

CHURCH NEWS

News of note

•Hampton University will host its 83rd Minister's Conference, June 2-6. This year's theme will be "The Future of the Black Church: Where Are We Going and How Do We Get There?" Invited speakers and panelists include, Bishop John Hurst Adams, Bishop Cecil Bishop, Bishop Nathaniel Linsey and Dr. Henry Lyons. For more information, call (757)727-5255.

•Abyssinian Ministries and H.O. Graham Metropolitan Presbyterian Church will provide Back Yard Story Hours for inner city youth this summer. Neighborhoods are invited to host story hours June 16-Aug. 1 in homes, day camps and churches. Training sessions will be held at H. O. Graham, 2926 Old Steele Creek Road, Saturday at 1 p.m. and June 16-20 at 7 p.m. For more

information, call 567-2249 or 375-2116.

Thursday

•Zion Renaissance Expo continues through Saturday at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 South McDowell St. The expo will focus on health and wellness issues for African Americans. For more information, call 333-3779.

•The Primitive Baptist Church's North Carolina/Virginia State Youth Crusade continues through Saturday. The guest evangelist is Elder Jeffrey T. Reaney, pastor of Christian Union Primitive Baptist Church, Mobile Ala. Local services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Holly Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Highway 29, Concord and Saturday at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church, 2230 Bancroft St.

Friday

•Little Rock A.M.E. Zion
401 N. McDowell St.
"Legacies of Courage," May 30-31 at 6:30 p.m. Play focuses on the lives and achievements of African American women. Written and directed by Cheryl "Sparkle" Mosley. For more ticket information, call 334-3782.

Saturday

•New Shiloh Baptist
2600 Elmin St.
Funday begins at 7 a.m. Events include a yard sale, fish fry and cake walk.

Sunday

•Greater Mount Sinai

Baptist

1243 West Blvd.

The church will celebrate its 64th anniversary at 11 a.m. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Stanley Hall of New Salem Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

•Good News Missionary Baptist
4409D N. Tryon St.

Women's Day will be observed Sunday. At 11 a.m. the Rev. Amanda Gray of Temple Chapel Baptist Church will deliver the message. At 4 p.m., the Rev. Mary Kendall of Cedar Grove A.M.E. Zion Church will speak.

•Pleasant Hill Baptist
517 Baldwin Ave.

The church will celebrate its 127th anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Larry Hill of Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church.

•Agape Covenant Temple will host the Rev. John Thompson and the New Cornerstone Ministries of Jesus Christ of Concord Sunday at 6:30 at the Quality Inn-Crown Point. For more information, call 845-1477.

Upcoming events

•Friendship Missionary Baptist

3301 Beatties Ford Road
Art Expo, June 7 at 10 a.m.
Sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Group.

•First Mayfield Memorial Baptist
901 Oaklawn Ave.
Choir concert, June 8 at 4 p.m.



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S.C. native vows to return to roots

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across America, under which local property taxes provide most school money. Because that raises the most money in affluent areas, he says, it assures that the haves will keep on having while have-nots will suffer, maybe even turn to crime.

"Some will go to Yale and the others will go to jail," he declares. Jackson urges a higher income tax coupled with a dramatic increase in state aid — guarantee-

ing more for schools in the inner city and dirt-poor rural areas. Far from making him a radical, that merely puts him on the same side as Democratic leaders and even Republican Gov. Jim Edgar.

But suburban Republicans whose home folks would foot the bill look on in stony silence as Jackson preaches his gospel.

Haves and have-nots is a favorite topic these days.

"Americans are comfortable talking about black and white," Jackson says. "We're not as com-

fortable talking about haves and have nots."

For all the demonstrations and boycotts, Jackson's stock-in-trade has always been the ability to thunder like an Old Testament prophet. And there has been no erosion of that.

Jackson watchers say such questions don't even enter his mind. They say he's far too fully steeped in the traditions of the civil rights movement: Power always just out of reach, improv-

ising a necessity, working inside the system or out — but usually out.

If one battle is lost, another is always waiting to be fought, says University of Maryland political scientist Ronald Walters, a longtime Jackson friend, and somehow the means will be found to fight it.

"For Jesse Jackson," says Walters, "the battle is always just over the next hill."

Flag flap part of changing South

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"You're debating it," Gans said. "Thirty years ago that wouldn't have happened."

Others, however, aren't as hopeful. Dwight Drake, a Columbia lawyer and Democratic activist, sees little positive benefit from the spotlight.

"This isn't the sort of thing you can measure or calculate, but it can have a lasting negative effect," he said. "These incidents reflect a lack of tolerance, of accommodation for people who are different — and that's kind of dangerous," Drake said.

Rep. Fletcher Smith, D-Greenville, places the blame for rising intolerance in the state and nation on former President Ronald Reagan.

The Reagan administration, he said, "sent a message to Republicans that it was no longer necessary to have a consensus on the race issue with blacks and the Democrats, that it was time to turn the clock back."

Smith, a black attorney born in New York, said he worries that with adults displaying intolerance and the future will be a throwback to the racist culture of an earlier time.

"We're going back toward the 1940s," he said.

But Tim Scott, a black Republican who serves on the Charleston County Council, said state and national problems have far deeper roots.

"We're experiencing a crisis of morality, a crisis of diversity in that we've not figured out how to live together, play together, work together and still see ourselves as individuals," Scott said.

Brian Siegel, a Furman University sociologist who has lived in South Carolina since 1981, said intolerance has a long history in America and else-

where.

Siegel said there is no lack of themes to nurture it today, with some embracing a paranoia of conspiracy where some whites and some blacks see government as a deadly enemy.

"In good economic times, the frequency (of complaints) should decrease," he said. "Lots of indicators suggest we are in good economic times, yet the frequency seems to be increasing."

Ministers hope to make changes

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of business is to learn the "talents" of his congregation.

"I'm still finding out what talents different members of the congregation have," Arrington said. "I'm still discovering what the congregations gifts are and developing ministries that utilize those skills."

Arrington replaced the Rev. Walter McKelvey, who was appointed to head Gammom Seminary, part of the Atlanta

University Center last winter.

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church named the Rev. John Pharr interim pastor earlier this year. Pharr, who returned to Charlotte after retiring as pastor of a Washington, D.C. church in 1994 as served as interim pastor at two local churches.

"It's about the same as being a full time pastor," Pharr said. "Only you know your serving time between pastors. You try to keep ministries afloat and tide the church over until a

new minister arrives."

A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Union Theological Seminary, the Rock Hill native said he and his wife Rosa always planned to move to Charlotte.

Being an interim minister doesn't bother Pharr.

"I never left the ministry," he said. "I am just at another stage of the ministry. The ministry is a life long calling for me. I've just gone from one stage to another."

AME Zion Expo begins

By Jeri Young
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The AME Zion Church's Brotherhood Pensions and Ministerial Relief department will continue Zion's Renaissance Expo '97 through Saturday.

The four-day event, which combines health and wellness with spirituality, features workshops, book signings and ground breaking services for the 86-acre Wellness Center.

The center, which opened last year, features three exam areas where visitors can get low-cost health care.

Registration for the event is \$90. Child care will be provided for a nominal fee.

Highlights of Zion's Renaissance Expo:

Thursday
9 a.m. - noon - Brotherhood pensions and ministerial relief panel
12:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. -



Luncheon/fashion show
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Seminars
7:30 p.m. - Gospel singing

Friday

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Sessions on tax issues for churches
11:30 a.m. - Ground breaking service
7:30 p.m. - Seminar

Computerization in churches

Saturday

9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Update on brotherhood pensions and ministerial relief

All events will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 South McDowell St. For registration information, call 372-4100.

Due a change in printers, the deadline for Church News will change to Monday at noon beginning June 15.

SIMPSON-GILLESPIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Carl Arrington, Senior Pastor

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