



MORE THAN 200 people participated in Homecoming services at Antioch Baptist Church in Bolivia on Oct. 11, observing the church's 120th anniversary with special services and dinner. This is the first anniversary photograph taken since the late 1950s.

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Antioch Baptist Church Marks 120th Anniversary

Antioch Baptist Church on Midway Road in Bolivia celebrated its 120th anniversary last week, with more than 200 people attending Homecoming services on Oct. 11.

Rev. Tom Lambert, a former interim pastor, delivered the message. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, who served the church from 1951 to 1953, attended the service.

According to Elaine Phelps, church clerk, Antioch has had 37 pastors (excluding interim pastors) since its organization in 1867, beginning with Rev. John Paul Lennon who served the church quarter-time. In the mid 1930s, the church moved from half-time to full-time under the ministry of Rev. E.W. Pate.

Rev. Robert E. Bogart, the current

pastor, said the church is still an active witness in the community and that it has had dedicated pastors in its 120-year history.

"From a tiny wooden frame structure in the 19th century to the modern, three-unit sanctuary, educational building and fellowship hall of today," he said, "Antioch continues

her vital concern for Brunswick County."

Under Bogart's ministry the church has also established an annual Fourth of July event honoring those who serve in local government. Past guest speakers were a former governor of Georgia and a U.S. congressman.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Revival Services Begin Monday

The Shallotte Church of God will hold revival services nightly Oct. 26-30 at 7:30 o'clock.

Guest speaker is the Rev. Franklin Hunt of Fayetteville. Special singing is planned each night.

The church is located on N.C. 179 south of Shallotte.

The pastor, the Rev. William R. Meares, invites everyone to attend.

For Women Only

Information and advice concerning rape and spouse abuse will be presented at an educational program for women of the community Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Little River (S.C.) United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Speakers are to be Vickie Nelson of CASA and Christine Thomas of the Rape Crisis Program, a part of Waccamaw Center for Mental Health in Horry County.

Light refreshments will be served

and audience members will have an opportunity to talk personally with the speakers, said Mary Cobb, communications chairperson for the church.

Turner To Preach

Rev. Scott Turner, minister of Second Baptist Church in Hamlet, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at Calvary Baptist Church Oct. 25-30.

Turner will preach during the 11 a.m. service Sunday and then at 7:30 p.m. each day.

His father, the late Scott Turner Sr., was a former pastor of Calvary Baptist.

Special music is planned for each service.

Rev. Douglas Ponder, pastor, and the congregation, invite the public to attend.

The church is located on N.C. 179, Village Road, in Shallotte.

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

Rev. McGill Returns To Area

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

The Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir will celebrate its anniversary Sunday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m., with Rev. Harry R. McGill of Latta, S.C., as the guest messenger.

Other features of the program include performances by area choirs as well as the church's own young adult, male chorus, youth and Sunday School choirs and The Prodigal Sons, and a fellowship time with refreshments.

Banquet Held

St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Bolivia held its annual religious sociopolitical banquet Oct. 9 at the Brunswick County Government Center Public Assembly Building.

Guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., executive director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice. He explained the theme in the light of the positive outcome of the "Wilmington Ten" experience and how he and others have become much stronger in human dignity, character and love for all who are a part of the struggle to rise above negative philosophy.

The bottom line in his message was love and unity.

At the close of his speech, he called forward Joe Wright, one of the "Wilmington Ten" and now a law school student.

William K. Johnson was master of ceremonies for the event, which was on the theme, "Where We Were, Where We Are and Where Do We Go From Here." Rev. Carlton Bryant gave the invocation. Robert Burgess, Jessie A. Bryant and Winston Brown

gave welcomes from the church and Southport and Cedar Grove NAACP chapters, while James T. Clemmons and Jackie Gore brought greetings from the Brunswick County Board of Education and Brunswick County Citizens League.

Ursula McMillian, "Miss Black Pearl 1967," gave a dramatic reading in which she portrayed Harriet Tubman and other torchbearers for equal rights.

Special recognition was made by Pauline Brown, Rev. Alfonza Fullwood, pastor of St. John, presented plaques to Dr. Chavis and Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant Douglas for their fine representation of all citizens in a fair and equitable manner.

Door prizes were awarded by Shirley Robinson and Aileen Hankins.

The capacity crowd represented all areas of the county. Also present was Rev. Lion White, director of the Commission on Racial Justice southern regional office at Enfield.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Carolyn S. Williams, assistant principal at Bolivia Elementary School; Raymond Green; Blanche Pigott Cox; Lonesse J. George and Bernard McMillian.

Tune In

Be sure to listen to WVCB Radio Station (1410 AM) in Shallotte on Thursday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 a.m. for the Cedar Grove Area News.

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday, listen for the Moments of Inspiration gospel music program.

Weekly Scripture

The scripture for the week comes from Psalm 33:2, "Praise the Lord with the harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings."



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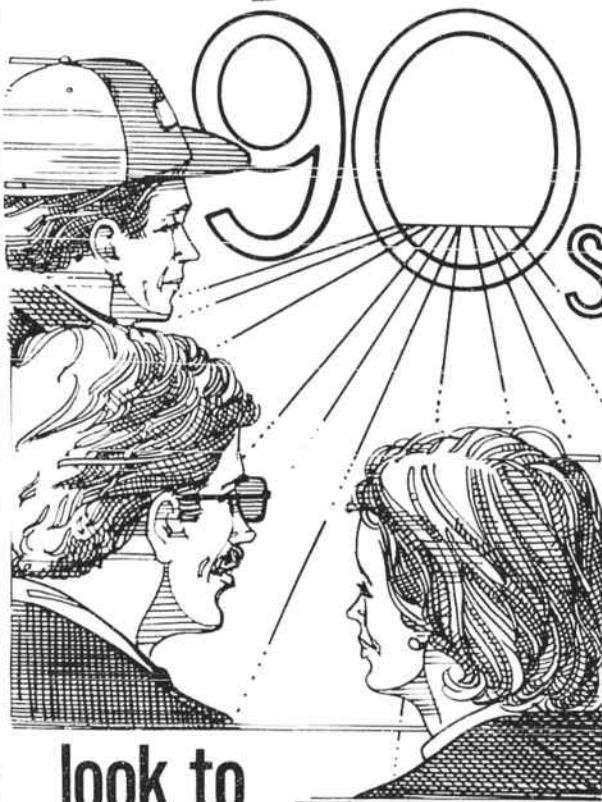
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