

# CHURCH NOTES

## Baha'i Communities Hold Election

The Baha'i communities of the City of Durham and Durham County have announced the results of the annual election of their local, nine member governing bodies. Members of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the City of Durham are: Susan Clarke, Marian Dessent, Paul Dunn, Luther Edwards, Marjorie Edwards, Augusto Lopez, Rose Motley, Jay Scales, and Jean Scales. Members of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Durham County are: Dr. Forouz Allahverdi, William Head, Sonja Head, Gary Kugler, Eileen Kugler, Kenneth McLeroy, Paula Pope, Robert Tansik, and Melisa Tansik.

At its annual National Convention in Chicago last weekend, the American Baha'i community elected its nine member national governing body for 1981. In accordance with one of the major tenets of their religion — the oneness of humankind — the 171 delegates from across the continental United States elected a national governing body that reflects the rich ethnic and racial diversity of the American Baha'i community.

The men and women elected to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States for 1981 are: James F. Nelson, a municipal court judge for the City of Los Angeles; Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, Chairman of the Yale University Committee on Middle Eastern Studies; Glenford E. Mitchell, journalist and former faculty member at Howard University; Dr. Magdalene Carney, former lecturer at the Center for Human Potential at the University of Massachusetts; Dorothy W. Nelson, federal judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Dr. Daniel C. Jordan, Chairperson of the Department of Education at National University in San Diego, California; Soo Fouts, a Florida businesswoman; Dr. Dwight Allen, Professor of Education at Virginia's Old Dominion University; and Dr. Wilma Brady, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Equitable Life Assurance Company in New York City.

The Baha'i Faith was founded in Iran in 1844 and, since then, has spread to more than 330 countries and territories of the world. Baha'is reside in over 7,000 localities across America, with nine or more adult believers in over 1,600 of these localities. Each year, in a unique electoral process that prohibits any campaigning or electioneering, Baha'is elect their local and national leaders by secret ballot after prayerful consideration.

The Baha'i Faith teaches the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of mankind. In His Writings, the religion's Prophet-Founder, Baha'u'llah, Whose name means "Glory of God," promulgates the equality of men and women, the harmony of science and religion, the independent investigation of truth, economic justice based upon spiritual principles, the urgent need for the elimination of all forms of prejudice, universal and compulsory education, an international, auxiliary language, and a world government for the maintenance of a lasting peace.

## Talent and Fashion Show at Ebenezer

The Sunday School of Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Ave., will present a talent and fashion show entitled *Talent Showcase*, Saturday, June 13 at 6 p.m. The youth will be performing their various talents, as well as modeling their summer fashions. There will be a drawing of door prizes and refreshments will be served.



REV. WRIGHT

## James Benjamin to Speak at Covenant

James Roger Benjamin, a legislative Page for the South Carolina House of Representatives, will be the guest speaker at Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 14 at 11 a.m. for Church School Day. Benjamin, a native of Sumter, S. C., is a political science major at the University of South Carolina. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and serves as Youth Representative on the National and Southeast Region Steering Committee. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



JAMES BENJAMIN

## Rev. Allandus Wright at Ebenezer

Rev. Allandus Wright, Jr., former pastor, Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro, will preach at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Ave., Sunday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

## Bible Way News

Bible Way Apostolic Temple, 2807 Dark Circle, will celebrate Pastoral Day, Sunday, June 7. Mrs. Sarah Williams and the Pastor Aid No. I and No. II will be in charge of the 7:30 p.m. service. Communion will be served following the service. The Bible Way Spirituals will sing for the morning worship.

## 14th Choir Anniversary at Northside

The Young Adult Choir of Northside Baptist Church, 1239 Berkeley St., will celebrate its 14th Anniversary, Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m. Rev. C. R. Mitchell is the pastor of Northside.

## Children's Choir Concert at St. Joseph's

The Children's Choir of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, Fayetteville St., will present their Seventh Concert, Sunday, June 7 at 5 p.m. The Choir is composed of children ages 4 to 11 years of age. Mrs. Minerva Evans is director; Mrs. Lula H. Warren, pianist.

## Installation Services for Rev. Gibson

Installation Services for Rev. W. J. Gibson, pastor, Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Youngville, will be held Sunday, June 7. Dr. John G. McKnight, pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Louisburg and moderator of the Middle Baptist Association, will preach.

Rev. Gibson is also pastor of the Welcome Chapel Church, Henderson. He is first vice president of the Middle Baptist Association's Ministers, Deacon and Church Union.

## Missionary Circle at Children's Hospital

On Saturday, May 16, the Mary C. Evans Missionary Circle of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church hosted a visit with the children at Lenox Baker Children's Hospital, Erwin Road. Several members brought cheer to the patients through conversation and serving punch, cupcakes, brownies and fruit baskets to all. You are asked to visit the hospital and contact the Director and make plans to host a visit in the future. Miss Mary Dasher is president of the Mary C. Evans Circle.

## Storing Your Family Records

Important family records, ranging from birth certificates to tax records and wills, should be kept where they are both safe and readily accessible, believes Dr. Thelma Hinson, extension family resource management specialist, North Carolina State University.

Some papers require the security of a safe deposit box. Among these are birth certificates, church records, military records, marriage and divorce documents, employment information, mortgages, contracts and debt notes, bonds, stock certificates, automobile titles and a copy of wills.

You can group other important papers into these three areas:

- 1) Some you should carry with you include identification, health records, insurance cards, and organization memberships.
- 2) "Retired records" to be stored in a permanent file at home include guarantees and warranties, insurance policies, real estate ownership papers, tax records and education records. Such papers, although important, may not demand the protection of a safe deposit box.
- 3) Some papers should be in a current file in your house for ready reference. Among these are household inventories, instruction manuals for appliances and equipment, bank passbooks, and information you may need if you were to fill out a long-form income tax return.

## Recreation Department Anniversary at Union

The Recreation Department of Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will celebrate its Anniversary, Sunday, June 7 at 6 p.m. Several groups from the Durham area will render a musical program for the Recreation Department.

## Dinner Sale at Mt. Calvary UCoF

The Versatile Crusaders will sponsor a Fish and Chicken Dinner Sale at Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, 1715 Athens Ave., Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. until. You may go by or call 688-5066 for delivery.

# DEATHS AND FUNERAL SERVICES

**WHITFIELD**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — A memorial service for Dr. Samuel Baldwin Whitfield, 57, who died Friday, May 29, at Howard University Hospital, were held Monday, June 1, at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University.

Dr. Whitfield was professor of Restorative Dentistry in Howard University's College of Dentistry.

A native of Kansas City, Mo., Whitfield received his B.S. degree from North Carolina College at Durham in 1948 and his first M.S. degree from Howard University in 1953. He graduated

from the College of Dentistry achieving the D.D.S. degree in 1961. He received a second M.S. degree in 1967 from Tufts University. Dr. Whitfield distinguished himself in the field of Crown and Bridge and Removable Partial Dentures.

Burial was in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 3. Surviving is his mother, Mrs. Samuel B. Whitfield, Sr., of Kansas City, Kansas.

**EDWARDS**  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Funeral services for Miss Syrena Edwards, who died

Friday, May 8, were held Thursday, May 14 at Wayland Temple Baptist Church, 2500 W. Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. by Rev. Robert J. Lovett and Rev. Henry T. Fields.

She was the daughter of late Burt and Nellie Edwards. She was a member of Wayland Temple Baptist Church.

She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Virginia Day of Philadelphia, Pa.; one nephew, Louis Alston of Durham, N. C.; seven great-nephews; six great-nieces.

## We Welcome Your Church News

News about your happenings at your church should be in our office not later than Monday at 5 p.m. of the week of publication.

You might send us a church bulletin that would indicate noteworthy news of your church happenings.

## W. A. AMEY'S Funeral Service & Florist

**CLIFTON**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Ruffin Clifton, 76, of 2207 Otis St., who died Sunday, May 24 at Hillhaven Convalescent Center, were held Saturday, May 30 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Dr. Percy L. High. Burial was in Jones Baptist Church Cemetery, Louisburg.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

**ROSS**  
Funeral services for William Ross, 68, of 907 Red Oak Ave., who died Monday, May 25 at Duke Medical Center, were held Saturday, May 30 at Bell-Younger Freewill Baptist Church by Dr. David Bell. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mae Frances Ross; three daughters, Mrs. Vernell Ross Mason, Mrs. Vadora R. Davis and Mrs. Pamela R. Ruffin; three sons, William Ross Jr., Calvin Ross and Gaylord Ross; one brother; four sisters; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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## Middle School Hearings Concluded

**By Trelle L. Jeffers**  
The last public hearing for the Middle School Concept was held Thursday, May 28, at Shepard Junior High School. Unlike last year's hearings on the Middle School Concept, the crowd was relatively small, consisting mostly of city schools personnel.

The few parents who attended the hearing seemed to have strongly favored a middle school, with two parents expressing strong opposition for what they stated as a "failure to solve existing problems before moving to a new concept."

Members of the Middle School committee labored to explain that their recommendation had been based on their conclusions drawn from their research and visits to school systems that have adopted the middle school concept, and they felt that problems of dropouts, truancy, low achievement and discipline would eventually be eliminated.

"The middle school will allow problems expressed here to be better addressed. We are losing children and we hope we can address some of these problems before they become insurmountable," said Mrs. Harriet Wright, a teacher at Fayetteville Street Elementary School and a member of the thirteen-member committee that recommended the middle school.

One parent expressed concern over the statement, "that teachers in the middle school would be more sensitive to the needs of 10-14 year olds." He wanted to know whether this implied that present teachers are now insensitive to students' needs.

"In our opinion, 10-14 year olds need more care than they are now getting, and we feel that a middle school will be structured so as to provide that care," said A.J.H. Clement, chairman of the Middle School Committee.

Clement also said that in the Fayetteville, N.C., and the Richmond, Va., School systems, two schools systems that are similar to the Durham City School System in ethnic composition and socio-economic levels that have changed to middle schools, the principals report that achievement levels have improved and that discipline and truancy problems have decreased, although these principals say that they are not ready to attribute the results to the implementation of the middle school concept.

The Durham City Board of Education will study the middle school report during the month of June and it will make its recommendation in July.

The Durham City School Curriculum Committee will also hold discussions on its recommendations on June 8 and 29. These meetings will be held at the Fuller School Administration Building and are open to the public.

## Tatum Wins Durhamites Raffle

A special raffle that was held during the Durhamites Scholarship Affair in Washington, D.C., on May 23, was won by Gilbert Tatum, a native of Durham, who currently lives in Washington. His prize — \$150.

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