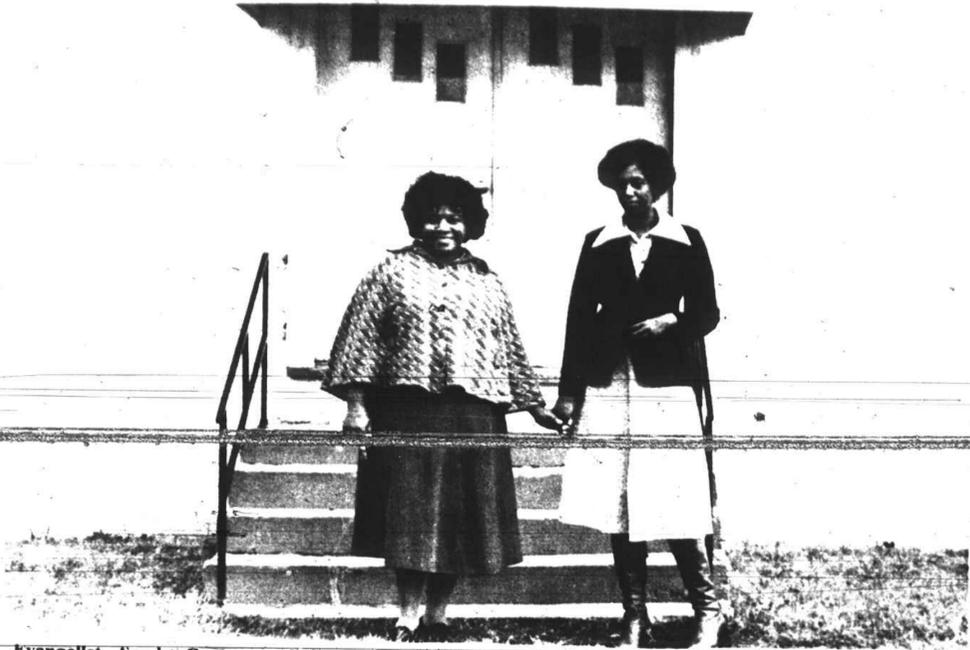


Church Of The Week Bethesda Holiness Church of God



Evangelist Sarah Crumpton (left) and Evangelist Caroline Lazenby, the church administrative assistance, work together at the Bethesda Holiness Church of God to carry out the Lord's will.

A Woman Fighter For Christ, Rights

By Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

The feminist movement is making strides in the world today, but it seems to be at a stalemate inside the church. Rev. Sarah G. Crumpton is the pastor of the Bethesda Holiness Church of God, but she has no administrative authority of her church. Why? Because she is a woman.

"They believe that women should have no authority over the men folk," Rev. Crumpton said. "Some women may have executive power, but I don't."

The Bishop of the Holiness Church of God has the final word. Rev. Crumpton said she accepts the procedure as part of the framework she is born into spiritually. "This is a burden a woman realizes before she starts," Rev. Crumpton said. "No woman in her right mind would get into this without knowing first."

"I'm looking for a change, but it has to be done orderly," Rev. Crumpton continued. "There's going to be a change. I see great things for women in the church and they are going to play a bigger part than ever before."

Although she has no administrative power, she can administer social programs in her church. As part of the church's program, people are taught how to fill out job applications, and applications for public housing. Math, reading, and English are taught in the basement of the church.

Members are also taught how to figure out interest rates. The church has set up a co-op called cooperative living. There are 13 members in each group. Each member of the group pays \$10 a week. At the end of four weeks one person collects \$250. This process continues to each one of the 13 members has collected.

"This has done away with finance companies, there are no interest rates, and no finance charges," Rev. Crumpton said. "If you're the first person to get the money you feel like you're borrowing, but if you are the last you're saving."

Rev. Crumpton views her church as rather unique from some of the other churches. No one in the church is over 43 years of age and most of her members are people who had not attended church before.

"We don't go to other churches to solicit members," Rev. Crumpton said. "We got people who were in the streets, or in the ghetto."

"We have members who thought that the church was a sham or a racket," Rev. Crumpton continued. "We don't care how a person looks when they come to church, some of the teens wear blue jeans; they get very little static here."



Junius Rogers (left) program coordinator of the T.I.U. Club presents a check of \$200 to Napoleon Jackson, a sickle cell patient, on behalf of the Sickle Cell program. The check is from the proceeds of the T.I.U. Club benefit ball which was held last month. Hazel Scott, Sickle Cell Coordinator, looks on.

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They stretched that lead to first half and scored five 40 (54-14) at the half. Coach Alfred Harvey showed off his depth, starting freshmen Lora Smith and Linda Lee and junior Phyllis Dabbs. Winfield and Jenkins were the only two starters from last years team in the starting lineup. All-American Carla McPhaul entered the game at the 7 minute mark of the

Rev. Crumpton has been an evangelist for about 10 years. She was a member of Mount Calvary Church when she was called to preach.

She co-founded Bethesda with Evangelist Barbara Blakely in 1971. It began as an outdoor prayer meeting and had two previous locations, before reaching a membership of 185 at the church presently located on Thomasville Road.

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