

CHURCH NEWS

TRUSTEE TO GIVE INITIAL SERMON

Charles D. (Kid) Smith will preach his initial sermon Sunday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 906 S. Roxboro St., Durham. Smith is a long time trustee of Gethsemane. He is a self-employed painter and building contractor and a student at the Union Bible Institute of Durham. Rev. V. E. Brown is pastor of the church.

BUILDING PROGRAM JS ON THE MOVE

The members of Bell-Yeager F. W. B. Church climaxed another in its series of successful building fund drives, Sunday, March 6th at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The drive was highlighted by "A Calendar Wedding" directed by Mrs. Louise Bell and Mrs. Queen Johnson.

Dr. David H. Bell, pastor, held the honor of uniting twelve brides and grooms. The brides and grooms represented nationally observed dates and famous men and women honored in each calendar month. The youth segment of the program was very skillfully supervised under the leadership of Mrs. Flora Burton.

Bride and groom winners were Mrs. Annie M. Robinson, Willie Macon, Mrs. Velma Jones, R. T. Robinson, Mrs. Mary Daniels, and Floyd Leonard.

Special donations were made by Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Sally Williams, Thomas Powell, Jr., Mr. nd Mrs. Thomas Powell III, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Saunders, Mrs. Thomas B. Deloache and Miss Cathy D. Kea.

The church is temporarily located at the Immanuel Temple on the corner of Lincoln & Massey Ave., with future locations under construction on East Cornwallis Rd.

Program directors were Mrs. Queen Johnson, Mrs. Louise Bell, Dr. David H. Bell and Mrs. Flora Burton.

White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C. SUNDAY MARCH 13, 1977. 10:55 A.M. - Worship. 9:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL. 9:45 A.M. - Pastor's Annual Lenten Class. 10:55 A.M. - WORSHIP - Sermon "ON PREACHING FROM AN ISLAND (ALONE)!" - The Pastor - Revelation 1:1-20, esp. v. 9. The Senior Choir leading the singing - Mr. J. H. Gattis, Director - Organist. The Senior Ushers ushering. 7:30 P. M. - Educational Subcommittee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

Mrs. Valeria Livingstone will deliver the 11 a.m. message when First Calvary Baptist Church observes annual Youth Day Sunday. The youth of the church will be in charge of services throughout the day, beginning with the 9:30 a.m. church school and closing with a musical program at 3:30 p.m.

Miss Gloria Mattocks will preside during the morning service. Kelvin Livingstone will preside at the 3:30 service. The Junior Choir of the church under the direction of Miss Brenda E. Lyde and Mrs. Hortense M. Jones, will present special music throughout the day. Advisors for the choir are Mrs. Marian Hoskins and Wallace Hinton.

Mrs. Livingstone is president of the Senior Missionary Circle and the E. W. Walker Bible Class of First Calvary. In addition she is very active in the County Missionary Union of Durham County, Church Women United and others.

Others appearing on the program are Chevela Edwards, Anthony, Jeffrey, and Jessie Warren, Jakes and Jackie Shields, Terry Livingstone, Belvin Edwards, Cheryl Warren, Jeffrey Watson and Gregg Townsend.

Miss Cheryl Townsend and Miss Patsy Merritt chairman and co-chairman of the program; Miss Trudie Watson and Mrs. Hortense Jones are advisors and Mrs. Eva M. Pratt is church supervisor.

The 3:30 program will consist of special music by the choirs of the church. The public is invited. Rev. A. L. Thompson is pastor of the church.

SUCCESSFUL SALE

The First Congregation Church of Christ announced that the building fund sales sponsored by the Usher Board on March 5 was successful. April 2, another selling will be held at the home of Mrs. Hettie Baker. Orders will be delivered to your home. Phone 688-1241. The price of the plates will continue to be \$2.25 with desserts included.

The Senior Choir will appear on a musical program March 13 at Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ, Rev. J. C. Cheek pastor. The public is invited.

I LOOKED AND I SAW

By Rev. C. R. Stone

"HIS FAITHFULNESS PERSISTS"

One biblical writer has long expressed the view that is also held by many today that cling to some truths concerning God. This individual, the Apostle Paul saw that within the Son of God men are able to live, move and have their being. He contends that the Father's faithfulness is divinely made available to all generations. Because of His goodness to call men into many endeavors, these favors could only originate through God's persistent love. For example, the Father does not deny His followers varying degrees of assistance even during times of severe weaknesses. In fact, He continues to assist those who attribute their success, if there be such, to other sources.

How do men know that He lives? The evidence is very clear in so many ways that the necessities for living are being possessed daily. It means that the primary source for such necessities must be spiritually divine, therefore no man can attribute such to his own will. The Father's way of providing is likened unto the Spirit which He gives to all who will believe. He who hath ears to hear - let him hear.

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LOCAL DEATHS AND FUNERALS

HOLLOWAY: Final rites for Lonnie Holloway, 408 Powe St., were held on Saturday at the Mt. Olive AME Zion Church by the Rev. L. P. Perry. HOLLOWAY died while on a hunting trip in Dunn. Surviving are her wife, Mrs. Emma Holloway; one daughter, Miss Mary Holloway of Durham; one son, Alton Holloway of Durham; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Holloway of Durham; one brother, Henry Holloway of Chicago, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. Katie Yelverton of New York City. Burial was in the Glenview Memorial Park. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens. HARRIS: Funeral services for Michael Harris of 712 Eva St. were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church by Dr. W. T. Bigelow. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucille Harris; his mother, Mrs. Blanche Allen of New York City; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Parker of Durham; three sons, Michael Harris, Jr., Willie Harris and Walter Harris all of Durham; four grandchildren and twelve foster grandchildren. Burial was in the Glenview Memorial Park. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens. COFIELD: Final rites for the Rev. Jesse Harvey Cofield were held on Wednesday at 2:30 at the White Rock Baptist Church, Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor officiating. Rev. Cofield, the son of the late Willie and Betty Cofield was born in Edgecombe County. He was joined in matrimony to Florence Hawkins who preceded him in death. He was later joined in matrimony to Wavelene P. Edwards. Rev. Cofield attended the public schools of Nash County and is a graduate of Brick Institute, NCCU and Shaw University, where he received the Bachelor of Divinity. A loyal and dedicated member of White Rock, Rev. Cofield assisted in the church's ministry for many years, was a Sunday School Teacher, member of the College View District and the Moore-Kennedy Bible Class. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wavelene P. Cofield; one daughter, Pamela L. Edwards; three sons, Ronald G., Ronald A. and H. Darryl Edwards, all of the home; a stepmother, Mrs. Betty Cofield of Tarboro; five brothers, Thomas, Eddie and Fred Cofield of Tarboro; Roosevelt of Washington, D.C., and Fred of Brooklyn, N.Y.; five sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Taylor of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Betty Smith of New York; Mrs. Odell Higgs, Mrs. Helen Glass and Mrs. Hester M. Knight all of Tarboro; three stepbrothers, six sisters. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery. Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor. OWENS: Final rites for Mrs. Bessie Owens of 113 E. Unstead St. were held on Tuesday at the Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel by the Rev. J. T. Dunstan. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mary Covack and Miss Elizabeth Owens, both of Durham; eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens. CHAVIS: Final rites for Lee Chavis were held on Thursday, March 3 at the Orange Grove Baptist Church with Rev. P. H. Amey, pastor officiating. A native of Durham County, Chavis was a member of Orange Grove. His survivors include a nephew, Exalee Chavis; two nieces, Mrs. Rennie Galbreath and Mrs. Ernestine Thompson; two grand nieces; three grand nephews; and other relatives and friends. Burial was in Glenview Memorial Park. Funeral arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor. WILLIAMS: Final rites for Roosevelt Williams, Jr., were held on Wednesday, February 23 at the New Hope Baptist Church in Chatham County, by the Rev. Marcus V. Ingram. Williams, the son of Roosevelt and Helen Alston Williams was born in Durham, and was a member of the H. & A. Family Club and the Williams Family Circle. He received his formal education in the Chatham County public schools and is a graduate of Horton High School in Pittsboro. A veteran of the U. S. Army, having served gallantly in Vietnam, Williams was an employee of the General Telephone Company as an Installer-Repairman. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Barbara Lunsford Williams; one daughter, Michele; one son, Kevin LeVonn Williams; his parents, Roosevelt Williams, Sr., of Durham and Mrs. Helen A. Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.; four brothers, Clyde E., of Durham; Robert of the home; Charles Newkirk of Apex and Richard Atwater of Durham; his maternal grandfather, six aunts; and several other relatives. Burial was in the Williams Family Cemetery in Chatham County. Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor. WATKINS: Sterling Watkins, Sr., died Saturday, Feb. 19 in the Liberty House Nursing Home in Reidsville after several years of declining health. He was the son of the late Mrs. Ella Rone Scott, born in Milton in 1893. A member of River Zion Baptist Church, Watkins was a veteran of World War I. He was united in marriage in 1919 to the late Mrs. Maggie Lipscomb Watkins, to this union was born eleven children, one preceded him in death. In 1961 Watkins was married to the former Miss Josephine Holloway Florence. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Josephine F. Watkins; five daughters, Mrs. Wynolia W. Pulliam of Hollis, N.Y., Mrs. Geraldine W. Macklin of Emporia, Va., Mrs. Iris W. Rogers of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Aquilla W. Stanfield of West Hyattsville, Md. and Mrs. Orinda W. Crawford of Hampton, Va.; five sons, Henry of Washington, D.C., Robert Watkins of Danville, Va., Kenneth Watkins of Dorchester, Mass., Wendell Watkins of Hempstead, N.Y. and Rudolph Watkins of College Park, Ga.; stepdaughters, Mrs. Annie F. Jackson of Capitol Heights, Md.; foster son, Warren Hazel of Blanch, 19 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren, 4 sons-in-law, 4 daughters-in-law, 5 sisters-in-law and 3 brothers-in-law. Burial was in the River Zion Baptist Church. JONES: Funeral services for Mrs. Ellena Jones of Rt. 1, Bahama were held Thursday, March 3 in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bahama. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Rev. Wm. Fuller officiated. Mrs. Jones died Monday Feb. 28th at her home after a long illness. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lola Justice and Mrs. Luna Holeman; three sons, Isaac, Maynard and Robert Jones and one brother Willie Glenn. Arrangements were by the Ellis D. Jones Funeral Directors. SMITH: Lucius "Bozo" Smith, 68, of 1301 Drew St., died at Duke Medical Center on Tuesday. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Susie Dixon Smith; five daughters, Mrs. Diana Nichols, Gwend Doloris Green and Beverly Riley and two sons Stanley Powell and Bobby Riley. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 5th at 2 p.m. in the Zion Wall Baptist Church with Bishop Eli Raffiff officiating. Burial followed in Glenview Memorial Park. Arrangements were by the Ellis D. Jones Funeral Home. HAWKINS: Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 27 for James T. Hawkins who became ill while attending church in Miami. Services were held at White Rock Baptist Church and the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch officiated. He was buried in Beechwood Cemetery in Durham. Hawkins was a well-known businessman, churchman, civic and fraternal leader. He was a member of the Republican Party for 40 years, president of the Durham Taxicab Association for over 15 years and Chairman of Durham College Board of Directors. He also served on the board of North Carolina Central University. Operation Breakthrough, Durham County Department of Social Services, and past state officer of the Elks of North Carolina. Hawkins was President, Emeritus of the Baptist Training Convention of North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Isabelle Ruth Hawkins; his mother, Mrs. Blanch E. Hawkins; two sisters, Mrs. Blanch H. Parham, and Mrs. Ettie E. Plummer, all of Durham. Other survivors include relatives and a host of friends. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor. CHAFIN: Final rites for Mrs. Emma Chafin of 4425 Denfield Street were held on Thursday, March 10th at 3 p.m. at the Lipscombe Grove Church by the Rev. T. E. Taylor. Mrs. Chafin is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Anna Patterson of Durham and Mrs. Shirley Neal of Atlanta, Ga.; one son, Paul Collins of Jacksonville, Fla.; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Burial was in the church cemetery. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens. CARD OF THANKS: Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral prayer. Or, you lay it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, or sent a gift our way; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part. The Family of the Late Sterling Watkins, Sr.

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