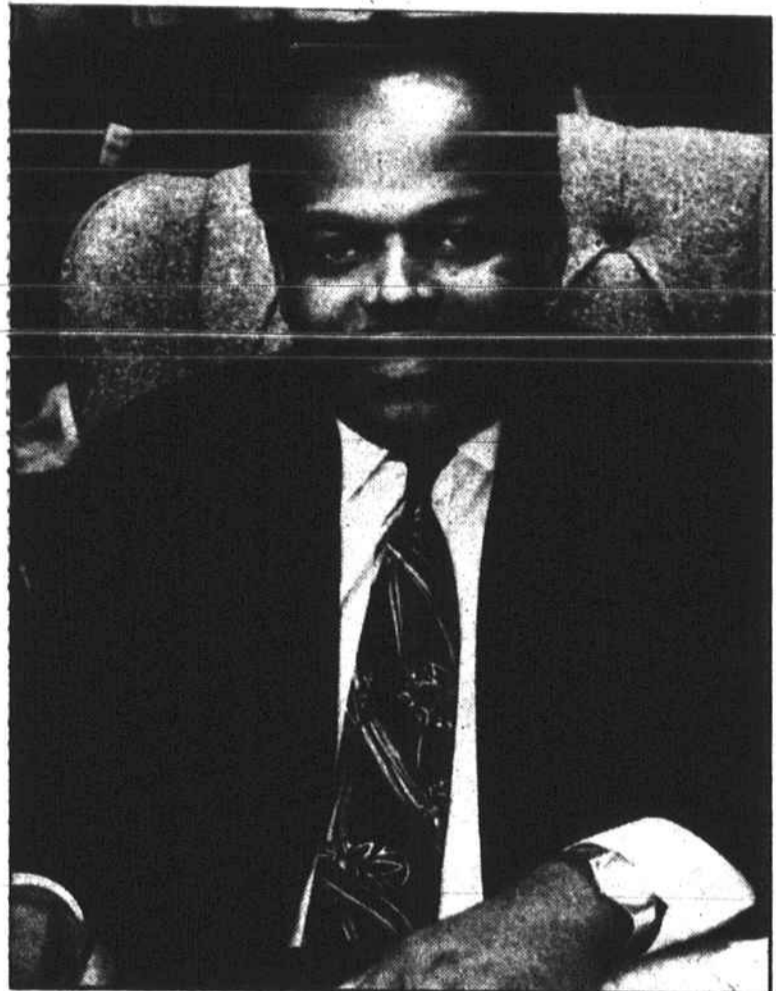


Celebration at Mt. Pleasant

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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is going strong into its second century. The members of the church celebrated its 100th anniversary with the theme, "Our First Century — To God Be The Glory." Harvey Gantt, former candidate for North Carolina Senate, was the guest speaker for the anniversary celebration banquet held Saturday, March 7 in the File-Goodwin Enrichment Center of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

In addition to the banquet, a rededication service was held the following Sunday, March 8, in which the congregation rededicated their lives and commitment to God. Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin was the guest speaker for that service. According to the Rev. Dou-



The Rev. Douglas Summers looks forward to seeing Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church more involved in serving the community in its second century of existence.

glas Summers, pastor of Mt. Pleasant, "Now that God has brought us thus far in this first century — 100 years of existence with Christ — we've got another century to look."

Mt. Pleasant, located at 795 Northwest Crawford Place, off of Old Cherry Street, was first founded in 1892. The church started out as a Sunday School, and was later developed into a church. According to church officials, Mt. Pleasant was the first church in Winston-Salem to organize a youth gospel choir in the 1950s, and also the first African-American church in the city to have an ordained female deacon.

Also, according to the Rev. Henry Lewis, former pastor of Mt. Pleasant, and chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee, the church took an active role in the urban renewal of the Kimberly Park area.

"We were right in the middle of urban renewal," he said. "This community was caught up in the urban renewal plan and our church participated in the urban renewal of this area, by being able to purchase this land to build this building, and participate in creating

something."

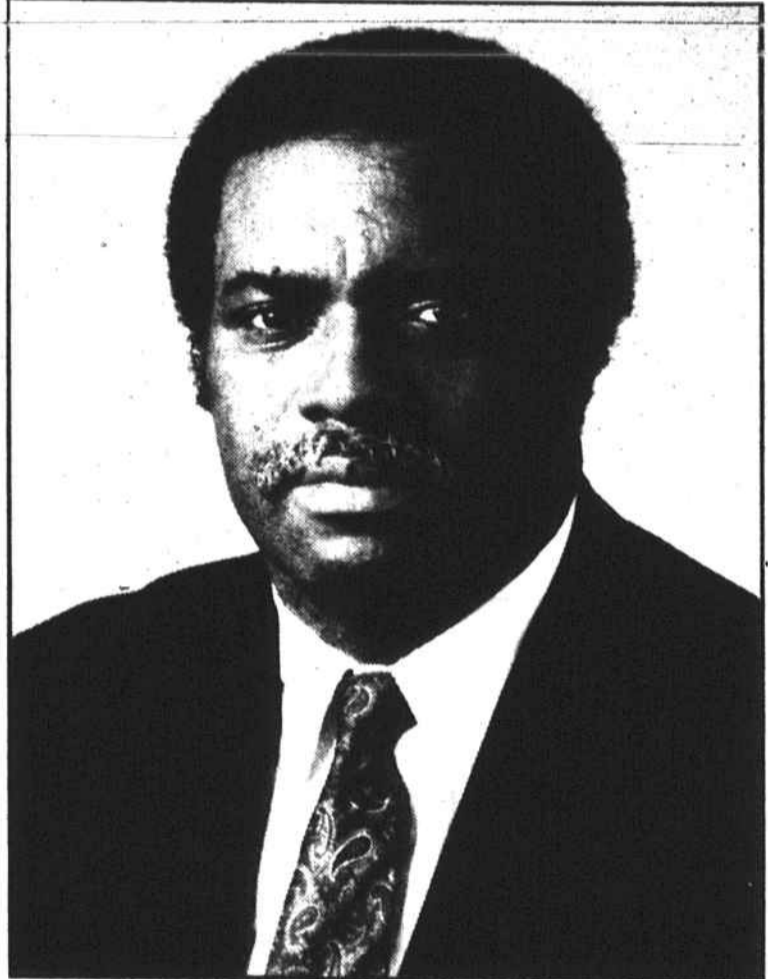
He added that "our building of this church prevented this area from just being another vacant lot, because we participated in the process of building the building and also purchasing land for future expansion."

Today, Mt. Pleasant is indeed looking toward future expansion. With a growing congregation of nearly 300 members, the Rev. Summers says he would like to see the church become more involved in the community.

"I see the church, at this point, taking some serious steps towards being more of a church that will serve the community rather than itself," he said.

"We have developed a mission statement that will address not only the internal needs of this congregation, but the external needs of those in this community, state, as well as world. And we're quite proud that we've developed a mission statement for the next century."

That statement says that "The mission of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina is to declare Christ as Lord and Saviour, through and by the aid of the Holy Spirit; to spread God's word, to make Christian Disci-



The Rev. Henry S. Lewis Jr., former pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

ples, to provide nurturing for spiritual growth, and by God's love through dedicated commitment, strive to meet the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of this church, this community, and the world."

To help carry out that mission, Summers stated that a long-range planning committee will soon be formed to develop and implement programs that will not only reach out to the church members, but to the community as a whole.

Plans for the immediate future have not yet been made, but Summers said "It is my hope that we will complete an educational wing. It is very much needed to fulfill the teaching part of the church. It is my hope as well that we'll initiate programs from this particular church to aid in the holistic part of a person."

Shiloh to install the Rev. Lowe

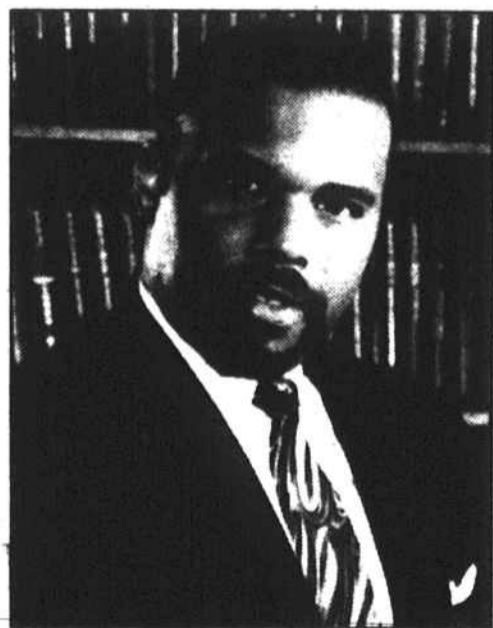
Shiloh Baptist Church is proud to install the Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr., as its tenth pastor.

The Rev. Lowe is a native of Seattle, Washington where he received his childhood education in the public school system. He graduated from Bishop College, Dallas Texas in 1985 with a B.A. degree in Religion and Philosophy. He received Clinical Pastoral Education in Counseling from the Medical College of Virginia. In 1989 he graduated from Virginia Union University School of Theology where he earned a Master of Divinity in Theology. In 1991 he graduated from The Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia where he earned a Master of Arts degree.

The Rev. Lowe has served as assistant director and liaison for the African American Museum of Life and Culture in Dallas. He served as chairperson in the establishment of the first "Black Invitational Rodeo and Folk Festival, which generated in excess of \$70,000.

The Rev. Lowe served as associate minister from 1982 to 1986 at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, where Dr. C.B.T. Smith is pastor. There he implemented a stress management workshop and the development of "Singles Ministry." Later, he became associate minister at Zion Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1987 he was called to pastor at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Essex County, Va. During that time he implemented many programs



Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr.



Dr. Samuel B. McKinney Sr.

which included a church and community leadership conference, a Youth Council, the liquidation of debt secured for remodeling the church facility and an increase in giving of 97.5% over a three year period.

The Rev. Lowe has a strengthened commitment to the ministry and missions and has coordinated a caring ministry for persons in the church and community. He is married to the former Lisa Adele Anderson of Glen Allen, Virginia; they have no children.

Shiloh's celebration and festivities will commence on Saturday, March 14 at 6 p.m. with a banquet at Winston-Salem State University dining hall. Tickets for the occasion are \$12.

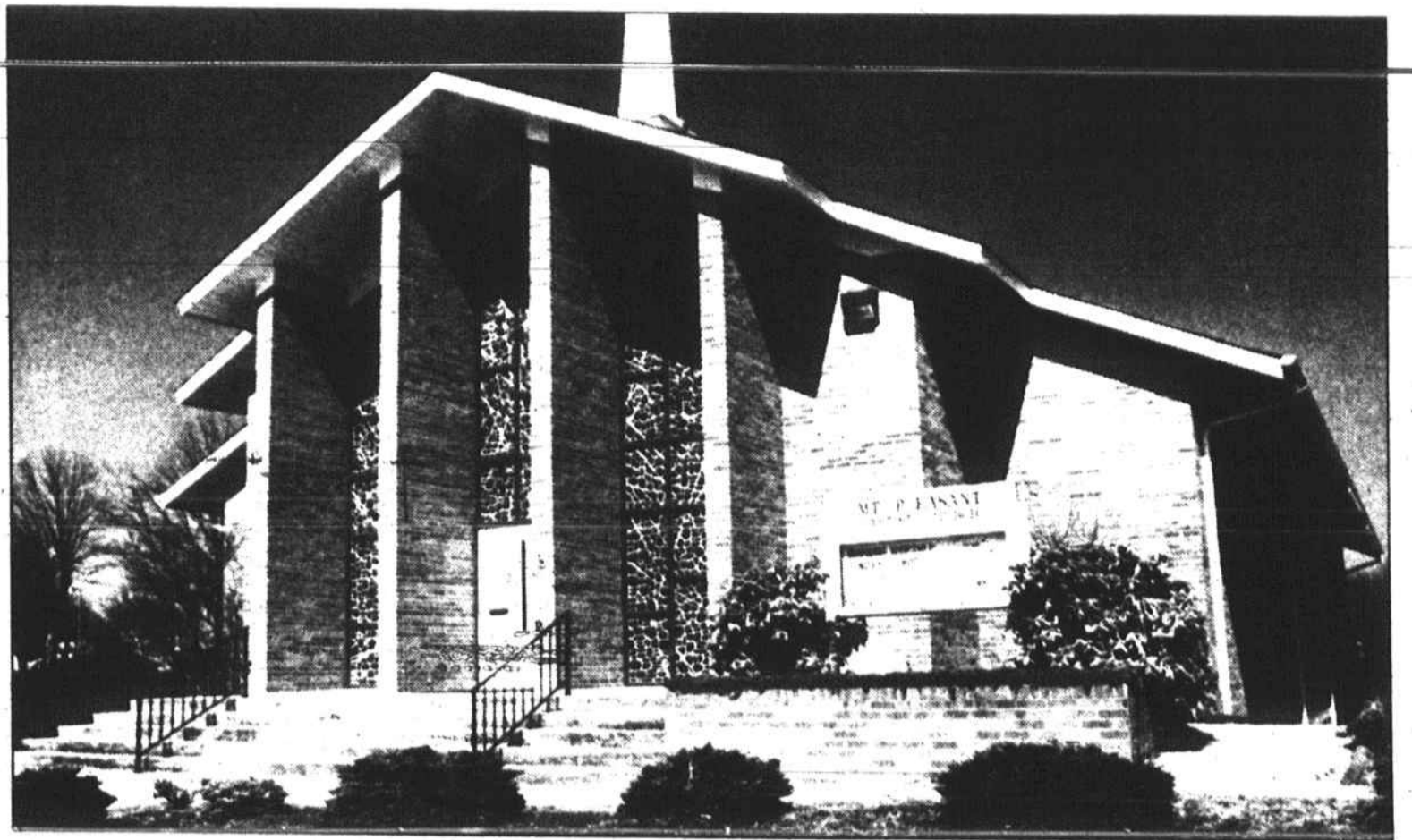
The culmination of installation services will begin with the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, March 15. At 6:15 p.m. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney Sr., pastor of Mt. Zion Bap-

tist Church, Seattle, Washington, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. McKinney is a 1949 graduate of Morehouse College and a 1952 graduate of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. From 1972 through 1975, Dr. McKinney was part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Fellows in Black Church Studies.

As a result of that program, the Doctor of Ministry degree was conferred upon him by Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary. Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were conferred on Dr. McKinney by Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon in 1970 and by Morehouse College in 1978.

The Shiloh Baptist Church family invites you to all of its services in helping to celebrate the installation and festivities for the Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr. Shiloh is located at the corner of 12th Street and Highland Avenue.



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