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Church of the Week

Antioch Baptist

By Beverly McCarthy
Staff Writer

Perhaps it was the words of Peter when he said, "Behold, I lay in Zion A Chief cornerstone, elect, precious..." that inspired members of Antioch Baptist Church to organize their house of worship as a cornerstone on 13th and Woodland Avenues. Wherever the inspiration came from, it remains to be the catalyst for an ever burning determination to serve God.

The church was first organized in 1902 under the leadership of Reverend L. Yallway. The first worship services were held the basement of what later became a church building. It was under the direction of Rev. C.C. Clayton, that the present location, on Bon Air Drive was purchased in 1968.

Reverend R.C. Wilkins

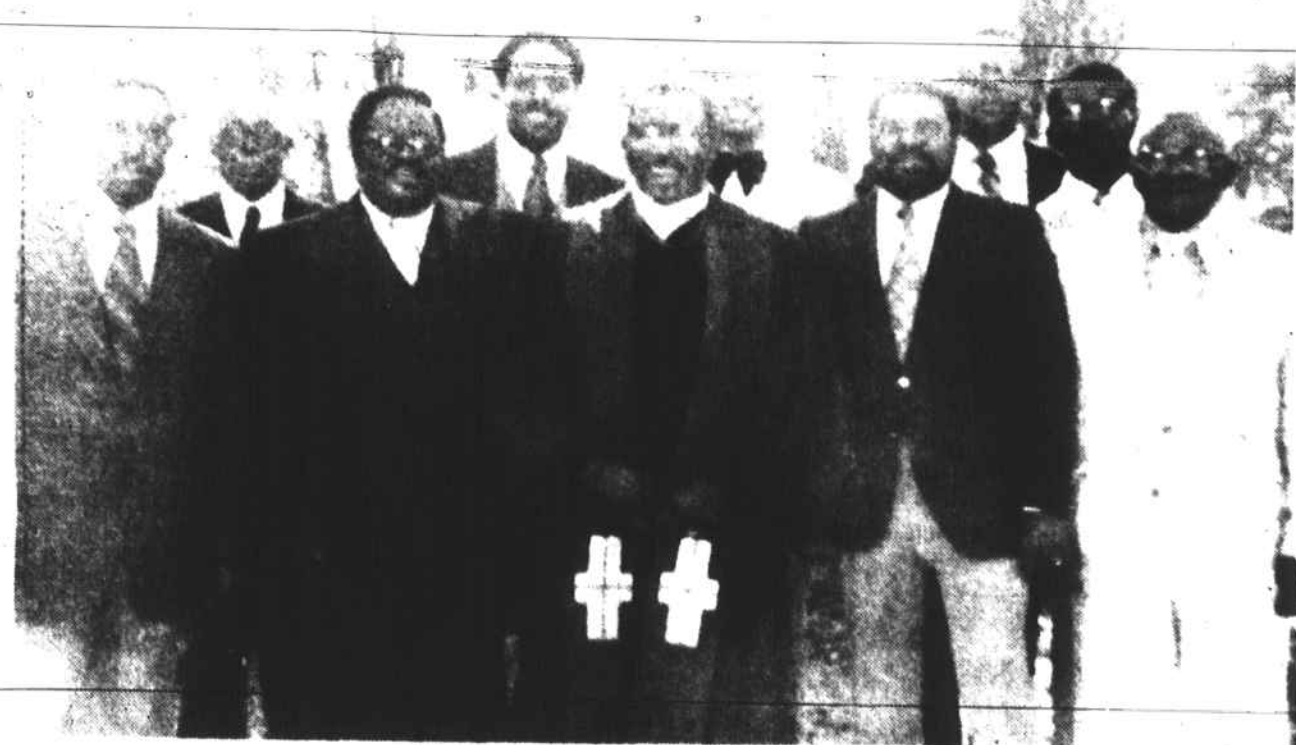


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The members of Antioch who operate under the motto, "God Loves You, Let His Spirit Come Into Your Heart," are very active with

are looking forward to moving to the new church site in the near future.

Other officers are Willie Mouzon, auditor; Dorothy



Rev. Wilkins and some of the officers of Antioch Baptist Church. From left to right, Elmore Peoples, June Belton, Rev. Wilkins, Thomas Jackson, Earl Williams. (Back) Lester Peterson, Cliff Hines, Louis Hines, Johnny Lee Grant and Willie Mozart.

became shepherd over the Antioch flock in July of 1977. Wilkins has proven to be a true leader inspired by the Spirit of God. Many new and beneficial projects have been carried out through the pastor's leadership. The purchasing of a new church site on Lansing Drive is a major accomplishment for the congregation.

Sunday School and other outreach programs. Church officers are Louise Hines, clerk; Clifton Hines, Deacon Board chairman; James Belton, treasurer; Elmore Peoples, chairman of Trustee Board; Thomas Jackson, Sunday School superintendent; and historian, Morzorie Wallace.

The members of Antioch

Faust, church organist; and the choir director, Louis Hines and Millie Oliver.

Services are held every Sunday, beginning with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.,

Regular Sunday worship begins at 11:00 and each Wednesday night at 7 p.m., prayer meeting is held. All visitors are welcomed to attend.

Church Notes

By Lucile Douthit

Lucile Douthit's CHURCH NOTES

Celestial Choir

The M.P.T. Celestial Choir's Annual Reunion will begin August 14 and continue through the 16th with a concert at 8:00 p.m. at Mount Calvary Church. All former members are asked to attend. For further information, call 924-4269.

Saint James

Saint James United Methodist Church, located on Highway 65, Rural Hall, will open its revival, with an 11:00 service. Rev. J.T. Jones will preach at that time, after which dinner will be served. The sister

worship with Saint James at that time. All are welcomed.

Piney Grove

Piney Grove United

Methodist Church at Advance will have annual revival services beginning with Sunday morning service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Buford Miller, followed by lunch on the church grounds. Members and friends are invited to the services. At 3:00 p.m., the Rev. William Hunter Crews of Detroit, formerly of Winston-Salem, will deliver the message. He will also be the evangelist for the week. He will be among relatives and friends. His mother Mrs. Ruth Crews is the widow of the late Bynum Crews and she now resides in Detroit, Mich.

Ladies' Guild Women

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Mission is designed to teach United Methodist Women, Pastors, Christian Education Leaders, and all others that work in areas of children and youth for studies of the year.

The studies consisted of Europe, Dimensions of Christian Mission, Partners of Pluralism, Christian Responsibility, and other areas.

Leaders from local United Methodist churches attending were Mrs. Ruth Brock. The school's registrar, Mrs. Sandra Pennington, Mrs. Mable Johnson, Zoleen Wingham, Karen Wingham, Gwendolyn Ashley, Doris Monk,

Agnes Jones, the song leader and director of Mission choir.

The school ended with an anointing service "You shall go out in Joy."

An Abstract of the

Sunday School Lesson

By Clara Lawrence



Subject: Choice And Its Consequences

Lesson

Scripture

Near Ye, Near Ye..... Deuteronomy 30:11-14
Hear Ye, Hear Ye..... Deuteronomy 30:15, 16
Fear Ye, Fear Ye..... Deuteronomy 30:17, 18
Therefore Choose Life..... Deuteronomy 30:19, 20

Background Scripture...Deut. 30:1-10

Lesson Background

We learned last week that Israel would turn from God eventually to worship idols; thus, becoming corrupt spiritually, socially and morally. The consequences would be the destruction of Jerusalem and exile to Babylonia, unless however, they would take a wiser choice by following after righteousness.

In Deuteronomy 30:1-10, Moses told the people that God would return them to His favor when they turned from their idolatrous sins and keep His commandments. He not only reminded them of God's richest blessing for obedience to Him, but His severest judgment for disobedience.

Lesson Explained

Today's lesson is one of the strongest examples of Moses' God given authority. This speech bears the hallmarks of a great leader. It was one of firmness yet compassionate and bold.

The opening verses include excuses Israel may have offered for not understanding or doing God's will; but Moses apparently anticipated their excuses as we read here in this passage of scripture. He tells them that God's law is not over their head, far

away in the sky. His Word is not so high because he (Moses) has brought it down to them. God's Word was also very near to them in the lives of those who had been touched by God. Moses is really saying, "you should not play dumb" or act humbly ignorant, for "the Word is very nigh unto thee; in thy mouth and in thy heart that thou mayst do it." So Moses skillfully told Israel where not to look, and then informed them where to look for God's Word.

Moses is explaining the results of following either of the two ways in verse 15. He made the choice of the two ways transparently simple for the people: The choice of obedience to God's will results in life and good. And the choice of disobedience ends in a path to death and evil. We are facing similar decisions today, with equally far-reaching consequences.

The message in the 16th verse is that love and obedience always bring life and blessing.

The nature of disobedience is explained in verse 17: a turning away of one's heart from God and a refusal to listen to His voice.

The first part of verse 19 repeats the alternatives in the Peoples' decision. Moses then called upon heaven and earth to witness that he had done his duty. Now it was up to Israel to choose. His plea was "Therefore choose life."

In concluding his speech he challenged the people to not only obey His voice but also "cleave to Him" for God is their life, eternal life. To be separated from Him is to lose that life.

A Truth To Live By

One cannot take the wrong way and arrive at the right destination.

Mrs. Belle Speaks At St. Matthews

Greater Saint Matthews Baptist Church located on Wheeler Street will sponsor "Women In White and Men In Black," on Sunday, August 16 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Mrs. Wanetta Harris Belle. Belle is an ordained mi-

nister of the city and a former member of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. She is currently pastor of Smith Grove A.M.E. Zion Church in Advance.

Rev. Carl H. Gill is host pastor. The public is invited to attend.



Reverend Mrs. Wanetta Belle

Defense From page 4

because everybody knows that weakness invites aggression.

But does it? Does all the stockpiling of ever-more sophisticated weapons really make us safer from enemy attack? Was Iraq safer because it was believed to be developing nuclear capability? If the Israelis are to be believed, the attack on Baghdad came

precisely because Iraq was thought to be getting stronger.

The whole question of defense spending seems to have very little to do with defense. Since no one in authority really expects war on a global scale any more -- for the simple reason that everybody understands that such a war would be unwinnable by either side -- both

U.S. and Soviet militarists have reduced military preparedness to a board game, a sort of missile-rattling Monopoly played with real dollars and rubles.

The point, if you think of it this way, is not what the money buys but how freely it is spent. Both sides dream up new and nightmarish weapons, not because it expects to use them, but because each new zillion-dollar outlay moves one side or the other temporarily ahead in the game.

Is it naive to hope that -- will decide that the game is silly and simply refuse to play any more? And if it happened, would anyone (aside from those involved in the manufacture of armaments) feel less safe?

Obituary From page 17

Mrs. Rozelle King Adams of 1816 Pleasant Street died Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Triad Nursing Center. A native

Church. Surviving are her twin brother, Mr. Odell King of the home and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Rev. D.R. Hedgley officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

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