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NAACP leaders from left to right, Patrick Hairston, Rev. Julius Hope, Bishop J.D. Johnson and Charles McLean.

## Macedonia TVPH Church Culminates NAACP Drive

The Rev. Julius Hope told an audience at Macedonia TVPH Church of God, Inc. "that the NAACP and the black church has brought you out of the Land of Egypt. The NAACP should not have to run you down for a membership, you should look it up and secure your membership."

When you get to the Promised Land, he said, "you should not forget the bridge which brought you over. Support that which has been good to you."

Citing the NAACP's tight budget, Hope said, "There are over 25 million blacks in this country and the NAACP has difficulty meeting a six million dollar budget. The NAACP has had to reduce its staff at a time when the KKK is increasing staff."

were against blacks. "You have your job," he said, "not because you made the honor roll, but because the NAACP has been on your case since 1909 working to see that you get a piece of the pie."

Rev. Hope, the National Director; NAACP Religious Affairs, was in town last Friday night to participate in a program culminating the NAACP Membership Drive of the Macedonia TVPH Church of God, Inc.

Rev. Hope moved members of his audience to shout at numerous times in a sermon which followed his remarks about the NAACP.

Patrick Hairston, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Music was furnished by the Young Adult Choir of the New Light Baptist Church and the Macedonia Young Adult and Youth Choirs.

Rodney Sumler gave some special awards to several senior citizens of the church. The extent of the success experienced during the NAACP Membership Drive was not indicated.

## Mt. Olive-Pastor Celebrate

On April 7, 1979, Rev. Charles E. Gray was called as Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He is a native of Greenville, North Carolina, where he attended public schools. Upon completing high school, he entered Fayetteville State University where he graduated with a B.S. Degree in Political Science. After moving to Winston-



Charles E. Gray

Salem, North Carolina, in 1972 he was united with St. Stephen Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C.

He is married to the former Miss Eula Harlee of Laurinburg, North Carolina. They have two sons, Andre and Michael Gray. His mother is Mrs. Beatrice Gray of Greenville, N.C.

Rev. Charles Gray is presently District Manager & Personnel Director of The Great American Food Stores in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The anniversary services will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the Rev. J.R. Samuels and congregation of Stephen Baptist Church. Dinner will be served after 3:00 p.m. service. At 7:00 p.m., Rev. G.G. Campbell, Jr. and congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be the guests. All are cordially invited.



Rev. Fulwood

## Rev. Fulwood's 8th Anniversary Celebrated

The 8th Anniversary Celebration of the Rev. James Fulwood will be held Sunday, April 5, at the St. Mark Baptist Church at 4 o'clock p.m.

Rev. Fulwood is a native of Kingstree, S.C. He graduated from Thompson High School. He also attended Winston-Salem Bible College. He is married to the former Ms. Hattie Easter. They have two children, Fayelene and Demetris Fulwood.

Under Rev. Fulwood's leadership, an unlimited amount of progress has been made.

Rev. Fulwood is the 4th pastor of Saint Mark Baptist Church of which Rev. W.A. Coleman was founder. Rev. H.L. Moore and members of Mt. Carmel will be the guests.

### WORD of GOD

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things. Proverbs 28:5

## AN ABSTRACT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Clara B. Lawrence

Subject: Preparing For Difficult Times

Lesson

Scripture

A Shocking Announcement..... Matthew 26:1-3  
A Conniving Assembly..... Matthew 26:3-5  
A Costly Anointing..... Matthew 26:6-13  
A Devilish Betrayal..... Matthew 26:14-16

Background Scripture...Matt. 25:3-146  
Matt. 26:1-75

### Lesson Background

Matthew 25:31-46, is the conclusion of our Lord's Olivet discourse, which speaks of events surrounding His return. (24:1-3). This passage begins with these words: "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory."

The following verses 32-46 is a description of the judgment before the inauguration of the messianic kingdom. These verses reveal both those who will possess eternal life and enter the kingdom and those who will "go away into everlasting punishment."

Jesus had already told the disciples of His second coming to earth, (24:30-31), therefore, as He neared the end of His discourse, He enlarged on what He had previously said as I've shown above. The "Son of Man" is an expression of Himself, which means that He was both God and man. He had announced in both accounts that angels would accompany Him on His return. (II Thes. 1:7-10).

### Lesson Explained

With this lesson we approach the end of Jesus' ministry at a time of suffering and yet of victory. The lessons for April are, therefore, entitled: "Through Suffering To Victory." They lead to Easter and beyond. The first two verses reveal a shocking announcement, which predicts His coming death as He had done before. He is saying that He would be betrayed for death when the Passover came.

At the same time when He was thinking ahead of His enemies, the religious leaders were meeting in the Court of Caiphas, the high priest. They wanted to arrest Him but thought that the Passover would be a bad time, for it would create an uproar among the people, because Jesus had become well known through His teaching. And the high priest wanted to avoid a riot, because this would result in his possible removal from office by the Roman government.

It is interesting here, that God was in complete control of events, for verse 2 states that in 2 days of the Feast of the Passover, He would "be betrayed to be crucified." During the night, two days before the Passover, Jesus and His disciples were dining at the home of "Simon, the leper," a close relative of Lazarus and His two sisters, Mary and Martha. (John 12:1, 2).

Simon, the leper, healed and now serving as host, is a testimony to Jesus' power over sickness and disease.

While they were eating, a woman identified by John, as Mary, came in and anointed His head with a very expensive oil from an alabaster box. Mark says that "some" were indignant, (14:4), but John singles out Judas Iscariot, (12:4).

The complaint was that the oil could've been sold to feed the poor instead of being used in this manner. Jesus did not agree, although, He had shown concern for the poor. He responded in verse eleven that, "Ye have the poor always with you; but me, ye have not always." Jesus understood Mary's act as preparation for His burial, and as an expression of deep love for Him. He suggested that her act should be mentioned in the spreading of the Gospel as a memorial to her.

The devilish betrayal of Jesus came from the circle of His disciples, Judas Iscariot who decided to hand over Jesus to His enemies for thirty pieces of silver. While they dined, Jesus announced that one of them would betray Him to His enemies. One of them was eating from the same bowl with Him...and was preparing to identify Him to be arrested. After Judas had asked Jesus if he was the one, he left to carry out his plan, after Jesus answered his question.

This lesson has shown how two individuals measured up or failed to measure up to the will of God. Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus with precious oil, which fitted in with God's plan, and Judas betrayed the Master and was condemned.

### A Truth To Live By

Jesus will accept whatever precious gift we offer Him.

## Davidson To Speak

Sylvester Davidson, Jr. will deliver his trial sermon Sunday, April 5, at the Sovereign Grace Tabernacle in the chapel of Forsyth Funeral Home on Patterson Avenue. Davidson, a painter at Baptist Hospital, is the husband of Joyce T. Davidson and the son of Marie Baskins and Sylvester Davidson, Sr.



Davidson



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Warner R. Durnell, Pastor

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