

## RELIGION

## Church session to be held in Winston-Salem

Special to THE CHRONICLE

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will hold its 115th annual session in Winston-Salem July 25-29. The session will be at Benton Convention Center and Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 795 Northwest Crawford Place.

Pastor Douglas Summers and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be the host pastor and host church.

The theme is "The Challenge, the Same; Reach the Masses" - John 12:32. The sub-theme is: "Effective Leadership: Accountability... Commitment... Dedication" - John 9:4.

More than 2,500 people from across North Carolina are expected to attend the session during the four-day period. Highlights of the session include:

- Preconvention musical by combined choirs of area churches. The musical will be held at Mount Pleasant July 25 at 7 p.m.
- Preconvention banquet - keynote speaker Dr. Minnie

Washington, Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary. Maggie White is president, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Convention. The event will be held at Benton Convention Center July 26 at 6 p.m.

- Worship service - Dr. J.C. Harris, pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, will preach. The service will be held at Benton Convention Center July 27 at 7 p.m.

- Foreign Missions Night - The Rev. Fredrick A. Davis, pastor of First Calvary Church of Durham, will deliver the message. The event will be held at Benton Convention Center July 28 at 7 p.m.

- Mission study classes (annual session) have been planned. The plans involve more than one class for seniors. Registration for the classes will be assigned by color codes. The registration fee does not include the cost of the book.

- Young adults will have one class as usual. The youths will be graded. Youth projects will be held July 27: "Supervisors and Youth Officers' March" and "Have a Heart for Missions" projects during the period of

10:35-noon. "The "Shaw" project will begin at 1 p.m.

- The early morning prayer hour will be 6 to 7 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The young adult missions prayer breakfast will be at 6:45 on Tuesday.

- Youth prayer pizza party will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

- On Wednesday morning, president White will give her annual address along with the report of executive secretary-treasurer Bodie.

- On Tuesday at 12:30 the ministers' wives/widows fellowship luncheon will be held at Adam's Mark Hotel.

- The executive board will meet July 26 at 10 a.m., and the general board will meet July 26 at 1:45 p.m.

The preconvention musical and all worship services are open to the public.

The parent body, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., was organized in 1867 (then called the Educational and Missionary Convention).

In 1884 some North Carolina Baptist women felt the call to mission and responded by banding themselves together under

the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, the first president of Shaw University. The women felt that they could render a more effective service by bringing together widely scattered missionary societies under one banner.

The purpose of the convention is to organize and improve missionary circles and senior, young adult and youth departments in Baptist churches of North Carolina to promote a broader spirit of missionary endeavor, to encourage the study of the Bible, to awaken a greater interest in missionary work, to support missionaries on the state and foreign fields, to support Christian education and to cooperate with the General Baptist State Convention.

The ministry of missions refers to the same ministry of missions as that of the parent body, in relation to individual churches. Consequently, it relates to the functions of proclamation, teaching, worship, fellowship, witness and service.

As part of the expression of this ministry are the following meetings and programs: leader-

ship training conference, missionary institutes, youth Bible camp, statewide leaders workshop, annual convention, one-day session, family missions conference, young adult retreat, ministers' wives retreat and youth evangelism conference.

The membership consists of local missionary circles of the GBSC churches, women's auxiliaries of associates, county or city unions and district conferences. For this membership the convention seeks to provide

study, information, publications, programs and services pertaining to missions.

The convention is affiliated with the following Christian organizations that relate to and implement the mission of Jesus Christ through missions: the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance, Church Women, United, Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, World Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

## Union Bethel AME Church to celebrate Women's Day

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Union Bethel AME Church, 1716 N. Trade Street, will celebrate Women's Day July 25 at 11 a.m.

The theme is "Women, commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established." The guest speaker will be the Rev. Shirley Williams Hines.

Hines is the daughter of the Rev. H.S. Williams and the Rev. Lula Williams. She is the granddaughter of Lawrence D. Williams of Winston-Salem.

Hines is a graduate of N.C. Central University. She is employed by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools at Hanes Middle School. She is past

president of the Johnson County NAACP. Past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star - Chapter 134 Silverdale Court.

She is a member of Daughters of Isis, the National Association of University Women and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She has preached for 30 years. She has been a pastor in the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference for more than 15 years. She is a product of Union Bethel AME Church.

Music will be provided by the Inspirational Choir, under the direction of James Anderson.

The Rev. William Propst is the pastor. Everyone is invited.



Rev. Hines

## Ministers' wives and widows attend recent state meeting

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The Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows journeyed to Raleigh to attend the state meeting for ministers' wives.

Those who attended were: Dora Martin (president), Fannie Bonham, Annie Lewis, Mattie Walker, Ethel Thomas, Shirley Wright, Susana Jenkins, Cynthia Wooten, Hattie Fulwood, Jessie Hodges and Pauline Moore.

The state chairperson, Doris Blackwell, will meet with the ministers' wives July 24 at 9 at Golden Corral, University Parkway (8:30 for breakfast). All members are encouraged to attend.

## Evangelist Janice Payton to speak at United Progressive Baptist

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Evangelist Janice Payton, general manager of radio station WTNC of Thomasville, will be the Sunday morning speaker July 25 at United Progressive Baptist Church, 1122 Quincey

Caldwell Circle in Winston-Salem.

Evangelist Payton, of the Eternal Truth Ministries, was licensed into the ministry on June 29, 1992, by Pastor D.H. Dockery of Shiloh Rock Baptist Church in High Point.

On May 16, 1993, Bishop Kelly Purvis ordained her as address of the Messiah Valley Church of Divine Wisdom. She and her husband oversee the Ministry of Eternal Truth. They have five children and four grandchildren.

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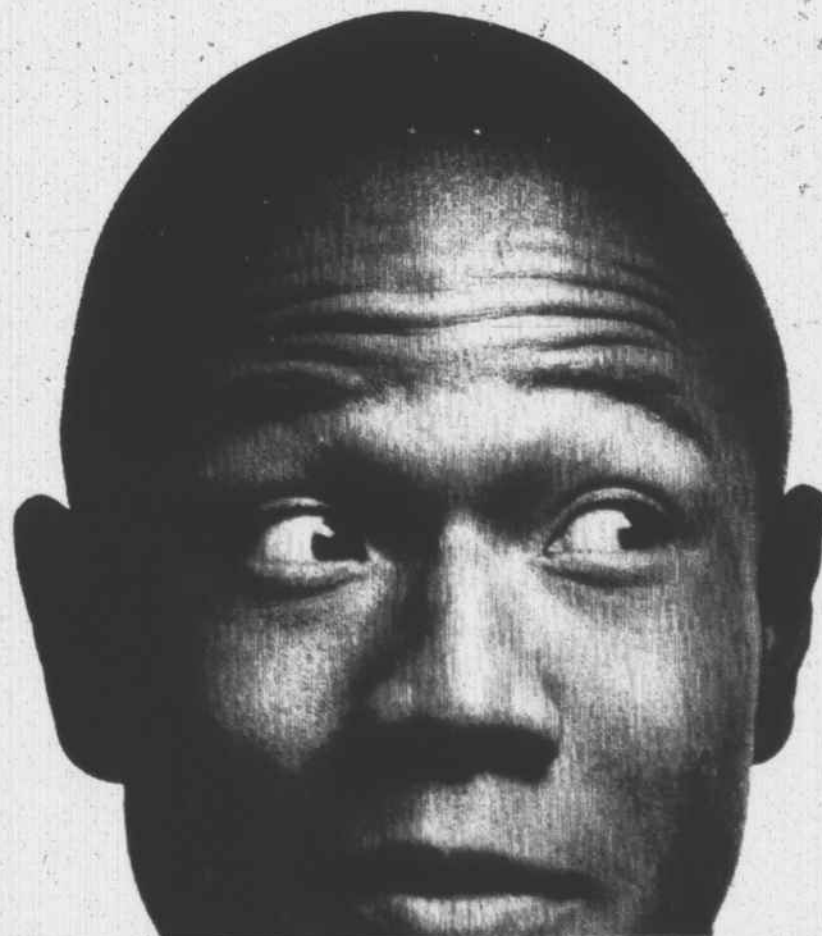


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