

# CHURCH NEWS



**McDOWELL**  
Henry McDowell, a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church of Durham attended the Annual Meet-

ing of the National Christian Youth Council (NCYC) of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 27-30. "The Bible: All The Truth You'll Ever Really Need!" was the meeting's theme. More than 150 denominational youth leaders, youth delegates and adult youth leaders participated in the meeting where plans and suggestions were made for programs and activities that will affect the youth of the denomination. Thaddeus Steele of Tuscaloosa, Ala. is the National Youth Council President. Headquarters for the Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Zion Church is located in Chicago, Ill.



**THE CLASS OF 1968 OF ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL** in Hallsboro, celebrated its 10th year class reunion last month in Whiteville. A memorial service was held for two deceased members. More than twenty per cent of the class was in attendance for the reunion. The class gave awards to all faculty members for their contributions to the education of the class members. Special awards were given to class advisors, counselors and the former principal, Legrand Sommerset. Gag gifts were given to class members. The class plans to meet on a regular basis and also plans to have another reunion within five years. Artesia High School is now Hallsboro Elementary School. Pictured (front row seated, left to right) are: Mrs. Ruth McNeil, Ms. Etta Goins, Mrs. Evelyn Troy, Prof. Sommerset, former principal; Mrs. Jane Lloyd, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs and Charles Warden. (Second row, l-r) Henry Moore, class vice president; Mrs. Flossie Bryant Christie, Mrs. Alberta Richards, Mrs. Eloise Walker Perkins, Mrs. Etta Moore Spaulding, Ms. Jane Hazel and Alphonse McKay; (back row, l-r) James A. Mitchell, class president; Llewellyn Boone, Mrs. Almeda Bracy Jones, Mrs. Mary Jones Ellis, Mrs. Brenda Tomlin Spaulding and Mike Spears. Not pictured were Oscar Blanks, faculty member, and Jerry Freeman, student.

**BIBLEWAY TO HOLD BUILDING FUND PROGRAM**  
Bibleway Apostolic Temple will hold a building fund program on Sunday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. Overseer Jerry Meadows and Mrs. Meadows will be sponsors of the program. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the services.

**SUNDAY CONCERT**  
The Hargrove Singers of Henderson, North Carolina will be presented in concert Sunday, January 7, at 6 p.m., at the Oak Grove UAFree Will Baptist Church, 801 Colfax Street. The public is cordially invited.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thanks to my friends and club members for the beautiful way you responded to me during the holidays. Special Thanks to my pastor and church family.  
Mavis Brewington

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of the late Mrs. Mattie Williamson and Jerry English acknowledges with deep appreciation your flowers, cards, telegrams, prayers and other expressions of sympathy.  
Mrs. Virginia W. Alston and Family

**THE DURHAM ODDFELLOWS LODGE AND THE HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH** held their first annual banquet recently at the Downtowner Motor Inn. The group heard from the District Supervisor, Mrs. Sudie Gaither and Past Noble Governor 2634 of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Susie Weaver.



Household of Ruth members pictured (l-r) front row: Mrs. Sudie Gaither, District Supervisor, Mrs. Mary Elliott, Past Most Noble Governor; Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Mrs. Hastie Price, Past Most Noble Governor, 689; Mrs. Veta Howard, Most Noble Governor, 2634, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Lina Foushee, Most Worthy Treasurer 2634, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Susie Weaver, Past Most Noble Governor 2634, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Berta Hart, Most Noble Governor 6787; Mrs. Evanga Wilkerson; second row: Mrs. Susie Dillahunt, Past Noble Governor, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Past Most Noble Governor; Mrs. Cora Burchett, Mesdames Virginia Dannison, Florine Kirby, Ann Caesar, Losie Cole, Ann McNeil, Gennell Peaks and Annie L. Alston.



Oddfellows Lodge members seated (l-r) Damon Farrington, James Wall, Waymond McDougald, Doe Cole, Emerson Atwater, William Carmichael, Robert Carnal. Second row (l-r) Everette Adams, Henry Cates, Jr., Horace Pettiford, Julius Wilson, Norman Umstead, Rev. W. R. McNeil, Napoleon Blakaney and Moses Richardson. Back row (l-r) Robert Dennis, Ernest Torain, Lewis Rapley, Willis R. Hart, Robert Foushee, Lawrence Whitaker and Chester Kirby.

**BAHA'IS ISSUE STATEMENT ON PERSECUTION IN IRAN**  
[For the last several months, newspapers, radios and television have carried stories dealing with the persecution of the Baha'is in Iran. Because of the widespread ignorance of the Baha'i Faith, its principles and its history, most of the press coverage has been inaccurate, even when there was no malicious intent on the part of the reporter. The venerable New York Times, one of the most respected newspapers in the world, has published several items replete with errors. It is natural that the Baha'is throughout the world should want to correct misrepresentations and errors concerning their Faith. For this reason, we are sending the press release published by our national office. Signed: Marian Dessent, Corresponding Secretary Assembly of the Baha'is of Durham]

For the first several months, Iran has been in turmoil. Political, social and economic problems combined to produce a crisis that has disturbed the normal life of the entire society. In recent days, violent attacks have been directed at the Baha'is. In Shiraz, 140 houses of Baha'is were burned down or looted. In Nyriz, 25 Baha'i homes were burned down. In Sarvistan, Baha'is were driven to the mosques in an attempt to force them to recant their belief. In various other places, similar incidents occurred. The lives of Baha'is and the destruction of Baha'i holy places in Teheran and Shiraz were also threatened. These are typical of the persecution being inflicted by fanatical elements on members of the Baha'i Faith in wake of the disturbances in Iran. As a result, 700 Baha'is are known to be homeless.

The root cause of these atrocities had been obscured mainly by misunderstanding of the relation of the Baha'i Faith to Islam. Muslims have consistently denied the Faith any recognition since its inception in Iran over a century ago. Though originating in Islam, the Baha'i Faith has long since become an entirely independent world religion related to Islam in exactly the same way as Christianity is related to Judaism. The Baha'i Faith has adherents in 340 countries and dependencies. It has existed in the United States for eighty years and spread to over 6,000 localities during that time. Baha'u'llah, the founder of the religion, was exiled from His native Iran, where the Baha'i teachings were violently opposed, and finally imprisoned in the Holy Land. The Baha'i Faith is widely known for its fundamental belief in one God, in the essential unity of all divinely-revealed religions, and in the unity of mankind. Its worldwide membership comprises people of every known religious and ethnic background.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLUB**  
The Adult Education Club members donated 26 bags of fruit during the Christmas season to the sick and less fortunate and visited rest homes to sing carols. Clothing was also donated. Mrs. Pearl Gibson is president and Mrs. C. R. Brown is leader.

## DURHAM DEATHS AND FUNERAL SERVICES

**WIGGINS**  
AFTON - Funeral services for Ronnie Vernon Wiggins were held Tuesday, January 2 at Coley Spring Baptist Church here with the Rev. Luther G. Brown, officiating. Wiggins, born April 14, 1959, died December 28. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Davis of the home and James W. Wiggins of Maryland, who survive. Also surviving are his brothers, Clinton Davis of the home and Danny Wiggins of Warrenton; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiggins and Mrs. Christine Rodwell of Warrenton; four uncles and two aunts. Interment was in the church cemetery.

**PARRISH**  
Funeral services for Pervis Parrish of Route 1, Bahama, who died Thursday, December 28 at Duke Medical Center, were held Saturday, December 30 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Bahama by Dr. Grady D. Davis. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Rogers Parrish, four daughters, Ms. Sarah Parrish of Bahama, Mrs. Minnie Riley, Mrs. Hattie Partin and Mrs. Marjorie Harris of Rougemont; one son; Johnnie C. Rogers of Bahama; two brothers, Johnny Bullock and Lector Bullock; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Cates; 15 grandchildren. Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

**MUMFORD**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Mumford of Route 7, who died Wednesday, December 27 at John Umstead Hospital, were held Sunday, December 31 at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church by Dr. D.T. Bigelow. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Hunter; two sisters, Mrs. Rossie Fewell of Vernon, Pa. and Mrs. Carrie Jackson of Chester, Pa. Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels & Gardens.

**BURTON**  
Funeral services for Walter Burton and Dorsey Burton, all of Bahama, Clinton Burton and Stroud Burton; three daughters, Mrs. Romelia B. Mangum, Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. Iola Mangum, all of Rougemont; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Crompton of Bahama and Mrs. Mildred Lunsford of New Jersey; 41 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren. Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1979  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:55 A.M. Worship, Holy Communion  
Sermon "ON BEHAVE THUS IN GOD'S NEW LAND (YEAR) COUNT IT A PRIVILEGE TO BE IN CANAAN!"  
The Pastor  
The Senior Ushers ushering.  
The Senior Choir leading the singing - Mr. John H. Gattis, Director  
4:00 P.M. Philathea Class, Mrs. Servator N. Evans, 619 Price; SW Mission, Mrs. Mary Mangum, 611 Nash; Junior Missions, Mrs. Vivian C. Samuel, 400 Pilot

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**CLARK**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Elnora Graham Clark, formerly of Weaver St., who died Monday, January 1 at Durham Rehabilitation Center, were held Thursday at the House of Reaves by Rev. H. E. Haggler. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. She is a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church. Surviving are her husband, Tal Clark; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Mae McNeal; a sister, Mrs. Anna McClean.

**McNAIR**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie McNair, 85 of 802 Hanson Road, who died Friday December 29 at Hillhaven Rose Manor Convalescent Center, will be held Friday, January 5 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. Percy L. High. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Blance D. Davis, Mrs. Ola Mae Fuller of Newark, N.J., Mrs. Bernetta M. Weeks of Hyattsville, Md. and Mrs. Christine Fuller of Bronx, N.Y.; two sons, Allen McNair of Akron, Ohio and Morris McNair of Hope Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Stringer of Akron and Mrs. Annie J. Shaw of Fayetteville.

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