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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

•There will be a revival at Oaks Spring Baptist Church in Stokesdale at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Willie L. Gladney will be the guest speaker.

•Beginning today and every Thursday throughout the month, classes in Christian fellowship will be held at 7 p.m. weekly at Scales Memorial Chapel at 5056 Butterfield Drive. Classes will be taught by the Rev. J.B. Hands and the Rev. Johnny Horne. For more information call 788-3187.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

•There will be a yard and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John Apostolic Church at 1131 East 21st Street. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the church basement.

•The Sabbath School Department of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church at Third Street and Dunlieth Avenue will observe its annual community guest day celebration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

•The Red Bank Baptist Church on Baux Mountain Road will observe its annual homecoming, with morning service beginning at 11 a.m. Dinner will follow. At 3 p.m., the Rev. L.R. Crawford of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Pinnacle will be the guest speaker.

•The Hallelujah Gospel Singers will celebrate their 41st anniversary at 2:30 p.m. at St. Stephens Baptist Church on the corner of Bowen Boulevard and Manchester Street. The evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on the corner of 18th Street and Cleveland Avenue. Special guest will be the Oak Springs Young Adult Choir of Stokesdale.

•A musical presentation by the United Methodist Women of Saints Home United Methodist Church will begin at 5 p.m. Ruthie Lee Matthews will be the director for the evening.

•The Rev. Henry S. Lewis will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church. Raleigh Johnson, superintendent of the church school, will be the lay leader.

•The Youth Department of Shiloh Baptist Church will observe its annual youth day program at 6 p.m. A forum, "Youths Want To Know," will be conducted by Dr. John W. Fleming of Shaw University.

•A program concerning black churches will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. Mt. Calvary Holy Church will be the special guest.

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

Bishop McKinney Is Living History Of Church

By AUDREY L. WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Some say the bishop of the Holiness Church of God Inc. is at least a 100 years old, but he says they're all wrong.

Bishop Boyce McKinney leans over in his chair and strokes his handlebar mustache and says, "They're all wrong. I'm not a 100, but I'm over 75."

McKinney, who is the founder of the Holiness Church of God Inc., is accompanied by an entourage of overseers and ministers during the church's 66th General Assembly, which was hosted this year by Kimberly Park Holiness Church in Winston-Salem.

The bishop likes to talk about how his church began.

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"It all started back in 1921 as a prayer meeting," he says. "So when James Foust stepped down as the prayer meetings leader, I stepped in and started a church."

Although raised a Baptist just outside of Winston-Salem, McKinney says he left the Baptist faith because of a conflict of interest.

"They didn't teach me the work of the Holy Ghost," he says. "They just said live a Christian life, but they didn't."

"I'm not down on Baptists, but they didn't carry on the meanings of the baptism, which is the spirit, the water and the blood," he adds.

After McKinney stepped in as the church's leader, the Holiness Church of God became incorporated seven years later.

"We are incorporated throughout the United States and its territories," he says. "It's incorporated for 99 years."

"After that? Well, I'm not looking to be here then -- not saying I won't be -- but the incorporation will have to be renewed just like you renew your license."

The Holiness Church of God has about 30 affiliates in various areas in the South, North and Midwest. McKinney doesn't know exactly how many members the church has, but he says he does keep up with most of the churches he's able to travel to.



Bishop Boyce McKinney says that the Holiness Church of God Inc. has come a long way since 1921 and that only "God knows what's ahead" (photo by James Parker).

"I've been driving since nineteen and forty-nine, he says. "I have driven to churches in Ohio for special occasions. Sometimes I take the bus if it's too far."

McKinney, like many other religious leaders, says he was directed by God to lead a church.

"Well, after Foust stepped down," he says. "I stepped right in because, in a prayer meeting group, everybody wants to rule."

"After that," he says, "I started working on plans for the church because, according to the Bible, a church has to be regulated and have a leader."

McKinney, who now lives in Graham and is pastor of Mount Olive Holiness Church there, is well-respected in his church and has been a successful church leader, as Melvin Charley, the church's vice bishop, notes.

"He's been very successful," says Charley, "due to the fact that leaders in other churches have left and started something else."

But McKinney says he tries not to be critical of other

churches and says he believes it would be difficult to form a union of all denominations.

"We will fellowship with other churches, but we don't take in their rules," says McKinney. "I've been invited to a couple of churches in other faiths but I haven't been yet."

The Holiness Church of God does have a set of guidelines that are to be followed by every member. "I manage all the work in the Church of God and I set the rules and regulations," McKinney says. "But the hardest one for a lot of members to follow is obeying the word of God."

Outside the pastor's study, the echoes of singing voices can be heard. The 66th conference has already convened, and McKinney is eager to join the congregation.

"From nineteen and twenty-eight (when the church was incorporated), it's a greater and brighter day," he says, "Only God knows what's ahead."

Church Notes

Lay Service Begins

The annual Lay Day service of the St. James AME Zion Church at 1501 N. Patterson Avenue will begin this Sunday at 11 a.m.

The theme for the service is "Lay Stewardship for the Christian Community."

The guest speaker will be Michael Edward Gadsden, a Fayetteville attorney.

Gadsden is an outstanding Laymen in the N.C. Conference of the AME Zion Church.

He received his bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbus, S.C., and his law degree from North Carolina Central University.

Gadsden is a Sunday school teacher, chairman of the Finance Committee and editor of the church newsletter. He is also a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the North Carolina Bar.

Gadsden is married to the former Bernice Covington and the couple has one daughter, Annette.



Michael E. Gadsden

Installation Services To Be Held This Sunday

New Faith Chapel Holiness Church Inc. will hold installation services this Sunday through Friday at Temple Church of God at N. Trade Street.

Elder Ronald Lee Brown, associate minister of New Faith, will be installed as the new pastor of Temple Church of God. Brown was appointed by Bishop Lawrence Tate.

During the week of services, special guests will be featured each night.

On Sunday, Bishop Tate will open the services at 4 p.m. Mother C.L. Acker of the Open Door Apostolic Church of God will be Monday's speaker at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. C. Moore of Bible Way Apostolic Church of God will be Tuesday's guest speaker.

Elder Leroy Johnson of Mount Sinai Righteous Church of God will be the guest speaker Wednesday. The Rev. Claude Thomas of St. Peters Apostolic Church and Elder Claude Turner of Calvary Hill Holiness Church will be the guest speakers Thursday and Friday nights.

Funerals

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Member Of White Rock Baptist Church, Passes

Mr. Harry Jenkins

Mr. Harry Jenkins, of Orange, N.J., died Sept. 22 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, N.J. He was a native of this city and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Esther Jenkins of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia S. Hickerson and Miss Lynda Shepard; one son, Mr. Harold Shepard, all of this city; one brother, Robert Jenkins of Bennet Harbor, Mich.; one son-in-law, Rev. Sam Hickerson, Jr.; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Shepard; three grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. at the graveside in Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors took charge of the services.

Mrs. Betty Rhinehart Wilson

Mrs. Betty Rhinehart Wilson, of 1110 E. 19th Street, died Sept. 29 at N.C. Baptist Hospital.

She was a native of this city and a member of the White Rock Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son James Timothy Wilson of this city; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Wolf, Mrs. Reola Turner, Mrs. Brenda Pollard, all of this city; two brothers, Mr. Aaron Hall and Mr. Donald Rhinehart, both of this city; a devoted friend, Mr. Raymond Woodard; three brothers-in-law and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. at the White Rock Baptist Church, with the Rev. J.S. Mickens officiating.

Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors took charge of the services.

Mr. Reginald Hiawatha Hairston

Mr. Reginald Hiawatha Hairston, of 1525 E. 23rd Street, died Sept. 30 at the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C.

He was a native of this city and was employed as a construction worker.

Surviving are a daughter, Tara Lucritia Brittan; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jane Hairston; his grandfather, Mr. George Hairston; one sister, Ms. Jennifer N. Hairston; two aunts, Mrs. Maggie Campbell and Mrs. Betty Savage; four uncles, Mr. Lester Hairston, George Hairston Jr., Nathaniel Hairston and Mr. James Jones, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with the Rev. M.L. McConnell officiating.

Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Directors took charge of the services. Mrs. Gwendolyn Hauser

Mrs. Gwendolyn Hauser, of 1524 N. Jackson Avenue, died Oct. 2 at her residence.

She was a native of this city and of the Baptist faith. Surviving are her husband, Mr. William Hauser, of this city; her mother, Mrs. Annie B. McCloud of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Gale Correlle and Mrs. Sharon McCloud; two sisters, Mrs. Ezella Bellomy of Long, S.C. and Mrs. Wheatley Allison of this city; two brothers, Elder Alonzo McCloud and Mr. Amizie McCloud Jr.; seven grandchildren and other relatives. Hooper Funeral Directors took charge of the services.

Mr. Fathney Soney

Mr. Fathney Soney, of 713 E. 16th Street, died Oct. 2 at his residence.

He was a native of this city.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Retha Soney Geathers of this city; one sister, Mrs. Amzella Montgomery; his stepfather, Mr. George Geathers, and other relatives. Hooper Funeral Directors took charge of the services.

Mrs. Dekota Gaither Gilliam

Funeral services for Mrs. Dekota Gaither Gilliam, of 2119 E. 23rd Street, were held Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in Waightown Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dennis Bishop officiating.

The body rested in the funeral home until 3 p.m. at which time it was placed in state in the church until the funeral hour.

The family assembled and left from the residence at

3:30 p.m. en route to the church for the funeral.

Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home took charge of services.

Mr. Ernest Neal Taylor

Mr. Ernest Neal Taylor departed this life on Sept. 23. He was born to the late Grove Taylor and Mary T. Hunter.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church and was a life-long resident of Winston-Salem.

He was a former employee of B.F. Goodrich Tire Service.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucille Taylor of the home; one son, Napoleon Taylor of this city; his mother, Mrs. Mary Hunter of this city; two stepchildren, Mrs. Peggy Lineburger of Greensboro, and Chester Furgerson of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Louise House and Mrs. Loretta Finnia, both of this city; four brothers, Robert Taylor of this city, Ralph and Bobby Taylor of Washington, D.C., and Floyd Taylor of Akron, Ohio; nine grandchildren, neices, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, with the Rev. M.M. Petree officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Johnson's Home of Memory Funeral Directors took charge of services.