

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 (l to r) Elderess R.P. Adams, Elder A.W. McCloud and Ansel (Jackie) Brown.

St. Andrews To Note Church Milestones

During the month of February Saint Andrews United Methodist Church will celebrate significant milestones in the history of the church.

On Sunday, February 1, the church will participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism. The principal celebrant and preacher for the occasion will be Bishop L. Scott Allen, resident Bishop of the Charlotte area. Bishop Allen is a world renowned church parliamentarian and

pulpit.

On Sunday, February 8, as a part of the church's brotherhood emphases and exchange program, the Reverend James Bellamy of the Mount Tabor United Methodist Church of the city will be the 11:00 a.m. worship preacher.

On Sunday, February 15, one of the "sons" of the church, the Reverend James McCallum of the Metropolitan, Laughlin United Methodist Churches of Greensboro will return to

preach in the regular worship hour.

The month will be concluded February 22, with Dr. Joseph B. Bethea of the Rockingham District North Carolina Conference as preacher. Dr. Bethea is very active across the church and is known for his preaching talent.

The public is cordially invited to worship with us in these services.

T. Maurice Huntley, Minister.

Shiloh Notes Brotherhood

The Annual Brotherhood Program of the Youth Department of the Shiloh Baptist Church will begin Sunday, February 8 at 6:15 p.m. and nightly through Wednesday, February 11.

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-



R.L. Watlington

vices.

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 host pastor.



Elder Gordon

Gordon To Speak

Elder Larry C. Gordon will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship this Sunday at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, 1200 E. 11th St.

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

Elder Gordon's family shares his ministry with him.

He is also heard each Saturday from 11:30 to noon on WBFS.

Officers Elected

Love, Hope and Charity Club recently elected new officers. They are:

Mrs. Elsie Cobb, president; Mrs. Pearl Bankhead, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Speas, retiring president, was named assistant secretary; Mrs. Savilla Wilson, Chairperson of Program Committee; and Miss Clotel Nesmith, steward.

The club meets once a month.

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 Sunday when Alderman Larry Little will speak at 4 p.m.

The Young Adult Choir will present music. Rev. Alvin E. Damon is pastor.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Clara B. Lawrence

Subject: Trust In God's Victory

Lesson

The Parable Of The Weedy Wheat.
(Wheat and Tares)

Mustard Seed And Leaven.

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30

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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