

God's Grace

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Under the two pastors, the church saw a substantial period of growth. A basement was added, as were an Education Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Addi-

tional land adjacent to the church was also purchased.

With a pressing need to enlarge its ministry, the church's fourth pastor, the Rev. Rhodford L. Anderson, and other members began searching the nearby area for a site to build a new home.

They found it at the the corner of Collins and 25th streets, where the church sits today.

Robinson became only the church's fifth pastor in June of 1985.

He stressed to the congregation that the church did not reach the 70-year mark by luck. It took lots of prayer and a strong faith in God, Robinson said.

"If we only see the brick and mortar than we are missing the meaning of the church. Being in existence for 70 years didn't just happen by chance. When they started 70 years ago, they didn't realize that we would have padded pews, carpet, air conditioning, two buses, seven houses..." Robinson said.

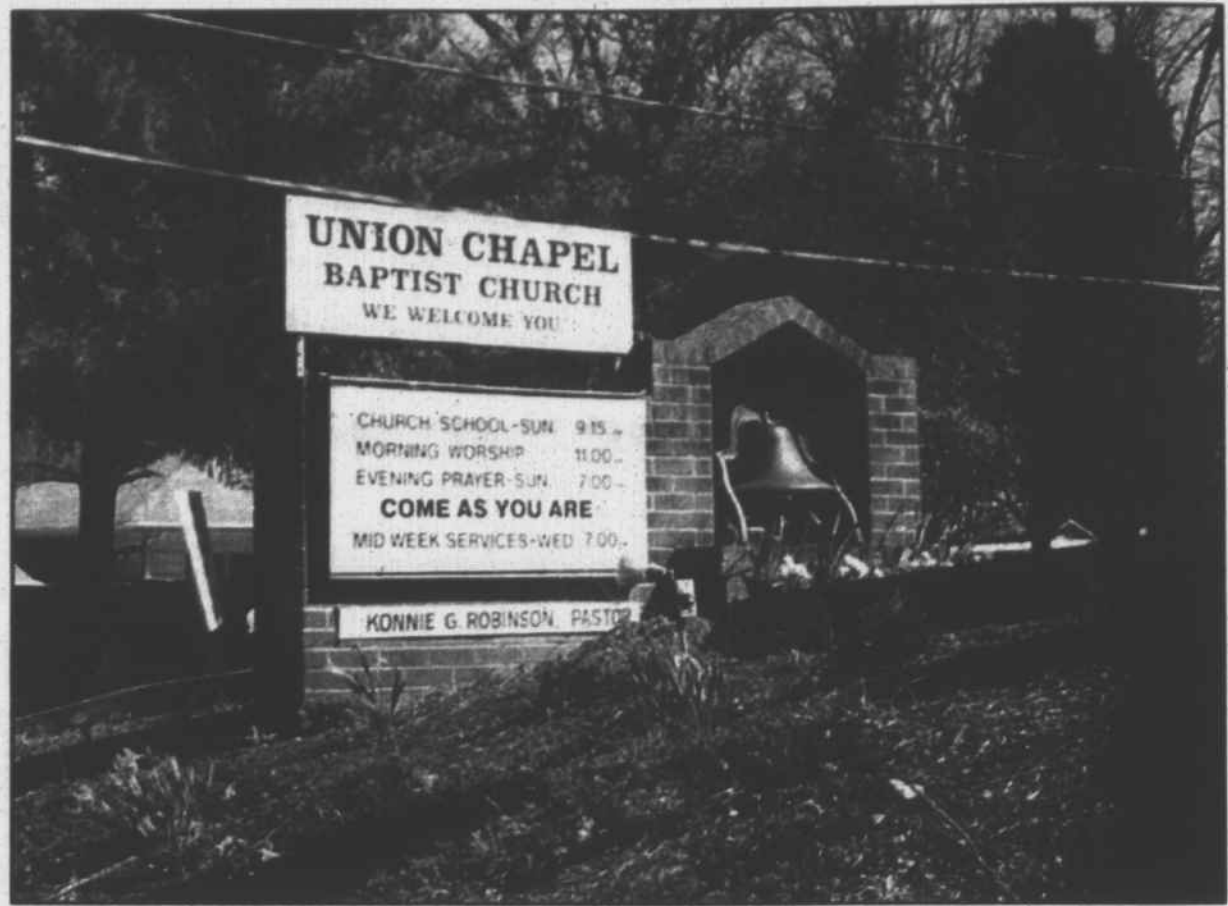
But while only men have pastored at the church, women have also played an integral part in the church's prosperity - as Mobley can attest.

During a separate afternoon ceremony, the church honored one of those women, Dardenella Campbell. Campbell - who Robinson described as a special lady - was instrumental in tracking and recording the church's history and was a devout member until her death last November.

Malloy presented the church with an official resolution from the city, praising it for its longevity, service and outreach to the community.

Malloy recalled growing up on Pittsburg Street and seeing the church grow and enhance the community around it.

"Union Baptist is an ark,



Union Chapel has been at its present location, at the corner of Collins and 25th streets, since 1977.

where people can seek refuge from all the harm in the world," Malloy said before reading the resolution. "(It's) a full suit of armor to protect you from the pitfalls that are out there."

As the world approaches a new millennium, Robinson said the church is intensifying its focus on the young and the old. The old, because they are living longer and the young, because they will be the next wave of the

church's pastors and deacons, leading Union Baptist into a new era.

The church has already added a computer lab and library in its basement. These resources will help the youngsters in the church - whom Robinson already describes as "a bright bunch" - become even brighter.

Opening an adult daycare center is one of the next goals on Union Chapel's agenda, Robin-

son said.

He added that the church is also ready to open its doors and serve whomever wants to enter its walls.

The church's outside marquee underscores this point. "Come as you are," it reads.

"I don't know what the next 70 years hold, but the God that brought Union Chapel to 70 years is still alive," Robinson said.



Alderman Nelson Malloy praised Union Chapel for its 70 years of service to the community.

Hampton alumni meet in Charlotte

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 58th Annual North Carolina Regional Conference of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. was held at the McDonald Cafeteria and Travelodge Inn in Charlotte March 19-21.

The theme of the conference was "Reclaiming the Hampton Spirit: Participate, Network, and Serve."

Attending the conference from the Winston-Salem Chapter were Ernestine Worley, Chapter President and Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Region; Paula Stevenson, Chapter Vice President; and Sarah Brooks, Chapter Secretary.

The representatives from Winston-Salem were actively involved in the conference. Paula Stevenson gave the luncheon invocation and led the Memorial Service for deceased members including Mr. James J. Henderson of Durham and Mrs. Evelyn Carter West '33 of Winston-Salem.

Sarah Brooks spoke as Ms. North Carolina Senior 1998.

Worley was the mistress of ceremony for the banquet.

Other conference participants included National President Jacqueline Antoine of Cal-

ifornia; National Vice President Tony Cheatham of Washington, DC; National Secretary Linda Gordon of Charlotte; National Fund-Raising Chair Patricia Larkins-Hicks of Columbus, Ohio; National Student Recruitment Chair Edna Johnson of Greensboro; Director of Alumni Affairs, Hampton University, Sylvia Rose; and Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Hampton University, Dr. Diane Suber. The conference concluded with a gala performance of the Hampton University Concert Choir led by Royzell Dillard at the Memorial Presbyterian Church USA on Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte. Valencia Davis of Roanoke Rapids is the president of the North Carolina Region NHAA, Inc.

The Winston-Salem Chapter will sponsor "Bowling, Etc.," a scholarship fund-raising event to be held Saturday April 24 at 4 pm at the AMF Bowling Lanes, 810 Jonestown Road.

The event will include bowling, video games, and fellowship. Tickets are available for donations of \$10.00 for the event. Shoe rental and a chance to win a \$100 savings bond are included. Call any Hampton alumnus for more information or call 723-0371 extension 7434.

Wedding

Spencer-Ingram

Wendy C. Spencer of Stoneville, N.C., and Lorenzo Ingram of Winston-Salem will be married April 3 at Sharon Baptist Church in Stoneville.

Ms. Spencer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Spencer of Stoneville. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She is a Mortgage Processor for Wachovia Bank and Trust.

Mr. Ingram is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Ingram of the Winston-Salem. His is a graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham. He is a Systems Tech Analyst I for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Sorority holds vesper service

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Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., held their Finer Womanhood Vesper Service on March 14 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The speaker for the service was the Rev. Gloria Gerald. Gerald is a native North Carolinian who lived most of her life in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

She is the church planter and pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and formerly was an assistant pastor at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem.

Gerald's dynamic message

was based on the sorority's theme "Zeta Women Preparing for the 21st Century." She used as her sub topic "Just A Sister Away."

Finer Womanhood is an observance of the pledge of rededication for each member to the ideals and principals upon which Zeta was founded.

The sorority honored the three oldest members: Mrs. Vivien K. Bright, Gwendolyn Ashley and Lillie Evans. The newly organized Rho Zeta chorus under the direction of Mrs. Dollye Mack provided the music. President Edythe Williams presided.

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