

# RELIGION

## St. Stephens to celebrate joint anniversary services

Special to THE CHRONICLE

St. Stephen Baptist Church will celebrate the church and pastoral Anniversaries March 21.

It will be the 64th anniversary of the church and the 41st anniversary of the church's pastor, the Rev. J. R. Samuels.

The Rev. Jerry Drayton and the New Bethel Baptist Church will be the 4 PM guest. The church is located at 5000 Noble Street.

On January 5, 1935, J. W. Dunlap and A. H. Howard procured money from the Pastor's Aid, the only remaining organization of the Disbanded Majority Baptist Church, to rent a six room frame dwelling at 10th and Hickory streets. A call meeting resulted in the enrollment of 16 members and at a second meeting the group approved a proposal by Rev. Hines to name the church St. Stephen Baptist Church.

Hines pastored the church and J. W. Dunlap was elected chairman of the Deacon Board, with A. H. Howard, Sidney Hanks, Ben Green, and Leonard Dunovant serving as Deacons.

Hines pastored for the first 18 months without salary. For

almost a year he was paid only \$5.00 per week, then \$10.00 per week for the next eighteen months.

The congregation marched from 10th and Hickory to the new site, Collette Tabernacle on October 1, 1938. The 10 year mortgage was liquidated in 5 years and the mortgage was burned in October, 1943. The membership had grown from the 16 charter members to 310.

On September 20, 1947, St. Stephen was left without leadership with the death of its pastor, the Rev. L. Hines.

The Rev. E. G. Williams of South Boston, Va., was called and began his charge on November 1, 1948. The church purchased a 5 room brick parsonage on Hattie Avenue from E. M. Mitchell.

On January 4, 1949, the pastor, deacons and trustees met with Mr. Leander Hill and representatives of the Righteous Church of God to discuss purchase of a church located on Ogburn (renamed O'Connell) Street on February 5, 1949.

The congregation again marched to a new church site led by the pastor. The membership

had grown to 500. This mortgage was burned on November 30, 1954 under the successful leadership of Rev. Williams, the diligent work of the members according to the divine will of God Almighty.

In 1956 the Rev. C. M. Freeman was called to the charge of pastor and served for two years.

In 1958 the church was again without a pastor and the Rev. Joseph Samuels was called. After 5 years under his dynamic leadership, the church was again faced with the necessity to relocate. The O'Connell Street church was sold to the Redevelopment Commission. Two lots at Bowen Boulevard and Manchester Streets were purchased from Carl H. Russell. Two adjacent lots owned by Herbert Troy of Hampton, Va., were purchased. Ground breaking ceremony was held on November 11, 1961 marking the beginning of another siege of prayer and hard work. A motorcade traveled to the new church from O'Connell Street on August 19, 1962. The seating capacity of the church was 800. Improvements to the church included the completion of a pastor's study, reception area, finance room,

and deacon's room on the second level. New sanctuary lights were installed as were two side exits from the parking lot and refurbished kitchen on the lower level.

Two lots were purchased and paved for additional parking and for fenced secured parking for church vehicles. Transportation is provided to Sunday morning worship and other church outings by a church bus and two vans.

The Outreach Ministry of the church includes a weekly radio broadcast of the morning sermon aired on radio station WSMX at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

After 29 years at this site, our pastor conceived a vision from the Holy Spirit to erect a new church home for St. Stephen. As a result, eight and one-half acres of land were purchased to build the church with a seating capacity of approximately 1200 with an educational-wing and a fellowship hall. The land was purchased from the Frank W. Murrell Estate and is located on Pressman Drive at Noble Street. Architect, Clifton E. Gravely & Associates, was hired to draw plans for the new building. Cogun Industries, Inc. was

awarded the bid to construct the new church. The ground breaking ceremony was held on January 11, 1990. The educational wing has 8 large classrooms with dividers allowing conversion into 16 smaller classrooms as necessitated. Plans for the fellowship hall were deferred until later. An equipped nursery, library, main office, board room, nurses' room, and a large conference room are located off the main entrance foyer. The main entrance is accessed from a covered driveway leading to the parking area. In the area behind the pulpit is the pastor's reception area and study, choir room, communion preparation room, recording room and the first lady's room. On the upper level are the finance room, record room, historical room, baptismal preparation rooms, baptistery and the deaconess room. Open sitting areas are provided on both levels.

The motorcade arrived from the Bowen Boulevard location on June 23, 1991 to hold the first worship service at 5000 Noble Street, that has a seating capacity of approximately 2000. An open house was held July 21, 1991 and a month of dedication services

were held in November. A picnic shelter located at the lower end of the lower parking lot was completed in 1993. The shelter has an enclosed kitchen equipped with stove, refrigerator and freezer. A serving window allows persons to be served from the kitchen without entering the cooking area. Toilet facilities for men and women are provided. Tables and benches have been installed and a barbecue grill was donated by a church member. The heating system was converted from electric power to gas. Our office equipment has been updated with another computer. Therefore, we now have two computers, a copy machine, fax machine, risograph and binder. A surveillance system has been installed allowing constant monitoring of the outside and inside of the building. Cameras located in the narthex, outside and in the sanctuary allow monitoring of these areas. Monitors in the pastor's study and office allow full view of the entrances and the sanctuary.

The church employs a full time secretary, part time clerk, full time janitor, and two part-time assistants.

## Shiloh to celebrate Friends and Family Day

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Shiloh Baptist Church, 544 East Depot St., Mocksville, will celebrate Family and Friends' Day Sunday during morning worship.

The Rev. Donald Ray Jenkins, pastor of Shiloh, will bring the morning message and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Magalene Gaither will provide the music.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m., the community will recognize Gaither for her years of service as a educator, Christian

and community leader.

Family and Friends' Day is a homecoming of sorts where old friendships are renewed and new ones are made. A special feature of this program this year will be the recognition of person who have been member of Shiloh for 50 years or more.

Twenty members, who combined have 1,223 years of service to the church, will be honored this year. Following is list of honorees includes and their years of membership: Charles Anderson Jr., 61;

Dorothy Anderson, 51; Sallie Baker, 54; Azilee Barker, 57; Lilian Cain, 70; Rachel Carson, 51; Florence Cody, 72; Vera Davis, 55; Charlie Doulin, 64; Ella Mae Doulin, 62; Magalene Gaither, 60; Mary Holman, 64; Rebecca Isaac, 61; Benjamin Johnson Jr., 56; Christine Johnson, 54; Naomi Spratley, 70; Inez Mayfield, 63; Agnes Thomas, 60 and Ethel Wilson, 62.

Seresa Mason, the church's oldest member, will also be honored for her 76 years of service to Shiloh.



Gaither

## Smith takes first place in baby contest

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Leon Denard Smith Jr., won first place in the annual baby contest held at New Direction Movement Cathedral March 7.

Smith raised more than \$1,400 for the contest. Second and third place were taken by Jaylin Tyres Carter who raised more than \$1,200 and Yasmine Alexis Diane Jones, who raised \$600.

Other participants included Antonio "J.R." Archie, Achsha Renee Nicole Coleman, Benjamin F. Coleman III, Micah Alana Coleman, Isaiah Nathaniel Hughes, Alexis I'Youna McCullough and James DeJaron Caleb Smith.

The contest raised nearly \$6,000 for the church.

The event also featured a per-



Smith

formance by the New Generation Anointed Dancers of Tabernacle of Faith.

The church is located at 626 Monmouth St. and is pastored by the Rev. Essie C. McCollough.

## Grace to celebrate Deacon and Clergy day

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Grace Community Church will observe their annual Deacons and Clergy Day Sunday at 4 p.m.

The special guest speaker will be the Rev. Robert E. McGowen and the congregation of Galilee Baptist Church.

McGowen is the third son of the four children born to Mrs. Elna Mae and the late Mr. Samuel

McGowen of Travelers Rest, S.C. He pursued religious training at the Morris College School of Religion - Greenville Extension in Sumter, S.C. He received a bachelor of ministry degree from Columbia Bible Institute - Spartanburg Extension, Columbia, S.C.

He is currently pursuing a master of divinity from Shaw University Divinity School.

McGowen acknowledged his call to preach in 1981 and was licensed by Mount Sinai Baptist Church and was ordained by the Enoree River Baptist Association. In January of 1994, he became pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

McGowen is a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., Progressive National Baptist Convention, Lott Carey

Foreign Mission Convention and many others.

He is a board member at large of NBC and an executive board member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He is also a board member of the Forsyth County Prison Ministry.

He is married to Terry King McGowen and the father of five.

## Jennings to highlight St. Peter's youth conference

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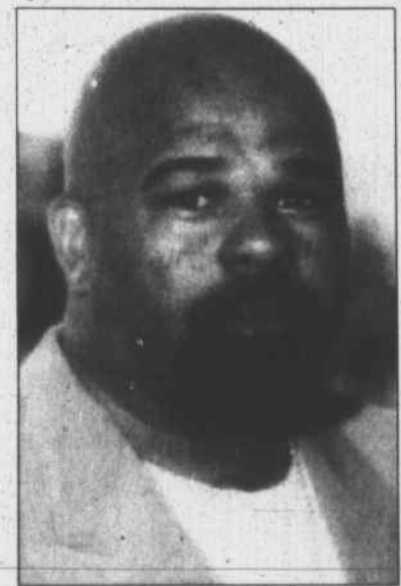
St. Peter's World Outreach Center's Youth Department will sponsor "Generation Xcellence IMPACT Youth Conference" Sunday from at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Joseph Jennings, a national anti-drug activists and motivational speaker, will be the guest speaker. Jennings is the founder of Turning Point Outreach in Palm Bay, Fla., and author of "Prisoner of the American Dream."

Jennings "Choices/Born Choosers" message has struck a chord with every background, ethnic group and economic strata.

Youth counselors and pastors are encouraged to bring their youth to the event.

For more information call



Jennings

650-0200.

The church is located at 3683 Old Lexington Road.

## Hash to speak at St. Matthew Apostolic

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Mother Mildred Hash of St. Peters World Outreach Center, will be the guest speaker for the second annual Women's Ministry Fellowship Day at St. Matthew Apostolic Church.

The service begins at 6 p.m.

Hash is a gifted, anointed teacher and preacher, a great exhorter and songstress. She has used her ministry of gifts throughout the Triad and all over the world.

Everyone that has been privileged to hear Hash speak is grateful that her love and sharing of her gifts extends outside her home church.

Bishop Joseph P. Lowery, pastor of St. Matthew and



Hash

Evangelist Gladys Christian, president of the Women's Ministry, extend an invitation to the community to hear Hash speak.

## Goetz to speak at Goler Memorial

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JoAnne North Goetz of Atlanta will speak at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, March 23 at the Noon Hour of Hope service.

Goetz, wife of Milton Goetz of Atlanta, was a longtime resident of Winston-Salem. She taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for thirty years and retired in 1986. She taught in several schools and left a great impact on the lives of her students. At Children's Home, she was named City Girls' Coach of the Year.

Each summer for the past 32 years, she has served as Director of Activities for the N.C. Governor's School at Salem College. She organized its Alumni Association, which numbers over 20,000. In recognition of this achievement, Governor Jim Hunt named her to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Continuing her great love for people and children, Goetz resumed her teaching career in Atlanta, where she was chosen



Goetz

DeKalb County Middle Teacher of the Year in 1994.

A native of Ashe County and a graduate of Appalachian State University, Goetz loves teaching. Her philosophy about her students is: "I would hope each one could walk out my door and feel better about himself than ever before."

She invites her many friends to come to the service.

Goler Memorial is located at 630 N. Patterson Avenue. The Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor.

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