

# Religion



## Hanes Memorial makes 'joyful noise'

### Korean soloist brings soul to black spirituals

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Millions around the world have seen the extraordinarily talented vocalist featured on such religious programs as the CBN 700 Club, Dr. D. James Kennedy TV Ministry, and The Joy of Music, hosted by organist

Diane Bish. Winston-Salem will have the opportunity to see Miss Sung Sook Lee in person in a concert of sacred music Sunday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary of Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church.

Sponsored by the Missionary Society and the Music Department of Hanes Memorial, Miss Lee will bring to the congregation and the community "a trained operatic voice," said James D. Smith, choir director and organist at Hanes.

As an oratorio soloist, she has performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Handel Oratorio Society at Kennedy Center, the New York Oratorio Society, the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, the Westminster Choir, the St. Cecilia Choir in Rome, and major symphony orchestras around the world.

Mr. Smith is excited about the upcoming performance by Miss Lee and feels she will offer something new and profoundly different, as well as inspirational, to the African-American community. "She sings all the Negro spirituals and hymns," he said, adding that as a Korean, "That's interesting for us." He said that although her name may not be familiar to many in the black community, her face is. He recalled her performance of "It Is Well" on a recent Dr. D. James Kennedy program (Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays in this area).

Bringing an artist of Miss Lee's caliber to the local community has presented a challenge to Mr. Smith, but one which he feels will be worth-

while once the audience hears her repertory. "Serious music has been here, and it's fading to an extent," he said, lamenting the lack of concentration among African-American choirs on such religious music as the singing of hymns. "But, she's here to bring it back." He said, "I like the way she interprets a hymn. She gives you an opportunity to sit down and reflect on the words. She gives you a chance to actually think." He added, "We hear the words, but we don't actually think about them."

Miss Lee will perform a selection at the Sunday morning service prior to her concert. She will sing with the Chancel Choir, which Mr. Smith directs. He laughed recalling the initial grumbling that went on when the choir found out they would have to sing "Inflammatus" from Stabat Mater by G. Rossini in Latin with Miss Lee as soloist. But that will be her only selection in a foreign language. "She's not coming to sing in Korean," he said, "she's going to sing in good, old American English." He said that Miss Lee will also "whet the appetite" at the morning service with "It Is Well," arranged by Diane Bish. Guest accompanist will be Dr. Faustina Holman, a member of the faculty at Winston-Salem State University.

Mrs. Georgia Smith, president of the Missionary Society, said that Miss Lee's appearance is a chance for the people in the community to actually hear and meet someone they have seen on television. "Each year the Missionary group promotes a cultural activity," she said, adding that this event is "a community-oriented affair" offered through the Missionary Society's Cultural Enrichment group. Mr. Smith added, "We want the community at large to come on out and see a person that you might have seen and said, 'I'd love to see her in person.'"

The concert is free of charge, said Mr. Smith. "We're not asking for anything... We're giving you an afternoon of enjoyment, a worship service through



Miss Sung Sook Lee is a favorite on religious television programs.

song." He considers the performance as the church's "piece de resistance" among the other efforts that the church has sponsored.

Members of the Music Department also involved are Peggy W. McLaughlin, Michael Lemmon, and Jereilyn W. Travick. The Reverend Earl Christopher Carroll is pastor of Hanes Memorial.

Asked if he thought there might be some question as to why that particular artist, a Korean, Mr. Smith stated emphatically, "As a musician, ... I'm not looking at it from the standpoint of who's black and who's white ... Don't look at her face, listen to her voice." He feels that just as there are few African-Americans who have achieved international status, the same holds true for Koreans, among other minority groups. He said, "She represents the epitome of sacred (music) singers."



Mrs. Georgia Smith, president of Hanes Memorial Missionary Society, and James Smith, choir director and organist, are ready for concert.

Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The Inspirational Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church is sponsoring "Carnival" in the church parking lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be plenty of food and fun for all ages.

Knollwood Baptist Church, 330 Knollwood St. (across from I-40 from Thruway Shopping Center), will hold a "Dave Everhart All-You-Can-Eat Hickory Smoked BBQ," Silent Auction and Bake Sale starting at 4 p.m., rain or shine. Silent auction bids close at 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out, \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 10. For advanced tickets, call (919) 725-1343. All proceeds support Knollwood Baptist's Youth Missions Projects.

There will be a Bar-B-Que at Sethos Temple-Grenadier Club, 2511 Old Greensboro Rd., from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Take out or eat in. The donation is \$5.

The Inspiration Choir of Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will celebrate their 16th Celebrated Anniversary at 6:30 p.m. Guest choir will be the New Testament Choir of North Forsyth High School. The public is invited to attend.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Missionary Society, 2920 Greenway Ave., will present their second annual "One Hundred Women in Hats" at 4 p.m. The Rev. Philemon Samuels, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church, Madison, N.C. will be guest speaker. Prizes will be awarded for prettiest hat, largest hat, most unusual hat, etc.

The Rising Star Baptist Church, on the corner of Windmill and Fowler Streets in Walnut Cove, N.C., will have its new church dedication service at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Richard Lowery of Pine Hall Baptist Church. The public is invited.

The Senior Choir of Reynolds Temple C.M.E. Church, 2935 N. Glenn Ave., will present its annual "Fruit of the Spirit" program at 5 p.m. The pastor is Doreatha Baldwin. The public is invited.

### REVIVALS

Mt. Glory Missionary Baptist Church, 214 N. Dunleith Ave., will continue the Spring Youth Revival Apr. 18, & 19, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Elders John Burgess of Mt. Able Holiness Church and Elder Ronald Brown of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church will be the guest speakers.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 149 North Wheeler St., will continue its Spring Youth Revival Apr. 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be the Rev. John Walker, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Area churches will conduct the prayer services, and area choirs will provide the music each night. The public is invited.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shilohian/St. Peter's Summer Enrichment Program scheduled to start June 3, is currently accepting applications. A \$10 registration fee is required and application may be made at 1125 N. Highland Ave. through June 28 from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. or on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The program is open to children ages 6-12, grades K-7. For more information call (919) 724-5013.

All persons interested in traveling with Brother Raymond Couthen and the Voices of Winston-Salem Community Faith Choir to Ossining, N.Y., the weekend of Apr. 20-21, may call (919) 785-9861 or (919) 724-6322 for additional information. The choir will appear in two concerts.

Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will hold weekly prayer services and Bible study classes every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

## 100-year celebration held for Lossie Spells

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Approximately 160 relatives and friends gathered at Cooper Middle School in Clayton, N.C. Saturday, April 6, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lossie Dudley Spells, born April 5, 1891, in Nash County to Henry and Mary Ann Dudley.

Joining in the celebration, which included an outdoor pig picking were her six surviving of 13 children: Annie S. Alexander, Winston-Salem; Catherine Atkinson, Princeton, N.C.; Leroy Spells, Oxford, N.C.; Alene Mouzzon and Marie Bryant, Clayton; and Lossie Brewington, Goldsboro, N.C.

Mrs. Spells received a birthday

card from President George Bush and a letter from North Carolina Governor James Martin. Third district congressman, Martin Lancaster spoke, and the mayor of Clayton, Lawrence Ellis, presented Mrs. Spells with flowers.

She also received a certificate from fifth district congressman, Steve Neal, and was presented with the U. S. flag that was flown over the White House on March 9, 1991.

Mrs. Spells' brother and sister from Washington, D.C., attended, along with many of the 33 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren that she has across the country. A donation of "The Last Supper" was made to her church, Hope to Live Baptist Church, in Clayton.



Mrs. Lossie Dudley Spells received card from President Bush.

## Dr. W.E. Banks to speak for Annual Men's Day

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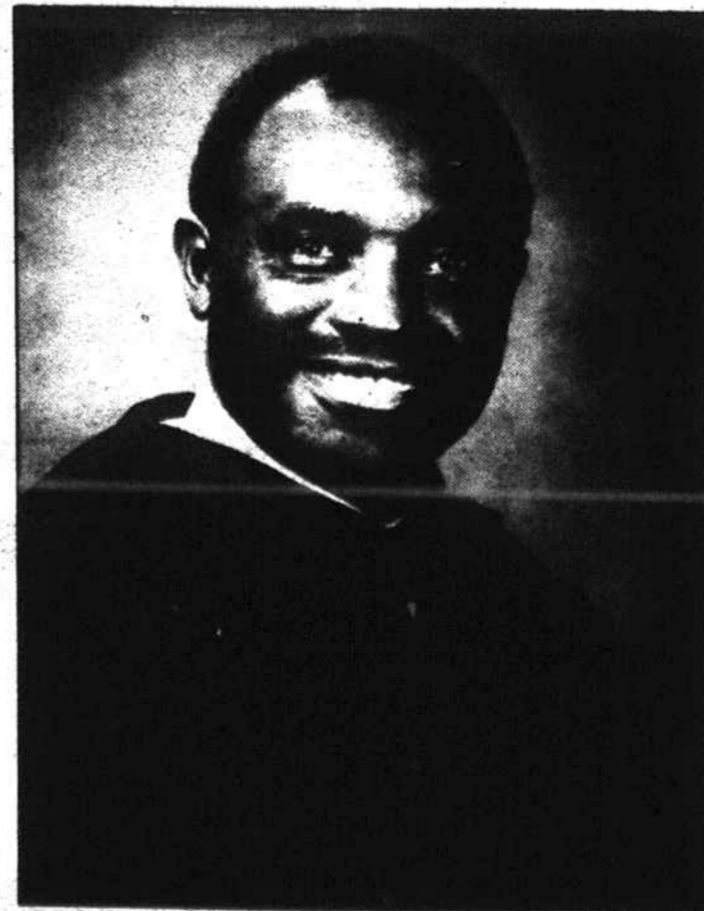
The men of New Bethel will celebrate the 44th Men's Day on April 21 at 11 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. W.E. Banks, Director of Shaw Divinity School's Extension Program and Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church of Thomasville.

Dr. Banks received his B.A. degree from St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N.C.

He attended graduate school at Shaw University of Religion, receiving a M.R.E. degree and North Carolina A&T State University, receiving a M.Ed. in Social Science.

He served three years in the U.S. Army with an honorable discharge. He later taught Social Science at the Richard B. Harrison High School in Selma, N.C.

Dr. Banks has had extensive political involvements. He has run for local and state offices. On the national level of the Democratic party, he served as Advance Man in Robert Kennedy's Presidential Campaign in 1968; worked for the



Dr. W.E. Banks

committee to elect Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964; and worked for the committee to elect Jim Hollister for Governor.

President of the Thomasville N.A.A.C.P. from 1962-1968, Dr. Banks also served in the capacity of Director of High School

and College Chapters of North Carolina N.A.A.C.P. (1964-1966).

He has served as president of the North Carolina Ministers' Conference.

Additionally, he participated in voter education drives in the South and participated in the March from Memphis, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi to continue James Meredith's voter registration drive.

He also served on the National Board and as President of Operation Bread Basket (1967-1968) and has served

as president of the North Carolina Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dr. Banks has received a special grant in the amount of a half million dollars to serve lunches to children for a

### Summer Feeding Program.

For his efforts, Dr. Banks has received numerous citations, N.A.A.C.P. awards, recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Thomasville, the N.C. General Baptist Award for Outstanding Service, and an award from First Baptist Church. He has received honorary degrees from Bishop College, Friendship College, Virginia Seminary, and Shaw University.

Dr. Banks is married and has one son.

Others appearing on the program are: Call to Worship; Trustee Arthur Kenner; Scripture, David Odom; Invocation, Trustee Wesley Curtis; Announcements, Alfred Poe; Special Recognition, Deacon Douglas Joyner; Offertory Prayer, Trustee John Possey; Introduction of Speaker, Dr. Jerry Drayton; and Recognition of Visitors, Trustee J.C. Gilmore III.

Deacon Douglas Joyner is Men's Day chairman.

Dr. Jerry Drayton is host pastor.