

RELIGION

Home Mission Society celebrates 40 years of service

Special to THE CHRONICLE

On Sunday, April 11, the Home Mission Society of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church celebrated its 40th anniversary and the 40th year of Dorothy Williams as president.

The celebration began on Saturday, April 10, at 9 a.m. with a pre-anniversary prayer breakfast. Suzanna Tate, vice president, and Elizabeth Jarrett, secretary, presided over the devotions. Everyone attending rendered praises to God. Sister Mattie Howard of Parent Body Missionary prayed a fervent prayer followed with everyone singing foot-stomping spirituals. Sister Williams introduced the speaker, local minister Marilyn Elaine Roberts of Goler Memorial. Roberts' cousin sang a solo that made you stand up. Roberts delivered the word of God, which made all of us think. Emma Harper of Parent Body and Lila Rowell

of Home Mission were responsible for a very delicious breakfast. This set the stage for Sunday afternoon.

Brother Robert Jarrett and helpers opened the Sunday afternoon-service with devotions. Rev. Conita Archie Hunt presided over the services, which set the mood of celebration. Suzanna Tate prayed one of those old-time prayers that really make you thank God. Dorothy Stroud gave the welcome. Music began with the Children's Choir of Goler Memorial, under the direction of Mary Wilkerson and with Lisa Rogers as organist. They lifted their voices with music and a cappella. Evangelist Cynthia Duncan of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church sang "Great Is Thou Faithfulness," and great it was. Louisa A. Foy of the Catholic Church and other churches directed former and present choir members and the congregation in singing a medley of

hymns and spirituals. Jessie McCullough of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church read an original poem dedicated to Williams. Dorothy Blackburn of the Home Mission sang a solo, "If I Can Help Somebody," also dedicated to Williams. Goler's baptized believers sang "To Show How Much I Love You" before the sermon, with Evangelist Duncan as soloist.

Jackie Moore, local minister of Goler Memorial, put the icing on the cake that Minister Roberts baked on Saturday. The service was spirit-filled as family and church members, friends of the community and guests praised God in spirit and truth with their "amens" and applause. Moore used as her subject "Stop, Look and Listen," which applied to everyone. The presidents gave closing remarks and thanks. Rev. Hunt gave the benediction.

Goler Memorial's Dorothy



The Home Mission Society of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church

Williams did an outstanding job in coordinating the 40th anniversary celebration of the Home Mission Society. The guests and congregation certainly enjoyed this memo-

orable occasion. Williams truly loves the Lord, enjoys serving her pastor and church family, and enjoys being a tremendous blessing to this community. Our hats

are off to such dedication and Christian discipleship as displayed by Sister Williams. To God be the glory for the things he has done.

Galilee Missionary Baptist to celebrate pastor's fifth anniversary

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The Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pastor Robert E. Lee McGowens Sr. on Sunday, April 25, at its 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

A pre-anniversary celebration, "Showers of Blessings," was held on Saturday, April 17, at 2 in the fellowship hall. A reception for Pastor and Mrs. McGowens was held after this festive event.

The guest minister for the 8 a.m. worship service will be Minister William D. McGowens of Fairfax, Va. Special music will be provided by the McGowens family. The special guests for the 10:30 a.m. worship service will be Pastor Fred Sweeney and members of the Lower Shady Grove Baptist Church of Spartanburg County, S.C. Music for this service also will be provided by the McGowens family.

Pastor McGowens is a native of Travelers Rest, S.C. He acknowledged his call to the Gospel ministry in 1981. He was licensed by the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C., and was ordained by the Enoree River Baptist Association. He is a graduate of Columbia Bible Institute, Columbia, S.C., and earned a bachelor of arts degree in religion and philosophy from Shaw University, Raleigh. He is enrolled in the master of divinity program at Shaw University.

He has been married to our lovely First Lady, Mrs. Terry King McGowens, for 30 years. They have five children and three grandchildren.

Pastor McGowens became

pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Jan. 2, 1994. The Galilee Church family has experienced new growth, commitment and dedication. He has ordained nine deacons, installed 10 trustees and licensed nine ministers. He organized the following ministries: prison, evangelism, orientation, nursery, media, seniors, culinary/kitchen, young adult ushers, young adult ensemble, Youth Choir and Mass Choir, special events ministry and its subcommittees: communication, education, life enrichment, transportation and youth and recreation.

Orientation, discipleship, stewardship, Christian doctrine, Wednesday Bible institute, church school BTU and youth assembly have been added to the department of Christian education. The family ministry includes sessions for premarital and newly wed couples. A tutorial program (K-5) and Youth Explosion are held on Wednesday evenings. A male mentoring ministry is being organized.

In February 1999, the church membership was divided into twelve tribes. This concept is from the Twelve Tribes of Israel based on the Jethro Principle. Tribe leaders are deacons and deaconesses.

Pastor McGowens is a member of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship of Greenville, S.C. He serves as board member at large for the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., and member of the Progressive National Convention, the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, the General Baptist State Convention of



Pastor and Mrs. Robert L. McGowens

North Carolina, vice chairman of the General Baptist Evangelism Committee, Rowan Baptist Association, Forsyth County Ministers Conference, Forsyth County Baptist Ministers Conference, Forsyth Mission and Education Union and board member of the Forsyth County Prison Ministry.

He represented North Carolina as a speaker at the Progressive National Convention last fall in Kansas City, Mo.

The 8 a.m. speaker, Minister William Douglas McGowens, was born in Greenville and reared in Travelers Rest, S.C. He worked for the Washington, D.C., Coalition for the Homeless and D.C. Central Kitchen Ministries. In 1994 he received his license to preach in the Gospel ministry. He founded the Lovin' Care Outreach Ministry in Washington, DC.

The 10:30 a.m. speaker, Rev. Fred L. Sweeney Sr., is a native of Greenville County, S.C. He attended the University of Maryland in Manston, England; Greenville Technical College and Morris College School of Religion in Greenville, S.C.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. The public is cordially invited to attend. Special events ministry is coordinating the program.

years. As a deacon of Emmanuel Baptist Church, she serves as second vice chairman of the deacon board. She teaches adult Sunday school class. She has three daughters and four grandchildren.

The 11 a.m. speaker will be Cheinta Newton-Hooper. A native of Currie, she graduated from N.C. Central University with a degree in biology. She did graduate studies at Long Island University in Brook-

lyn, N.Y., Montclair State College and earned a master's degree in education from Rutgers University. She simultaneously earned certification to teach biology.

Newton-Hooper moved to New Jersey and joined Clear View Baptist Church, where she was a member of the missionary board, Sunday school secretary of the board of trustees and director of the department of Christian education.

She is married to Rev. James Hooper and a member of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Sayreville, N.J., where her husband is associate minister. They have one son.

Dr. John Mendez is pastor. Patricia Hickman is chairperson of the Women's Day committee. The church is at 1075 Shalimar Dr.

Beulah Baptist honors Trustee Lester Hairston

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The Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 N. Trade St., will honor Trustee Lester Hairston Sr. for his dedication and commitment to God and the church. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with Dr. A.T. Griffey as the guest speaker. The 4 p.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Timothy Lyons, pastor of Exodus Progressive Primitive Baptist Church.

Trustee Hairston was born to the late George Hairston Sr. and the late Mary Jane Hairston. He is married to Sadie H. Hairston. They have five sons, Lester Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Stanley Van, Steven Denard, Michael Todd and Timothy Levon, all of Winston-Salem. They have one daughter, Iris Lavern of Winston-Salem. He has six grandsons, two grand-



Lester and Sadie Hairston

daughters and one great-granddaughter. He has two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Campbell and Mrs. Betty Savage; three brothers, James Jones, George Hairston Jr. and Nathaniel Hairston; one brother-in-law, Raymond Savage; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Johnnie Lee Jones,

Mrs. Shirley Hairston and Mrs. Patricia Hairston. Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson is his godmother.

Hairston attended Kimberly Park and Atkins high schools. He attended Winslam College, where he took a course in business administration. He served in the U.S. Army for two years.

He joined Beulah at a very early age, under the leadership of Rev. R. D. Dunlap. He has served and is still serving in various capacities, such as janitor, van driver, Men's Chorus, Missionary Circle, leader of bereavement group, Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Hairston retired from R. J. Reynolds with 31 years of service.

Hairston's favorite scripture is: "My little children, let us not love in words, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." - I John 3: 18.

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Emmanuel Baptist will celebrate Women's Day

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Emmanuel Baptist Church will celebrate Women's Day on April 25.

The 8 a.m. speaker will be Deacon Helen Watkins. A native of Nashville, N.C., Watkins attended public schools in Nash County. She graduated from KBR School of Nursing and studied at Shaw University Seminary Extension.

She is a charter member of Chi Eta Phi nursing sorority and is a Democratic judge at East Forsyth voting precinct. She is an occupational health nurse at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center, a member of the Target Health Screen Team, BCLS-C instructor and certified B.S.E. instructor.

She has been a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church for 33



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