## Union Baptist Hosts Youth Banquet

The A.H. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship Committee of Union Baptist Church in conjunction with the Youth Council of the church will host the First Annual Youth Banquet this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-North. The banquet will recognize the 1993 scholarship recipients and former recipients. The 1993 recipients are Tusha Eaton and Jermeka Caldwell.

Marie Burney, a retired Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools counselor, will deliver the message of challenge to the youth. Bronnie Daniels is chairman of the scholarship committee. Delores Scales is

program chairperson.

Other youth who will be recognized at the banquet are the youth at the church who are receiving camperships. The Youth Council of the church, led by James Boone, is sponsoring the camperships. The Sunday School Department of the church and its superintendent, Barbara Miller, will recognize all 1993 graduates, who will receive gifts.

The church will observe its annual Scholarship Day on Sunday during the 11 a.m. service. John Rankin, chairman of the Human Relations Commission, will be the

The Rev. B.F. Daniels, pastor of Union Baptist, organized the A.H. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship Committee in 1983 in memorial of the former pastor of the church. The scholarships provide financial assistance to students pursuing degrees beyond the high school level. Nearly 30 graduates of the church have received scholarships.

Committee members are: Bronnie Daniels, chairperson; Delores Scales; Thomas Foggie; Helen Bracey; Brenda Butler; Cheryl Harry; Fran Douthit; Doris Thornton; James Boone; and James McWillis.

## Ida Tilson Scholarships Announced

of First Baptist Church on Fifth Street has announced the recipients of its scholarships for the 1993-94 academic year.

Award recipients include Christopher Norman of East Forsyth

The Ida Tilson Scholarship Fun High School; William T. Craver, Angela Godwin and Ross E. Rowe of Glenn High School; Daniel L. Smith of Gospel Light High School; Kendra L. Grubbs and Steven Long of Mt. Tabor High School; Kristina Blazer and Karma Pace of Reynolds

High School; and Kelli Mock of West Forsyth High School.

Administration of the Tilson Scholarship Fund is yet another facet of First Baptist ministry.

## Youth/Young Adult Revival Planned

revival will be held Monday through Friday at St. Stephen Baptist Church, with nightly services at

The Rev. Haywood T. Gray, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pelham, N.C. will be the evangelist for the week.

Gray has been involved in the 1986. ministry for over 14 years. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1981. He did graduate studies at .Hampton University.

Gray is a board member of a

A youth and young adult nization in the Pelham area. He was N.C. appointed to serve on the Local Human Rights Committee in the Virginia Department of Mental Health by the Governor of Virginia in 1982. He was appointed to the Prison Resource Committee of the N.C. Department of Corrections by the Governor of North Carolina in

He was a candidate for the Caswell County Board of Education in 1986 and has held upper-level management positions in political campaigns in Caswell County, credit union and a scholarship orga- N.C., Danville, Va., and Reidsville,

He is currently serving a for :year term as fourth vice president of the 460,000-member General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. He is a member of the Executive Committee and the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. He is a director of the General Baptist Foundation Inc. He served a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh. He is vice moderator of the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association.

# Ben Ruffin to be Youth Day Speaker

St. Stephen's Baptist Church will observe Youth Day this Sunday at 11 a.m. The theme is "Young, but Willing to Serve." The speaker will be Benjamin S. Ruffin. vice president of corporate affairs at National Urban League. R J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

A native of Durham, Ruffin from North Carolina Central University and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has also been the recipient of numerous awards.

including the Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Humanitarian Award, the North Carolina NAACP State Conference's highest honor, and the Donald H. McGannon Citation from the

Ruffin and his wife, Avon, eccived his undergraduate degree have two daughters, April and

The church is located at 5000 Noble St. The Rev. J.R. Samuels is



Benjamin Ruffin

## NCNW to Sponsor Dinner Theatre

Women (NCNW), Winston-Salem Section, will sponsor a Dinner Theatre featuring the Mt. Olive Baptist Drama Club's presentation of its original musical "Let God Be God" on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Shilohian Center auditorium, located at 1125 Highland Ave.

"Let God Be God" has received high accolade from previous pro-

The National Council of Negro ductions. The play won the Dove Award in 1992.

> The reality of the topics underscored in the musical draws attention to some of the causes and effects of drug use. The musical reveals the story of two families struggling to keep their families together. The everyday pressures of life cause one young man to find temporary comfort in drugs, while his sister looks to Jesus.

The play is written by Michael Gray, assistant minister of music at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Gray, pastor, directs the play. Music will be performed by the Mt. Olive Mass Choir, directed by Arthur Wright, minister of

For tickets call Thelma Pigford, president of the local chapter of NCNW, at 723-3314.

## Q&A with Host of Bobby Jones Hour

Bobby Jones, host and executive producer of the "Bobby Jones Gospel Show" and producer of "Video Gospel," has been recognized across the country as a talented performer, skilled professional and a successful entrepreneur in the gospel music industry. In addition, Jones is an educator, holding a bachelors, masters and doctorate degree in education.

In the following interview, Jones talks about his future in gospel, his career and what drives him to excel.

Q: How do you feel the "Bobby Jones Gospel Show" has influenced the gospel music industry?

Jones: "Based on the amount of communications that I get from people through the mail, from telephone calls, face-to-face conversations, and my own suggestions, we have set the precedent for gospel music by helping to develop a standard professionalism. In every aspect of the gospel music industry, we have had an impact on presentation, delivery, instrumentation, and we offer a tremendous platform for other gospel artists to display their talents. At this point, BET is the only network that has supported this type of gospel plat-

Q: Where do you see yourself in the next 5-10 years?

Jones: "I would like to continue my work at BET and expand to have a syndicated show in other markets. I am also in the process of developing the Diamond Festival, which will similar to the Cannes Film Festival in France, to establish some elitism within the gospel music industry. I hope to have another book completed on I say remember to maintain a balgospel music, continue my contributions, and sit at the helm of the industry and direct what needs to happen." p

Q: How does your show tie in to the needs of the African-American community?

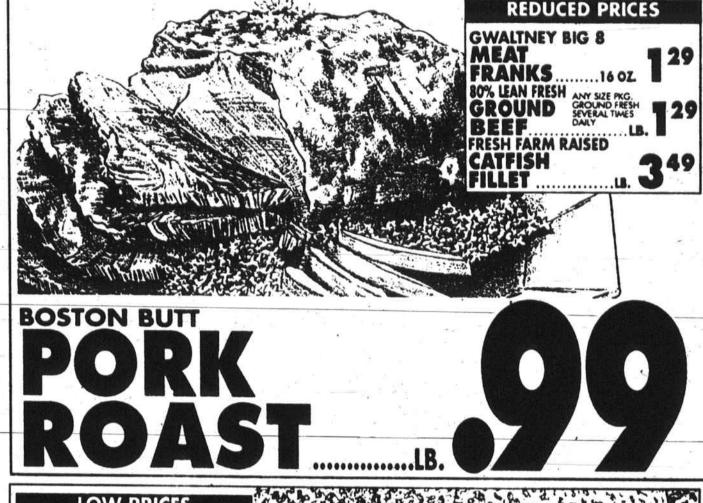
Jones: "The first component is spirituality. There are five tenets of life that we experience, and spirituality is one. I think that we have a great impact on the spiritual lives of African Americans. We also make an impact through educational seminars and workshops that we provide to inform and educate people on the lifestyle of tions in life."

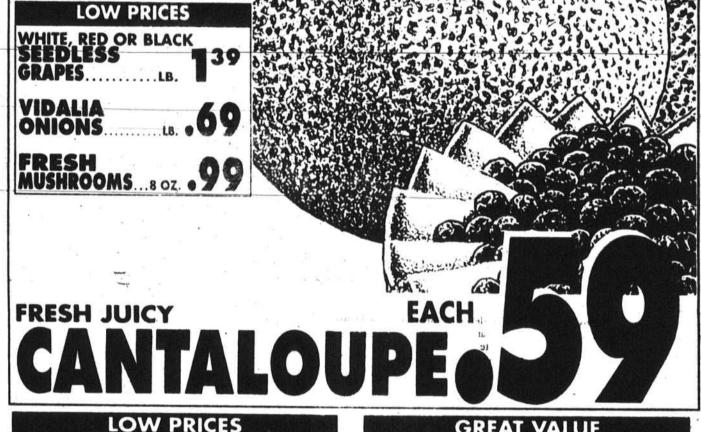
"Financially, we give back to the record labels and artists who produce gospel music. Politically, we are always in the forefront of providing information which relates to our activities and the rest of the world. Socially, we bring people together from all over the world."

Q: What message do you have for young people today trying to find their "vision?"

Jones: "To the young and old, ance in life. Always know that life is a series of experiences, and we make judgments based on those experiences and the information around us. Never take life so seriously that you can't be positive. and yet take it seriously enough so that you can recognize these experiences. Learn from them and be prepared to develop yourself. Always stay focused and informed. Decisions without information leads us to uncomfortable situations. Nothing is promised to us, but whatever comes to you, be prepared to receive it and you will find yourself placed in better posi-

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