

## CHURCH NEWS

**News of note**

**•East Charlotte Fellowship,** a satellite of Nations Ford Baptist Church, has added a Wednesday Bible study for children, youth and adults. Services will be held at East Mecklenburg High School, 6800 Monroe Road at 7 p.m.

**•First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church** will offer a "Weekend of Sun and Fun" a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. March 7-9. Round trip cost is \$100 and includes accommodations. For more information, call 333-8256.

**•The Interdenominational Christian Women's Ministerial Association** invites all licensed ministers to meet Tuesday nights at First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1515 Remount Road. For more information, call 332-8335.

Free eye exams will offered at the AME Zion Publishing House, Tuesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 599-4630.

**•Salem Baptist Church**



Lyons

The celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Rev. Anthony Jinwright will continue through Sunday. The Rev. Claude Alexander, will speak tonight at 7 p.m. The Rev. Henry J. Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA will speak Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Marriott City

Center. Tickets are \$30. The week ends Sunday with services at 11 a.m. featuring the Rev. Larry Camp and 5 p.m. featuring the Rev. L.D. Parker. For more information, call 399-5448.

**•Nation of Islam Mosque 36**

**3300 Tuckasegee Road**  
Black Family Day will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. Proceeds will be used to start a college fund for the children of Windy Gail Thompson and James Willie Cooper.

**•Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist**

**39801 Heathcliff Road Concord**  
The mass choir will be in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. Special guests will be Brother and Sister in Christ Fellowship Choir.

**•First Mayfield Memorial Baptist**

**901 Oaklawn Ave.**  
The church will begin a week long celebration Monday for the Rev. C. McArthur Sanders. The guest speaker for the week is the Rev. J. Wendall Mapson, pastor of Philadelphia's Monumental Baptist Church. All services are 7 p.m. A banquet will be held Saturday. The speaker will be the Rev. Paul Drummond of St. Paul Baptist Church. Services end Sunday at 4 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Anderson will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 334-4525.

**•Gethsemane Baptist Church Davidson**

The church will host its annual 12 Tribes program Sunday at 6 p.m.

**•Clement Memorial AME**

**Zion 2207 Newland Road**  
The Christian Education Department will host the 48th Church anniversary, Sunday at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. John G. Gerald, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church.

**•First Mount Calvary Baptist**

**209 W. 28th St.**  
The church will celebrate the anniversary of the Rev. James Hawthorne Sunday. A special service will be held at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Elder John Thompson, pastor of Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church.

**•St. Paul Baptist**

**1401 N. Allen Street**  
The Combination Fellowship of Charlotte will be concert Sunday at 5 p.m.

**•Silver Mount Baptist**  
**501 W. Arrowood Road**  
The Glimpse of Hope Radio Choir will be concert will be in concert Sunday at 6 p.m.

**•Steele Creek AME Zion**  
**1500 Shopton Road**  
The University of the Sun Gospel Choir of UNC Charlotte will in concert Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. James Phifer will be the guest minister.

**•Reeder Memorial Baptist**  
**3725 Beatties Ford Road**  
The Youth Department will host a youth celebration for Black History Month Feb. 15 and Feb. 23.

**•New St. John Baptist**  
**2000 St. John's Church Road**  
The Rev. Ronnie Gilliam will deliver the 8 a.m. message. The 11 a.m. sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Robert Leak. The theme will be "A Difference: I

Dare You to Try."

**•The Ministry of Reconciliation All Saints Episcopal Church 6600 The Plaza**  
"An Anointed Healing and Deliverance Service" will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. featuring Evangelist Tina Patrice Johnson.

**•New Vision Full Gospel Baptist**  
**101 S. Hoskins Road**  
The women of the church will present "100 Women of Praise and Power Prayer Breakfast" Saturday at 10 a.m.

**•The Layman's League of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association** will present 200 Men in Black, Sunday at 5 p.m. The program will be held at Chappell Memorial Baptist Church, 110 Bradford Drive. The speaker will be the Rev. Norman E. Kerry.

**•New Life Fellowship Center** is forming a choir for children age 7 - 17. Rehearsals are Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Garr Memorial Church, 7700 Wallace Road. For more information, call 566-1853.

**•C.N. Jenkins Presbyterian 1421 Statesville Ave.**  
Delano Rackard will speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

**•Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Bone Marrow Wanted** will sponsor a bone marrow drive at St. Paul Baptist Church, 1401 North Allen Street Sunday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call 547-0627.

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### The Prophet's Column

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Another rich man died and lifted up his eyes in hell and cried for me to warn his son that his son not go to that place of torment.

SON, REMEMBER, you had good things in this life. And I cannot warn your son anymore.

Your son and I worked at the office together and your son did me much evil, as Paul said of Alexander. Your son had every opportunity to side in with the despised Christ and His servant. But your son sided with those who were slandering me and believed their slander. No, son, I can no longer warn your son here. He, too, decided to love his life here. And your son was fearful of the world, and would not stand with the despised servant of the Lord. And the curtain is

closed, your son's eternal destiny is fixed. One of the ways God has of reprobating a sinner is by withdrawing all godly influences from that sinner. When God does that, the sinner is reprobated. My friends, if you love your life in this world, you shall hate your life in the next. I don't know if I have said anything in this letter that will help some of you or not. But I will tell you this; you need my Christ, you can not afford to go out as you came in. You cannot afford to go into eternity without Christ. Will you repent? Will you fall at

His feet crowning Him as your Lord and your Saviour? It will be 25 years next month since God saved me. I praise the Lord that He laid hold of my heart and saved me. And I know of a truth that the greatest thing in all this universe is just to know Christ. Some are not with us now who were here last year, this year found them in eternity. This year, I'm looking for the coming of my Lord, are you? And may you who say you want Christ turn to Him.

Your Gospel Editor and Teacher, J.M. Little

## Clinton Chapel carves out niche

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around."

In 1966, the congregation moved to its current location on Rozzelles Ferry Road, where it has served as a meeting place for Seversville residents for more than 30 years. The group brought the building which was occupied by Durham Memorial Baptist Church.

"We have started to grow,"

Gaston said. "We have opened our doors to people who need a place to meet. A church is the more than just a place to worship, it a safe place to meet and talk. Clinton Chapel is located in an area where it needs to be used to benefit folk."

Clinton Chapel's history makes it even more important to preserve, Gaston said. Every

day he works in the church's History Room, adding new artifacts, talking to members and acquiring old photographs. It has become a mission for him and his congregation of 400.

Gaston has added an oral history center, where members and Seversville residents can record their personal memories of the church and area. One of the first

oral histories is an interview with Charlotte historian Dan Morrill, who talks about Charlotte's past and Clinton Chapel's role in it.

It's tough job, but for Clinton Chapel and Gaston, it is important.

"I have been here for 15 years," he said. "Clinton Chapel has always served a purpose here and it always will."

## Help available for weary ministers

By Gary D Robertson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH - It may surprise some church members, but their pastors are human, too.

Working in the church can be a lonely business at times for ministers who find themselves put on spiritual pedestals by members of their flock. Those countless funerals, hospital visits and counseling sessions can also bring gloom.

Add to the mix a busy schedule and the minister's problems with their own marriages and families and the result, professionals say, can be depression, stress and even a lack of faith can follow.

"It's emotionally draining," said the Rev. Virginia Herring, rector at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, who led a task force on pastoral wellness.

Helping pastors find ways to cope with the loneliness and stress associated with their work is gaining interest from denominations and the ministers themselves. Counseling centers are creating programs specifically for pastors who are burned out or stressed out.

"We're no different from anybody else," Herring said.

Stress is really nothing new for American ministers. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Methodist circuit-riders traveled from congregation to congregation along the frontier - pretty much forming a job description as they went along. The work meant spending months on the road at a time and preparing sermons for multiple services. They seldom married and often faced the wilds of the West alone.

Today's ministers are more likely to work with only one

congregation, but they are driven more than ever to succeed. And like their parishioners, ministers can feel overworked, underpaid and unappreciated, says Archibald Hart, a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Ministers responding to Herring's survey were working 55 to 60 hours per week.

Others studies have found that 70 percent of the pastors surveyed said they didn't have a close friend they could talk with about their problems. Another study cited by Hart revealed most ministers who get help for depression or burnout do so only because someone made them.

"It's the very character of pastors and their roles that make them think they are perfectly capable of handling their own lives," Hart said. "But that's a misconceived idea of what pastors are all

about."

Several programs are helping pastors get a grip back on their lives.

The Kettering Clergy Care Center in Dayton, Ohio, offers counseling referrals and support for ministers and other full-time church workers. The calls come from members of a 3,400-member national clergy association. About 70 calls were logged in for October.

"The clergy vocation brings its own wrinkles to it," said the Rev. Robert Peach, a Seventh-Day Adventist pastor and center counselor. "Some of them have the same problems that any person would encounter" such as marriage woes and wayward kids.

Pastors wondering if they should stay in the ministry or looking for a renewed vision can attend the "Turning Point" program at the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem.

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