

Church News Briefs

McCullough Tigers To Celebrate Their 34th Anniversary Saturday, May 19

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May 19 marks the 34th pre-anniversary celebration of the "McCullough Tigers." This event will be held at the Mother House of Prayer on Beatties Ford Rd.

This religious band of Gastonia was organized in 1950 under the name of "The Grace Baby Band." The members traveled with Bishop C. M. Grace throughout the United States playing their spiritual melodies of gospel songs.

In 1963 Bishop Walter McCullough renamed them the "McCullough Tigers." Today, they are still traveling coast to coast with Bishop McCullough. They have dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ and have continued to glorify Him with their instruments.

This magnificent musical auxiliary consists of 18 musicians including: Elder Gregory Coleman - president; Greg Patton - vice president; Elder John T. Harrison; Willie C. Harrison, Zeb R. Harrison; Elder Robert Patton, Jr., John T. Frazier, Elder Alfred C. Harrison; Wilford Morrison; Gerald Sadler; Charles Praylor; Alonzo Sholtz; Kenny Carr; and Horace Brown, Jr.

In addition, Greg Williams, Elder James Sadler, Danny Huff, James Sadler, Jr., are also members.

Working along with these young men are 11 charming young ladies known as the "McCullough Tigerettes." They include Janet L. Coleman, Ginger H. Hall, Gloria B. Ross, Melissa D. Gill, Lynell Hawkins, Sharon F. Harrison, Andrea F. Patton, Sharon Carrothers, Yvonne Smith, Mae Praylor, Maxine Tillman and Mattie Patton.

Spiritually boosting this dynamic group of young men are Elder Robert Patton, Sr. (their pastor), Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harrison, who are the honorary father and mother of the band, Bernice H. Coleman and Cedric Washington.

For their annual program, the guest artists will include Apostle Green of New York City and the McCullough Thunderbirds; the McCullough Endurers of Charlotte, The Mighty Clouds of McCullough of Gastonia and Sister Gwen Rouse of Savannah, Ga.

STATESVILLE AVE.
Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2806 Statesville Ave., observed Youth Sunday recently. The youth of the church were in charge of the morning worship service. Sermonettes were delivered by Lemuel Turner, Enya Flack, and Annisa Payseur.

A special selection was rendered by Lavonette Crawford.

Other youth involved were Terry Flack, Joey Taylor and Tommie Grier. Statesville Avenue's youth were well represented at the Presbytery recently also. Lemuel Turner was the keynote speaker. Enya Flack and Annisa Payseur were group leaders. Annisa Payseur was elected as Vice Moderator of the Youth, while Lemuel Turner was elected as secretary and delegate to the Synod.

Mrs. Dunlap is youth advisor and Charlotte Hampton is Sunday School teacher of the youth. Rev. Wilburn Sanders is the pastor.



Rev. J. W. Walker (c) receives the gift presented to him by friends and special groups during the recent service in his honor. Rev. Danny Martin (r) presented Rev. Walker with the present while (l-r) Rev. Bob Walton, Dr. C. V. Owens, Dr. J.E. Palmer, Naomi Anderson, Maxie Walker, Sarah Lee, Rev. O. T. Anderson, and Dr. A. G. Coley look on. Seated next to Rev. Walker is Rev. William Lee, Jr., pastor of Silver Mt. Baptist Church where the Appreciation service was held. You may still give your special gift to Rev. Walker by calling Rev. Lee at 596-3821.

EAST STONEWALL
May 13 there will be a Bake Sale at East Stonewall AME Zion Church, sponsored by the young adults Usher Board. This will be held at 1 p.m.

On May 19 there will be a Home Missions Meeting from 9:45 a.m. at the church. On May 20, the Parsonage Club meeting will be held at 1 p.m.; Young Adult Usher Board meeting at 1 p.m.; and a bake sale sponsored by the Parsonage Club at 1 p.m.

Savannah committee meeting will be held at 1 p.m., May 13.

PTL
PTL has aided many North and South Carolinians following the wave of tornadoes. PTL Home Missions Director, Jeff Park, organized the collection and distribution of over five tons of food, supplies, household items, baby clothes, bedding, and furniture to the Bennettsville and McCall areas of South Carolina and the Maxton, Red Springs and Pembroke communities in North Carolina.

In addition to the tractor trailer load of supplies, Jim Bakker, president of the PTL Television Network and pastor of Heritage Village Church, authorized the \$25,000 distributed to several rescue squads and relief funds working in the disaster-stricken areas.

According to Park, much of the initial devastation was met by temporary relief centers, "but now that those are gone there remains a continuing need for supplies and support, especially spiritual support to the whole person as they put their lives back together."

SALEM BAPTIST
On May 12, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. a workshop entitled "It's Your Decision" will be held at Salem Baptist Church, 5318 Salem Church Rd. This workshop is designed to enhance youth awareness about drugs and crime. The public is cordially invited. Rev. Anthony Jinwright is pastor.

WALLS MEMORIAL
Paul Dayton Lodge No. 7 will present a Gospel Program featuring the Terry Family of Henderson; The Singing Crusaders of Charlotte; and The Young Adult Choir of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Sunday, May 20, at Walls Memorial AME Zion Church. This program begins at 3 p.m. The church, pastored by Rev. White, is located at 2722 Bancroft St.

EBENEZER BAPTIST
Revival at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 733 East Trade St., is underway with guest speaker each night Rev. Marvin Yancey, pastor of the Greater Fountain of Life Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Service begins each night at 7. Musical workshops will also be held Tuesday through Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

SECOND CALVARY
The Missionary Group I will present its annual program Sunday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

The Vocal Choir will host the United Singing Convention at the church Sunday, June 3, at 2:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29. All youth are invited to participate in this Summer Christian Fellowship.

Second Calvary is located at 114 Nelson Ave.
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
"The Week of the Young Child" celebration will continue at Friendship Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Rd. Thursday, May 10, Patricia Deoncourt from Compton Education Services, will have a showing of various animals for the children to see.

On Friday, May 11, Fun Day will be held including a movie on Home Safety, games and more. Friendship Baptist is pastored by Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones.

EAST STONEWALL
The Voices of Hope of East Stonewall AME Zion Church will celebrate its 68th anniversary May 20 at 6 p.m.

The Marvin and Wesley Chapel AME Zion Church-

es and the Union County 100-voice Mass Choir will be in concert.

The Young Adult Zion Singers will rehearse May 12 and 19. The Voices of Hope will rehearse this week at their regular time. The Junior Troop 138 will meet Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church.

The Angelic Cherubim Choirs will rehearse the first and third Saturdays of each month.

The Bude of Promise will meet each third Sunday immediately following the morning service.

Rev. Bernard Sullivan is pastor of the church located at 1729 Griers Grove Rd.

FAITH MEMORIAL
The women of Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 211 Lakewood Ave., will host their Annual Day May 13 at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Brenda Caldwell, member of Temple Chapel Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. W. H. Caldwell Sr. is pastor.

REEVES TEMPLE
Reeves Temple AME Zion Church in Davidson, N.C., will sponsor the Charlotte Interdenominational Mass Choir in concert May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The choir is directed by Ted Martin. The concert will be held in Cornelius Elementary School in Cornelius. It is free for the public. Rev. Shelton Shipman is the pastor at Reeves Temple.

GETHSEMANE BAPTIST
The youth of Gethsemane Baptist Church's Missionary Department went to Oxford, N.C., last Sunday to visit the Central Orphanage. The missionary received lunch, and then a tour led by the students at the orphanage. The visitors also participated in a baseball game with the students. Kelly Shelly and Gilly Lewis are the directors of the Youth Missionary Department. Rev. C. E. Dewberry is the pastor of the church.

GREATER PROVIDENCE
The Greater Providence Baptist Church will celebrate its 49th anniversary Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m.

The anniversary sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. L. D. Parker, pastor at St. Luke Baptist Church. Dinner will be served prior to the program. The Greater Providence Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of the late Rev. S. M. Chappell in 1935. The Rev. Fred Gibson is now pastor of the church, located at 1829 Cleveland Ave. The public is invited to attend the anniversary celebration.

NEW ST. JOHN
The adage "Pleasures must be bought, but happiness is free" probably hits home to many, especially when they remember the many moments with their mothers.

It seems that mothers were always the ones who eased the pain - whether they were emotional or physical. For this reason, Rev. Leak and the congregation of New St. John Baptist Church would like to salute all mothers.

Rev. Leak's sermon Sunday will be "How To Be A Good and Godly Mother." His inspiring message may

be heard during the 11 a.m. worship service at the church, located at 2000 St. John Rd.

Spring and Youth Revival of the church will begin May 20 and continue through May 25. The evangelist for the week will be Rev. Roderick D. Lewis, pastor of Logan's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church. The public is cordially invited to all services at New St. John Baptist Church.

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