are broke, and demanding parents to pay for their necessities.

Finally, how may the poverty of the people and the pastor be rectified? The pastor and the people must demand of politicians and the power structure better paying positions, and stop accepting campaign promises, chicken change and personal favors. The pastor must take the leadership role since no one can fire him but the congregation. Although, the congregation must provide him with support and security.

A Good Shepherd knows His sheep and the sheep know His voice.

Joy J. Johnson,
President

Raleigh Ministers Support Fired Sanitation Workers

Raleigh — (Editor's note: Dr. Charles W. Ward, Pastor of the First Baptist Church was emphatic about the way the ministerial force here feels about the struggle of the city's sanitation workers. The city recently discharged 178 sanitation workers after they went on strike for a 3.5 percent pay increase. The action was taken without regard to the welfare of these 178 families and the hardship that the loss of their jobs imposes upon them.)

The following statement outlines the feelings and areas of concern that were included in the dispute.)

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming.

The struggle for the rights of men is as old as mankind. Whenever one man's rights are imperiled, all men's freedoms are endangered.

Our brothers, the workers of the Raleigh Sanitation Department have been treated unfairly by the city administration. We are here today representing the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance, the Raleigh - Wake Citizens Association, The Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, The NAACP, (Raleigh - Apex Chapter) and many churches and local community organizations.

The problems lie in the fact that the city fathers fail to come grips with the realities facing this city. We can turn history back to the 18th century when our country had no adequate system of garbage disposal and thereby resulting in sickness and disease. Can we take the risky chance of allowing waste to pile-up in our streets and disease to run rampant in our home and in our city?

One of the basic rights in our democratic system of government is the right to dissent. It

appears that the city fathers are trying to divide and destroy the unity of the sanitation workers, and the possible unity of city employees in general.

We find it difficult to believe that the city of Raleigh cannot find the money to give these workers the 3.5 percent raise they are requesting. This amount has already been given some of the city employees.

We are totally united with the Raleigh Sanitation Workers in this present struggle as they seek to obtain a decent living wage for the extremely strenuous and hazardous work they perform.

We urge the city of Raleigh to return their jobs from which they were wrongfully ter-

minated last Friday.

We insist that it is morally and legally wrong to give these men's jobs to other people or other firms.

We urge the city administration to reinstate the sanitation workers with full benefits, seniority and with the very reasonable increase of 3.5 percent as they are requesting.

We offer our full assistance and support to use all legal and political means at our disposal to protect the rights of the sanitation workers.

We strongly urge all citizens of the community to join with us in support of these efforts to obtain relief from a disgraceful situation the city of Raleigh has allowed to exist.

In The Interest Of Black History

"Letter To
The Editor"

Dear Reverend Horton:

This letter is written in behalf of the Reverend Mack M. McMillan, moderator of the New Covenant Baptist Association. The New Covenant Association is an organization of small Negro churches located in the Appalachian Mountain region of northwestern North Carolina. The association is a member of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina. Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the Convention, has visited the association at its annual meetings many times.

In 1973 the New Covenant Association celebrated its centennial anniversary. As a part of that celebration a history committee was created for the purpose of gathering historical information and materials for a projected "history" of the N.C.B.A.

After more than two years of difficult and painstaking work the history, entitled "The Chalice and The Covenant", will be published by Hunter Publishing Company of Winston Salem. The book will be ap-

proximately 350 pages in length, containing a wealth of information of both a specific and general nature. Of course, the book sets forth an exhaustive study of the association's auxiliaries, individual churches, and ministers.

Due to the truly remarkable amount of historical material, the Reverend McMillan and myself believe that there will exist an interest in our work. Therefore, we wonder if you would be interested in using a short article concerning the publication of this work and the more interesting facts of the N.C.B.A.'s history in "The Baptist Informer". If you are interested in having such an article submitted for your consideration, please let us know as soon as possible, informing us as well as to any specifications that you would desire for the article. I hope that our project will interest you. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

The author of the book is myself, Mark S. Sexton.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,
Mark S. Sexton

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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Alias 'Jesus Christ'

HARTFORD, Conn. (RNS) — A robbery suspect who identified himself as "Jesus Christ" won't be allowed to change his identification before going to trial.

Asst. State Public Defender A. Arthur Giddon had asked Superior Court Judge Simon S. Cohen to drop the alias from court records so his client's case

would not be prejudiced.

But Judge Cohen said the defendant, George Dotson, 26, of Dajona, Fla., had claimed to be Christ for three days after his arrest and would have to retain his alias a while longer.

Dotson said he had used the alias so his friends wouldn't know he had been arrested.

**5,000
Souls Saved
1 Million
Dollars
Raised**

Plane To Dallas Still Needs Passengers

Raleigh — Again this year the General Baptist State Convention will sponsor a plane to the National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A., Inc., to be held in Dallas, Texas, September 6-11, 1976.

Dr. C.C. Craig is in charge of the reservations for the trip. The total cost for transportation and hotel accommodations is \$250.00. The plane will leave the Raleigh - Durham airport Tuesday, September 6 and return to Raleigh - Durham, Saturday, September 11.

Interested persons should send in the enrollment blank below as soon as possible. A \$50.00 deposit is required.

It is idle to talk to people of their faults, for, if they knew them, they wouldn't commit them.

—William Lamb

Women To March In Winston-Salem

Raleigh — The call has gone forth from the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention to every missionary Baptist woman in North Carolina; came to the All Baptist Assembly, August 2-5. The women are especially urged to be in attendance on Tuesday, August 3 when the missionary women all dressed in white, will have a "Grand March" into the Convention center.

Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention has released the following schedule:

ANNOUNCING
THE 92ND ANNUAL SESSION
THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
AUGUST 2-5, 1976
(ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA
THE CONVENTION CENTER - 301 WEST 5TH STREET
ACTIVITIES OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION
Monday 10:45 Executive Board Meets, 12:00 Noon-Luncheon, Registration Day -



Mrs. M. A. Horne

Financial Reports

Monday 6:00 p.m. - 3RD ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP BANQUET SPEAKER, DR. F.G. SAMPSON, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m. The Senior-Young Adult-Youth Session Business Session, Crowning of Queens, Bicentennial Skit Ministers Wives Appearance, Youth on Parade Reports, Etc.

This is Your Afternoon - Charter Buses

Pool Cars - Come Praying - Come Paying

Your Contributions Have Exceeded All Other Years

(In Soul Winning - Finance - Love and Cooperation)

Continue To Reach Out and Touch

Three Inspiring Weeks Held

Laurel Hill — Tears were flowing all over the place during the three weeks that the Youth Bible Camp was held at the Baptist Assembly. Over three hundred twenty-four young people attended the three sessions.

When this writer arrived at the Camp and observed a group of young people standing and sitting around crying, the first impression was that something horrible had happened. Upon investigation, the writer learned that the young people had enjoyed themselves so well until they simply did not want to go home. They had found new friendships and meaningful relationships and it was quite painful to them to become separated from each other.

Many of the youth experienced an awakening to meaningful relationships with Jesus Christ. The camp provided an opportunity for them to get away from the noise and the influence of a corruptible society where they could hear the voice of God speaking peace to their souls. The challenge of Jesus Christ was set before them by camp workers, Dr. Jodran C. Harris, Dr. W.B. Lewis, and Reverend John L. Daniels, Camp superintendent. Many of these

young persons have never had anyone to whom they could relate in an open and honest way to get in touch with their real feelings about God in Jesus Christ.

There is yet a great deal of work to be done before the Youth Bible Camp can be said to have reached the standard of excellence, but the program of progress is well underway. The Youth Bible Camp was sponsored by the Woman's Convention as part of the Convention's outreach. In addition to the three weeks of Bible Camp, there was also a week of Leadership training held at the camp.

Photographs of camp activities on this page demonstrate some of the enthusiasm that the camp engendered among the youth. For all of those who are parents, it is a well established fact that meal time is a happy time for growing youngsters. The dining room scene shows how eager and anxious young people can become when meal time comes - especially after a day of hard play and recreation.

Shown in the photograph is the Guest Lodge at the Baptist Assembly which can house 18 persons. It has been recommended that it be named Hor-

ne's Guest Lodge in honor of Mrs. M.A. Horne who did the pioneer work of establishing the Assembly through the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

Swimming and baseball are among the activities that delight the youngsters at the Camp. As can be seen from the photos, these activities are well established, but Mrs. Horne stated that there is a great need for greater financial support so that additional workers and equipment can be realized.

The most outstanding feature that this writer observed is the cool, calm, quiet, and restful atmosphere that prevails at the camp. The writer could understand why the young people were crying because they had to leave the camp. He was smiling on the outside but crying on the inside as time came for him to start the long journey back to the challenge of responsibility.

The Woman's Convention has led the struggle to help Baptists develop a retreat that provides a resting place for the weary soul. This program deserves all the support that every Baptist can muster through the Unified Program.

Echoes From Foreign Field

Brewerville, West Africa — A heart - touching moment was shared by the office workers of the Women's Convention last July 13, when Miss Hawa Lyon and her daughter visited the Headquarters Building. Miss Lyon, dressed in her colorful African dress is visiting the U.S.A. from Brewerville, W. Africa, where she is employed at Ricks Institute (sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention). All hearts were moved with deep emotional feelings of joy, as Mrs. Horne sat on the floor and played with Hawa's daughter. Everyone who knew the story of how the Woman's Convention sponsored Miss Lyon's education at Shaw, knew that Mrs. Horne was feeling that this was a granddaughter to "Mother Horne". Hawa is married and has two lovely children. She is just one of the numerous examples of the investment and involvement that the Baptist Women of N.C. have

in the lives of others for the Cause of Jesus Christ.

Miss Lyon was brought to the U.S.A. from Liberia, W. Africa and educated at Shaw University by the Woman's Convention. She was named for Mrs. Minnie C. Lyon who was instrumental in getting Miss Lyon into the Convention's heart. She is now making a marvelous contribution to her as an instructor in Business at the Ricks Institute in Brewerville, W. Africa.

Always remember that the person that you find fault with a great deal, will finally rebel.

—Edgar Watson Howe

5,000 Souls Saved

1 Million

Dollars Raised

Baptist Women To Entertain Youth

By Mrs. Thelma C. Horton

Raleigh — "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is an old saying, which clearly illustrates the attitude of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, regarding its Youth Department.

With this idea in mind, the

Convention has planned a two hour entertainment, period including food on Monday, August 2, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor. All youth and supervisors wearing their Convention badge are invited to attend.



Youngsters romping in the swimming pool at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.



Camp participants engaging in a fun-filled game of softball.



Meal time is a happy time at the Youth Bible Camp.

(SEE PHOTO PAGE SIX)

Rocky Mount Holds District Conference



OFFICERS: Left to Right: (Seated) Mrs. Flora Macklin, Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Mrs. Pauline Patterson, Mrs. Luella Edwards. (Standing) Mrs. Rosa Pope, Mrs. Daisy Foster, Mrs. Gwen Murrian, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Jerlene Perkins, Mrs. Jennie Battle, Mrs. Isabelle Draughtn and Mrs. Hazel Lewis.

More than 300 were in attendance at the recent One Day District Conference Eight, Group One of the WBH&FMC of N.C. held at the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, where the Rev. George W. Dudley is pastor.

The district encompasses churches in Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson counties. The theme for the conference was "Reach Out and Touch," and Mrs. Pauline V. Patterson, the outgoing Chairperson, presided during the business sessions.

Mrs. Luella Edwards, a native of Rocky Mount, and vice president of the WBH&FMC was the principal speaker.

Three workshops were conducted during the morning session that were led by the adult, youth and young adult departments. A very meaningful and impressive program was presented by the Young Adults and the Youth Departments during the general assembly.

This session marked the close of a fruitful leadership of Mrs. Pauline Patterson of Rocky

Mount and a member of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church who has served as Chairperson for the District for eleven years. During her leadership, the District has made tremendous progress in all areas.

Mrs. Shirley W. Bullock of Rocky Mount and wife of the Rev. Charles T. Bullock, Pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church, was chosen to succeed Mrs. Patterson as Chairperson. Others elected were Mrs. Hazel Lewis, Co - chairperson; Mrs. Flora Macklin, Secretary; Mrs. Augusta Hawkins, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Isabelle Draughtn, Treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Battle, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Jerlene Perkins and Mrs. Daisy Foster, Directresses of the Y.A. Dept.; Mrs. Rosa Pope, Supervisor of the Youth Dept. and Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Gwen Murrian, Young Adult Leaders.

The officers were installed in an impressive and unusual way by Mrs. C.H. Pittman of Rocky Mount.

Black Baptist Sponsor Chaplain

Raleigh — Reverend Ernest Bradley Moore, Jr. 28, of Ahoskie, N.C. has been employed as Chaplain of Polk Youth Center in Raleigh, effective July 6, 1976. Chaplain Moore has been employed by the General Baptist State Convention in connection with its new thrust and outreach in Ministry. The concept was brought to the Convention by Dr. Joy J. Johnson who pointed out that there are over 13,800 prisoners in North Carolina, and only about three or four chaplains to serve them. He urged the Convention to consider that these men between the ages 17-22 can be rehabilitated only if they find their right relationship to God in Jesus Christ. Polk Youth Center has a population of

500 men between the ages 17-22, and 80 per cent of them are black.

Chaplain Moore revealed that he feels that God has called him to the prison ministry. He is a graduate of Shaw University, A.B. 1971, and a graduate of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, M. Div. in Religion and Psychology. A native of Ahoskie, N.C. he is a member of the New Bethany Baptist Church in Harrellsville, N.C. Chaplain Moore is unmarried.

The program at Polk will consist of individual counseling, a choir to furnish music for worship, Bible classes, a voluntary chaplain schedule, and worship each Sunday. The activities for the men will be on a

voluntary basis.

The new chaplain stated that he does not feel that the Polk Youth Center is a hostile community. Asked what his philosophy of the work is, he responded: "whether we acknowledge it or not, every individual has a spark of God within him". He understands his role to be one of Prophet and Priest. In this call to respond to God in a way that one can interpret what is going on within himself. Moore believes that the Polk Community understands each other much better than individuals in the free community. They have a kind of happiness but are not content.

Another responsibility of the Chaplain will be to promote the program in the Black Baptist churches throughout a 100 radius of Polk. A call has already gone forth to pastors to open their hearts and churches to this pioneering young man.

There are 77 prison units in the state with a population of 13,500. Baptist everywhere are urged to remember the words of our Lord, how he said, "I was in prison and ye visited me...in as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones, ye have done it unto me."

This ministry will receive the major part of its support through the Unified Program.

The Reverend R.A.L. Walker is administrative Chaplain for the entire Department of Correction.



Editor Horton interviewing Chaplain Moore at Polk Youth Center.

New Prexy Has

Vision Of Transcendancy

Raleigh — Shaw University's Executive Vice President, Dr. Richard Fields, revealed last July 13, that he has a vision of Shaw University transcending other private institutions of learning. In an interview with the writer, Dr. Fields stated, that, he "wants to restore Shaw to her former status of ascending." He envisions great things

for Shaw and wants the Baptists to stretch every fibre of their being to give greater support.

As a laymen and an educator, Dr. Fields is unshaken in his belief that Shaw is not unique in the regard of financial problems. "The problems can be solved" declared Fields. He comes to Shaw by way of A&T State University, and is con-

fident that his strong educational background will be a strong plus for Shaw.

Baptist of North Carolina and Shaw Alumni have pledged support for Shaw under the new program of the General Convention and through the one million dollar budget now being raised.

Smith Receives Degree

By Mrs. Louanna Henegan
Laurinburg — Reverend Alfred Reddick Smith, Whiteville, was honored on May 16, by Shaw University with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree. He is being congratulated by his classmate, Dr. E.B. Turner, Lumberton (see photo).

Dr. Smith has combined his gift of ministry with the practice of Mortuary Science and his executive ability as a funeral director, to bring ease and comfort to those in need.

He is the pastor of the Bright Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurinburg where he emphasizes the "mission task" of the church. He is to be commended for his continuing leadership in the improvements of our church and debt liquidation; future plans include

a new church edifice. His previous pastorates include: First Baptist and Green Chapel Churches, Smithfield; Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, Mt. Pisgah, Burgaw; Green Chapel, Bolton and Kitchen Branch, Council.

Presently, he serves as a member of the Home Mission Board, National Baptist Convention; Statistician and Executive Board member of the General Baptist Convention. Second vice moderator, Christian Education Instructor and a member of the Ordination Board of the Pee Dee Association.

His success as a funeral director and practitioner of mortuary science is manifested by his ownership of funeral homes in Whiteville and Wilmington.



Dr. Turner

Dr. A. R. Smith

Central Orphanage Receiving Greater Support

Oxford — The Central Orphanage of North Carolina is now receiving greater support from the General Baptist State Convention than ever before in its history, a direct result of the bold new program initiated by President, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Superintendent, H.V. Bryant, reporting to the Executive Committee of the Convention last July 13, stated that: "The additional support has enabled the Orphanage to do many things that we never dreamed possible". He also stated that the Orphanage would now be able to send five or six children on to college, who otherwise would not have gotten the opportunity to attend.

The Central Orphanage is one of the six objectives of the Convention's Unified Program. Under the new program of monthly statewide emphasis of the Convention's objectives, one of the objectives is emphasized each month. Each pastor, church, and Auxiliary is urged to put forth a special effort that month to raise additional funds for that objective. Central



Children enjoy an afternoon of fun at Kings Dominion. This trip was sponsored by the Life of Virginia Insurance Company.

Orphanage is emphasized in February and August.

This article, which is second in the series, is directed towards the summer activities of the Orphanage.

The photograph shows a group of young people from the Orphanage on a visit to King's

Dominion. This particular trip was sponsored by the Life of Virginia Insurance Company. Like all normal children, the Central Orphanage children enjoy going on trips like this. The trips are not only entertainment and enjoyable, but they are educational. The Orphanage seeks to help the child develop a "balanced" personality. Experiences from every area of life tend to enable the children to develop a more wholesome personality.

The leadership of the General Baptist State Convention has become more and more concerned about the needs of the "total person". Too long Christian people have been satisfied to sit down and enjoy the many blessings of this great country while giving only token consideration to the pain and hurt of the masses about them. This can no longer prevail, God forbid that we should remain insensitive to the cries of the underprivileged. Dr. Johnson often calls upon Baptist everywhere to: "Stop talking

about the needs of the poor and downcast and begin doing something about it". "We must become willing to make a sacrifice of some of the luxuries we do not need in order that others can have some of the necessities of life".

The summer activities are not all entertainment and recreation, there is work to be done. School is normally not in operation during the summer,

thus freeing the young people to aid in the production of farm products. When one enters the Central Orphanage community it can at once be observed that farming is not small part of the total operation. A large portion of the food supply is produced right on the institutional lands. There is much work to be done to harvest, and prepare the vegetables for the freezer. Everybody takes a part, just like a big family. Superintendent Bryant is like a Father there, many of the children call him "daddy".

The Unified Plan

When a member of the Baptist family puts a dollar into the mission offering in his local church he is automatically giving 6 cents to the Central Orphanage. Although as responsible individuals, we know that one feels more like a whole person when he or she is able to stand on their own feet, we feel real good deep down inside when we are able to share in helping someone else get on his or her feet. These children could not help the circumstances that make them an orphan, they need and deserve every bit of support that you the Baptist can give.

Central Orphanage Recreational Program

Oxford — Mention recreation around the Central Orphanage and you will get a positive response from the majority of the children here. Melvin Anderson is the director of recreation at the Central Orphanage. Recreation seems to be a time they all enjoy. Many of the larger children enjoy team sports. For those that do not particularly care for team sports, they are provided with activities they can participate in by themselves, or with another person.

Mr. Anderson has found that recreation makes a child feel good. It makes him understand what makes him tick - emotionally and physically and that's what everyone is searching to find.

Summer recreation includes Little League Baseball, 4-H Softball, Pony riding, trips to various pools, Atlantic Beach, Kings Dominion, Mundo - Vista and Caraway Camps, Zoo, Movies and a scheduled time for indoor and outdoor activities. This year the group is expected to visit Teen - Age Frolics (TV

Dance Show), Mid - Atlantic Wrestling, and Tweetsie Railroad.

Below is a schedule for Wednesday Summer Trips.

August 4, Pullen Park - Movie, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Pridgen.

August 11, Pullen Park - Movie, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Newton.

August 18, Pullen Park-Movie, Miss Hodges, Miss Ward, and Mrs. Cox.

August 25, State Zoo, Miss Newton and Mrs. Bennett.



Melvin Anderson

Waverly Camp On Recovery Road

Raleigh — The recently elected Secretary to Laymen's work and Director of Church Music is on the road to recovery after suffering an illness that hospitalized him for several days. Mr. Waverly Camp of Salisbury suffered the illness following the Annual Minister's Institute held at Shaw last June. He is now well on the road to recovery and is grateful for the many prayers and expressions of concern which came from the Baptist Family.

A graduate of Livingstone College, Mr. Camp has done an excellent job as director of Church Music for the General Baptist State Convention. He has been able to relate very well to the youth of the Baptist church and has inspired a large number to take an active part in the Regional workshops sponsored by the General Convention. In addition to his work with the Music Department, Camp has organized athletic teams for a number of several churches youth across the state.

Fiscal Year Ends On August 31

Raleigh — In his progress report, July 12, Dr. O.L. Sherrill reminded all pastors and leaders that the Convention's fiscal year ends August 31, 1976. "We have not reached our goal of five thousands souls saved and one million dollars raised", stated Dr. Sherrill. "We still have a considerable distance to go". He urged all pastors to send up and bring to the All Baptist Assembly as much financial support as they possibly can.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, chairman of the General Board stated that the Convention has already

committed itself to support a number of new ministries, and that we are obligated to raise the budget. He urged all pastors to go home and lay the case before their congregations. "Action and sacrifice is the only way we can realize our goal", stated Dr. Butler.

According to the schedule, Baptist pastors have less than two months to raise the funds needed to complete the budget of one million dollars. "This can and will be done", was a statement frequently voiced by each leader of the Convention.

Lewis Named Comptroller

Raleigh — In another history-making move for the General Baptist, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, president of the Convention, recommended to the Executive Committee that Dr. W.B. Lewis become Convention Comptroller, effective September 1, 1976. Stating the need for the

General Baptist Convention to become more responsible in its management of the Lord's property, Dr. Johnson emphasized the need for a dedicated and competent finance officer.

Dr. Lewis is pastor of Raleigh's First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church and immediate past president of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association. As comptroller, he will be charged with the responsibility of keeping account of the financial transactions of every Auxiliary of the Convention. Keeping the programs of the Convention in line with the budget of the Convention has been one of the major problems facing Convention officials for many years.

This is a major step forward by the leaders of the Convention and promises to return great dividends.



Dr. W. B. Lewis

Bicentennial Held

By Mrs. Mary L. Williams

Louisburg — July 18, at 6:00 p.m. the Mission Circle of the Mitchell Baptist Church presented a most interesting and informative program. The highlights included: Brief history of the United States - Miss Dorothy Williams; Recognition of Contributions: The Country, Mrs. Flora Baskett; To the Nation (With emphasis on Blacks) Mrs. Mary

Williams. To enhance this feature of the program, Mrs. Williams showed photos of the persons who had made the contribution. Negro spirituals were sung with Mrs. Mildred Harris, director.

Following the program a typical bicentennial dinner was served. The menu consisted of: chicken and dumplings, stringbeans, turnip greens, boiled eggs, gingerbread and potato custard.

National Baptist Hear Dr. Craig

San Francisco, Calif. — North Carolina Baptists were heard all over the nation last June, where Dr. C.C. Craig superbly taught Baptist Doctrine to delegates of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. The Congress, meeting in its seventy-first Annual Session at the Civic Center in San Francisco, drew personalities from all over the nation and some foreign countries.

Dr. Craig, who is Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the General Convention, and author of a handbook for pastors, has been instructor of the Doctrinal course for a number of years. In addition to his own handbook, Dr. Craig taught materials from *Fundamentals of our Faith* by Herschel Hobbs, and *Baptist Beliefs* by E. Mullins.

There were ninety-four persons in the North Carolina delegation which went on a plane sponsored by the Convention.



Dr. C. C. Craig

The responsibility for the welfare of the delegation was shared jointly by Dr. Craig and Dr. Sherrill.

The photos show scenes from the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.



BAPTIST CONGRESS

Shiloh Observes Pastor's Anniversary

By Patricia A. Truesdale
Winston Salem — Shiloh Baptist Church which will be the scene of some youth activity during the All Baptist Assembly, recently celebrated the sixth Anniversary of their pastor Dr. J. Ray Butler. Dr. Butler has distinguished himself as an outstanding leader during the six years that he has been at the helm of the historic and progressive church. Shiloh is one of Winston Salem's fastest growing churches. It has grown from a membership of 778 six years ago to 1300 members in 1976.

Dr. Butler is active in the

General Baptist State Convention of as the chairman of the General Board. In a dynamic address to members of the Executive Committee, Dr. Butler declared: "A new generation of Baptist has come of age, more serious and better equipped to do the work of the Christian church. Old structures and practices are falling away". He is also well known on the national level.

The speaker for the Anniversary was Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church of Raleigh, N.C.

Solid Rock Pastor Installed

Laurinburg — The Reverend Leroy E. Davis was installed recently as the pastor of the Solid Rock Baptist Church.

Reverend Davis came to Solid Rock from Augusta, Ga., where he was assistant pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He recently received the Master of Divinity Degree from the Morehouse School of Religion.

The young pastor is affiliated and holds membership in several organizations namely, the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, NAACP, and the SCLC.

The installation sermon was delivered by Dr. Charles Hamilton, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. The state convention was well represented by our illustrious president, Dr. Joy J. Johnson.

Reverend Davis is married to the former Miss Merit Bostic.



Rev. Leroy Davis

Interreligious Agency Ask Emergency State Funding

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS) — An interreligious Christian agency made up of 14 Protestant denominations and 30 interdenominational organizations has issued a statement calling for the emergency funding by the State of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) which ceased operations in January.

The Northern California Ecumenical Council urged the legislature to appropriate \$3.8 million to fund the ALRB's implementation of the state's farm labor law passed last year. And the agency asked that the appropriation be made without any amendments to the farm labor law.

"We stand in opposition to those who are holding the appropriation hostage for changes

in the farm labor law," the council said.

The statement noted that secret ballot elections for union representation of farm workers have ceased, hearings on unfair labor practices have been terminated, and most of the ALRB's staff has been laid off. It added that the new law had been workign well for five months and violence in the fields had stopped.

The statement also said the interreligious group endorsed the United Farm Workers of America boycott of Sun-Maid raisins and Sunsweet products, as well as other farm products boycotted by the UFWA. It said these companies had "campaigned to deny funding for the ALRB unless there are major changes in the law."

'Hard Days' Ahead He Warns

Theologian Suggests Evangelicals Take Strong View Of Scriptures

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — The "soft days" for evangelical Christians are "past," a leading evangelical Protestant scholar and author warned here.

Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer, founder and director of L'Abri Fellowship in Huemoz, Switzerland, addressing the final session of the joint National Association of Evangelicals and National Religious Broadcasters convention, explained that only a "strong, uncompromising view of Scripture" will enable evangelicals to remain firm in their faith in Christ in the "hard days" he sees coming.

The theologian gave two reasons for holding a strong, uncompromising view of the Bible today:

—"First and foremost, this is the only way to be faithful to

what the Bible teaches about itself, and what Christ teaches about Scripture. This would be sufficient reason."

—"Second, there are hard days ahead for us — for ourselves and our spiritual and physical children. Without a strong view of Scripture as a base, we will not be ready for those hard days."

Dr. Schaeffer said that holding to a "strong view of Scripture or not holding to it is the watershed of the evangelical world."

But he added that "evangelicalism is not consistently evangelical unless there is a line drawn between those who take a full view of Scripture and those who do not..."

"The existential methodology (which states, among other things, that the Bible contains errors) has infiltrated the

theology sometimes called evangelical," the theologian asserted.

"Unhappily," Dr. Schaeffer said, "this form of theology is now functioning in many places under the name of evangelicalism." He related that this trend began a few years ago when some theologians in evangelical circles started saying that "where the Bible touches history and the cosmos, there are mistakes, but, nevertheless, we can still hold onto the meaning and value system of the Bible."

Dr. Schaeffer said the Lausanne declaration of 1974 on the question of Biblical inerrancy is being misinterpreted in certain evangelical circles to allow for an existential interpretation of Scripture.

"Because of the widely accepted existential methodology in certain parts of the evangelical community," he observed, "in themselves, the old words, 'infallibility,' 'inerrancy,' and 'without error' (in reference to the Bible) are meaningless today — unless some such awkward phrase is added as, 'The Bible is without error not only when it speaks of values and meaning and on religious matters, but (also) when it speaks of history and the cosmos as well.'"

"Let me say with tears," Dr. Schaeffer said, that "evangelicalism today, although growing in numbers and name throughout the world, is not unitedly and clearly standing for a strong view of Scripture."



SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sandy Grove Dedicates Church

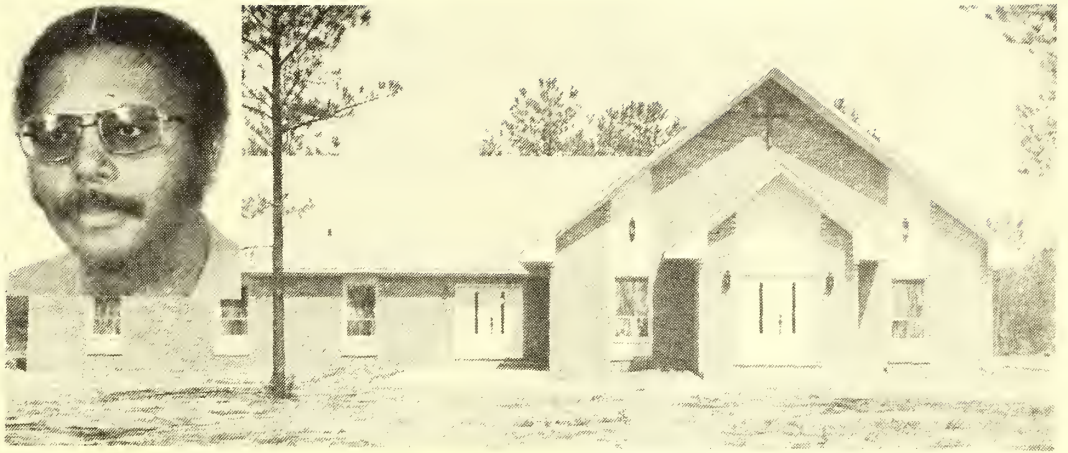
Wagram — The Shady Grove Baptist Church founded in 1917, experienced great joy and thankfulness during the week of June 14-20 when they dedicated their new church to the "Glory of God".

Under the successful leadership of their illustrious pastor, the Reverend J.W. Gorham, the church was completed in less than one year. It is located seven miles south of Raeford on Highway 401.

Dr. J.J. Johnson, Fairmont, the dynamic president of the General Baptist State Convention Inc., delivered the main message on Sunday afternoon. He expounded upon the idea that "God needs a saved church, as

well as a spiritual church", and challenged the congregation to "accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and commit their lives to him".

Other personalities appearing on the program were Reverend J.B. Everett, Jr., vice-moderator, St. John Baptist Association; Reverend W.K. Mitchell, pastor, Silver Grove Baptist Church; Reverend S.C. Fairley, pastor, Nazareth Baptist Church; Reverend J.S. Davis, former pastor, Shady Grove Church; Deacon Freddie McCallum; W.T. Patterson, Madames Thelma Carpenter, Annie Love, Frances Love and Miss Dorothy Stubbs.



SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ebenezer Baptist Selects New Pastor

Charlotte — The Reverend A.B. Sutton of Wilmington, North Carolina has been elected to fill the pulpit of Ebenezer

Baptist Church of Charlotte vacated by the death of the late Dr. A. Jackson Ryans.

A Riegelwood, Columbus County, North Carolina native where he received his early education, Reverend Sutton received his higher education at Morris College and Temple School of Religion, Baltimore, Md.; Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Florida State University, Tampa, Florida; the United Christian College, Goldsboro, North Carolina. He holds the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, Bachelor of Theology and the Doctor of Divinity degrees.

Reverend Sutton comes to Ebenezer from the Union Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C.

He is married to the former Martha M. Moore of Riegelwood and they are the parents of three children.

The Reverend Sutton assumed his duties at Ebenezer, Sunday, July 4 at the 11:00 a.m. service.



Rev. A. B. Sutton

Ruben McKissick Named Ebenezer's 'Man Of The Year'

By Charles E. Porter
Charlotte — The Layman's League of Ebenezer Baptist

Church, which is composed of all the approximately 100 men of the church, celebrated its First

Men's Day, Sunday, June 20, during time provided for the regular morning worship service.

Reverend W. Dalton, Associate Pastor at Friendship Baptist Church, who has been serving an interim pastor at Ebenezer, delivered the Men's Day Message.

Deacon Gaines, assisted by Deacon Caesar Wallace, presided during the program which included the naming of Deacon Ruben McKissick as "Man of the Year" for having raised the largest amount of money for funds for missionary work.

The effort raised a total of \$2,300, according to the League President Charles Porter, who also presented plaques to Reverend R.W. Dalton and Deacon Herman Massey "For Outstanding Service" during the ceremony.

The Reverend A.B. Sutton was recently installed as pastor.



"Man of the Year" Award recipient Ruben McKissick, second from left, received plaque from Laymen's League President, Charles Porter, right. Receiving awards for "Outstanding Service" during the Men's Day Ceremony were Rev. R.W. Dalton, left, and Deacon Herman Massey, second from right.

Encounter Methods Working

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — A quiet conversation about God, begun one summer's night on an Ozark camping trip, has developed here into a continuing and successful way to reach teenagers.

Although not connected formally with the Marriage Encounter (ME) movement, the small-group program uses the ME discussion techniques the adults had experienced. The technique works superbly, say the organizers, in giving teens a sense of self-dignity and eagerness to learn about life and God's love for them.

"It began last May with seven couples on a camping trip to Sam Baker State Park in the Missouri Ozarks," explained Mrs. Lloyd Weldele. She and her husband, members of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Parish in suburban Arnold, Mo., joined six other Marriage Encounter couples for the three-day trip. One evening, sitting on the beach in the gathering dusk, they started talking with a dozen or so teenagers about God.

"We began by talking about our equality before God," Mrs. Weldele said, "about the differences between God's Gospel and society's gospel; about how they are important regardless of

whether they're straight-A students or football heroes or neither; of how they have a beauty and value before God."

The youngsters responded eagerly and, most importantly, very honestly and openly, she said, telling what they felt about life, of expectations placed on them, and of the way they viewed the world around them.

More than that, "the teens asked when we got home if they would talk like that with them some more," she said. So, for the next three months, the Weldeles hosted monthly rap sessions in their living room, sitting with the teens and talking of the ways of looking at themselves and at God.

Since last fall, other Marriage Encounter couples in the Arnold area have joined in, hosting monthly "rap" sessions for eight to ten boys and girls. Interestingly, there are no distracting frills — no record albums or popcorn poppings or pizza bakes. Just honest talk.

"We begin by asking them a question, such as 'What am I doing to improve myself as a

Christian,' or 'Do I rely on God when things seem tough,'" Mrs. Weldele said. For about 15 minutes, each youngster writes a letter of response, about one or two pages in length. Then each one reads his or her letter aloud, and the discussion grows from there.

During the winter, the individual rap groups have been coming to the Immaculate Conception Church hall on the third Sunday of the month for a large group sharing. They have been welcomed heartily by the pastor, Father David A. Thomas. "I've been with them for some of their discussions," the pastor related, "and the level of communication is amazing. These kids get into some pretty serious material about their own feelings emotions, fears and the like. And yet they really open up and are trusting to each other and to the adults."

Mrs. Weldele said the teens themselves asked for a day-long religious program, so a program was worked up with the help of a prayer group active in a neighboring parish.



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Fellowship Withdrawn

OXNARD, Calif. (BP) — Harmony Southern Baptist Association here has officially withdrawn fellowship from College Heights Baptist Church in nearby Ventura over the church's charismatic involvement, cooperation with neo-Pentecostal groups, and acceptance of non-Baptist baptism (alien immersion), Baptist Press has learned.

Association Moderator Ellis Pittman and William Gorrell, pastor of College Heights Church, both said the action was non-controversial and peaceful during the association's semi-annual meeting in mid-April. Both, when questioned, verified the reported reasons for the action.

Pittman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Camarillo, said the association voted without question or comment to accept a report and recommendation from its credentials committee to withdraw fellowship from the church, since they could not be viewed as a "cooperating church."

The adopted statement noted differing "fellowship and doctrinal practices," and "stated attitudes of uncooperativeness," as grounds for withdrawing fellowship. But the association also resolved, "that should a change occur in attitudes and practices of said church, Harmony Southern Baptist Association would welcome the petition of said church to consider anew the seating of messengers."

A copy of the report and action was being forwarded by the association's instruction, to the credentials committee of Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Pittman said.

The association's action does not affect the church's current status as a Southern Baptist church affiliating with the state convention and - or the Southern Baptist Convention. Gorrell said the church will continue to affiliate with both.

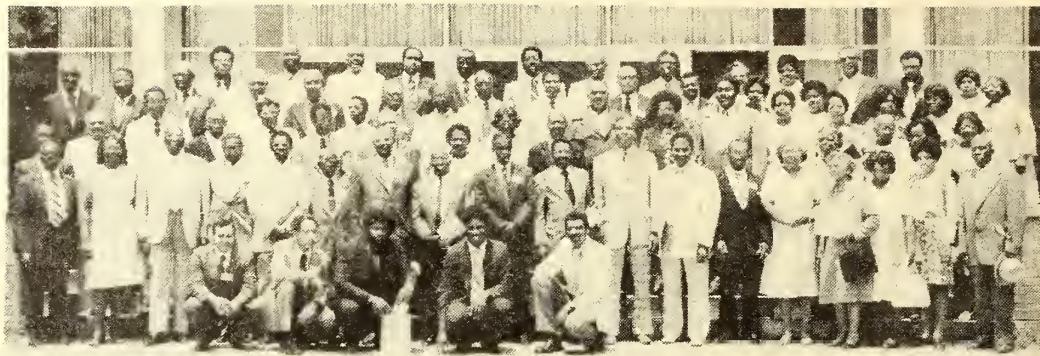
Pittman indicated his sympathy with the association's action and said the College Heights Church had two people present during the action who did not attempt to register as messengers. And, he noted, they made no comment nor did two others from the church who came in just after the action was taken.

Gorrell, a pastor 17 years, and

St. Delight

(Continued From Page 1)

Taylor, was based on a text taken from Acts the fifth chapter. The theme of the sermon was that man is first and should stand up and be counted. It was pointed out that because so many men will not stand up, many women have to take over in order to get the work done. The day was spiritually uplifting as pastor Taylor challenged everyone to put God first and continue to struggle to grow strong in the spirit, "So you can stand against the wiles of the Devil."



Leaders Renewed At Shaw Conference

Raleigh — The 1976 Annual Leadership Conference at Shaw, June 14-18 was more than a success. Sponsored by the Shaw

Divinity School, the Conference drew pastors and leaders from every section of the state. The conference is growing and this was the best we have had in

recent years", stated Dr. J.Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School.

The preaching was inspirational, and the teaching was particularly challenging this year. Pastors went away saying in their hearts, "It was good for us to have been here". The theme was "One God, One

Lord, One Spirit - A Variety of Works, Services and Gifts". I Corinthians 12:4-6. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith pastor First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and assistant dean of the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University was the principal resource person.

East Cedar Grove Emphasizes Christian Outreach

- Creedmoor — The eighty-first annual session of the East Cedar Grove Association was held at the Smith Thomas Building (owned by Association), Creedmoor, July 7-8, with the moderator, Reverend L.M. Gooch, Stem, N.C., presiding. The theme for the two-day meeting was "The Christian Outreach".

Greetings were extended by the various department head as follows: Sunday School, Reverend R.D. James; Minister's and Deacon's Union, Reverend Horace Bridges; Junior Department, Miss Annie M. Dunigan; Baptist Training Union, Dr. William H. Fuller; Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Dorothy Okeke; Woman's Federation, Mrs. Nannie Lyons and Laymen's League, Mr. L.P. Pearce.

Wednesday, the opening day was utilized by the pastors and laymen, with special emphasis upon the Unified Program of the General Baptist State Convention. The Convention was well represented by Dr. C.C. Craig, Raleigh, Assistant to

the Executive Secretary.

The moderator delivered a most stimulating and thought provoking address.

Supervisor Annie Dunigan, Durham, led the youth in a most informative and enjoyable session Wednesday evening.

The second day opened with the Woman's Auxiliary in session, Mrs. L.M. Sanders, presiding. Following prayer by Mrs. Martha Cozort and a most challenging devotional message from Miss Lois M. Gooch, a short business session was held.

Auxiliary President, Mrs. Dorothy B. Okeke, in her address, reviewed the work of the past year and demonstrated the effectiveness of the Woman's Auxiliary in the "Christian Outreach".

As president, she challenged

the women to become even more effective in their outreach through self-dedication and serious study.

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, second vice-president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention was the featured speaker. Speaking from the theme "Getting Involved In The Christian Outreach", she challenged the congregation to: (1) Start with the right motivation, (2) Pray without ceasing, (3) Use one's imagination, and (4) Be committed.

The closing sermon was delivered by Dr. W.T. Bigelow, pastor, Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham. After listening for the spirit-filled message, many agreed that "it was good to have been here".

Speaker Announced

Dallas, Texas — The Reverend Robert Williams Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of American has accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual President's Prayer Breakfast during the All Baptist Assembly in Winston Salem, August 5. Reverend Williams is also pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

The President's Prayer Breakfast is one of the new features of the General Baptist Convention, introduced by President Joy J. Johnson. The Breakfast will be held Thursday, August 5, 1976 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hyatt House. Tickets are now on sale for \$5.00, and may be obtained from the Baptist Headquarters or local pastors. Normally, the breakfast is a sell-out, therefore everyone has been urged to purchase tickets early. This is one among many efforts that has been undertaken to raise the one million dollar budget for the vital new ministries of the Convention. Individuals who cannot attend have been urged to purchase tickets for those who can attend but are unable to purchase a ticket.



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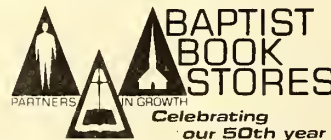
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