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**MUSIC IN THE CHURCH**

BY  
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**PREPARATION FOR CHURCH MUSIC LEADERSHIP**

The musician who feels that God has called him into special service should obtain the best preparation possible for his work. No one should presume that the Lord is satisfied with anything less than the very best type of service that we are capable of rendering to Him. You probably have heard some say that the only effort we need to put forth, is to go and He will go with you, open your mouth and He will speak through you. Personally, I think that too many of us have taken the wrong attitude toward such a statement as a result of misunderstanding the true meaning, and have become lazy when it comes to our preparation. The result is inadequate preparation that ultimately leads to poorly prepared music programs and insufficient service as a whole. In many instances his work has suffered because of the character of music used and inefficiency in leadership and rendition. As a scriptural basis for this discussion, read Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19; Psalms 33:1-3 and Second Timothy 2:15. These have been selected from a great number of references bearing on this subject. At the present time there are many musicians who are under paid for the amount of preparation which they have received at a great sacrifice.

The preparation of every leader of church music should be four-fold if he is to render the greatest service in the most effective way.

**1. Spiritual**

He should be a devoted Christian at home and abroad. A loyal church member, regular in attendance, taking an active part in the service apart from the music. He should be generous in financial support. He should be a soul winner.

**2. Physical**

It is very important that the body should be in a healthy condition in order to have an agreeable disposition, a clear mind, a pleasant voice and a good personality. There are many strenuous duties in the musical work that make it necessary for the musician to have a healthy body.

**3. Mental**

The mental preparation for a success—musician should be three-fold.

a. He should obtain the very best literary training possible, such training will enable him to express himself in good English in public speech or private conversation.

b. Theological training is necessary, a working knowledge of the Bible in order that he may be of use teaching groups and Sunday School classes. He should learn the great doctrines of the Bible, sight reading, history, hymnology, voice culture, conducting, psychology, counter point composition and should be able to play some instrument.

c. He should have experience in conducting choirs, glee clubs, community music societies, teaching soloists, trios, duets and quartets. It will also be fine experience for him to know how to teach a band or orchestra.

**4. The Duties**

In this age of new adjustments, we find new methods, new inventions, in the scientific, economic mechanical and professional world. Every effort should be put forth to improve the old ideas and old way of doing things. The same condition exists in the church.

Many changes need to be made with the one purpose, to carry on more effectively the work of the Lord. The church music program as a whole has made little progress. What does all of this mean? The man or woman who fills the need of the present day church must be more than a choir director. He or she must conduct the music program of the whole church. He holds the same position to the music program of the church as does the educational director to the teaching and training program of the church.

His specific duties are as follow: Director of the choirs, and in charge of all of its activities, leader of congregational singing, regular church services, responsible for song leaders and accompanists in other departments of the church; teach private classes, organizer of special choirs, choruses, and supervisor of the whole church music program.

The music leader, regardless of his specific duties should be in closer contact with the pastor than with any one else. This relationship should be of mutual helpfulness. Both must realize that though their tasks are different their aims and purpose are the same. They should plan their program together and work hand in hand. The accompanist is one of the most vital factors in every phase of religious music. Hymn anthem, and gospel song playing is an art.

We will be greatly criticized for our progressive changes from time to time for the good of the music program, but we must remember that our one aim is to contribute to humanity and please Almighty God.

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## PERSONALS

The Deborah Bible Class of the Mt. Zion Church met at the home of Mrs. Nora Sherrod, Monday night. Mrs. Annie Wells is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrington were host and hostess to guests in an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Emma Joyner of 509 Goldleaf Street on July 5. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson and Mrs. Lottie Best, Goldsboro, and Mrs. E. Whitfield and sister and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pearson of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Dorothy Dunn is back home after an operation at the Park View Hospital. She is doing fine.

Mrs. A. B. Byrd, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Marie Simpson and the Rev. R. W. Underwood attended the Cash County School Convention at the Little Hope Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiggins have just announced the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Morris B. Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. C. of July 17. They will make their home in Rocky Mount.

B. F. Rawlins of Atlantic Avenue has undergone an operation at the Park View Hospital and is now home where he is reported recuperating rapidly.

The St. John A.M.E. Zion Church usher board held its regular meeting Sunday at the home of Mrs. Maggie Jeffery. Members and friends present were the Rev. and Mrs. F. Lowe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Levy Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Lawrence, Mrs. Lena J. Hines, John Barr, Miss Estel Watson, Miss Nancy Harper, Mrs. Emma Harrington, Mrs. Fannie Campbell, John Whitehurst, Mrs. Essie Cunniff, Mrs. Lena McQueen, Mrs. Magdoff, Mrs. Ann Johnson, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Rosetta Faison, Mrs. Bessie Fount, Mrs. Emma Faison and Mrs. Bessie Garrett Goldsboro.

John J. Hines has returned to the city after visiting in Baltimore, New Jersey and New York with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Lawrence spent their vacation in Norfolk, Va. with relatives and friends.

John Joyner, Messrs. Cicero Battle, Sr. Miss Mary Lee Sumler, Miss Mary L. Battle, and Miss Pearl Scott were recently called to Washington, D. C., to attend the funeral of their sister's husband, Spottswood Bolling. While there, they visited Misses Maggie and Gladys Battle, daughters of Mrs. Cicero Battle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Battle honor-

## CHURCH NEWS

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

Rev. E. C. Ward is holding a Bible tent effort in Wilson. Everyone is invited.

Walter Hinton, pianist of the local church, accompanied his mother, "The Hinton Stephens," back to Jersey City.

Garner of Philadelphia, is visiting friends here.

Ruth Connee of New York is spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Nina Dickens.

Miss Martha July, stationed at Charlotte, N. C., was at home on a visit.

Mrs. Alice Johnson of Leesburg, Florida, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Warren Mr. Warren is assistant Elder at the local church.

Mrs. Narcisus Brown is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Victoria Rivers is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

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## Churchman Voices Appreciation For Choir Performance

BY RICHARD C. GAY, JR.

I arose early last Sunday morning in a dispondent mood. I decided to hear the choir of the Saint James Baptist Church. I felt that when the choir sang a hymn but I experienced an elation almost beyond life when the choir sang Dett's "I'll Never Turn Back No More." I was surprised to hear the choir do the number so well.

It is a pleasure to know that a

## Talented Pianist Now Playing Here

Miss Mary McIntyre, who is an accomplished musician is very eminent and well known in the church world of music. She has served the Mount on Church as pianist a number of years. She has served also at other churches and conventions as well.

She studied church music in Brooklyn, N. Y. under Dr. Clec Jackson, and is now a very promising student of the pipe-organ, under the instruction of W. Howard Manley of the St. James Church here.

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## Rocky Mount All-Stars In Win Over Hawks

ROCKY MOUNT — The Rocky Mount All-Stars won their 19th game over the Scotland Neck Hawks Sunday in a 11-1 victory behind the four-hit pitching of Screwwall Harrison.

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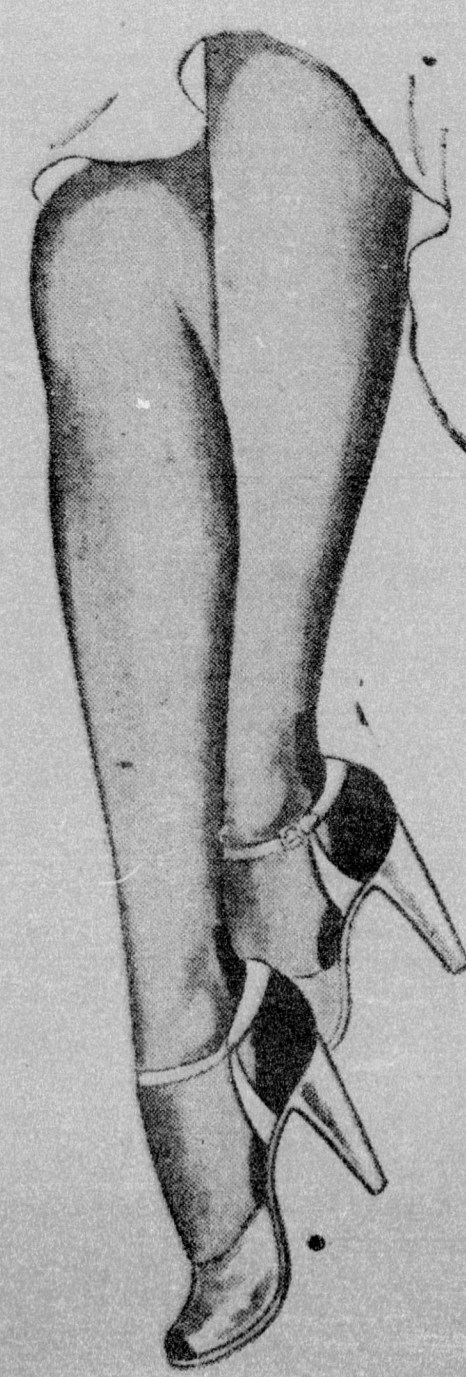
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