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## Focus On Religion

### Church urges youth involvement

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At St. Benedict's the Moor Catholic Church on East 12th Street, there are 183 parishioners, and of those, 2 percent are youth.

Tradition in the Catholic Church is often thought of as structured ceremonies and uniformities, says parishioner Toni Tupponce, who has recognized an urgency to make the small percentage of the church's youth feel needed and become more involved.

Tupponce, Sister Maxine Towns and other members of St. Benedict's, which is the only parish located in the black community of Winston-Salem, recently accompanied 11 of the church's youth on an historical trip to Washington, D.C.'s monumental Catholic sites. One of those sites included the National Office of Black Catholics, which was first established as a resource center for the church's black members.

"With St. Benedict's being a mission church grown out of the black community," says Tupponce, "there are a lot of kids that could use the trip as a building block."

"For instance, there are a number of black saints," she says, "and we visited Georgetown University, where the first president was black."

Robert Carter, a member and former president of the Parish Council, says it's not that there's a large decline in the Catholic Church's youth enrollment, but like Tupponce, he says he also believes that there's a need to let them become involved.

"Something has to be done to keep the young people interested in the church," he says. "I don't have the answer but we've got to do something."

Carter has been a member of St. Benedict's almost 30 years and is the father of 11 children, one of whom took the trip to Washington. He, along with the rest of the parishioners, helped raise money for the trip.

"To say that I'm interested in children would be putting it mildly," says Carter.

Now that the trip's over, Tupponce says the 11 youth are looking to form a youth organization.

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*-- Robert Carter*

No charter or name has been formed yet, but Tupponce, who once left the Catholic Church because there was no room to express herself as a youth, says she's helping to make sure that's not the case at St. Benedict's.

"We're aiming at it (forming a youth organization) step by step, she says.

"First, we had to get them together and this (the trip) was a way of doing it," says Tupponce. "We had to have them establish a common ground. Now they have the trip, jokes they shared and the sights they saw."

To raise money for the trip, the youth sponsored a French-style cafe breakfast at the church on Father's Day, with the local parishioners as



Members of St. Benedict's the Moor recently visited Catholic monuments in Washington, D.C. They are, left to right, front row: Kristie Weber, Juli Franklin, Toni Tupponce (chaperone), Tim Jones and Bryon Johnson. Back row: Carlos Butler, Michael

Walker (chaperone), Sterling Spainhour Jr., Andra Washington and Steve Carter. Not pictured are chaperones Mr. Willie King and Sister Maxine Towns (photo by James Parker).

their biggest customers. They also sponsored a \$2.50 an hour rent-a-kid.

Tupponce has been the advocate for the youth since the idea of a youth organization surfaced early this year. Ideas and suggestions to form a youth group had been kicked around long before she came to Winston-Salem, she says, and

parishioner Michael Walker was one of those who had the idea but no manpower. Tupponce took the initiative to get the group together.

"We've got to stop talking about not wanting the youth to leave the church," she says, "but we can do something to keep them there."

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## Church Notes

### L.S. Tate Crusade March is a success

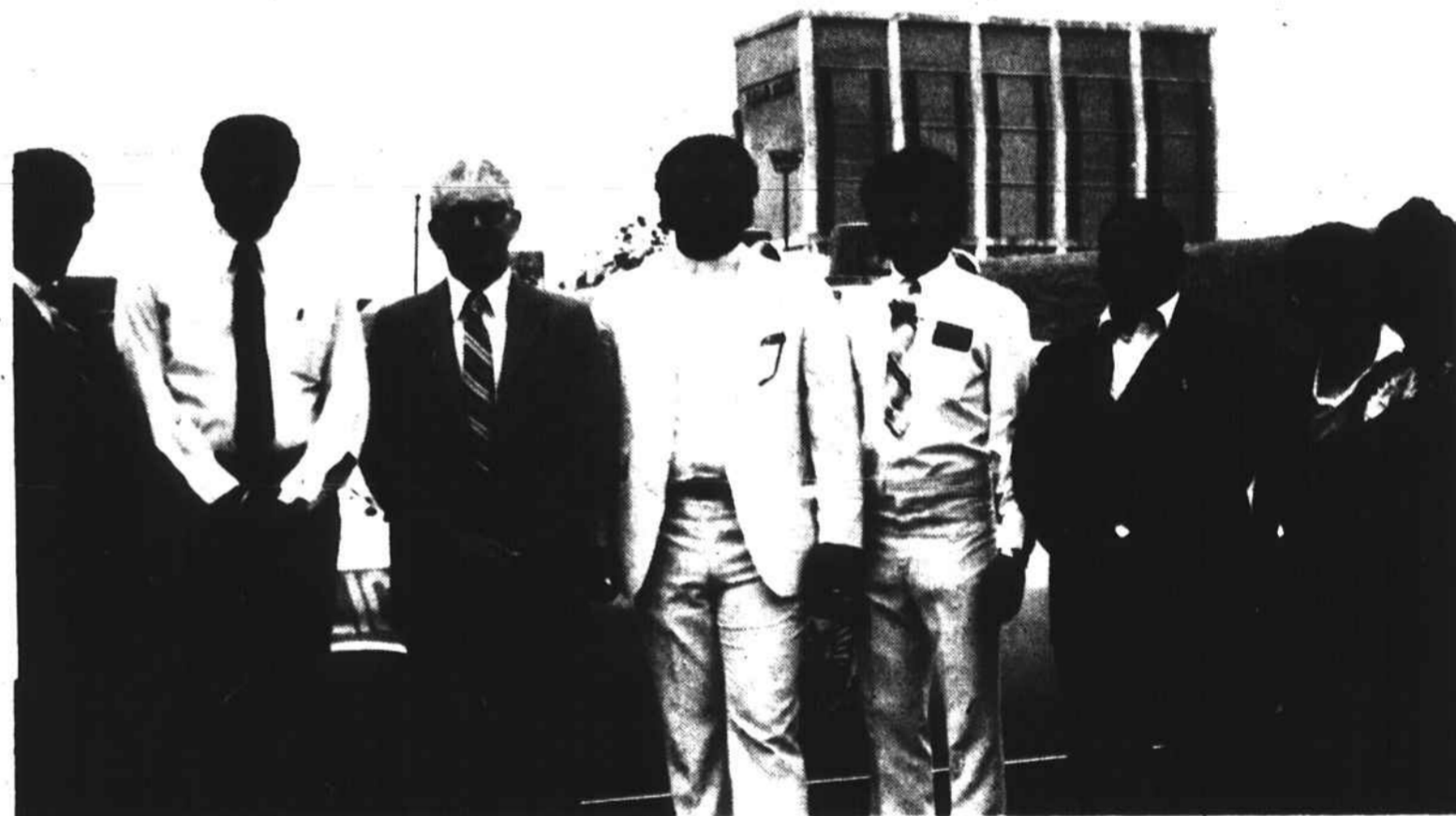
The organizers and participants of the L.S. Tate Crusade March, held June 23, have termed the march a success.

The march, which began at Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was sponsored by the L.S. Tate Crusade, which is an outreach ministry to people of all age groups.

Speakers for the event included Mayor Wayne Corpening, Alderman Larry Womble and Bishop Lawrence Tate.

June 26-29, the crusade team sponsored a four-night crusade service. The speakers included Elder Darryl McConnell, Elder Reginald Eldridge, Elder Ronald L. Brown, Evangelist Genie Alford, Mr. Jerry Gilmore III, Police Chief Lucious Powell and Minister Fields.

The staff members of the crusade team are McConnell, coordinator; Trina Pelzer, secretary; Christine Davis, program coordinator; and Lenora Mack and Katrina Brown, public relations.



Left to right: Elder Ronald Brown, Alderman Larry Womble, Mayor Wayne Corpening, Bishop Lawrence Tate, Elder Darryl

McConnell, Elder Reginald Eldridge, Minister Toney Williams and Minister Harold Bennett.

### Hanes Memorial honors choir director

He was called compassionate, a Christian, a dynamic musician and a great friend.

Those are some of the adjectives used to describe Mr. John Singletary Hampton Sr. last Sunday Hampton was being honored by the members of his church for having served as director of the Chancel Choir of Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church for the past 38 years.

Several local directors were on hand to pay special tribute to Hampton, including Dan Andrews of First Baptist Church, Harry D. Wheeler of Mt. Zion

Baptist Church and Rudolph Boone of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.

Former organists of the church who paid tribute to Hampton included Wandalee Inez Starks and Mrs. Verne Simpson. Dr. Pamela F. Dunston sent a letter of special appreciation.

The Reverends R.L. Brown Sr. and James A. Hawkins Sr. sent letters recognizing the occasion, as did Mrs. Gwen Ashley and Mrs. Gwendolyn M. Goodwin.

Since becoming director of the choir, Hampton has introduced several cantatas to the choir, in-

cluding two for Christmas and three for Easter. He was instrumental in the choir's dramatization of the "Seven Last Words of Christ," which is held on Palm Sunday.

During the program, several choirs of the church performed and Mrs. Pansy R. Wilkerson sang a solo.

Other persons on the program included the Rev. Anzo Montgomery, pastor of the church; Mrs. Georgia M. Smith, chairperson for the event; Mrs. Daisy H. Montgomery and James

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John Hampton

## Funerals

### Services for Mr. Willie Lee Henderson held

Mr. Willie Lee Henderson

Graveside services for Mr. Willie Lee Henderson of 212 Gardner St. were conducted Monday, June 25th at 2:00 P.M. in the Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. E.L. Clark officiating. Mr. Henderson passed Friday, June 22nd, at the N.C. Baptist Hospital. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Cheryl Gee, of Durham, N.C., and other relatives.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mrs. Daisy Harris Latham

Funeral services for Mrs. Daisy Harris Latham of Mt. Vernon, New York, were conducted Wednesday, June 27th at 2:00 P.M. in the chapel

of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Rev. Kelly O.P. Goodwin officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Surviving are her husband, James H. Latham, of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Smith, of this city, Mrs. Rosa Lee Harris, of Detroit, MI, Mrs. Minnie Boyd, of Detroit, MI, and Mrs. Betty Furguson, of Bronx, New York; three brothers, Robert Harris, Jr., of Sunapee, New

Hampshire, Willie Harris, of Detroit, and Charles Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, and other relatives.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

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## CALENDAR

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### SATURDAY, JULY 7

Waughtown Baptist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming today and tomorrow. Activities today will begin at 1 p.m. with a picnic on the lawn of the church. The church is located at 618 Moravia St. The Rev. Dennis Bishop is the pastor.

The Men's Fellowship of St. Philips Moravian Church will hold a yard and hot dog sale beginning at 8 a.m. on the church grounds. The church is located at 3002 Bon Air Ave.

### SUNDAY, JULY 8

The Shanta-Malia Choral Ensemble of Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church, located at 519 N. Highland Ave., will present a concert at 4 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Anzo Montgomery is the pastor.

Youth Revival will be held at Friendship Baptist Church tonight at 7:15 and continue through July 13. The Rev. Milton Lewis of Durham will be the guest speaker July 8-10, and the Rev. Glenn Pettiford of Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy will be the speaker July 11-13. The Rev. S.E. Tyndall is the pastor.

### TUESDAY, JULY 10

The Winston-Salem Day Chapter of the Women Aglow Fellowship will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with fellowship at 9 a.m.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

New Bethel Baptist Church, located at 1016 N. Trade St., and Home and Foreign Missionary Society Group No. 4 will sponsor a one-day trip to Charleston, S.C., Saturday, July 28. The bus will leave the parking lot of New Bethel at 6 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mrs. Cleveland Griffin at 725-2435.

The Chronicle welcomes church calendar notices. To call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Church Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Mondays at 5:30.

### New Faith Chapel to host convention

The New Faith Chapel Department and Education Department will hold its second annual Sunday School Convention July 10-15. The convention will run in morning (10 a.m.), afternoon (2:30 p.m.) and evening (7:30 p.m.) sessions.

Departments that will take charge of the services include the National Sunday School Department, YPHA, National Youth

Department. The officers of the Sunday School Convention are Deacon James Bellon, national superintendent; Deacon James Floyd, national assistant superintendent; Christine Davis, national secretary; and Trina Pelzer, national assistant secretary. The host pastor is Bishop Lawrence S. Tate.