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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JULY 14

•The Rev. Charles Leak of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church will be the guest speaker for a youth revival to be held tonight and tomorrow night at Fellowship Baptist Church. Services will begin nightly at 7:30.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

•The Senior Missionary Circle of St. Mark Baptist Church will present the Ebernetts Gospel Singers in concert at 7:30 p.m. at the church at 1100 Manly St.

•An all-night prayer meeting will be held at Newlight Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Various churches have been asked to participate. Speakers will be evangelist D'Arcy Wethers and ministers John Heath and Melvin Frazier.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

•The crowing of Mrs. St. Mark Baptist Church will be held at the church at 1100 Manly St. at 7:30 p.m.

•Zion Hill Baptist Church will be celebrating Shaw Day at the church at 2920 N. Greenway Ave. at 4 p.m. The Rev. B.F. Daniels and the congregation of Union Baptist Church will be the guests.

•The Nurses Board of Mars Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary at 3 p.m. The Rev. Quincy Caldwell will be the guest speaker.

•The annual observance of the Senior Usher Board will be held at 6:15 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, will be the guest.

•The Senior Choir of Spencer Memorial Christian Church will celebrate its anniversary at 4 p.m. The Rev. William McRae of First Baptist Church in Reidsville and his congregation will be the guests.

•The Inspirational Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will have its 6th Anniversary at the church on the corner of Ninth and File streets at 4 p.m.

•Dellabrook Presbyterian Church will have Dr. Kenneth R. Williams and lay leader Mrs. Zedia Miller as guests speakers.

•Mt. Olive Baptist Church will have the Rev. Ray Watlington, pastor of Prince of Peace Baptist Church, and his congregation as the special guests for 4 p.m. services.

•Storytime for 3-5 year olds will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Public Library. Call 727-2214 for more information.

The Chronicle welcomes church calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should also include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Church Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Mondays at 5:30.

Focus On Religion

Prison ministry works to fill void in life of inmates

By EDWARD HILL JR.
Staff Writer

Nearly six years ago, the Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy dedicated itself to ministering to men and women who were serving time in one of the county's four institutions.

At the time, the chaplaincy had one full-time chaplain, the support of only 25 churches and \$20,000 to work with. Since then, the budget has increased to \$60,000 and the number of churches who provide support is well over 100. Because of this rapid growth, the program appears sound for the future.

"I never expected to get this much support when we first started out," says Wilburn T. Hendrix, the head chaplain. "It has been tremendous."

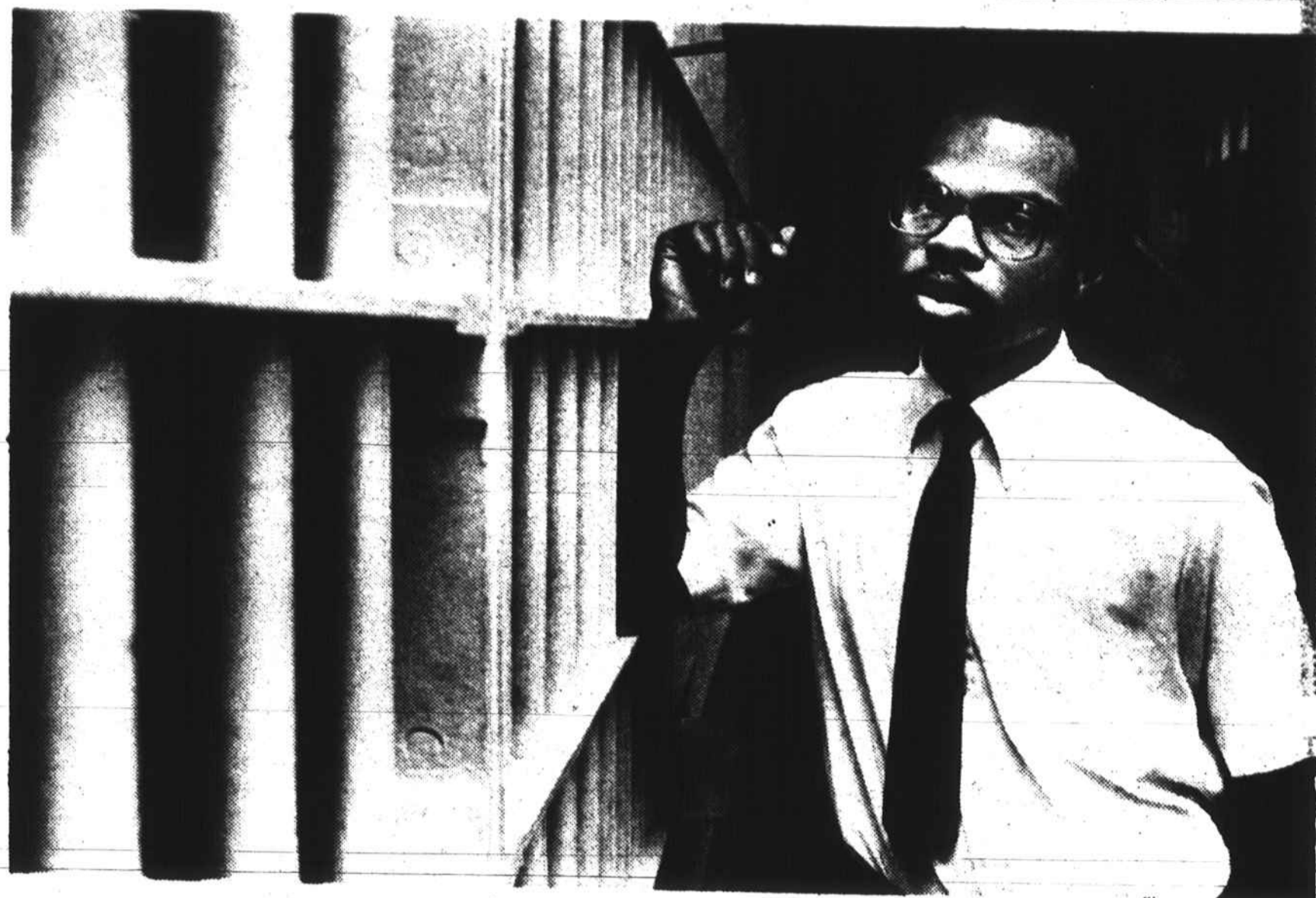
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The Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy provides a full-time ministry -- the first of its kind in the state -- to the Forsyth Advancement Center (North Carolina Prison), the Forsyth County Youth Center and the county jail. The Women's Halfway House, which was included in the program, is no longer in operation.

The chaplaincy is funded solely through contributions from local churches and individuals. Hendrix and his assistant, Glenn Pettiford, manage and coordinate the program at the three institutions. Three interns also work part time with the chaplaincy.

Hendrix says that the chaplaincy has five basic objectives: to provide worship at all three institutions; counsel-



Assistant Chaplain Glenn Pettiford of the Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy, says that the prison ministry is designed to fill a void in the lives of inmates (photo by James Parker).

ing for inmates and their relatives; Bibles, books, literature and correspondence for inmates; videotape ministry and "presence ministry" for inmates who just need someone to talk to.

"These people are still human beings," says Hendrix. "They are people that God still loves. The best thing we have going for us is that we are not a part of the system."

"People who have done no wrong don't need the ministry," explains Pettiford, who has been with the chaplaincy since 1980. "We're trying to provide a service to people who have committed wrongs in their lives and who need the ministry."

The inmates who utilize the program say the chaplaincy in Forsyth County is unique.

"In other prisons and camps, you had basically church services," says Jimmy Crews, who has spent his last 11

years as an inmate in several state institutions. "But they don't have an organized and structured prison ministry like this one. It's very unique. It has helped me mentally and spiritually get through some tough times the last year and a half."

"I got involved with the prison ministry when I first got here," says inmate Al Overson. "I was really impressed with the number of services they provided. They really make you feel assured that someone cares about you and that's important to us."

Another popular feature of the chaplaincy program is the Yokefellow Program that involves nearly 30 volunteers from the community who come in once a week and sit down for rap sessions with the inmates.

"The Yokefellow sessions are especially important."

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Church Notes

Donald Melton Jr. wins first place in baby contest

Master Donald Melton Jr. was the first place winner in a baby contest held recently at Dreamland Park Baptist Church.

Forney, fourth place.

The winner in the contest, sponsored by the church women, was awarded a prize.



Donald Melton Jr.

Jay Paul A. Simms



Heather Forney

Charles Paul Jr.

Melton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton Sr. Other winners were Master Charles Paul Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paul Sr., second place; Master Jay Paul A. Sims, son of Ms. Teflon Sims, third place, and Little Miss Heather A. Forney, daughter of Ms. Brenda

Ross to Conduct Local Revival

The Rev. Jerome H. Ross, pastor of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, will conduct revival services for New Faith Chapel Holiness Church beginning July 18 and concluding on July 22 with services beginning nightly at 7:30.

Ross is president of the Columbus Baptist Ministerial Alliance, the third vice moderator of the Eastern Union Association, a board member at large of the Ohio Baptist General Convention and an advisor to the Chaplain's Board at Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

He attended Cleveland Bible College and Cleveland Baptist Seminary, and received his doctorate's degree from Morris College in Sumter, S.C.

On Saturday, July 23, the Voices of Triedstone will be in concert at the church at 1419 Waughtown St., beginning at 8 p.m.

Bishop Lawrence S. Tate is the host pastor.

Poindexter Wins Oratorical Contest

Johnny Poindexter, an 11th-grade student at R.J. Reynolds Senior High School, was named the 1983 winner of the Mary McCurry Oratorical Contest sponsored by First Baptist Church.

Poindexter recited a monologue from "An Audition for 'Who's Got His Own.'" He placed first from a field of eight contestants and won the \$100 prize.

Second place went to Trina Hymes of R.J. Reynolds Senior High School, who recited Don L. Lee's "But He Was Cool." Hymes was awarded \$50.

Christian Burris, a seventh-grade student at Summit School, was the third place winner. Burris recited "Hiawatha's Childhood," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The contest was sponsored by the Layman's League of First Baptist Church, and is open to junior high and high school students from the church. The oratorical contest was named in honor of McCurry, a retired school teacher who was recognized for her ability to memorize and recite poetry.

Church Celebrates 93rd Anniversary

The Red Bank Baptist Church on Baux Mountain
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Mrs. Tereatha P. Harper passes



Mrs. Tereatha P. Harper

Mrs. Tereatha P. Harper, 69, the first black president of the Winston-Salem YWCA Board of Directors, died Monday afternoon at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 15, at Grace United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harper, the wife of Amos W. Harper, was a Winston-Salem native. She graduated from Columbia Heights High School and Barber-Scotia College in Concord, and was employed by the Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the accounting and policyholders' service department for 29 years.

Mrs. Harper also served as a ruling elder and Chancel Choir member at

Grace United Presbyterian Church, a member of United Presbyterian Women and the Adult Sunday School Circle No. 1, a member and treasurer of the building fund at her church and a member and treasurer of Church Women United.

Mrs. Harper was also a member of the American Red Cross and the Barber-Scotia Alumni Association.

Surviving are Mrs. Harper's husband and their son, Amos Harper Jr. of Lindenwood, N.J.; a daughter, Mrs. Allette Crump of Detroit; a foster daughter, Mrs. Mattie Sanders of Charleston, S.C.; two grandchildren, several cousins and other relatives.

Deaths And Funerals

Mr. Thomas Roosevelt Scott passes

Mr. Thomas Roosevelt Scott, of 133 N. Dunleith Ave., died Saturday, July 2, 1983, in Forsyth Memorial Hospital. Scott was a native of Davie County, N.C., who had lived in Winston-Salem for many years. He was a member of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, where he served on the Steward Board, and was a retired cement finisher by trade. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Edith Roseboro of the home, Mrs. Lucille Grant of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Mrs. Evelyn Beatty of Windsor, Conn.; four sons, Thomas E. Scott of Brooklyn, Irvin Scott of this city, Melvin Scott of Fresno, Calif., and Windell Scott of Augusta, Ga.; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Baptist faith. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Icie M. Parham of 1400 E. 23rd St.; two sisters, Mrs. Birdie Mickles and Mrs. Doris Gray, all of this city; two brothers, James Parham of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Clarence Parham of Chicago, other relatives and friends. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Funeral services for Mr. Robert James Crawford, of 3654 Old Greensboro Rd., were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 1983, in the Chapel of the Funeral Home by Dr. W. M. Adams. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Mr. William Parham, of 1736 E. 71st St., Chicago, Ill., died in that city recently, where he had lived for 15 years. The remains were returned to his native city, Winston-Salem for funeral services. Parham received his education in the local public schools, and was of the

Funeral services for Mr. James Hasper "Jimmy" Keller, of 1026 E. 15th St., were conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 1983, in the Chapel of the Funeral Home by Dr. W. M. Adams. Interment was in National Cemetery, Salisbury, N.C. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of services.