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## Focus On Religion

### Interdenominational League formed

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In an attempt to unite church youth, Vernessa Benson and Shedrick Adams, both members at First Baptist Church, informally organized softball games for youngsters of all ages last summer.

The result was six games and a lot of fun for the youth. In the past few weeks, Benson, Adams, Elizabeth Brown of Morning Star Baptist Church, Parthenia Galloway, Evalena Clayborne, Isaac Sims, Jimmy Montgomery, Barbara Clark, Celestine Morris, James Lewis and Priscilla Dalton have all worked together to organize the Interdenominational Youth Fellowship Athletic League. Their efforts, now in the planning stages, will be put to the test June 2, when the first ball of the season is pitched.

"This is no great missionary effort," says Adams, "but it's basically to organize some activity outside school and outside the City Recreation Department because they can't do it all."

The idea to organize a structured softball league that would extend invitations to area churches to join them came at the suggestion of Galloway and Brown, says Adams. However, the initial idea of gathering the youth for summer activity was the brainchild of Benson, youth director at First Baptist.

"I found a need for our youth to be associated with other religious groups of the city," she says. "We saw that some of the children didn't have the opportunity to play little league or they just weren't interested."

Once Benson proposed the idea to the youth of First Baptist, she says other churches followed suit and because of the success of the six games played, an attempt to carry organized youth softball even further is the goal of the community's black churches.

The final meeting that will formally organize the league will be held May 26 at Morning Star Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Board members will also be elected. Adams says the idea will also be presented to the Interdenominational Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates for its endorsement and blessing.

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Adams and Razonne Mickle, also a member at First Baptist, volunteered their time last year to coach the teams.

"At First Baptist we had three young ladies who had never even played softball," says Adams. "One couldn't even swing a bat. After we played those games, she got the trophy for most improved."

Forming the league will be two age groups, 7-12 and 13-19. Benson and Adams say that targeting the league to



Left to right, Anthony Galloway, Lisa Hamilton, Anthony Joyner, Juanka Jones, Richard Smith and Kashemi Rorie present just some of the youth who will participate in the Interdenominational Youth Athletic League this summer (photo by James Parker).

those two age groups is long overdue in the area of organized athletics in Winston-Salem, be it the recreation department or the churches.

"We looked around and there were no softball teams for people 7 to 19 years of age," says Adams. "Organized softball here is geared more toward adults and women."

The first game will be played June 2 at 6 p.m. and Forest Park is the site the league is looking at for its opener. If the park is unavailable, another neutral site will be chosen.

Other churches that have been invited to participate in the league include Antioch Baptist, Grace Presbyterian, Please see page B7

## CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, MAY 17

•The Youth Revival at New Bethel Baptist Church at 1016 N. Trade St. will begin this evening and tomorrow evening at 7:30. The Rev. Dennis Bishop, pastor of Waightown Baptist Church, is the guest evangelist. Dr. Jerry Drayton is pastor of New Bethel.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

•The American Muslim Mission of North Carolina will present "A Day of Unity" from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the AMM Center at 1500 English St. Guest speakers, food and entertainment will be provided, and the event is open to the public. For more information, contact Irshad Hasan at either 784-7328 or 724-0258.

•"Wedding -- Feast of Salads" is being sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Saint Andrews United Church at 1232 Mint St. The program will begin at 5 p.m. at the church.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

•Oak Grove Baptist Church in Walkertown will observe Women's Day at the 11 a.m. worship service. The guest speaker will be Portia O'Pharow. The Rev. I.L. Anthony is the pastor.

•The Allen Christian Endeavor of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Second Youth Revival will begin this evening and run through May 25. Services will begin each night at 7:00. The Rev. Timothy Jones of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Union Bethel is located at 1716 N. Trade St. The Rev. Lewis S. Werts is the pastor.

•The members of St. Mark Baptist Church will be celebrating the 11th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. James Fulwood Jr. at 5 p.m. The guests will be the Rev. B.F. Daniels and members of Union Baptist Church.

•Revival services at St. Stephen Baptist Church at 2071 Bowen Boulevard will begin tonight and run through May 25. The Rev. J.C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Statesville, will be the evangelist for the week. Services will begin each night at 7:30. The Rev. Joseph R. Samuels is the host pastor.

•The Emmanuel Baptist Church Missionary Department will celebrate its joint anniversary: seniors - 31 years, young people 29 years, and the young adults, 14 years of service. Services will begin at 6 p.m. The Rev. J. Jones and the congregation of Zion Memorial Baptist Church will be the guests. Emmanuel is located at 1075 Shallmar Drive. The Rev. John Mendez is the pastor.

•The Missionaries of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will celebrate their 60th anniversary at 4 p.m. The guest minister will be the Rev. John Mendez and the congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mt. Carmel is located on 3230 Heitman Drive. Dr. H.L. Moore is the pastor.

•The women of Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Zion Church in Advance will observe Women's Day at 11 a.m. worship service. The guest speaker will be Sister Arnetta D. Beverly of Lexington. The Rev. A.M. Spaulding is the pastor.

## Church Notes

### Shiloh to host program

The Forsyth County Sunday School Union will present a "Mother's and Father's Day" program Sunday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church.

The program will include the Shiloh Tot Choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Muldrow, a tribute to mothers and fathers by Mrs. M.M. Griffin and introduction of the pastor, the Rev. J. Ray Butler, by Mrs. Edna Allen.

Mrs. Hattie Fulwood will render a solo selection. Mothers being honored are Mrs. Evelyn Sloan, Mrs. Joycelyn Johnson and Mrs. Mary Muldrow. Fathers being honored are Marlon Wilson, Harry Campbell and Lawrence Cawana.

Remarks will be made by Robert Stewart, superintendent of Shiloh's Sunday School, and Luther Jones, president of the Forsyth County Sunday Schools. Coordinator is Mrs. Mildred Griffin, general secretary.

### Greek festival to be held

In an effort to promote cultural and religious understanding, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation will present a Greek Festival titled "Grecian Odyssey '84" from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church at 435 Keating Drive.

The festival is scheduled for May 17-19. Activities will include entertainment, movies, a church tour and Greek food. Greek merchandise and jewelry will also be sold.

Food will consist of sit-down dinners in the Hellenic Center and food stands outside the church. A cafenion (sidewalk cafe) will also be set up in the parking lot.

Tours of the church will be given at various times. Admission will be \$1. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Senior citizens will be admitted for free until 3 p.m.

### Rev. Lynch Sr. to speak at Senior Spring Revival

Friendship Baptist Church and Complex at Cherry and 13th streets will host its Senior Spring Revival beginning Sunday, May 20, at the 11 a.m. worship service through Friday, May 25. All services after Sunday will begin 7:15 p.m. nightly.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Lorenzo Augustus Lynch Sr., pastor of White Rock Baptist Church in Durham.

A native of Oak City and a fourth-generation minister,



The Rev. J.S. Mickens

### Rev. Mickens to celebrate

The members of White Rock Baptist Church at 1233 East 14th St. will celebrate the 35th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. J.S. Mickens, beginning Sunday, May 20, through Sunday, May 27.

The guest church at the 3 p.m. service Sunday will be Elm Grove Baptist Church of Greensboro, with guest speaker the Rev. C. Johnson.

Services beginning on Monday will start at 7 p.m. throughout the anniversary.

Other guest churches will be Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. William Morris as guest speaker, Dr. H.L. Moore and the congregation of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Zion Hill Baptist Church and the Rev. O.B. Cook, the Rev. Willie Jones and the congregation of Carver Road Christian Church, Exodus United Baptist Church and the Rev. E.C. Austin and the congregation of Jones Chapel Baptist Church and their pastor.

### Mt. Zion holds 95th anniversary celebration

The 95th anniversary celebration of Mount Zion Baptist Church at Ninth and File streets, where Dr. Serenus T. Churn is pastor, will continue Sunday, May 20, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels will be the guest speaker. The church has designated each Sunday in May as a special anniversary emphasis. This Sunday's emphasis will be on the missionary ministry of the church's Christian education program.

Daniels is president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Rowan Baptist of Association of North Carolina. She is actively involved in the missionary and denominational work of the Baptist conventions of the state and nation. Her involvement and leadership role in the religious community have also included several state and auxiliary positions.

The guest speaker received her bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University and her master's degree from North Carolina A&T State University. Daniels is employed as a counselor in the city-county school system. She is president of the local chapter of Book Club of Today, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars.

She is the wife of the Rev. B.F. Daniels, pastor of Union Baptist Church.

### Convocation to be held

The fourth annual convocation of the Macedonia Church of God Inc. will convene at the headquarters church at 4111 Whitfield Road on Monday, May 21, through Sunday, May 27.

The convocation theme will be "Put on the Righteousness of God."

Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. Various local, in-state and out-of-state pastors and their congregations and choirs will be rendering services.

Bishop R.O. Doub, D.D., pastor and general overseer of Shiloh Apostolic Temple Inc. in Philadelphia, Pa., will be the guest speaker on Saturday, May 26. The Winston-Salem native will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Dr. Robert L. Wise is the host pastor and general overseer.

## Funerals

### Mrs. Mary E. Brown, widow of Thomas Brown, passes

Mrs. Mary E. Brown

Mrs. Mary E. Brown, of 1011 N. Cameron Avenue (widow of Prof. Thomas J. Brown) died May 6 at Winston-Salem Convalescent Center. The body was removed to Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home.

She was a native of Clinton, N.C. and has lived in this city for over seventy-five years. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church where she served on the Deaconess Board, Sunday school, Home & Foreign Missionary, Randolph Lott Missionary Society, Men & Women's Auxiliary and many other Auxiliaries of the Church.

Surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Macie Brown of this city; Mrs. Wilhelmina Lash of this city; one son, Mr. Thomas Brown of this city; one sister, Mrs. Juanita Jones of Goldsboro, N.C.; one brother, Mr. Felton Faison of Lorain, Ohio; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-

law, two sisters-in-law and several other relatives and friends.

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home in charge of services.

Mrs. Lee Brown

Funeral services for Mrs. Mae Lee Brown, of 1612 Derry St., were conducted May 6, at 3:00 pm in the Chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home with Joseph L. Mitchell officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Surviving relatives are several nieces, several nephews and other relatives.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mrs. Lucy Glenn Morgan (Patsy)

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Glenn Morgan (Patsy), of 1446 N. Cleveland Avenue were conducted May 9th at

5:00 pm at St. Stephens Baptist Church with Rev. J.R. Samuels officiating. Interment followed in the Piedmont Memorial Gardens.

Surviving relatives are three daughters, Mrs. Betty Woods, Mrs. Ollie Mae Sallie, and Mrs. Priscilla Ann Jackson; one son, Mr. Robert Morgan all of this city; four sisters, Mrs. Juanita Peoples, Evangelist Catherine Johnson both of this city, Mrs. Jessie Johnson of New York, and Mrs. Alemda Hairston, of Oxen Hill, Maryland; two brothers, Mr. Fred Glenn of this city and Mr. John Wesley Glenn of Philadelphia, Pa; sixteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. John Poole Brown, Sr.

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