

## Church News

### Ordination Service for Ministers

Anita W. Hammond and Donald R. White

An Ordination Service for Ministers Anita W. Hammond and Donald R. White will be held June 8, at 5 p.m. at White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St.

The public invited to attend. For more information call 688-8136 or go to [www.whiterockbaptistchurch.org/](http://www.whiterockbaptistchurch.org/).

The pastor is Rev. Reginald Van Stephens.

### First Community Baptist Church - Hillsborough

The Senior Choir of First Community Baptist Church, 509 Eno St., Hillsborough, will celebrate its Twenty-First Anniversary on Sunday, June 1, at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend and "share the worship service as the choir ministers to you in songs of praise." For more information call 732-6135.

Rev. William Richardson is the pastor.

### Russell Memorial C.M.E.

Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, 703 S. Alston Ave., will celebrate the Triple Celebration of its pastor, Rev. Lloyds L. Watkins, Sr. and his wife, Mrs. Charlene T. Watkins. The 50/43/9 celebration will celebrate 50 years in the preaching ministry of Rev. Lloyd L. Watkins, Sr., 43 years in the pastoring ministry and 9 years as pastor of Russell Memorial C.M.C. Church.

June 5-6, 7 p.m., pre-anniversary worship services as the church.

June 7, 7 p.m., a banquet celebration at the Radisson Governors Inn.

June 8, 10 a.m., closing worship service at the church.

The public is invited to attend all programs. For more information call 682-2523.

### Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist - Bahama

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist, 8021 Stagville Rd., Bahama, will host its Annual Revival May 27-30 at 7 p.m. Rev. Kenneth Hammond, pastor of Union Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Guest choirs will perform each night.

The public invited to attend. For more information call 471-4034.

Rev. Dr. James W. Smith is the host pastor.

### Mt. Calvary UCC

The Versatile Crusaders (VCs) are looking for past members. The Versatile Crusaders (VCs) of Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, on 1715 Athens Ave. are looking for past members to join them for their reunion concert on July 27. If you are interested in being apart of this "Blast From The Past" call the church at 688-5066 for more information.

If no one answers, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you.

Rev. J.C. Check is the pastor.

## Practical Bible Principals for Life

### Sowing and Reaping

By J.L. Caldwell, Pastor  
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We live in a day of spiritual forgetfulness. Men are forgetting God and His Son. They are forgetting His Church, forgetting that the Lord's Day is really His day. They are forgetting death and the terrible fact of judgement. The fact remains that men must pay for their neglect and forgetfulness. Truth being told, we all must reap what we sow. This is the unchangeable law of nature and God, men must and will reap the harvest of what they have sown. Whether what is sown be good or it be bad.

"Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap" (Gal 6:7). There is no truer text in the Bible. Even if these words were not in the Bible, yet, from our own's life's experience we know this to be true.

Earlier St. Paul encouraged the Christians in the Galatian church not to take on too much pride and seek praises of men and not to provoke and envy one another (Gal 5:26). He also introduced the idea of Christians taking into serious consideration any brother or sister, who has been overtaken by sin due to their own spiritual weakness - "overtaken in a fault (Gal 6:1)." This, we should do as supporting Christians as opposed to a Christian who has intentionally committed the sin with the expectation of getting away with it and not be judged. To show support for a person overtaken in a fault is to show a powerful sense of tenderness and compassion. Of course, the next step and obligation are to walk with that brother or sister until he/she is able to spiritually walk by themselves without sin overtaking them again. This is what Paul meant when he wrote, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, which is that of love" (Gal 6:2).

Paul also warns us in a brotherly way not to take too much time entertaining a fond opinion of our own self sufficiency, thinking ourselves wiser and better than other men. Self deceit is but self deceit (v.3). Every man must prove himself to others as well as to his own church. Then he can rejoice in his own work, but not at the expense of others. There will come a day when we all must give an account of ourselves to God. Knowing this, Christians must learn to give an account of themselves here and now, having been taught the Word (v.5-6).

Paul finds it necessary to remind and warn the Church, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal 6:7). The Apostle is simply letting us know, "You can't fool God." We can not fool God, because He sees all and knows all. We can hide from people but we cannot hide from God. Your family, friends and neighbors, may not even suspect your sin, your unseen commitment to the church, but God knows all about it. He sees you in the brightness of the midday, as well as, the blackness of the midnight. He sees all and we must account to Him for everything.

A man took his little boy into a neighbor's field to steal potatoes. Before putting the potatoes in a bag the man looked in every direction, north, south, east, west. Then the little fellow very wisely said, "Daddy, you forgot to look one way, you forgot to look up. And we are like that.



We are careful that others not see us sin. But God sees, God knows.

The second truth in the text is, "You reap what you sow." Those living a carnal and sensual life, instead of employing themselves to the honor of God, church and for the good of others, must expect no other fruit than corruption and ruin and misery at the end of it.

We also reap in the lives of others what we sow here. Here is the tragedy of sin. It not only hurts us, but it hurts others whom we love. The bible tells that the sins of the parents are visited upon the children down through the third and fourth generation (Num 14:18). Men sin and forget all about it, only to meet that sin's consequences later in life of a loved one. Every mother and father owe at least one thing in the spiritual realm to their children. You owe it to them to live at your best for Christ before they are born and after they come into this world. We speak here of protecting the child's birth health before and spiritual health afterwards.

Those who, under the guidance and influence of the Spirit, live a holy and spiritual life, a life of devotedness to God and usefulness and service to others, may depend upon it that they will reap the truest comfort in their present life and also reap eternal life and happiness at the end.

The third truth in the text is that you reap more than you sow. This is also the law of nature. If you sow one grain of wheat or corn, you naturally expect to reap more than you have sown. The same is true in the spiritual realm. If you have sown much "good" you will reap abundantly. If we sow much sin we will reap more than we bargain for (v. 8).

Yes, it is sometimes a real struggle to walk the "straight and narrow", but it can be done with the help of the Holy Spirit. Yet we are reminded by Paul, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Every chance we have let us do good" (Gal 6:9-10).

## Superdelegates Enjoy Being Courted

By Zenitha Prince  
Special to the NNPA from the  
Afro-American Newspapers

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Even with James Carville, one of the staunchest defenders of Hillary Clinton, finally acknowledging that Barack Obama is the party's likely nominee, undeclared superdelegates are being intensely courted by supporters of both Clinton and Barack Obama.

"I'm suddenly more popular than I've ever been," said Gregory Pecoraro, a Westminister, Md. councilman and one of 10 undeclared superdelegates in the state. "I get letters and e-mails every day supporting one candidate or the other. In many ways it's sort of an awkward position."

It's even more awkward now that Obama is steamrolling Clinton among superdelegates and there are only five primaries remaining with only pledged delegates at stake. After starting the year with twice as many superdelegates as Obama, Clinton now trails him in that category 285 to 274.

Since the beginning of this month, 40 of the 200 undeclared superdelegates - including D.C. Democratic Party Chairman Anita Bonds - have announced their support for the frontrunner. Over that same period, only 1,712, with 2,026 needed to clinch the nomination.

"I think it's likely Obama is the nominee, but not certain," said James Carville, a Clinton political strategist who compared New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a former Clinton administration official who endorsed Obama to Judas. In an interview Tuesday with the Associated Press, Carville said he would have preferred another candidate, but I'm going to be for him."

Still, undeclared superdelegates in the region are being cautious. "There's very little credit for getting it right but a lot of downside for getting it wrong," said political analyst Richard Katz of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "Many of them are putting off the evil day when they have to make a decision. And of course, it's also nice to be courted."

Uncommitted delegates in Maryland such as Susan Turnbull, Rep. Bob Hoyer and Rep. Chris Van Hollen have it somewhat easier. Their position among the Democratic leadership. Turnbull is vice chair of the Democratic National Committee, Hoyer is the House Majority Leader and Van Hollen is chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He is mandatory in Turnbull's case and preferred in the latter's that they remain neutral.

"I have not committed at this point in time [and] I don't have a winner," Hoyer said, giving away nothing. My decision "may or may not be public," he added.

"I was hoping that at some point the voters would have come to a consensus. Unfortunately, we haven't reached that," Pecoraro said. "So, I've been weighing at what point is it not valuable for us to sit back."

For some, that point came on May 6 when Sen. Obama gained a commanding victory in North Carolina and came within 2 percentage points of Sen. Clinton's win in Indiana.

"There was a defining moment coming off of the Indiana, North Carolina primaries which most (super delegates) are acknowledging," said U.S. Rep. John P. Sarbanes, who represents Maryland's third district, 55 percent of whom voted for Obama in the Chesapeake Primaries on Feb. 12. Though Sarbanes has not yet declared his choice, he seems to be leaning toward Obama.

"The voters have stepped up and are bringing the race to a closure by sending strong signals about who they want to be the nominee," he said. "Once the primary season is over, superdelegates will be in a position to ratify the decision that voters have made."

Following Clinton's expected lopsided win in West Virginia, there are some among the undecided, however, who still hope that voters will swing things Clinton's way in the last five primaries in Kentucky, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Montana and South Dakota, although she is expected to win no more than three of those contests, still leaving her trailing Obama in delegates, popular votes and number of states won.

"Some of these people are promised Hillary Clinton delegates so they don't want to endorse Barack Obama until it's clear she's not in it," said Ronald Walters, a political analyst and professor at the University of Maryland. "Those super delegates who have not declared will continue to drift towards him [but] the movement of superdelegates will depend on whether Hillary Clinton folds her tent after West Virginia and Kentucky."

Maryland Sen. Benjamin Cardin, an uncommitted super delegate, said he is personally close to both candidates and plans to wait until the primary season is over.

"What I said from the beginning is I think the super delegates have responsibility to choose the strongest candidate," he said. "It's not about the math; it's about choosing someone who has garnered the most support and has momentum moving forward to next November."

Though Cardin didn't specify which candidate fit that bill, Clinton has claimed that mantle given her wins in large, swing states like New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania and, she told USA Today, a large and expanding base among "hardworking Americans, white Americans." Clinton is also hoping that the math will be on her side after the DNC's rules panel decides on May 31 whether delegates from Michigan and Florida will be seated. The DNC had said the states' delegates would not be counted after they moved up the primaries dates in defiance of a DNC directive.

In a move that will not benefit Clinton, delegates from both states are expected to be divided equally in order to be fair to each candidate.

"It's getting increasingly difficult to see a clear path for Sen. Clinton in the nomination so she has to offer a compelling reason to stay in the race," Pecoraro said. "Sen. Clinton's a very persuasive person and a very serious person and, out of respect, people are giving her a chance to make that argument."

Clinton has threatened to take those persuasive powers and her arguments to the back rooms of the Democratic National Convention in late August.

But superdelegates like Sarbanes said they would prefer not to "step out" at the convention or to make any deals that go against the electoral wishes.

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