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First Baptist Marks Centennial

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

A hundred years ago, a minister named Rev. George W. Holland would draw blacks from Waughtown and the rest of Winston and Salem to meet "anywhere he could get the people together" for worship services.

One week the worship site might have been out-of-doors, the next week in Hinshaw's Hall, but interest grew to the extent that Holland decided the city was ready for its first black Baptist church in 1879. (St. Paul's United Methodist, the city's first black church, began in 1871.)

The congregation that resulted from Holland's pioneering work has been celebrating its centennial year as First Baptist Church - Highland Avenue throughout 1979.

Each month of the year has been a focus for a particular emphasis --

rededication and brotherhood, stewardship; women and family, Christian education, manhood and homecoming, according to W.A. Bryant, president of the pastor's cabinet which oversees the anniversary activities and the church's operations.

"We really haven't had to do much supervising," said Bryant. "The committees have run so smoothly on their own." The church leader was referring to the 16 different committees which have set up the centennial year activities.

The emphasis for October is on the anniversary, leading up to two special events: a "Pilgrimage of Faith" evening worship service on Sunday, Oct. 28 and centennial banquet in the Benton Convention Center on Friday, Nov. 2.

Mrs. Dorothy Bloung, chairman of

the history and pageant committee, said the Oct. 28 service at 7 p.m. will be divided into four segments: "The Church of God," with a gospel message by Dr. David R. Hedgely, pastor emeritus; "The Pilgrimage, 1879-1979," a commemorative look at the founders and history of the church; "Our Faith, First Baptist Church," a re-dedication by current members; and "Millennium," featuring a gospel message by pastor William S. Epps.

Dr. Samuel T. Proctor, successor to Rev. Adam Clayton Powell as minister of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, will be the featured speaker for the Nov. 2 banquet, announced Bryant.

Founder Holland pastored First Baptist through 1906, a period during which time the congregation built a church, hosted the Lott Carey Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention

and, spearheaded by Holland and Miss Addie C. Morris, began the forerunner of the Memorial Industrial Home for orphans.

Rev. Holland died in 1906. His successors were: Dr. John A. Whitted, Dr. George O. Bulluck, Rev. Edward Gholson, Dr. J.H. Thomas, Rev. Joseph C. White.

Dr. David R. Hedgely assumed the pastorate in 1944 and served until his retirement in 1975. During his tenure, the current church building was completed, with a later annex, and the church organized the corporation that built the G.W. Holland homes for the elderly.

Rev. William S. Epps succeeded Hedgely. Epps holds master's degrees in divinity and education and has served as an assistant to the late Dr. Adam Clayton Powell.

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Dreamland Observes Mens Womens Services

Observances of Men's and Women's Day were held at the Dreamland Park Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 7, with two services. The theme for the day was "Christians on the Move for Christ."

The women of the church were in charge of the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. Chloris P. Shore was the speaker. Her subject was "The True Meaning of Stewardship." Mrs. Shore is an active member of Mr. Zion Baptist Church and an instructor in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Public Schools.

Dinner was served at 1 p.m. The men of the church were in charge of the 3:00 p.m. service. Rev. Ronald Fisher, Sr., associate minister of Dreamland Park Baptist Church, was the afternoon speaker.

Alexander Hardie was recognized as the "Most Outstanding Man" of the church. Hardie is an active member of the church where he serves on the Trustee Board and is a member of the Young Adult Choir. He serves his church and God with faithfulness and strength. James N. Wright, Jr. was recognized for his services by being named the runner-up. He, too, is very active in the church.

Mrs. Zephyrè James was crowned as "Miss Dreamland Park." Mrs. James is an active member of the Usher Board, Deaconess Board and many other auxiliaries. Mrs. Earline Parmon was first runner-up and Mrs. Anna Brabham was second runner-up.

Tracy Parmon was crowned Miss Teen

Dreamland Park. Her court included Beverly Moore, first runner-up and Pamela Crockett, second runner-up. Tracy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parmon. Little Miss Chawntee' McNeill was crowned "Little Miss Dreamland Park." She is the daughter of Mr. Legoston McNeill Jr. Doris Miller was first runner-up and Rhonda Jones was second runner-up.

The event of the day closed a financial drive that was in progress for the benefit of the building fund of the church. Mrs. Charlena Hill was chairman of women's Day and Harry James was the chairman of the Men's Day committee. Rev. E.C. Austin Sr., is the pastor.



St. Mark's Winner

Photo by Ward

Miss Teresa Blackwell is crowned winner of the Junior Miss St. Mark Contest at the St. Mark Baptist Church during their recent pageant. First runner-up is Denise Middleton, second

runner-up is Jennifer Conrad and third runner-up is Janice Bell. Miss Gwendolyn Long reigned for the past year. Rev. James Fulwood is pastor.

Church Notes

Mt. Carmel

The Pastor's Aide Club of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 3230 Heitman Dr. observed its 50th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. H.B. Bonham and congregation of the Goodwill Baptist Church of Madison were the guests.

Dr. H.L. Moore was the host pastor.

Apostolic

Bishop John Russell along with his congregation and choir of the Bibleway Apostolic Church of Durham will be preaching and rendering services at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at Shiloh Apostolic Temple Inc. on Doub Street off Miller Road, "at water tower" in the Oldtown Community.

Bishop Robert O. Doub is general overseer and Sister R. Washington is the co-ordinator.

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William J. Kaudes

Mr. William Jefferson Knuckles, of 1316 Lincoln Avenue, passed Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Carolina Nursing Center, in Greensboro. He was a native of Gaffney, S.C., and had lived in this city for the past fifty-nine years. Mr. Knuckles was a veteran of World War II and a retired employee of Brunson School.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Josie Clemons, and his sister, Mrs. Jessie Pannell, both of this city, five nieces, one nephew, and two grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Knuckles were conducted Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Rev. C.M. Savoy officiating, and burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. (HOOPER)

Young Adults

The Young Adult Department of Shiloh Baptist Church will begin a week of prayer, beginning Sunday, Oct. 14 through Oct. 16 at 6:15 p.m. regular prayer service will begin on Wednesday evening Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Young Adults will resume their prayer service on Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. Teachers meeting and Bible study will be held on Friday evening at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Youth

The annual observance of the Youth Department of Shiloh Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the church. Bishop H.I. Williams and Mt. Calvary Holy Church will be special guests. Dr. J. Ray Butler is pastor.

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Obituaries

Josephine Williamson

Mrs. Josephine W. Williamson of 2325 Glenn Ave. passed Monday Oct. 1, at N.C. Baptist Hospital following an extended illness. She was a native of Darlington, S.C. having lived in this city for 23 years. She was employed by the Bahnson Co., was a member of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she served as an Usher, Sunday School teacher, a member of the Willing Workers Club and a faithful member until her health failed.

Surviving are: her husband, Mr. Ervin Williamson, of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Earline Thomas of Charleston, S.C. and Ms. Sherri Williamson of the home; two sons, Ervin Williamson, Jr. and Timothy Williamson both of the home; her mother, Mrs. Moriah Williamson of the city; five sisters, Mrs. Alice Jones, Miss Alma Williamson and Mrs. Ethel Hair all of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Rebecca Little and Mrs. Sadie Brown, both of the city; 4 brothers, Howard, Tommie, and Sammie Lee Williamson all of this city; and Johnnie Lewis Williamson of Bridgeport, Conn.; a son-in-law, Mr. Converse Thomas of Charleston, S.C.; two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Oct. 5, from Macedonia T.V.P.H. Church with Bishop Sylvester D. Johnson officiating at 4 p.m. and burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. (RUSSELL)

Preston P. Johnson

Mr. Preston Donnell Johnson 28, of 910 Cleveland Ave., Apt. B, passed Tuesday, Oct. 2 at N.C. Baptist Hospital. He was a Vietnam era veteran and a Methodist by faith.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Forsyth Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. J.L. Hunt officiating and burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Local survivors include a son, Rico Garner and two sisters: Mrs. Harretta Duncan, Lewisville, and Mrs. Sandra Thompkins, Winston-Salem. (FORSYTH)

John Edward Beck

Funeral services for Mr. John Edward Beck 2515 Greenway Ave. was held on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. from the Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Chapel with Rev. L.B. Speas officiating. Burial followed in the Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery. (CLARK S. BROWN & SONS)

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No man has power to resist the questions of human origin, worth, purpose, and destiny. These questions irresistably steal in upon our consciousness and compel our consideration of them. The Holy Scriptures alone must answer them.
Concerning man's origin, the bible relates that he was made after a consultation within the Godhead: "Let us make man," Genl:26. This address was not to angels for that would then entitle them to worship from men (which thing is expressly forbid. Col. 2:18). That no such consultation was held at the making of other creatures but only for man "shows what an excellent and finished piece of work God meant to make" (John Gill).
Evolutionists attribute man's existence to ages-long mechanical forces and processes at work which are not yet complete. However, the bible affirms that man did not gradually emerge from primeval slime, but he was created by an "immediate divine act in which matter and spirit were fused together and given existence as a living soul" (G.L. Williamson). All men, thereby, are exhorted to remember God as their Creator. Eccles 12:1, for "it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves." Ps. 100:3.
Man was formed of the dust of the ground and the breath of God's spirit. This has caused many bible scholars to divide as whether man is a union of body and soul or body, soul, and spirit. Regardless of which, man is unique in creation for he is a kind binding the world of matter and spirit together. While people may kill the body but they cannot kill the soul, Matt. 10:28. This immortality of the soul is conferred upon it by God who alone possesses absolute immortality being self-existent. The death of the soul is the destruction of its spiritual life by sin and separation from God's favor.
Man's body distinguishes admirably from lower animals because of his erect posture. It is often observed that only he can look upward toward heaven to adore and thank the God who has made and preserved him.
Man's soul relates to the self and the functions of understanding, will, and affection. Thus he thinks, feels, purposes, and loves. The conscience is soul "recognizing the nature of obligation to God" (James Boyce), that is, our duty to do right and avoid evil.
Man was made in God's image, that is, he was made a partaker of many divine qualities" (Thomas Watson). Besides self-consciousness, self-determination, and personal freedom, he was good like God. "The stamp of holiness was on the first man" (James Pendleton). Thus man was made for perfect bliss and to reflect his Creator.
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