

Church News Briefs

Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church To Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary Here Sunday

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer

The Gold Room of the Radisson Plaza will be the scene of a banquet on Sunday, May 22, held to mark the 100th anniversary of Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church and the 14th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. James A. Faison.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. F.M. Livingston of Dallas, Texas, who is President of the National Primitive Baptist Convention of the USA.

Among the guests expected to attend are Mayor John Belk, School Board Chairman Phil Berry, Councilman Harvey Gantt and Commissioner Bob Walton.

Presently located at 2230 Bancroft St., the church was originally located on Oliver St. in a building erected by the members. They moved to their present site approximately 10 years ago.

EAST STONEWALL

By Rena Blake Special To The Post

The Pastor's Aid Board of the New East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church will celebrate its fifty-seventh anniversary on May 22 by holding two special services, a concert at 2:30 p.m. and a worship service beginning at 5 p.m.

The concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday will present the Bel-fonte Presbyterian Church Choir of Harrisburg, Rev. Eddie Weathers and members of the Melfield United Church of Christ of Greensboro, will render services for the Aid Board at 5 p.m.

For the past fifty-seven years, members of Pastor's Aid Board have been working together as a group or individually to raise money to assist the pastor.

Mrs. Marie Sanders, President of the Pastor's Aid Board for twenty-six years, members and Rev. James McCoy, minister of the church invite everyone to come out and witness the Princess Parade and be a part of the special services. East Stonewall is located at 1729 Griens Grove Road.

NEW EMMANUEL

Sunday evening May 29, will mark the end of a weekend of events observing the 30th anniversary of the pastor of New Emmanuel, Rev. N.C. Calhoun. On that night, at 5 o'clock, Linda Millsaps and The Ambassadors will appear in concert.

The group consists of five members who come from Taylorsville and North Wilkesboro. Their specialty is gospel music and they are accompanied by The Gospel Echoes who will also perform several numbers alone.

The Gospel Echoes are directed by Evangelist Ervin Millsaps, who is lead singer and lead guitarist, and by Woodrow Millsaps. Kenneth Smith is featured on bass guitar and the drummer is Ernest Millsaps.

In addition, the Smith Grove Church Choir from Hiddenite will appear. This a capella choir is under the direction of Ms. Sylvia Smith.

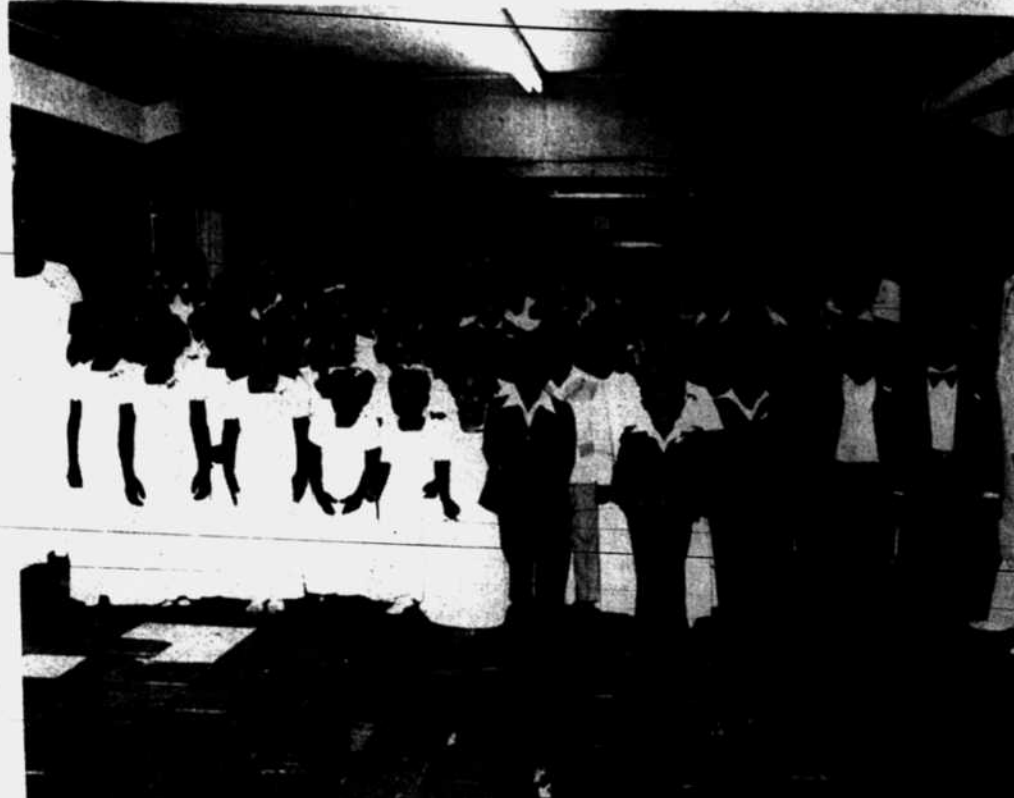
Mrs. Queen Estelle Thompson will also be honored for her service to the church and to the community on this evening.

Shady Grove

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PARKWOOD INSTITUTIONAL CME CHURCH

Wee Ushers with Rev. C.M. Allen

during the second 1977 call from the United Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Rev. George W. Thompson of Charlotte, director, said monies will go to help:

Shady Grove United Methodist Church of the Marion District and Glencoe United Methodist Church of the Greensboro District.

Shady Grove Church is building a new sanctuary. The church is located near Hickory in a growing area with 'great promise for future growth.

Glencoe Church of the Midway Charge, located in a rural area northwest of Greensboro, is building a fellowship hall which will include educational space. This congregation has produced seven Christian ministers.

Members of the Builders Club pledge to give five dollars or more to each of three calls for funds a year. A committee selects churches to receive funds on each call.

The Builders Club, in its 16th year, received \$23,255.97 from the January, 1977, call, with funds going to help United Methodist Church of the Albemarle District, and Maple Springs United Methodist Church of Coleridge.

PARKWOOD

The Wee Ushers of Parkwood Institutional CME Church celebrated their first anniversary with a special service recently at 3 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C.M. Allen, was featured speaker.

Organized under the supervision of Mrs. Mamie Laster and Mrs. Tommie Fleming, the Wee Ushers serve each fourth Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship. These young people also comprise the Altar Guild and two are selected each week to assist the pastor during morning worship.

Parkwood Institutional CME Church is located at 1021 Parkwood Ave.

ST. MARK

Rev. A.G. Coley was minister of Sunday, May 8, as minister of St. Mark Baptist Church, 615 Grandin Road., with Rev. Clinton Davis presiding. The installation sermon was

preached by Rev. R.M. Young, pastor of St. Paul Community Church and the charge to Rev. Coley and the congregation was delivered by Rev. F.G. Lowry. The installation prayer was offered by Rev. B.M. McKenzie.

Rev. Coley was born in Selma and educated in the public schools there. He earned several degrees from Shaw University. Prior to coming to Charlotte he served at Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Claremont.

He is married to the former Fannie Foster of Henderson and they have two grown sons.

SILVER MOUNT

The Silver Mount Baptist Church Junior Musical Choir of Pineville will present their annual concert on Sunday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. This choir sings every first and third Sunday at the regular 11 o'clock service and every fifth Sunday on "Youth for Christ Day" at Silver Mount. They are often featured on "The Glimpse of Hope Broadcast" heard each Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on WGIV.

Rev. William Lee Jr, the pastor, stated that he and the congregation are extremely proud of Mrs. Birdie M. Owens, the directress, and the hard work and patience she has put into making this one of the best youth choirs that can be found anywhere. He added that there was standing room only at last year's concert and the same is expected this year. In addition to the concert the choir members have been engaged in a Popularity Contest that will climax at the close of the program.

Among the awards to be granted the most outstanding workers will be an all expense paid trip to the Nation-

al Baptist Sunday School Congress - meeting next month in Houston, Texas. Some of the youth will visit Atlanta, Ga., where they will tour such historical landmarks as the birth place and grave site of the late Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Others will enjoy a full day of fun at Carowinds Amusement Park while another group will be treated to dinner at a restaurant in Rock Hill, S.C.

The public is urged to come out and share this evening of entertainment.

GREATER MT. MORIAH

The Male Chorus of Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church will present their annual concert Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. Featured soloist will be James Morrison singing "Moving Up Zion Hill" and Elijah Kitchen singing "In The Garden."

The choir is under the direction of Woodrow Richardson, who is also the accompanist. Willie Robertson is President and Elijah Kitchen is Vice-president.

The church is located at 747 West Trade St. and is pastored by Rev. Thomas W. Samuels.

SECOND CALVARY

The Laymen's League of Second Calvary Baptist Church, 114 Nelson Ave., will sponsor a program of Gospel music at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22. Several guest musical groups will appear along with Second Calvary's own choirs. All musical groups in the area are invited to participate.

Admission is free and the public is urged to attend. Rev. Lamar Foster is pastor and George Anderson is President of the Laymen's League.

AMAY JAMES

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a.m., the women of Amay James Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Women's Day Program. The guest speaker will be Miss Shirley Johnson.

Miss Johnson is a well known figure in the city, having worked in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System as a teacher. She is now a Community Relations Specialist with the system.

Miss Johnson's theme will be "Moving Toward Love." Amay James is located at 2400 West Boulevard and the pastor is Rev. M.A. Cochran.

NEW EMMANUEL

The Gingham Girls, a group of retired women, ranging in age from 60 to 86, will perform at New Emmanuel-Congregational Church on Friday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Noted for their colorful costumes, which consist of gingham dresses and old-fashioned sun bonnets, The Gingham Girls play such unusual instruments as wash boards, wash tubs, spoons and kazoos. The tunes they perform are mostly the old-time favorites - "She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and "Dark Town Strutter's Ball" - to name a few. They also do some of the old religious melodies, such as "I Saw The Light."

Since they were organized about two and a half years ago, The Gingham Girls have performed, on a volunteer basis, before Senior Citizen groups, in nursing homes and in churches. Ms. Trudy Glen, who aids the group in procuring bookings and with transportation, says the women enjoy themselves as much as the audiences do.

A spaghetti dinner will be

served during the performance. The public is invited to partake on a first-come, first-served basis.

MAYFIELD MEMORIAL

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West, will hold its annual Women's Day Celebration, Sunday, May 22. On that day the women of the church will be in charge of both morning and evening services.

Mrs. J.B. McLester, President of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, will be featured speaker during the morning service. At that same time, Mayfield's Woman of the Year will be announced. Selection of Woman of the Year is determined by secret ballot and all members of the church are eligible to vote. Last year's winner was Mrs.

H.S. Diggs.

The speaker for the 6 o'clock evening service will be Mrs. Doris Thomas, a member of Mayfield Memorial.

Music for both services will be provided by female members of the church's five choirs and will be directed by Mrs. Barbara Alexander, Minister of Music of Mayfield, who will also be at the organ.

Rev. H.S. Diggs is Pastor and extends an invitation to the public to attend these services.

CHINA GROVE

China Grove A.M.E. Zion Church choir will appear in concert at the church on Sunday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The choir is under the direction of James A. Wilson and the accompanists are Mrs. Yvonizer Cuthbertson and Mrs. Joyce Zimmerman. Sun-

day's concert will feature a variety of music including hymns, spirituals, anthems, and gospel. During intermission the Singing Crusaders of Charlotte will be guest artists. Rev. M.L. Houston is minister of the church located at 9401 Old Pineville Road.

SALEM

Salem Baptist Church, 5218 Salem Church Road, will sponsor a Pastor's Aid Program at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

GREEN OAK

The Musical Choir of Green Oak Baptist Church will present programs at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Ineow Fraylon and is accompanied by Rev. James Davis.

Green Oak is located at 1505 Kennon St. and the pastor is Rev. J.W. Gwin.

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