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Focus On Religion

Radio minister lives by faith

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If there was ever a modern-day example of someone living by faith, then 29-year-old Joan Cornell must be it.

Knowing she had no other income or hint of an employment possibility, the born-again believer says she put her trust in God and withdrew her name from the welfare list that supported her and her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Sarah.

That happened a year ago. Today, Cornell is serving as a solace to others as host of the 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. gospel music show on WSMX-AM radio, which also features the very popular call-in segment of the prime spot, "Prayer and Praise."

"The Lord led me to do that (give up welfare)," says Cornell, "and I haven't lacked for anything since."

"I never had my lights, gas, phone or anything cut off," she says, with a smile of self-assuredness. "He's never failed me yet."

A newcomer to the field of broadcasting, Cornell went aboard the gospel station owned by Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church of God, Inc., three-and-a-half months ago. Her formal training in radio includes an announcer's class she took at Forsyth Technical Institute. Her love for broadcasting, however, has always been with her, only she says she never took it seriously until now.

"When I was a little girl," says Cornell, "I always wanted to be a newscaster. I always thought about it, but I never pursued it. I kept on thinking

about it, but I never could afford an education."

As she listened to the radio one day, a public service announcement about class offerings at Forsyth Tech. hit the airwaves. One of the classes was a radio announcer's class. Finally, Cornell says, she went and registered.

Al Martin, one of the station's more prominent announcers, was the class instructor and Cornell says she took an immediate interest in her abilities. "He persuaded me to put in an application at the station," she says.

Not long after the class got underway, Cornell had to drop out because she didn't have access to a car. But Martin, she says, offered his assistance by

"Before I was saved I had a lot of hang-ups and let-downs ..."

-- Joan Cornell

providing her with transportation to and from class, as well as her fee to re-enroll.

"I do believe the Holy Spirit of God motivated him (Martin) to help me," she says, "because people just don't help you like that today."

Now the tables have turned and Cornell's focus is on helping others, she says, through inspiration she receives from God.

"Prayer and Praise" callers are often people in need of counseling, she says, but it's the kind of counseling that *doesn't* refer those in desperation or trouble to legal services or help agencies.

"I really love what I do," says Cornell. "I don't



WSMX-AM radio announcer Joan Cornell says living on faith is what put her where she is today (photo by James Parker).

look at my work as a job, but a ministry. I used to be bothered by talk shows that recommended psychiatric help to people.

"A lot of people who call the show are in need of the ministry," she says. "A lot of times I have to keep on ministering to them off the air."

A small, slender-framed woman, Cornell's character shows a lot of strength garnered, she says, from her faith in God and experience.

At 18, the Mt. Vernon, N.Y., native made her

first trip to Winston-Salem, only to find that she had brothers and sisters here. Cornell says she moved in with a brother and later found a place of her own. In 1974, she had her first real encounter with God, she says, but because of a lack of guidance and a circle of friends strong in God, her faith dwindled.

In 1981, Cornell says she again had the oppor-

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Church Notes

Mrs. Watson to speak

Mrs. Magdalene M. Watson, a teacher in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System, will be the Women's Day program speaker during the 11 a.m. service at Bethany United Presbyterian Church in Lumberton.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy McDowell of Lumberton and the late Willie McDowell.

A graduate of St. Madeline Sophie and J.H. Hayswood schools in Lumberton, Mrs. Watson holds an English degree from Winston-Salem State University. She has also taught in the Newark, N.J., school system.

In Winston-Salem, Mrs. Watson serves as a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she teaches Bible school and is a

member of the EBL Missionary Group. She is also a member of the church's installation committee and has served as guest speaker to various churches throughout the state.

Mrs. Watson is vice president/treasurer of the Delta Omega Chapter of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, serves as reporter for the Best Yet Flower and Garden Club, is a member of the Winston-Salem NAACP, and has been a contestant for Mother of the Year. In addition to her numerous other civic activities, Mrs. Watson also performs with the Nell Lite Drama Productions company.

This year's Women's Day topic is, "The Changing Roles of



Magdalene M. Watson



Evangelist Sarah C. Rowdy

Women in the Church: From Messenger to Minister."

The Rev. A.G. Walker is the pastor of Bethany Presbyterian.

Church has weekly services

Revelations of Faith Holiness Church will hold services at the Masonic Temple on 14th Street

each Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sun- Please see page B8

CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Revival services will continue tonight through Friday at Piney Grove United Methodist Church in Advance at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Eston Sellers Jr., pastor of Holmes Grove and Laughlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Greensboro, is the guest speaker.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

The Community Prayer Band will have an all-night meeting at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at the corner of 19th Street and Jackson Avenue beginning at 9 p.m.

The Tabernacle of Faith Mass Choir will sponsor a fashion show and banquet from 7-10 p.m. at the Spruce Street YWCA. Tickets will be \$10 for couples, \$5 for singles and \$3 for youngsters ages 6-12. Those under 6 will be admitted free.

The Senior Choir of Antioch Christian Church will hold a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. in the church at 1432 Underwood Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

The Revival Gospel Singers will be in concert at Spencer Memorial Church at 1410 Douglas St. at 3 p.m.

The Rev. H.L. McConnell of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will be the guest speaker at the Men's and Women's Day service at Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church at 4 p.m.

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.

Skyland Senior Citizens Club celebrates its 31st anniversary

The Skyland Senior Citizens Club celebrated its 31st anniversary Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Rupert Bell Recreation Center.

The theme was "Years of Divine Guidance."

Ms. Delores Guest read the Scripture. Ms. Sallie Salvage delivered the prayer and Mrs. Erlene Benjamin welcomed guests and friends. The history was read by Ms. Katie Fair. Ms. Mamie White led the candlelight memorial service in honor of deceased members.

Mrs. Mildred Griffin introduced the speaker, County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff.

"Tell the young people of the struggle we have gone through," she said, "and that we are survivors and that they can be also if they put God first in their lives."

Ms. Flora Alexander entertained the group with a solo.

Final remarks were made by the club president, Mrs. Janie A. Wilson. Refreshments were served later.

Funerals

Services held for Mrs. Edna Scott Jeffries

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Mrs. Edna Scott Jeffries of 1423 E. 3rd. St., died Tuesday, August 7th, at the Pell Care Nursing Home. She was a native of Mocksville, N.C. and lived in this city for the past seventy-one years. She was a member of the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, having served with the Women's Home and Foreign Mission, and was active in the Sunday School. Surviving are two sons, Robert Jefferies, of this city and Jasper Jeffries, of White Plains, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 10th at 3:00 P.M. at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, with Dr. Jerry Quick officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. Clarence H. Harris

Mr. Clarence H. Harris of 1880 Short St. died Tuesday, August 7th, at the N.C. Baptist Hospital. He was a native of this city and a member of the St. Stephen's Baptist Church. Mr. Harris was a retired employee of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Florice Jones, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith of the home, and Mrs. Dorothy Reddick, of Rockford, Illinois, and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 11th at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Stephen's Baptist Church, with Rev. L.C. Broadway officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. John Crow McCrow

Mr. John Crow McCrow of 839 Brookline St. died Wednesday, August 8th, at his residence. He was a native of Lancaster, S.C. and lived in this city for the past forty years. Mr. McCrow was a member of the Waightown Baptist Church, having served as a member of the Usher Board and was a former Deacon. He was a retired employee of the Archer Aluminum Division of R.J. Reynolds Industries. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Luverta Moore McCrow, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Bethea, of this city, and Ms. Jannie McCrow, of Lancaster, S.C., and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 12th at 3:00 P.M.

at the Waightown Baptist Church, with Rev. Dennis Bishop officiating. Interment followed in the Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mrs. Addie B. Davis

Mrs. Addie B. Davis of 1450 E. 14th St. died Friday, August 10th at the Forsyth Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Landrum, S.C. Surviving are two sons, Russell Davis, of this city and Richard Davis, of Rockville, Maryland; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 14th at 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with Rev. E.L. Clark officiating. Interment followed in the Piedmont Memorial Gardens.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mrs. Ophelia Limus

Mrs. Ophelia Limus of 1539 E. 21st St. died Friday, August 10th, at the Forsyth Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Lancaster, S.C. and was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, having served as Vice President of the Spiritual Choir. Mrs. Limus was a member of the Christian Gospel Singers and was president of the Christian Travelers Gospel Singers and treasurer of the 21st St. Flower Club. She was a member of the Consolidated Singers and the Prayer Band. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Stroud, of Charlotte, N.C., and Miss Marjorie Limus, of the home; two sons, Willie and Nathaniel Limus, both of this city; one sister, Mrs. Dora Burns, of High Point, N.C.; one adopted daughter, Rev. Barbara D. Richardson, of Greenville, S.C.; three grandchildren, who were reared in the home, James E. Hayden, Mrs. Alberta Hayden Mickens, and Mrs. JoAnn C. Dozier; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Limus and Mrs. Mary B. Hayden; ten grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 14th at 3:00 P.M. at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. Fred J. Blackburn

Mr. Fred J. Blackburn of 1314 East 3rd. St., passed on Tuesday. Please see page B7