

Church To Hold Golden Jubilee

February is a month of celebration for the nation and especially the African American community. It is also a very special month of the year for the members of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

February is the month the church was established, the month in which the pastor, Reverend Samuel James Cornelius was born, and the month that he was installed as the fourth pastor of the church. The church and the pastor were born fifty years ago this month and the members will celebrate those Golden Years of Grace.

The New Jerusalem Baptist Church was founded in February 1946 by the late Rev. James Robert Chandler with lower than 20 families. The church has grown from humble beginnings into one of the outstanding churches of this community. The most dynamic growth has been under its present pastor, who spent his childhood as a member of the church.

Rev. Cornelius was called to the church pastorate in February, 1979 and will celebrate his 17th pastoral anniversary as well as his 50th birthday this month.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration will begin this Saturday, February 17, 1996 with a. The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn North at 6:00 p.m. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Clyde Adams, Pastor, Union Baptist Church, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dr. Adams, who will also preach the Sunday Morning



Pastor S.I. Cornelius



Dr. Clyde Adams

Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., is the Director of Seminar Four of the Ministers' Division of the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. Dr. Adams was born in Arkansas and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the University of Cincinnati. He received a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the Michigan Baptist Theological Seminary and School of Religion.

Dr. Adams has traveled extensively, visiting Europe, Africa, and Asia. He has received many awards and is a very active leader in the areas of community service, political awareness and the Ministerial Alliance in Fort Wayne. He is especially active in organizations that aid in the development of Fort Wayne's African American Community.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration will continue Sunday evening at 3:00 p.m. with

Pastor K.E. Lily and his congregation from Mars Hill Baptist Church. The final service of the celebration will be held Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. and will be conducted by Bishop T.R. Rice and the members of Mercy Seat Holy Church.

The Church and Pastor invite everyone to join in celebrating the milestone in the life of the Church.

Ennis and Little Take First Place Honors

During the North Carolina Association of Educators Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet, which was sponsored by the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commissions in Raleigh, N.C. on January 19, 1996, Nicole Ennis won 1st place in the state for her creative writing. Nicole's story, "I Met A Friend," was about an Indian girl. Nicole thanked the commissions for the plaque she received.



Nicole Ennis



Ann Dubose Little

Locally, Nicole received a certificate from the Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers. She won for District no.5. (Forsyth, Stokes and Davidson counties).

Nicole is a fourth grade student at Konnoak Elementary. She is in Mrs. Julia Chisholm's class. Nicole's parents, Cynthia and Sugar Ennis, accompanied her to the banquet in Raleigh. Her assistant principal, Ann Little, attended the banquet and was among her many well wishers.

Ann Dubose Little, Assistant Principal of Konnoak Elementary School, won first place in the Quiz Book Category at the N.C. Association of Educators Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet. Little's Quiz Book, "Show You

Know," is about Afro-Americans. This is the sixth first place award on the state level that Little has won.

Little is a member of the Executive Board of the Forsyth Assistant Principals Association, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and the Ambassadors For Christ Choir. She is the wife of Curtis Little, Sr.

Church Sponsors Rites of Passage

If someone greets you on the street with the salutation "Habari Ghani," chances are they may have attended the "Rites of Passage" class sponsored by the Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Saturday Church School.

The class that began on Feb. 10 was conducted by Delores Smith of the Winston-Salem Urban League. "Habari Ghani" is a Swahili term that means Hello, What's Happening with You?

Regally dressed in traditional African attire, Smith introduced the class to African principles, philosophies, and traditions which will be explored throughout this passage.

"Rites of Passage" is defined as a significant event in an individual's life that indicates a transition from one stage to another, as from adolescence to adulthood, and that may be marked a ritual or ceremony. In preparation for the passage upon which the participants would embark, Smith had the student assemble in a circle which represented their "village" or community.

Smith then led the class in a call and response rendition of a traditional African song which greeted and welcomed each participant to "the village." This served to immediately create a sense of harmony and oneness among the group.

Next the students were asked to unite in a circle and each participant was given the opportunity to pray and thank the Creator for the many blessings they have received in their lives. Finally, each participant was asked to give libation, a poured drink offering, to an historical African or African American ancestor.

The mission of the "Rites of Passage" is to successfully move African American youth, males, and females, from the adolescent stage into adulthood.

The "Rites of Passage" class will be held every second Saturday at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church from now through November 1996. Those interested in registering for the classes, should contact Minister Wayne T. Greene at (910) 760-9034.

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