

# Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Will Honor Rev. And Mrs. Harold S. Diggs

The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 200 Sugar Creek Road, will honor its Pastor and First Lady, Dr. and Mrs. Harold S. Diggs, on Sunday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

This will mark the 15th year that Mayfield has expressed such in a service of this kind.

Rev. & Mrs. Diggs came to Charlotte in the Fall of 1969 to assume the leadership of a struggling, determined, and ambitious little flock of 350 adults and 75 children. Together they began and today the church boasts of a membership roll of more than 2,000 persons.

Under the leadership of Pastor Diggs, Mayfield has assumed its place among the other Christian Fellowships who strive individually, as associations, conventions, and alliances. Mayfield holds membership in the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Progressive National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, North Carolina Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, and the World Baptist Alliance. Mayfield has also assumed the role of supporter of, and contributor to all of the agencies and organizations aforementioned as well as supported and sponsored an African student from Liberia, West Africa for the past 2 and 1/2 years, pays the total salary of a Teaching Missionary in Haiti, supports the Central Orphanage of Oxford, N.C., Shaw Univ., Shaw Divinity School, J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, N.A.A.C.P., United Negro College Fund, Friendship College Development Fund, and The Christian Rehabilitation Center of Charlotte. Since assuming the pastorate of Mayfield, Diggs has led the Church Fellowship to increase its budget from \$26,000 in 1969 to \$450,000 in 1984.

Rev. Diggs was born in Columbia, S.C. and reared in Rock Hill, S.C. He is the holder of a B.S. degree; Master's of Religious Education Degree; Master of Divinity Degree; and two Doctor of Divinity Degrees. He has served as the only Pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church.

As Pastor Diggs reflects upon his role here at Mayfield, he thinks that the most frustrating moments and months for him were the three months following the completion of a new

Sanctuary. For ten years, Mayfield had struggled and at last accomplished what some members hoped to live long enough to see, and that was the building of a new Sanctuary.

Today, the total physical plant of Mayfield is comprised of an educational building with 54 rooms, 4 assembly rooms and a Fellowship hall, a scout hut, a Sanctuary building with a seating capacity of 1,350 persons, a choir room-chapel facility, and 8 auxiliary rooms. Mayfield has amassed ownership of more than 20 acres of land and five dwelling houses. Under construction is to be found a complex of homes for elderly and handicapped citizens. The total assets of Mayfield is between seven and eight million dollars and liabilities total about two and one half million dollars.

Under the leadership of Rev. Diggs, Mayfield has been able to organize itself into more than 30 auxiliaries that do the work, to a large degree, that it would be almost impossible to get done on a larger scale. These auxiliaries cover almost every area of concern that is commonly known to the average parishioner. Athletic teams, Benevolent committees, Senior Citizen's organization, graded choirs, and A-1 Missionary Circle, Girl and Boy Scouts, and a Tutorial Program make up the auxiliaries.

In the winter of 1983, the Sugar Creek Road School of Religion became one of the latest additions to the number of things organized and operated by Mayfield. Degrees in Theology and Religion are being offered through evening classes. More than 32 persons were enrolled in the last semester just closed.

Pastor & Mrs. Diggs are both active in the Baptist State Convention and Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. Mrs. Diggs serves as Vice President of the Women's convention. She is a member of the executive Board of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv., member and Board member of Women's auxiliary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Conv., member and immediate past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mt. Peace Association, member of the Interdenominational Minister's wife's Alliance of Mecklenburg County, Baptist Minister's Wives of the G.B.S. Conv., of N.C., Mecklen-

burg Association's Minister's Wives Alliance, The International Interdenominational Minister's Wives and Widow's Alliance, Mayfield Memorial Baptist church, and the World Baptist Alliance.

Pastor Diggs is a member of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Executive Board of Mr. Peace Association, Vice Moderator of Mt. Peace Association, Board of Directors of the Mecklenburg Association, Community Relations Committee of Charlotte, Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Vice Chairman of General Board of General

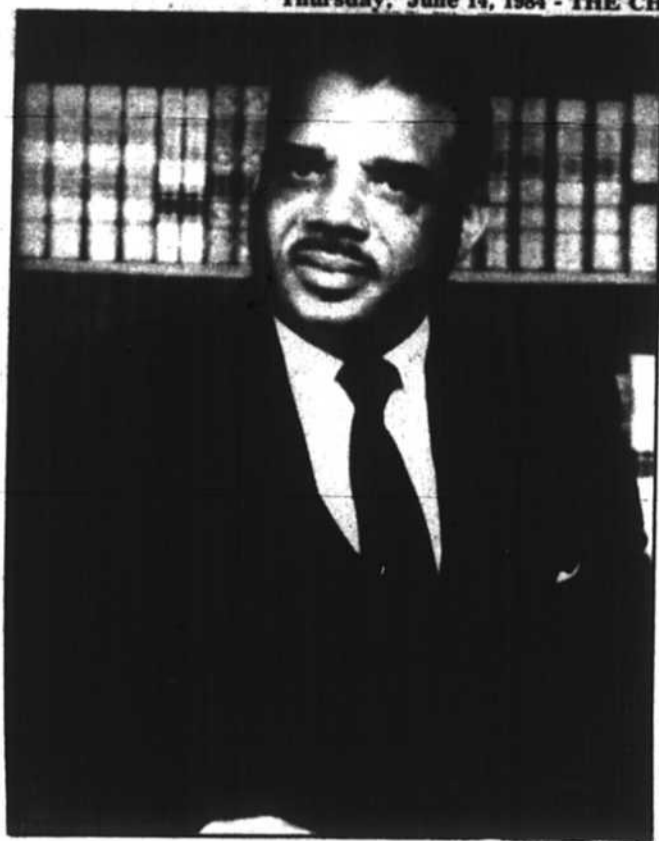
Baptist State Convention of N.C., Management Committee of General Baptist State Conv. of N.C., Personnel Committee of G.B.S. Conv. of N.C., Progressive National Baptist Conv. U.S.A., Board of Progressive National Baptist Conv., U.S.A., North Carolina Council of Churches, National Council of churches of Christ in U.S.A., World Baptist Alliance, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, President of Christian Minister's Fellowship of Mecklenburg County, Inmate Grievance Committee of the State of North Carolina.

Having traveled

extensively, Pastor Diggs has toured the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Nassau, Bahamas, Barbados, Germany, Switzerland, France, Sweden, Denmark, England, and 49th state Hawaii.

Pastor and Mrs. Diggs are the parents of six children: Robbie, Harold, Jr., Charles, Wayne, Darryl, and Rocita. They are the grandparents of Tramell, Tamika, Daniel, Pia, and Brandon.

The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Family invites the entire public to share with them as they honor a team who has done so much for so many since coming to the Charlotte community.



Rev. Harold S. Diggs  
..An able leader

## Summer Clinic

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte will be hosting a summer clinic for junior and senior high school cheerleaders. Sponsored and conducted by Eastern Cheerleaders Association, the clinic is scheduled for July 27-30.

The program includes all phases of cheerleading for all levels of experience from beginner to advanced. Individuals and squads are welcome. Sponsors may attend; however they are not required to attend.

For additional information, contact Eastern Cheerleaders Association, P.O. Box, 475, South Hill, Va. 23970, or call 804-636-2000.

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## Cannon Trust Donates \$100,000 To Livingstone

Livingstone College has received a \$100,000 grant from the Cannon Charitable Trust Number One, according to an announcement by Dr. William H. Greene, president of the college.

The gift will be used toward the purchase of the S.E. Duncan School facility from the Salisbury City School Board.

According to Dr. Greene, "The Cannon Charitable Trust Number One has made an outstanding effort to assist in enhancing and expanding the educational and community service capabilities of Livingstone College. We are certainly grateful and excited for its support."

With the purchase of the additional facility, which is slated to house the entire education department, laboratory space and several additional resources, the college will also be able to continue its community outreach programs such as tutoring and reading assistance for pre-school and elementary school children in the community.

"We want to strengthen our academic programs. We also want to insure our capability to develop and offer educational experiences for citizens who are seeking employment opportunities, career advancement or self-fulfillment," Dr. Greene

stressed. Tentative plans also include the restoration of the Ida H. Duncan Art Gallery and the Black History Museum which were previously housed under the auspices of the Salisbury City Schools.

## Class Reunion

The Myers Park High School class of 1974, will hold its ten-year reunion on Saturday, June 23, at Latta Park and Queens College.

For additional information and reservations call Nancy Dorton Harrall at 553-0332 or Bruce Hensley at 372-4403. Reservations should be made immediately.

## Baptist Ushers

RALEIGH - The 35th Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention will be held on the dates of July 10, 11 and 12.

The host church will be the First Baptist Church, corner of Granville and Front Street, Oxford, NC, Reverend Lacy Joyner, pastor.

Highlighting the Convention will be the Usher's Procession for Christ. The Convention is asking 1000 ushers to march for Christ at 9:45 Wednesday morning, July 11, 1984.

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