

Focus On Religion

Fails plots success at Hanes

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Although he hasn't even finished moving into his new study, the new pastor of Hanes Memorial CME Church has definite plans in mind for his new church.

The Rev. William S. Fails, who preached his first service at Hanes only two weeks ago, says he was familiar with Hanes before he assumed the pastor-

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ship and hopes to continue the reputation established by his predecessors.

"Hanes is one of our churches that has an excellent reputation," says Fails, the former pastor of Washington's Lane Memorial Church. "I had heard about it before I received the assignment. I plan for Hanes to continue to support community programs and be active with the community."

Fails, who succeeds the Rev. Anzo Montgomery, is committed to lending an ear and a helping hand to his community's young people and to those who are unable to help themselves. He hopes to initiate

programs that will minister to the needs of youth and young adults.

"I plan to try to bring more youth and young adults into the church," says the 33-year-old Fails. "Hopefully, we'll be able to enhance both their spiritual and emotional lives to the point that they don't get caught up in the things happening out in the world."

As a pastor in the urban settings of Washington, Fails got a firsthand look at what can happen to young people who get involved with drugs and crime. His experience has made him determined to make his ministry make a difference in the lives of young people.

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There is no doubt that Fails, who by his own admission is an outspoken person, will be a voice in the local community. He has no qualms about his tendency to speak out and says he will address wrongs wherever he finds them.

"I am extremely outspoken," he says firmly. "Sometimes it has forced me to be involved in some things I didn't want to be involved in, but I'm just not real passive when it comes to things I believe in."

Fails says that politics is not an area that he will



The Rev. William Fails: Hanes will be more than the church on the hill (photo by James Parker).

shy away from, nor does he feel that ministers should be hesitant about speaking out on political issues in their communities.

Citing Andrew Young, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as examples, Fails feels that ministers can be effective voices in politics

and says, "You can't hide the Bible when it comes to politics. The church has a political responsibility."

But Fails, though he sports a full beard and a youthful appearance, stops short of labeling Please see page B9

Church Notes

New Faith Chapel to hold annual convention in W-S

New Faith Chapel Holiness Church Inc. will hold its Fourth Annual Missionary Convention at the headquarters church, located at 1419 Waughtown St., Wednesday, Sept. 10, through Saturday, Sept. 13.

The theme for this year's convention is "Delight Thyself Also in the Lord, and He Shall Give Thee the Desires of Thine Heart."

The national president and host will be Mother Brenda Tate. She succeeds Pastor Jeanne Bryant Alford, who was elevated to the position of national public relations adviser of the missionary society of the church organization.



Brenda Tate

Speakers for the event will include Pastor Faye Thomas, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Evangelist Dola Purcell, Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Mother Doris Russell, Friday at 7:30 p.m..

There will be a prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Ricky Wilson will be the featured speaker at the breakfast. Her topic will be "The Qualifications of a Christian Leader."

Ms. Bryant will present her sermon at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Annual messages will be given

by Mrs. Tate on Friday night and Mother Claudette Mack, national vice president, on Thursday night.

The special guest soloist Thursday night will be Minister John Heath. Music will be presented by the convention choir.

Other officers for 1986 include Missionary Christine Davis, national secretary, Missionary Minnie Wilson, national assistant secretary, and Thelma Grant, national treasurer.

Bishop L.S. Tate is the founder and general overseer of the church organization.

Wentz Memorial holds second Christian education seminar

Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ held the second of three seminars on Christian education at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the church.

The Christian Education Committee planned a program titled "Holy Days and Holidays." Sandra G. Blair was the committee's director.

Scriptural references were read

and explained, and the discussions highlighted the actual meanings of the passages.

The in-church training seminars were designed to broaden the biblical knowledge of members in general, with special attention given to those holding leadership roles or planning to pursue leadership roles in the church.

Dr. Marion Blair, the church's pastor, gave the program's invocation, and Elizabeth Martin presented the call to celebration for the opening session.

Session II addressed holy days and discussed the worship of God, celebration restrictions and the responsibility to children.

Frances Coble presented a

discussion of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Session III featured a discussion of holidays, focusing on the history of Halloween and its modern observance, the history and modern observance of Christmas and a filmstrip, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The benediction was given by Dr. Blair.

Morning Star Baptist Church crowns Ms. and Mr. Morning Star

Morning Star Baptist Church recently crowned Ms. and Mr. Morning Star at a program held at the church Aug. 17.

Gloria Stinson was crowned Ms. Morning Star at the event. The occasion marks the third time she has been honored with the crown.

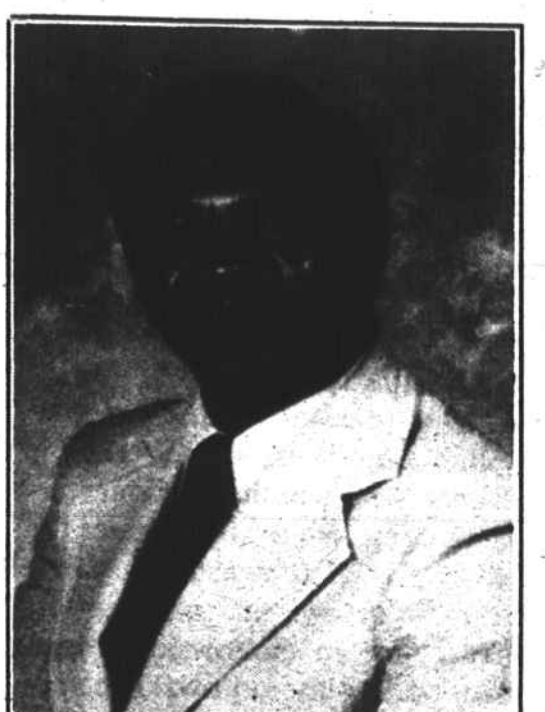
Robert Witherspoon, a first-time winner, was crowned Mr. Morning Star.

The crowning highlighted the church's annual Men's and Women's Day program.

Dr. B.H. Bonham is the pastor.



Gloria Stinson



Robert Witherspoon

CHURCH NEWS DEADLINES ...

The Chronicle welcomes church news and calendar items. The deadline for announcements is Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Area Deaths and Funerals

BLANCHE MILLER

Blanche Miller of 2436 N. Patterson Ave. died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Baptist Hospital. She was a native of Greenville, S.C.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Reedy Fork Baptist Church in Simpsonville, S.C., before moving to this city. She was a retired employee of the South Carolina school system. She is survived by one sister, Nannie McGlown of Philadelphia, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, in the chapel of the Hooper Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Fowler and Dr. Jerry A. Quick officiating. Burial followed in Piedmont

Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Directors was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

WALTER EDGAR BAIRD

Walter Edgar Baird of 1810 Hattie Circle died Friday, Aug. 29, at his home. He was a native of Asheville and had lived in this city for the past 35 years.

Baird was a retired claims director for Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Please see page B11

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

• The NAACP will sponsor an all-day education conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Communications Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Dr. Beverly Cole, the national director of education for the NAACP, will be the guest speaker at the conference's luncheon. The event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

• The Ralph R. Morgan Post No. 220 Auxiliary will hold its regular business meeting at 4 p.m. at the post home. All members are asked to come prepared to pay 1986-87 membership dues. For more information call 777-0364.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

• The men of Calvary Hill Apostolic Church, 2411 Urban St., will hold a "Labouring in the Vineyard" program at 4 p.m. The men of the church will be the featured speakers. For more information call 773-0112.

• Providence Baptist Church in Kernersville will begin its annual revival services at 11 a.m. with featured speaker Pastor Derlioux Johnson; the Rev. S.L. Fogle will speak at the 3 p.m. service. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 through Friday, Sept. 12. The evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Gary Cobb of Sony Home Baptist Church in Reidsville. For more information call 722-8831.

• Mars Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming at 3 p.m. The special guests will be the Rev. George Brooks and the congregation of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro.

• There will be a special program at Galilee Baptist Church at 6 p.m. when Mrs. Ewell presents the former "Camp Meeting Choir," the Gospel Jewels and Brother Archie McDaniel of New York. For more information call 722-2038.

• The Emmanuel Baptist Church family will salute Walteria Mack Spaulding at a "This Is Your Life" appreciation program commemorating her 20 years of service to the church and the local community. The program will be held at 5 p.m. at the church, located at 1075 Shalimar Drive. The Rev. John Mendez is the pastor.

• The women of Union Chapel Baptist Church will sponsor a candlelight service and a pageant titled "Women of the Bible" at 5 p.m. The church is located at 300 W. 23th St. The pastor is the Rev. Konnie Robinson. For more information call 749-8644.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

• White Rock Baptist Church, 1233 E. 14th St., will begin its annual fall revival at 7 p.m. The Rev. Clarence Johnson of Greensboro will be the evangelist for the week. Services will be held nightly at 7 through Friday. For more information call 727-8172.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

• The Winston-Salem Day Chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship International will hold an interdenominational meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Central YMCA on West End Boulevard. Irene Harvell of Wilson will be the guest speaker. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9. For more information call 924-2565.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• There will be a free medical clinic operated by doctors from Please see page B11