

Church Of The Week

Cleveland Avenue Christian Church

Reaching Out To The Community



By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

Rev. James Odell Williams, Sr. describes the congregation at Cleveland Avenue Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church as a medium sized family, but that is an image of the church he would like to see change. "We're warm and close, a family type of atmosphere and most of the people in the church are somehow related," Rev. Williams said.

"This type of family situation can be good but it can also discourage others from joining." Rev. Williams has been at Cleveland Avenue Church for 13 months. He came to Winston-Salem from Fayetteville, where he served as pastor of Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

He has been in the ministry for 18 years and has served congregations in Vanceboro, Kingston and Goldsboro. He organized the new Greenleaf Disciples of Christ Church in Goldsboro. He is a native of Kinston, and has served in the Air Force.

In his 13 months at Cleveland Church, Williams and his congregation have implemented various new programs. "We were the first church in the black community to have a blood pressure clinic," Williams said. "We also headed the heart fund collection."

The church began a "Project Lost and Found". This was held to get acquainted with the children in the community. "Project lost and found" was the church's vacation Bible school, which Rev. Williams said was overrun with children.

"We actually had to turn some of the kids away," Rev. Williams said. "These were kids who ordinarily wouldn't be involved in church."

"I go along with the idea that if you make friends with the children they will come to church and bring their parents," Rev. Williams continued.

The church also took about 26 children to a camp for a week. They also participated in a camping program for mentally retarded children. Rev. Williams said that the church also had their first revival in seven years.

Rev. Williams said that he feels that the role of the black church today is to help the parish identify themselves.

"The black church is about the one place today that a black can go and feel like he's somebody," Rev. Williams said. "The garbage worker or factory worker can come and be proud of themselves, proud of who they are."

"There are a lot of us who haven't really accepted ourselves, and our heritage," Rev. Williams continued. "The black church is the last stronghold that authority recognizes, and should remain black for years to come."

Rev. James Odell Williams, pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church comes to Winston-Salem from Fayetteville. He views Winston-Salem as a town with friendly people and friendly faces.

Hampton Choir To Appear

The Hampton Institute Choir will appear in concert Sunday, November 26th at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue. The concert is being sponsored by the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association.

Successful Hampton Institute musical groups—at first quartettes, then ensembles known as The Hampton Singers—finally known world-wide as The Hampton Institute Choirs, have started to travel as early as 1870, have contributed substantially to the

enjoyment of uncounted millions of people.

Each group has significantly expanded at world level an appreciation of the unique form and content of music found only in one ethnic group in the world—black Americans.

Music at Hampton Institute has always been a highly saleable entity throughout its hundred-year history. Early Hampton Singers had little or no difficulty in finding widespread popularity for their artistic offerings both at home and abroad.

From their early begin-

nings, the Hampton Singers became and have continued to be a principal source of funds for development of the College. The Virginia-Cleveland Hall, one of the venerated multi-purpose buildings finally completed in 1874, was "sung-up" by Hampton Singers.

The Hampton Institute Choirs have sung their way into the hearts and memories of concert-goers throughout America and the crown heads of Europe. They continued their national and international concert tours, captivating

audiences in such august halls as New York City's Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Philharmonic Hall. The Choirs have performed before the United Nations, at the White House, and in John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Sweden, Norway, and Denmark welcomed this unusual talent in repeat performances.

Their broad repertoire includes works from each historic period intersticed with traditional black spirituals of jubilee. They are now under the direction of James Kinchen.

Mrs. Warnie C. Hay Named Year's Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Warnie C. Hay was recently honored at Bermuda Run Country Club where she received the "Outstanding Leader of the Year Award" from the 45 Extension Homemakers Clubs of Forsyth County.

The award was presented to Mrs. Hay by Mrs. Marion Tarkington during the annual Achievement Program. Representatives from various Homemakers Extension Clubs of Forsyth County comprised the audience. Mrs. Hay received the award for her outstanding work in Extension circles which included: past president of the Extension Homemakers Luncheon Club.

Mrs. Hay transports Luncheon Club members to numerous Extension meetings, workshops and events without charge, and received the State Rural Safety Award in 1973 at the Golden Eagle in Raleigh for her work in safety, promotion of the Extension Safety Program in Forsyth County. She served as Safety Chairman for the Extension Homemakers Council for several years. She conducted numerous workshops on "There's a Killer in Your Kitchen", explaining how wooden cutting boards can pass food poisoning on to family members and the importance of using precautions in handling hazardous household chemicals.

Mrs. Hay currently serves as Chairman of the International Committee for Forsyth County Extension Homemakers Clubs. Under her International Committee Chairmanship, the For-

syth County Extension Homemakers collected 58,618 used postage stamps in 1977 and 120,821 used stamps in 1978 and mailed them to the Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky to help feed the starving children of Bangladesh. Mrs. Hay brought three Luncheon Club members to the Agricultural Building and worked two days on the 1978 stamps getting them ready for mailing.

The community and religious activities of Mrs. Hay are varied and numerous: In Winston-Salem she is President of the Liberty Friendly Club and member of Romelia Mason Flower Club; supervisor of 20th Century Progressive Club; volunteer worker with Meals on Wheels—delivers meals to private homes; and is a member of the YWCA; a member of 25 Street Flower and Condolence Club; a member of Bivouac Chapter #530 Order of Eastern Star Lodge, of which she is past chaplain.

Mrs. Hay transports persons without rides to and from hospitals, waits for them, assists and encourages them during their illnesses.

In the religious arena at Gallilee Baptist Church where her husband, Dr. Warnie C. Hay pastors, she teaches Primary Sunday School Class and serves as a den mother for Boy Scouts at Gallilee.

She is an active member of Missionary Circle and she promotes progress in all church areas and organizations.



Mrs. Warnie C. Hay

"A Caring Congregation"

Dellabrook Presbyterian Church

115 Dellabrook Rd.

Sunday 11:00 Worship

J. Stinson / Hawkins

Guest Speaker

Rev. W.R. Durnell, Pastor

Church Calendar

The Rev. Robert Baily and the members of the New-Hope and Double Springs A.M.E. Zion churches will worship with St. Matthews Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 26, 1978 in observance of Men's Day. The church is located on 149 Wheeler St. N.E. Rev. Carl H. Gill is the pastor.

Dr. Thomas Hoyt, Jr., Ph.D. will be guest speaker at 6:30 p.m. Worship Service at the St. John Apostle Church, November 25, 1978. Dr. Hoyt is presently professor of New Testament religion at Howard University. The public is invited.

Shiloh Hosts Revival

Revival Services will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church beginning on Sunday, November 26th, 1978 through Friday, December 1st, 1978. The Evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Dr. H. Hudson Bobbitt, Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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