

Area Weddings

Jones-Brown

Cassandra Darlette Jones and Jamal Kelly Brown were married at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The bride, daughter of Dianna S. and the late Charlie L. Jones, is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a member of the Sickle Cell Association, and is a substitute teacher.

The groom, son of Vivian Cherry and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown, is a member of Providence Baptist Church of Greensboro. He is on the Sickle Cell Association advisory board and is a supervisor for the Pepsi Cola Customer Service Center.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Douglas Summers.

The bride was given in marriage by Karl Jones Sr., her brother.

The matron of honor was Pamela J. Williams. The maid of honor was Selina L. Jones. Both Winston-Salem.

are the bride's sisters. Bridesmaids were Cynthia A. Jones, the bride's sister-in-law; Monica M. Oliver; Jamestris Gaddy; Bonita Porter; Sharon F. Thomas; Darla Brown, the groom's sister; Christi Hyman; and Carroll R. Gunthrope. Flower girls were Kristen Brown and Brooke Williams, the groom's nieces.

The best men were James H. Brown, the groom's father; and J. Kevin, J. Kristen and Derick Brown, the groom's brothers. Groomsmen were James A. Garner Jr.; Bryant N. Griffin; the groom's cousins B. Keith Wilson, Tanji E. Hyman and Manuel D. Hyman; lifelong friend of the groom Charles C. Whitfield; Dwayne L. Williams, the groom's brother-in-law; and Anthony and Edwin Lindsay, also the groom's cousins.

The couple will make their home in Winston-Salem.



Famed neurosurgeon motivates HPU freshmen

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High Point Correspondent



Dr. Benjamin "Ben" Carson Sr.

The product of a broken home, Dr. Benjamin "Ben" Carson Sr. grew up in dire poverty, lacked motivation, had poor grades and had a pathological temper that might have landed him in jail. But he defied the odds and became an internationally known neurosurgeon.

Carson, the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, spoke to freshmen during High Point University's orientation program. He attributes his success to his trust in a divine power, unwavering faith in his own abilities and a strong will to succeed.

In grade school, however, he was called "Dummy" and he bragged about earning a "D" on a math test. Fortunately, his mother intervened and impressed upon her two sons the importance of education.

"God gave her wisdom," Carson said, "to turn off the TV set. She let us watch only two or three TV programs during the week. [We] read two books a piece from the Detroit Public Library and [had to] submit

her a written book report."

The brothers had no inkling that their mother, who had a third-grade education, couldn't

Nevertheless, she instilled in them a love of books and reading. She had a vision for her sons and convinced them that they could make something of their lives.

Under his mother's strict guidance, Carson's grades improved, and within a year-and-a-half, he was at the top of his class.

"What does that say about expectations?" he asked.

"People tend to live up to expectations or down to expectations," he explained.

"That's why it's important to set your standards high."

Carson received a full scholarship to Yale University and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. In 1984,

when he was 33, he became director of pediatric neurosurgery at John Hopkins Medical Institution. He is also an associate professor at Hopkins School of Medicine.

In 1987 Carson was the primary neurosurgeon among the 70-member medical team that successfully separated 7-month-old Siamese twin boys. They were joined at the back of their heads and shared the major cerebral blood drainage system. The procedure took 22 hours and is believed to be the first time that hypothermia — the deliberate lowering of body temperature — was coupled with circulatory bypass and deliberate cardiac arrest to spare brain tissue for such a procedure.

Carson is the recipient of many awards, including eight honorary doctorate degrees and the Horatio Alger Award. He is the author of two books, "Gifted Hands" and "Think Big."

Through his books and speeches he fulfills his mission to inspire people to use their intellectual potential to succeed in life. Toward that end, he is president of the USA Scholars Fund, which encourages academic excellence in young Americans of all backgrounds.

Adoption Priest to speak at Host Homes 10th Anniversary

Father George Clements, the internationally renowned Catholic priest who created the "One Church, One Child" adoption program, will be the keynote

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Father George Clements

speaker at the 10th-year anniversary celebration of Host Homes Inc., Thursday, Sept. 25. The dinner event is open to the public and will be held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem at 7 p.m.

One of the first priests in the world to adopt a child, Clements started the program, "One Church, One Child" in 1981. The program sparked an estimated 60,000 adoptions of minority children nationwide. He later adopted three more children of his own.

In 1993, Clements launched the "One Church, One Addict" project, which recruits churches and health care agencies to support recovering addicts. Over 800 churches in 31 states are involved with this successful program. "One Church, One Inmate" was created in 1995 to organize churches across the nation in the after-care of men and women who have been incarcerated.

One of the most famous black priests in the United States, Clements' life work was examined several years ago in an award-winning documentary, "The Father Clements Story," produced by NBC Television.

Host Homes Inc. will bring Clements to the Triad in celebration of its 10th year of service to youth and families in Forsyth County. A nonprofit agency, Host Homes provides free counseling, placement and host families for young people in crisis who need temporary housing.

Host Homes also coordinates Project Safe Place, in which participating businesses and organizations provide a safe haven for young people who are afraid and need help fast. Over 80 sites in the city of Winston-Salem have adopted the large yellow and black Safe Place signs.

Tickets for the special dinner event with Father Clements are \$25 each or \$160 for a table of 8, and are available by sending a check to Host Homes, 621 W.

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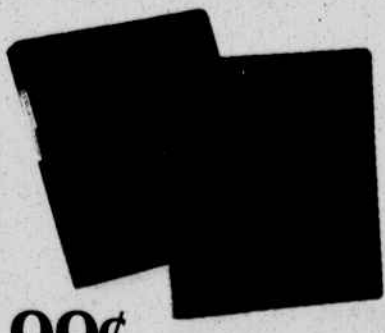
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