

RELIGION

Women's Day at Saints Home United Methodist Church



Arnetta Jessup

BY JERI YOUNG
THE CHRONICLE

Arnetta Jessup, wife of the Rev. Belvin J. Jessup of Greensboro and owner of Arnetta's Fashions, was the guest speaker for Women's Day services at Saints Home United Methodist Church.

Saints Home was among several local United Methodist churches celebrating United Methodist Women's Day across the state.

Jessup brought to the church a long list of accolades and volunteer activities. A graduate of Dudley High School, Cortez Peters Business College in Washington D.C., and Charlotte's Johnson C. Smith University, the mother of three and

grandmother of two who volunteers at the Moses Cone Extended Care Facility. She also is active in both the United Methodist Minister's Wives Organization and United Methodist Women's Organization.

During the 25-minute speech, Jessup encouraged women of faith to hold fast to their beliefs and help set the stage for greatness, both for themselves and their families.

"We can look at what's going on in our communities and see how old folks are scared of young folks," she said. "I have come to the conclusion that there is a vision for the appointed time. God does not mumble. He speaks with clarity and forthrightness."

Jessup encouraged people to "write down" and publicize "the vision," as biblical scholars did.

"The revelation, which is a vision, and make it plain on a table," she said. "...So God's word could be recorded. And more importantly publicized...The point is the messenger would read it and run and proclaim the news."

She also encouraged women to be "patient."

"But we must stand still," she said. "We must be patient and see what God can do. We must wait on the Lord and live by faith."

Jessup also built on a theme set during the church's children's message. Women, she said, are prominent in the Bible and in history.

She pointed to traditional leaders like Harriet Tubman and contemporary women of color who are making a difference through vision.

"Coretta Scott King had a vision," she said. "To keep her husband's dream alive by establishing the nonviolent movement for social action concerns. It would help us today to benefit from some of the things he believed and died for to attain good will and justice for all. Mary McLeod Bethune had a vision to establish a college with only a dollar and a half in Daytona Beach to educate children."

Jessup closed by reciting a poem about vision written for the occasion.

Lyons' secretary faces barrage of questions by federal prosecutors

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — A secretary to Baptist leader Henry Lyons met with federal prosecutors investigating the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., but neither she nor her attorney would disclose what was discussed.

Berlena T. Hudson, 54, declined to comment as she left the 45-minute meeting Tuesday at the U.S. attorney's office in Tampa.

Her attorney, Jay A. Herbert, said she voluntarily attended the session, which he described as very cordial, but he declined to disclose any details.

Hudson, an employee at Bethel

Metropolitan Baptist Church since 1989, expects to appear this week before a grand jury probing the financial affairs of Lyons, pastor of the St. Petersburg church, Herbert said.

In February, Lyons, president of the convention, and Bernice Edwards, a convention aide, were charged by state prosecutors with swindling money from corporations that thought they were paying to have credit cards, life insurance policies and cemetery plots promoted to convention members.

Lyons also was charged with grand theft for allegedly stealing more than \$200,000 entrusted to him by the Anti-Defamation

League of B'nai B'rith to help rebuild Southern black churches burned by arson fires.

Lyons and Edwards pleaded innocent and are free on bail.

Federal grand jurors are believed to be probing Lyons' financial transactions and questioning signatures of convention officials on documents used by Lyons to secure mortgages and loans.

A letter bearing the name of the Rev. Roscoe D. Cooper, convention secretary, is one of several documents investigators believe contain the forged signatures of convention officials.

Herbert said Hudson has no recollection of signing Cooper's

name.

Lyons is president of the Nashville, Tenn.,-based convention, one of the nation's oldest and largest black church religious groups. The criminal investigations began after Lyons' wife set fire to a \$700,000 waterfront home owned by Lyons and Edwards.

The house, which boasts a view of Boca Ceiga Bay, was listed for sale about two weeks ago at \$749,000, said Frank Gimbel, a lawyer for Bernice Edwards, who co-owns the property with Lyons.

Earlier this year, the federal government filed a \$41,300 lien against Edwards in Pinellas County for unpaid taxes.

Men's & Women's Day at Goler Memorial A.M.E.Z



Goler Memorial Capital Campaign Committee

Special to THE CHRONICLE

On Sunday, May 24, 1998 at 4:00 p.m., Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will cele-

brate Men's/Women's Day. This celebration is a culminating activity of the Capital Campaign Ministry for this conference year, which will end in June.

A worship service for this occasion will be conducted by sister church Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church located at Fourth St. and Dunlith Avenue in Winston-Salem. The Rev. James E. Sloan, who is the pastor at Goler Metropolitan, Along with the choir will bring the gospel message and provide the music, respectively.

The Capital Campaign Com-

mittee designated the fund-raising aspects of the celebration as a contest between the men and women members of Goler Memorial. Both Groups are already asserting that they will be victorious; especially since the loser must treat the winner to dinner.

A community barbeque sale by the Capital Campaign Committee proved successful financially. Amounts raised through both activities will be combined and presented to the church's building fund.

The public is cordially invited to join in with both Goler church families for an enjoyable, yet spiritual afternoon.

The Rev. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Church located at 630 N. Patterson Ave. in Winston-Salem.

Thirty-three years of broadcast ministry

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Dr. Robert L. Wise Sr. started his broadcast ministry over radio station WAAA in May, 1965 while still in the old church. Early in the broadcast ministry, God spoke and said "Robert, I give you the key to unlock this dispensation of time." The message was Jesus Christ within us. God also showed him a vision of successive bodies of beautiful blue water, each larger than the other which represented the three stages of growth for the broadcast. The broadcast started at fifteen minutes, later increased to thirty minutes, and is now forty-five minutes.

In the beginning, Dr. Wise paid for the fifteen-minute broadcast out of his own pocket. He made sure that the broadcast was paid out of each week's paycheck even before purchasing food and other basic necessities for his family. He pioneered religious broadcasts in the Winston-Salem area along with other ministers such as Bishop W. M. Johnson, Bishop Robert O. Doub and Mother Vinson. Bill Langford



Dr. Robert L. Wise

was instrumental in helping him get the radio ministry started. At start-up, Elder McClary served as his musician and Missionary Albata Nelson was his announcer.

God has truly blessed the radio broadcast and shown his approval by sustaining it throughout the years. The broadcast can be heard each Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. over radio station WAAA (980 AM).

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

General Information

Thursday, June 11, 1998
10:00 am - 5:00 pm On-site Registration
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Prayer and Praise
7:30 pm Evening Worship

Opening Session - all Conference Attendees are asked to wear red.

Friday, June 12, 1998
8:30 am - 9:00 am Prayer
9:00 am Morning Glory
11:00 am Mid-day Worship

(Friday is T-shirt Day. Please wear your W.O.P. T-shirts.)

Friday Evening
7:00 pm Evening Worship

Immediately following Evening Worship we will be attending an Evening Gala at the Adams Mark Hotel. The attire is semi-formal.

10:00 pm - 12:00 am After Glory Evening Gala

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Saturday, June 13, 1998
9:30 am - 10:00 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Closing Session

All worship services will be held at Cleveland Avenue Christian Church
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Minister Cynthia Duncan
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Registration Information

Advanced registration for the Conference will close June 3, 1998. All mailed registrations must be postmarked no later than June 3, 1998. Registration will reopen June 11 at 945 Cleveland Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. On-site registration will be \$50.00, day by day registration will be \$20.00 per day. Submit one form per delegate. Print or type all information. (Please feel free to copy this form.)

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