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## Focus On Religion

### He's glad to be back home

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If there's a church social to be had at the Waughtown Baptist Church on Moravia Street, rest assured that the pastor, the Rev. Dennis Bishop, will be there, even if it means donning an apron to fry fish or playing third base in a softball game.

Bishop, 29, who says he's been challenged to show his driver's license to prove his age, became pastor of Waughtown Baptist just over a year ago, replacing the retiring Rev. E.L. Grant.

Gradually, the church began to attract more and more young members, and institute new programs.

A native of Winston-Salem, Bishop says he began his ministry at the age of 13, while a member of the Ambassadors for Christ Cathedral.

In 1975, he joined Grant at Waughtown as his assistant pastor. Five years later, he was appointed the pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Mocksville, where he remained for three years.

Now he has returned, with a bang, to Winston. "It's good to be back home," he says, with a grin of satisfaction. "If you leave home right, you can always come back."

Bishop, who is known for his fiery sermons, is in big demand throughout the Piedmont and southside Virginia. Until he and his wife Sharon married two years ago, he says, he headlined 16 to 20 revivals a year. Now he heads seven or eight yearly.

But it's his genuine concern and his delivery of the Gospel, he says, that have helped Waughtown Baptist increase its membership by 200 since he came last May. Forty percent of that number,

Bishop proudly adds, are men.

The church now boasts a roster of 300 to 325 members.

"It makes me feel real good to know that The Word is accomplishing," says Bishop. "But I also feel that I have a good relationship with my people."

That relationship is a cooperative effort involving both Bishop and his wife, who directs the young adult choir, he says.

Bishop, who works also as a truck driver and

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-- The Rev. Dennis Bishop

warehouse employee for Ferguson Enterprises, says he nevertheless feels it's necessary to be more than just a Sunday preacher. His role, he says, is to become acquainted with all the members of the church.

"For the boys of the church who may not have a father figure, I take them to wrestling matches or baseball games," Bishop says. "I didn't have a father figure but I think my mother did a good job. I want them to know what it's like to have a father figure."

Bishop also enjoys spending time with the church's elderly members.

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The Rev. Dennis Bishop: From fish fry cook to third basemen, he can do it all (photo by James Parker).

have ice cream or a milkshake with them -- on me.

"I have to have a one-on-one relationship with our members," says Bishop. "I write one of our members who's in prison. I talk with them. I laugh with them."

And if members of the church decide to organize an outing to a local skating rink, Bishop goes skating, too.

"I want the members to feel they're a part of me," he says. "That's the drawing power; making people feel like people."

Bishop says he had to put a halt to his rigorous

revival schedule because of a need to settle down with his families: one at home, the other at church.

"I need to direct a lot more of my time to this church," Bishop says. "Revivals are inspirational but I have to build up the prayer meetings and Bible study services. I also counsel during the week, so I had to cut back."

Bishop founded the church's newly-formed Agape Inspirational Ensemble and a 10-minute junior church. He says Waughtown will continue to progress in the area of community service and he

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## CALENDAR

Compiled by Lucille Douthett

THURSDAY, JULY 12

\*The Holiness Church of God will attend the Sunday School Convention at Mt. Zion Holiness Church in Galax, Va. today through Sunday, July 15. For transportation information call Elder Hilton Stone Jr. at 725-5892.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

\*The fifth annual Ushers' Convention of the Yadkin and Davie Missionary Baptist Association will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville beginning at 10 a.m.

\*The Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church at 206 N. Greenwood Ave. will host a plate and yard sale at the church at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

\*The Senior Missionaries of Zion Memorial Baptist Church at 101 Dunleith Ave., will celebrate their anniversary at 4 p.m. The Rev. R.C. Wilkins and congregation of Antioch Baptist Church will be the special guest.

\*Calvary Hill Apostolic Church at 2411 Urban St., will sponsor a Debutante Affair at the church at 4 p.m. Miss Calvary Hill 1984 will also be crowned. Elder Claude C. Turner is the pastor.

\*The Senior Choir of Spencer Memorial Christian Church at 1410 Douglas St. will celebrate its 91st anniversary at the church at 5 p.m. The Male Chorus of Gallilee Baptist Church, Hanes Memorial CME Church Choir and Middle Fork Christian Church Choir will be the featured musical guest.

\*The Nurses Auxiliary Board of Mars Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary at 3 p.m. Dr. Quincy Caldwell of United Progressive Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

\*The Nurses Board of Emmanuel Baptist Church at 1075 Shamir Drive will celebrate its anniversary at the church at 6 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Bishop and members of Waughtown Baptist Church will be the guest. The Rev. John Mendez is the pastor.

MONDAY, JULY 16

\*There will be a three night revival service beginning tonight through Friday, July 20 at the Disciples for Christ Holy Church at 908 N. Liberty St. at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Lawrence S. Tate of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church will be the guest speaker. Evangelist Gene Alford is the pastor.

\*Revival service will be held tonight through Friday at East Grove Baptist Church at 1236 E. 26th St. beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Elder Charles Hash, pastor of Rescue Temple Church in Jonesville will be the guest speaker. The Rev. M.M. Petree is the pastor.

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.

## Church Notes

### Bishop Bynum honored

The New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center Inc. at 1700 N. Liberty St. will host a Founder's Day march in honor of the church founder, Bishop Dollie Bynum, Sunday, July 15.

The march will begin at the church office on Liberty St. at 1:30 p.m. The march will end at the Greenway Auditorium and at

3 p.m. a memorial service will be held in honor of Bynum.

Bynum, who died in 1976, was a native of Forsyth County and began her ministry in 1965, traveling around the world.

The New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center Inc., UAAN-Christian and Political Network is sponsoring the service.

### Church to hold fellowship

Fellowship services will begin Friday, July 13 at the City of God Prayer Fellowship at 2201 N.E. 23rd St. at 7:30 p.m.

Elder Sylvester Johnson, Ashly Thompson, Lewis Hunter and Richard Hickman will lead the service Friday.

On Saturday, July 14, at 7:30

p.m., Elder Larry Butler, Evangelists Lillie Mae Butler and Annette Thompsons will lead the service and at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 15, the Rev. Anna Carter Lester will deliver the sermon. The guest speakers will include Elders Chris Young, Charlie Clemmons and Evangelist Shirley Johnson.

## Funerals

### Services for Mr. Darvin Garrett held today

Mr. Darvin Garrett

Funeral services for Mr. Darvin Garrett, 4633 Baux Mountain Rd., will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. from the New Birth Church of Christ Church where Bishop R.L. McCullough will officiate with interment in the Evergreen Cemetery. The body will repose at Gilmore's until the funeral hour. The family may be contacted and the procession will leave the home of wife, Mrs. Wilma Moore, 2004 Baux Mountain Drive, Thursday at 2:40 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to and services will be conducted by Gilmore Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Minnie D. Cloud

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie D. Cloud, 2616 Ansonia Street, will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. from Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. O. B. Cook will officiate with interment in the Evergreen Cemetery. The body will repose at Gilmore's until the funeral hour. The family may be contacted and the procession will leave the home of the granddaughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Nance, 2732 Glenn Avenue, Saturday at 10:40 a.m. enroute to the Church.

Arrangements entrusted to and services will be conducted by Gilmore Funeral Directors.

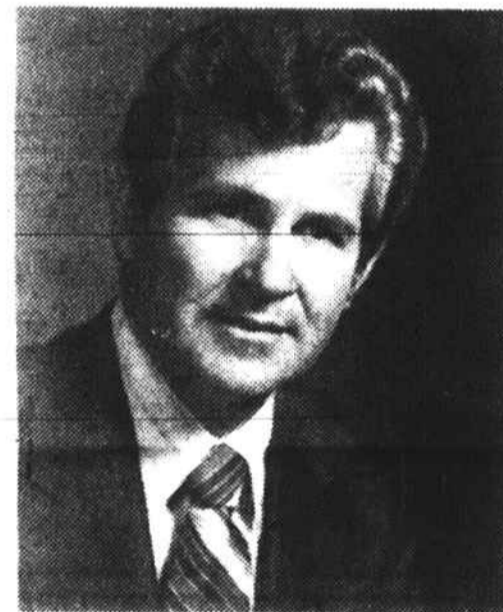
Mr. James Edward Geno Perrin, Jr.

Funeral services for Mr. James Edward Geno Perrin, Jr., 2310 Booker Street, will be conducted today at 2 p.m. from the Gilmore Memorial Chapel where Bishop H. I. Williams will officiate with interment in the Evergreen Cemetery. The body will repose at Gilmore's until the funeral hour. The family may be contacted and the procession will leave the residence Saturday at 1:40 p.m. enroute to the Chapel.

Arrangements entrusted to and services will be conducted by Gilmore Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hattie Hargrave

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Hargrave, Lexington, N.C., will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. from the First Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C. where Rev. Ernest Garrett will officiate with interment



Donald Forrester



Dean William E. Johnson

### Pair return from Africa

On June 13 Donald Forrester, president of the Winston-Salem Bible College, traveled to Mbale, Uganda in East Africa to conduct a two-week seminar. Enroute, they visited London, England where Fred Miller and family are

missionaries. The trip also included visits to Nairobi, Kenya, where Al Hamilton and family are stationed.

Forrester was accompanied by Dean William E. Johnson.

in the Forest Hill Memorial Park. The body will repose at Gilmore's in Lexington until the funeral hour. The family may be contacted and the procession will leave the home of a devoted friend, Mrs. Helene McCall, 417 Liberty Street., Saturday at 1:40 p.m. enroute to the Church.

Arrangements entrusted to and services will be conducted by Gilmore Funeral Directors, Lexington, N.C.

Mr. Fred Potter

Mr. Fred Potter, 306, Third Avenue, Lexington, N.C., will be conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from the First Baptist Church Lexington, N.C., where Rev. Ernest Garrett will officiate assisted by Rev. A. T. Evans with interment in the Lexington City Cemetery. The body will repose at Gilmore's in Lexington until the funeral hour, and will not be viewed after the Eulogy. The family will receive friends Sunday evening at Gilmore's from 7 until 7:30 p.m. The family may be contacted and the procession will leave the residence, 306 Third Avenue.

Arrangements entrusted to and services will be conducted by Gilmore Funeral Directors, Lexington, N.C.

Mrs. Ossie Davis Willis

Funeral services for Mrs. Ossie Davis Willis of 1201 E. 9th St., Apt 4-F, were conducted Monday July 2nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Dr. David R. Hedgley officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Pearl D. Redd, of this city, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. Johnnie Bruton Grier

Funeral services for Mr. Johnnie Bruton Grier of 1625 E. 3rd St., Apt 314, were conducted Monday July 2nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Rev. Paul Thombs officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Lee and Mrs. Dorothy Chaplin, both of this city;

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