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**At United House Of Prayer**

**58th Annual Holy Convocation Begins Sunday!**

By Audrey C. Lodato  
Post Staff Writer

The 58th Annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer For All People opens this Sunday with an introductory sermon by Apostle C. B. Gibson, pastor of the Motherhouse and State Chairman of the churches in North Carolina. The Motherhouse is located at 2321 Beatties Ford Road.

Alfred Cloud, Director of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens in the Community, an organization within the United House of Prayer, reports that the Holy Convocation will be attended by church representatives from 32 states. The Convocation is also open to the general public.

The purpose of the Convocation, said Cloud, is to "highlight the year with the Holy Week. The Church year ends at the Convocation and starts over into a new year." The General Council, made up of pastors and chairmen from the various states, meets during the day hours to settle matters of church business.

The Honorable W. McCollough, Bishop, will be presiding over the Convocation, which commences at 11 a.m. this Sunday with introductory services by the pastor, Apostle C.B. Gibson. There will be nightly musical programs and preaching throughout the week. Other activities planned include the McCollough Scholarship Softball Game, scheduled for Saturday, October 6, at 2 at West Charlotte Senior High and a Baptismal Service on Sunday, October 7, at the House of Prayer at 11 a.m. The Baptismal Service will be followed at 2 p.m. by a Band Exhibition on the grounds.



Bishop McCollough  
.....Distinguished leader

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Cloud noted that the local area churches, as well as House of Prayer missions throughout the state, will be closed during the week, as all activity will be concentrated at

the Motherhouse.

Although one might expect an active church member of any denomination to speak well of his or her congregation, Al Cloud's enthusiasm

is contagious. "It's my life, it's my joy," he avowed. "I wouldn't swap it for anything in the world. It's the cause of me being who I am and how I am," he continued. The United

House of Prayer has a lot to offer young people, Cloud attested.

The House of Prayer was founded by Bishop Charles Emmanuel Grace. According to records, Bi-

shop Grace came to America in 1903 from a Portuguese island. He spent the next 18 years learning the customs of his adopted land. His church, begun in Massachusetts, was incorporated in 1921.

During 1923-1924, Bishop Grace, better known to his followers as "Sweet Daddy Grace,"

traveled to the Holy Land and spent time in Jerusalem in pursuit of the Gospel. Upon his return to the United States, he began preaching from city to city.

In 1926, he came to Charlotte and pitched a tent at Third and Caldwell. That was the beginning of the House of Prayer in Charlotte.

From Charlotte, the Bishop traveled to other parts of the South, starting churches in the cities he visited. According to a church spokesman, the church remains strongest in those locations he visited in the early years.

From its beginnings at Third and Caldwell, the Charlotte church has moved many times. First, the House of Prayer relocated to Long St., and then, in 1954, to a new temple on McDowell. During the redevelopment of the Brooklyn area in 1969, the temple was torn down. The present Motherhouse on Beatties Ford Road was completed in 1970.

The Motherhouse oversees the smaller churches, known as missions, throughout the state. In the Charlotte area alone, there are 10 missions, according to Cloud. Local membership numbers around 6,000. Nationally, membership is around six million.

Apostles and Elders from the Mecklenburg area include the following: Apostle E. C. Taylor, Charlotte No. 2; Apostle J. Wynn, Biddleville Mission; Apostle C. Bailey, North Charlotte; Elder R. Belton, First Ward; Apostle H. Williams, Third Ward; Apostle N. Rhynes, Jr., Matthews; Elder J. Taylor, Concord; Apostle S. Ford, Derita; Apostle D. C. Truesdale, Huntersville; Apostle R. Patton, Gastonia; Elder E. Webb, Mallard Creek; Elder J.C. Crawford, Mooresville; Elder W. Baxter, Statesville; Elder N. Goode, Hickory; Apostle F. Barringer, Dallas; and Apostle J. Henderson, Lancaster, S.C.

**Friends Of JCSU**

**Launch Series Of**

**New Activities**

The newly-formed Friends of Johnson C. Smith University kicks off its 1984-85 schedule of public activities with an inaugural dinner at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 27, in the Grimes Lounge of the Student Union center. University President, Dr. Robert Albright, will be the dinner speaker.

Over 150 members recruited during the summer will help celebrate the start of a series of activities that will focus on supporting the arts on campus in its initial year. Scheduled events will include a President's Champagne Reception as part of the First Nighters' Theatre Party for the Ira Aldridge Drama Guild's annual major production; a reception following the December Christmas Vesper Service; a dinner party for area Chapter I high school students; and a Spring banquet.

"The purpose of the association is to bring more interaction from the community to the campus," explained Elizabeth Randolph, co-chairperson along with Gerson Stroud of the Friends of JCSU. "We'll be emphasizing different types of activities each year."

One activity of note will be choosing a recipient for the McKinney Memorial Fund Award established upon the death of Martha Llyod McKinney in the name of Mr. and Mrs. McKinney. Theophilus E. McKinney was Dean of Academic Affairs for many years at Johnson C. Smith.

**National Surveys Indicate Depression Widespread**

By Charles Blackburn  
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Special To The Post

Durham - Preliminary results from nationwide surveys indicate that more than 15 million Americans may be suffering from depression without realizing it, according to a Duke University Medical Center psychiatrist.

Dr. William Zung said the data tends to support an earlier study at Duke in which hidden or masked depression was diagnosed in 143 of 1,000 patients seen at the medical center's Family Medicine Clinic.

"Clinical depression is more than a case of the blues," Zung said. "Other symptoms may include forgetfulness, a persistent loss of appetite, the inability to sleep and constant fatigue or restlessness."

The problem is, many people fail to make the connection between these symptoms and clinical depression, Zung said.

"That's why we speak of it as being hidden or masked. The patient senses that something is wrong, but he doesn't know what."

"Most of us occasionally have insomnia or feel tired, but we don't have these and other symptoms of depression over a long period of time, and they don't occur in clusters," he said.

According to Zung, the condition found in children as well as adults, with the highest incidence in people ages 25 to 44. Twice as many women as men are diagnosed as having the disorder.

"In certain cases, depression may be associated with a chemical

imbalance in the brain or a change in body chemistry," Zung said. "Research indicates that there are different kinds of depression, each requiring its own special type of treatment."

Antidepressant drugs are often used successfully to treat depression, according to Zung. "But you've got to identify it before you can treat it."

Zung has been participating in three nationwide projects from which he is assembling data about depression. All three are aimed at alerting physicians as well as lay people to a common medical problem.

Many older Americans among the more than 1 million who participated in this year's National Health Fair Program took aversion

of the Zung Self-rating Depression Scale. The scale has been used as a diagnostic aid by general practitioners and psychiatrists for more than 20 years. It has been translated into 30 languages.

"We know that clinical depression is under-recognized and therefore under-treated among older Americans," Zung said. "This was an effort to identify the problem and let people know that they can change the way they feel about themselves and life."

He described the Self-rating Depression Scale as a diagnostic tool for monitoring "the emotional vital signs" of a patient. It consists of 20 statements, each of which relates to a specific characteristic of clinical depression in four basic areas: physical, psychological, psycho-

motor and mood.

The patient rates them according to how applicable they are to his or her life during the preceding two weeks. He can check one of four boxes with headings ranging from "None or a little of the time" to "Most or all of the time." Examples include: I get tired for no reason; I have crying spells or feel like it; I am restless and can't keep still.

By using a simple scoring method, the physician can use the scale in conjunction with his own clinical observations to gauge the patient's emotional state.

The scale was given to television viewers last May through a Lifetime Cable Network special on psychological problems called "Your Mental Health."



Elder C.B. Gibson  
.....Motherhouse pastor

**McCullen Applies Her Skills Arranging  
Stunning Hairstyles For Customers**

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Before graduating last June, Wanda McCullen studied cosmetology for three years at East Mecklenburg. She is now a beautician at Rainbow Beauty Center where she applies her skill, arranging stunning hairstyles for clients.

"I do regular hair care essentials such as wash and sets, curls and perms," McCullen confers. "But I especially like to style hair." She stays busy at the newly opened Rainbow Beauty Center, says McCullen. "It's a large salon in a good location."

"I've always enjoyed doing hair," claims the 19 year old and she acquired much experience from working on her own. McCullen prefers a variety of new and different styles. "I'll take a lot of time to do my hair and get it just right," she states. Her finished look often receives compliments from admirers and also requests from friends for hairdos.

Though McCullen enjoys her success with hairstyling she has other ambitions. Currently taking courses at Central Piedmont Community College, she is preparing to enter the University of Asheville in January.



Miss Wanda McCullen  
.....To enter Asheville U.

"I'm definitely looking forward to projects. I'm not decided upon going away to college," she says.

But she's sure that attending college is going to interfere with one of her favorite activities. An "All My Children," "One Life to Live," and "General Hospital" soap opera fan, McCullen acknowledges that classes and study will mean missing a few episodes. But she still can follow another favorite, "Dynasty," which airs at night.

Other interests include listening to Michael Jackson or Prince and evenings at home.

A quiet and demure person, McCullen happens to be a Leo. "People always tell me I don't act like a Leo," she laughs. McCullen concurs, saying she hasn't found any likeness between herself and the very extroverted traits of the Zodiac sign.

McCullen easily admits that her mother is the person she most admires. "She takes very good care of me," McCullen states. This week's beauty attends Greater Galilee Baptist Church.

She's soon to become a college coed but while she is still a beautician, McCullen offers a few tips on hair care. "Keep your hair shampooed and conditioned," she informs. "Don't use curling irons daily because they damage the hair."

**DIRTY-TALK**



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