church & religion



Harold Smith was recently ordained as an elder of the United Evangelical Outreach Ministry. Elder Smith, third from left, was presented a plaque by (1 to r) Elderess R.P. Adams, Elder A.W. McCloud and Ansel (Jackie) Brown.

St. Andrews To Note Church Milestones

During the month of pulpiteer. February Saint Andrews the church.

the church will participate Methodist Church of the ci- preacher. Dr. Bethea is very in the sacrament of Holy ty will be the II:00 a.m. wor- active across the church and Communion and Baptism. ship preacher. The principal celebrant and will be Bishop L. Scott church, the Reverend James vited to worship with us in Allen, resident Bishop of McCallum of the these services the Charlotte area. Bishop Metropolitan, Laughlin Allen is a world renown United Methodist Churches

On Sunday, February 8, ship hour. United Methodist Church as a part of the church's will celebrate significant brotherhood emphases and cluded February 22, with mile stones in the history of exchange program, the Dr. Joseph B. Bethea of the Reverend James Bellamy of On Sunday, February I, the Mount Tabor United Carolina, Conference as

On Sunday, February 15, talent. preacher for the occassion one of the "sons" of the The public is cordially inchurch parliamentarian and of Greensboro will return to

preach in the regular wor-

The month will be con-Rockingham District North is known for his preaching

T. Maurice Huntley, Minister.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Clara B. Lawrence

Subject: Trust In God's Victory

Scripture The Parable Of The Weedy Wheat..... Matthew 13:24-30

(Wheat and Tares) Mustard Seed And Leaven..... Matthew 13:31-35

Background Scripture...Matt. 13:1-52

Lesson Background

Jesus discloses the mysteries of the Kingdom in seven parables in chapter 13. Lessons for February come from chapters 15-18, that focus on "Training for Service." These sessions afford Bible students and christians to probe the harder truths of the Kingdom. Preceding this lesson we find that Jesus' mother, and brothers were waiting to see Him. When told of the visit Jesus explained to His disciples that "the person who does what My Father in heaven wants him to do, is my brother, my sister, my mother," (Matt. 12:50). We note in Jesus' parables that His teaching was simple, formal and concrete. His goal was to communicate truth. The parable of the Sower and the Seed is an example of this fact. When questioned by His disciples, why use parables, He explained His purpose and the specific parable itself in 13:11-23).

Lesson Explained

Jesus' parables related to issues which He discussed, made many point clearer to His disciples. He always began by presenting a problem, then He gave a solution based on proper timing. The spot light in this lesson is on the temporary battle between the forces of good and those of evil. The outcome of both is also quite clear; giving every reason for one to want to be among the 'Wheat' now.

Although the Lord is long-suffering; merciful judgment will finally fall on the unrighteous. This is the message of the parable of the 'Tares.' We must believe the scriptures in 2 Tim. 2:19 and Gal. 6:7, that there will be a judgment and a separation. Verses 31-33 show Jesus' use of two simple comparisons to clarify a feature of the reign of God: that it begins in a small way but will end with large results. The 'mustard seed,' smallest of all seed, represents outward appearance. When planted, grew like a tree where birds would lodge. The second comparison was the 'Leaven,' unlike the mustard seed, has hidden and a mysterious energy which describe the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus here, pictured a woman hiding the leaven in the mass of dough where it would work through the dough quietly and indivisibly. V 34 may mean that some of His parables were not recorded. Matthew realized that Jesus' teaching by parables was a fulfillment of Psalm 78:2, "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:".

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- 2. God's reign among persons may start small and grow slowly.

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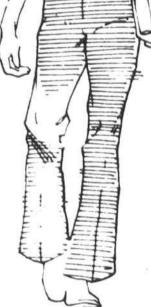
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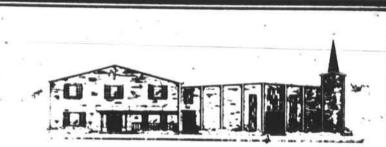
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Shiloh Notes Brotherhood

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Rev. R.L. Watlington, pastor of the Prince of Peace Baptist Church of the city will be the featured guest minister.

The youth will engage in discussions of various subjects on "What Youth Wants To Know" regarding courtships, peer groups, family relations, sex, education and christianity. Miss Bobby Stewart and Mrs. Thelma O'Neal will be counselors.

Mrs. Mary B. Muldrow, Mrs. Larn Dillard and Ms. Annie Belton are advisors of the Youth Department. Dr. J. Ray Butler is pastor.

Everyone is invited to attend the Brotherhood Ser- host pastor.

Officers

Elected

Love, Hope and Charity

Mrs. Elsie Cobb, presi-

dent; Mrs. Pearl Bankhead,

vice president; Mrs.

Margaret Speas, retiring

president, was named assis-

tant secretary; Mrs. Savilla

Wilson, Chairperson of

Program Committee: and

Miss Clotel Nesmith,

The club meets once a

Little To Give

Talk at Church

The Trustee Board of

John Wesley AME Zion Church, 1800 25th N.E.,

will celebrate Black History Month beginning this Sun-

day when Alderman Larry

will present music. Rev.

Alvin E. Damon is pastor.

Little will speak at 4 p.m. The Young Adult Choir

steward.

month.

Club recently elected new

officers. They are:



Officers Installed

The Rev. Donald Stowe, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, and congregation will preach and install all officers at Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church, Sunday, February 1 at 4 p.m.

Rev. W.M. Harris will be



Gordon To Speak

Elder Gordon

Elder Larry C. Gordon will be guest speaker for the Il a.m. worship this Sunday at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, 1200 E. Ilth St.

Accompanying him on the organ will be his son, Anthony.

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