

**Church News Briefs**

# AME Zion Conference Holding Western North Carolina Session Here

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

The 94th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the AME Zion Church is now underway and will end Sunday, July 8.

The theme of the Annual Conference is "Committed To The Commission." The Right Rev. William M. Smith, Senior Bishop of the First Episcopal District, will preside. The Rev. William M. White Sr. is host pastor.

Friday, July 6, will mark Missionary Night. This evening session will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Civic Center, 101 S. College Street. Ida M. Smith will preside.

Saturday's session, July 7, will be devoted to conference business and is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. This session will be held at Little Rock AME Zion Church, 501 N. McDowell Street.

On July 8, Sunday, the session will be held in the Charlotte Civic Center. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Morning Worship services at 11 a.m. The Right Rev. William M. Smith will deliver the morning sermon. The choir from Little Rock will provide music.

The final session Sunday will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the center. Memorial service for all deceased ministers including laymen will be held.

At 7:30 p.m. the Fellowship Banquet will be held at the Civic Center. Iris Battle and staff will host this event.

Meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall of Little Rock AME Zion Church during the following hours: breakfast from 7-9 a.m.; lunch from noon-1:30 p.m.; and dinner from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Western N.C. Annual Conference is supervised by six presiding elders: Presiding Elders Smith Turner III, Charlotte District; Horace G. Walsep, N.C. District; George Godfrey, Statesville; S. I. Clement, Lincolnton District; Lee C. Siler, Salisbury District; and Richard J. Harris II, Winston-Salem District.

The conference, composed of approximately 200 churches, will welcome The Right Rev. William M. Smith, Senior Bishop of the First Episcopal District. He is married to Ida M. Smith, Missionary Supervisor.

Bishop Smith holds many outstanding positions in the general church and various other organizations. He is chairman of the Church Extension Board, Board of Trustees, Livingstone College, Salisbury, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala.; National Chairman of the Centennial Campaign, Livingstone College and Hood Seminary; Vice Chairman of the Publishing House Law Activities; member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Bank; National Board of the NAACP; Mobile United Fund of Mobile County; America's Junior Miss Pageant,



Rev. William Lee Jr.  
To be honored



Rev. Leon Riddick  
Silver Mt. speaker



Elder Victor Gooden  
Mt. Moriah speaker

Inc.; Government Board-National Council of Churches of Christ in America; Executive Board of the World Methodist Church Council; Mayor's Commission of Progress-Mobile Steering Committee of the NAACP; and was elected last June in Philadelphia as president of the North American Section of the World Methodist Council, including North America, Canada and Mexico. Bishop Smith is also listed in EBONY magazine as one of the 100 most influential black men in America. He is active in several other civic and spiritual endeavors, but space does not permit listing them all.

Rev. William M. White Sr., host pastor, issues a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this annual event and to hear Bishop Smith speak Sunday, 11 a.m., at the Civic Center.

Many other services for the conference were and will be held at Little Rock AME Zion Church. Many well-known figures such as Harvey Gantt and presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, bishops of Zion and others have visited and delivered addresses at Little Rock. Myrtle Hall, soloist with the Billy Graham Crusade, was also presented in concert recently. (Conference Reporter: Audrey G. Wall)

**M-GBAWA**  
The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary will hold an Inspiration Program Sunday, July 8, at Gallie Baptist Church, 2935 Shady Lane. Rev. F. A. Griffin, host pastor.

All ladies who are members of the auxiliary are asked to wear white to this service which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited. Rev. L. D. Jefferies, pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Charlotte's president of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary is Druccilla Grier.

**GREEN OAKS**  
Revival is still in progress at Green Oaks Baptist Church, 1505 Kennon St. Until July 6, Rev. Charles Fairchild, pastor of Greater

Faith Baptist Church, Waukegan, Ill., will deliver the sermons.

Devotional service begins at 6:30 p.m. and service at 7:30 p.m. Various choirs will be featured as well as the melodious voice of Rev. Fairchild. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. M. N. Kelty is host pastor.

**FIRST MAYFIELD**  
First Mayfield Baptist Church will hold Missionary Day Sunday, July 8, at 3 p.m.

Rev. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Rock Pilgrim Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. The choir and congregation of the church will accompany him.

Rev. Jeremiah Robinson is host pastor. The public is cordially invited. First Mayfield is located at 901 Oaklawn Ave.

**FIRST MT. CALVARY**  
The Annual Woman's Day Program at First Mt. Calvary Baptist will be held Sunday, July 8, during the 11 a.m. service and at 3 p.m.

Speaker for the morning service will be Eula Hawthorne, wife of the church's minister, Rev. James Hawthorne.

Rev. Minnie Connor will be the speaker for the afternoon program which will begin at 3 p.m.

The program's theme will be "Shaping The World Through Christian Influence."

The public is invited. Rosa Pittman is church reporters. Rev. James Hawthorne, pastor. First Mt. Calvary is located at 209 West 28th Street.

**REID MEMORIAL**  
The regular monthly meeting of the South Iredell Branch of the NAACP will be held at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, on N. Broad St., 5 p.m., Sunday, July 8.

All members of the organization and others interested are urged to attend.

**SILVER MOUNT**  
Rev. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mt. Baptist Church, will be honored Sunday, July 8, at a special 18th Annual Day Appreciation. The service begins at 2:30 p.m. and will

feature Rev. Dr. Leon Riddick as guest speaker.

Dr. Riddick is pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Music will be rendered by the choir of Mt. Carmel and other choirs.

The pastor's appreciation dinner will be served from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Rev. William Crank, pastor of First Corinthians Baptist Church, and Rev. Frank Murphy, pastor of Truth Tabernacle Church of God, will serve as Masters of Ceremonies.

During the 11 a.m. worship service, Rev. Lee will deliver his annual Appreciation Message. Music will be rendered by the Silver Mt. Radio Choir, the Ushers' Chorus, and the Hymn Choirs—One and Two.

Rev. Lee is active both civically and spiritually within the community. He is director of the Metrolina Seminary and works diligently to help many within the community.

An invitation is extended to the public. Silver Mt. is located on Old Pineville Rd. in south Charlotte.

**WOMEN'S AGLOW**  
On July 10 at the Idlewild Country Club, 10141 Idlewild Rd.,

Genevieve "Mom" Wheeler will be the guest speaker at the Women's Aglow Fellowship.

Mrs. Wheeler and her husband, Rev. Walter Wheeler, are involved in a rehabilitation home for girls 14 years and up who have been involved in drug addiction, alcoholism, delinquency and other serious problems. "Mom" and "Pop" Wheeler tell these young women how to find peace and happiness in Jesus Christ.

Some of the young ladies will be present to testify. Also toiletries and canned foods will be taken up for the young ladies.

This meeting will include a dinner at 6:30 (\$7). The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, call Maria Pleva at 598-6066 or Jan Smith at 831-7070.

**MT. MORIAH**  
Members of Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will celebrate their 93rd Homecoming celebration July 8, during the 11 a.m. service.

Elder Victor E. Gooden, pastor of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the 11 a.m. service and for the "Spiritual Emphasis Week."

Fellowship and dinner will follow the morning service. Mt. Moriah is located at 747 W. Trade St. and is pastored by Elder Thomas W. Samuels.

The 3 p.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Paul W. Drummond. Holy Communion Service will begin at 6 p.m.

On Friday, parents and friends were invited to the closing program. Following the program students and visitors displayed crafts and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner.

Jacqueline Ward was the director of the Vacation Bible School. Persons assisting Ms. Ward included Constance Powell, Terry Flack, Gwen Frazier, Yolanda Woods and Gloria Sanders. LaGretta Davis and Eurania Young also aided in teaching the classes. Ruebeuna Flack taught kindergarten while Marian Jenkins and Mildred Sanders took care of the refreshments.

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church is located at 2806 Statesville Ave.

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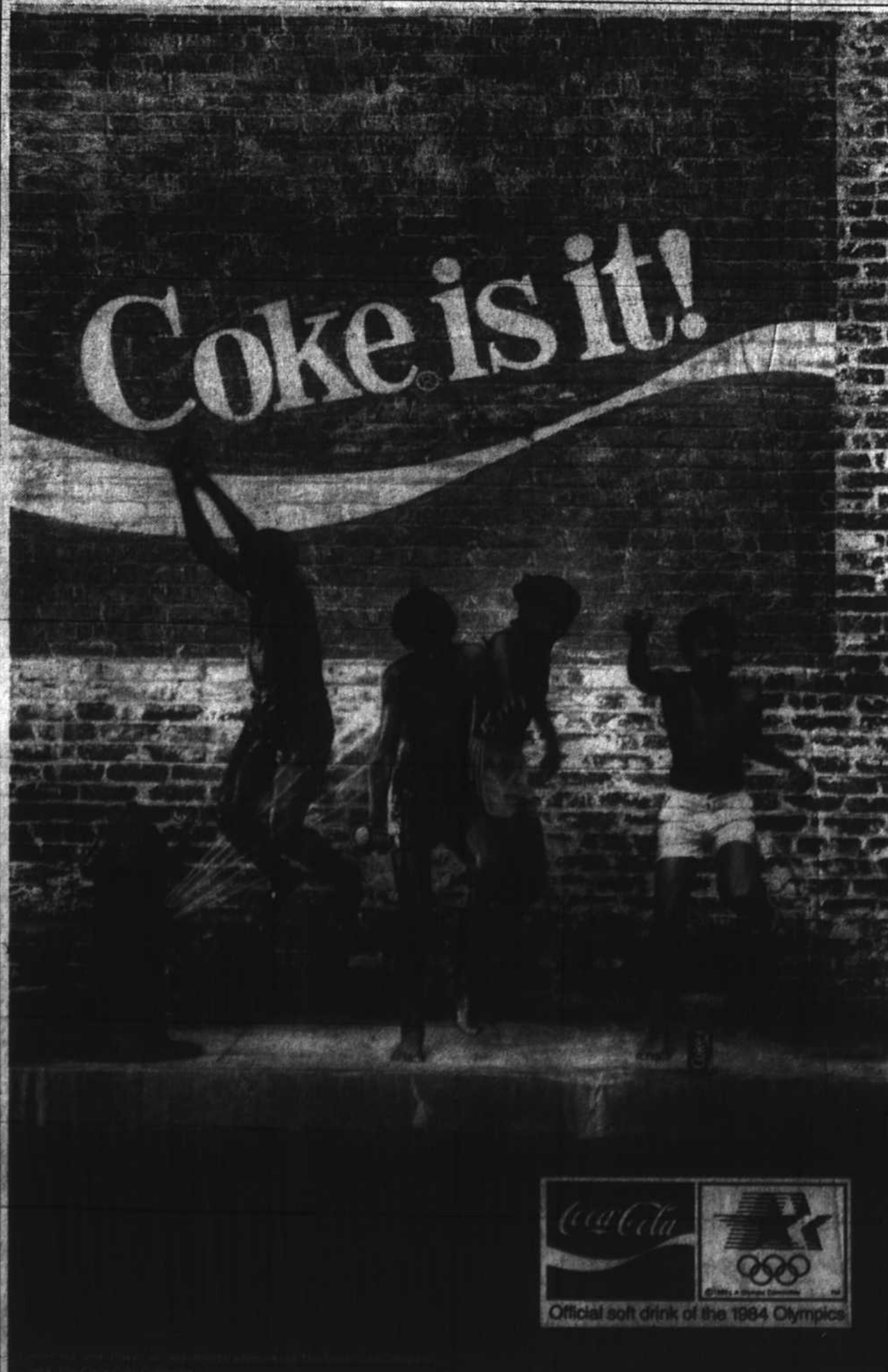
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