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and Rowan Helping Ministries. Her current memberships include the Robertson Foundation and the Salisbury Community Foundation Boards, and the Salisbury Branch of the NAACP.

Dr. Hunter is a member of Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church in Woodleaf, N.C. She was ordained an elder at Mt. Vernon in 1976, and ordained a deacon at Trinity-Salisbury in 1990.

She and her late husband, the Rev. George Hunter, have one son.

Everyone is invited to join the Presbyterian Women as they continue their commitment to uplifting Dellabrook Church's Mission: to follow the Lord with our hearts, minds, and souls, and achieve the promise of Christ by seeking freedom, justice and the peace and prosperity of our neighborhood, community, city and world.

Rev. Dr. Carlton A. G. Eversley is the pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian.

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ber of the body of Christ, can one deny their part in that body? God alone decides who gets what. Gifts are not "a one person's show"! The Spirit unites believers as they use their gifts in the body of Christ. Every member has at least one gift, some have more but all are important. Paul says that the very parts that are considered weak are indispensable. Members have to be strong and watchful in caring for one another. Everyone matters! Like the human body, when the gifts are operating in one accord, the

entire congregation functions in a healthy manner. "The greater the diversity of gifts exercised in ministries within a church, the more opportunities it has to display the love of Christ" (David C. Cook's Echoes Adult Teacher Commentary). Next week, we deal with tongues.

Life's Application: When God gives you a gift, don't get the "big head" - stay in your lane. Each one of us should be humbled because God gave us gifts. You didn't earn it! It is not some legacy that was passed down to you. Do you know your membership?

What about the people we simply overlook in the body. They, too, have a gift or gifts. Don't count them out because they're not in your group. Treat everybody with respect! Remember, we're all in this together. Where one is leaning, prop them up not tear them down. Some gifts are more obvious than others; even so they are just as important! For the body to function well each gift in that body needs to function for the benefit of all. The gifts come from God and that makes them special. Use your gift(s) that the body will be better off because you came their way.

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The models in the fashion show paraded their garments to the tune of "When Jesus Says Yes, Nobody Can Say No." The spring fashions came from the local Talbot's store. The manager, Karen Bohner, and her associate, Dayna Hood, narrated as the women modeled pastel-colored dresses, nautical skirt sets, short sets and pant suits as business attire. Red and black, coral and crème, grey and red were some of the color combinations that received loud applause.

Sarah Alston assisted with the fashion show and the door prizes. Some of the door prizes came from Talbot's. Models included Earnestine Griffin, Courtney Matthews, Amber Peppers, Minister Jan Brown, Dayna Hood, Harretta Duncan, Suzette Willis and Swynetta Stone, fashion coordinator.

The group received a visit from Miss Manners in the person of Missionary Carolyn Jones. She reminded the women to give a grateful wave to drivers who help them merge into traffic jams. She also reminded all able-bodied women to take the back parking spaces in order to allow visitors and guests to get some of the better parking spaces. Also she taught that African etiquette encourages respect for the elders. In addition, she offered several dining do's and don'ts. She encouraged the women to be mindful to butter their bread on a plate, not in midair. She encouraged them to never put their purses on the table because of the germs pocketbooks pick up throughout the day.

The audience laughed profusely as some of the women told humorous stories and anecdotes about their mothers. Many of the women were pleased to see their faces on a DVD presentation of photographs of Emmanuel Women. Dot Hill spent weeks gathering photos and Karen Harris shared the presentation.

"I just wanted to see smiles on my sisters faces. Women and mothers put in so much time helping their families and others, it is gratifying to see them laugh and have fun," said Harris.

"I had a ball on Saturday and Sunday. As women, we have a story to tell. I enjoyed listening to the women talk about their mothers," said Marshall. "As black women, we can be some powerhouses connecting with the next generation. We do work hard doing service, but there is nothing wrong with coming together to celebrate ourselves."

"We as women are significant in this world. We also hold an important place in history. In the Words of James Brown, 'This is a man's world, but it wouldn't be nothing without a woman or a girl,'" said Joyce Vaughn before reciting the scripture from Proverbs 31:26-31.

While many of the missionaries at the gathering came from Emmanuel, they also came from other churches, such as Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in New Bern,

Stedfast Life Changing Ministries, Union Baptist Church, and St. Peter's World Outreach Church.

Missionary Hazel Watson welcomed all of the women to the gathering.

"God created women to be a w e s o m e mothers, wives, and helpmates to one another. Some of us have chosen to be fruitful and to multiply, but all women are to help raise the children. They are our children," Watson said. "We are to lead them, guide them in a Godly way in the church and in the community."

O n Sunday, during the worship service Chris Murrell, soloist of the Count Basie Orchestra, dedicated the song "Morning Star" to the women of Emmanuel on behalf of the pastor, Rev. Dr. John Mendez. The Liturgical Dancers performed to the song, "You're Amazing," and the Youth Choir and the Spiritual Choir offered special music.

Portia Hinnant Brandon, keynote speaker for the morning, spoke on the topic "The Awesome Role of Mothers."

"Do you know who you are? The blood of queens runs through your veins. Tenacity is the first word ever spoken by your gender. You are Awesome! You are women of African Descent. Divine equals of man. Do you know who you are? God knew you before your parents knew you," Brandon said. "You are prophet, teacher, judge, sage, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, a holy nation. You have the power to define yourself! You have the power to start over until you get it right. You have the power to resist institutionalized racism and sexism, the power to challenge the unequal distribution of resources. You have the power."

She reminded the women to teach the children how to respond to police encounters. Also she encouraged them to review cursive writing and the multiplication tables with their children, as these items have been downplayed in the current curriculum.

Members of the Mother's Day Committee included Carolyn Allison, Carolyn Jones, Harretta Duncan, Marcella Jordan, Lillian Smith, Hazel Watson, Marion Wilson, Dot Hill, and Sarah Alston.

The Missionary Circle was organized in 1932 by the late Nannie Gilmore Saunders, who recognized



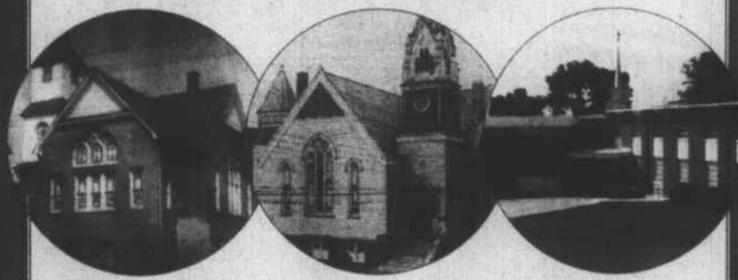
Photos by Felecia Piggott-Long, Ph. D.
Karen Harris, left; guest speaker Portia Hinnant Brandon, middle; and Missionary President Kathy Marshall take a break.



Harretta Duncan models a suit from Talbot's in the fashion show on Saturday, May 9.

Sunday, June 7, 5 p.m.
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
4129 Northampton Drive, Winston-Salem, NC
Dr. Nathan E. Scovens, Senior Pastor

144th Church Anniversary
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2400 Dellabrook Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC
Pastor Donald Jenkins

Please Join Us!

Sunday, May 24, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Anniversary Sunday
1871-2015

A New Beginning and a New Start

Come Celebrate the 18th Church Anniversary

Sunday May 17

10 am

Rev. William Conrad, of Mooresville, N.C.

3 pm

Pastor Reginald Hunt, of Conerstone Summit Church, in Boone, N.C.



Dr. James L. E. and First Lady Elvita A. Hunt



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