

Church News Briefs

Connectional Lay Council Holds First General Convention Here

The Connectional Lay Council of the A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its first General Convention at the Sheraton Center, 555 South McDowell Street, on July 14-16.

The Convention, meeting under the Theme: "Come With Us To Christ" will bring to Charlotte six-hundred to seven-hundred lay persons from throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

One of the objectives of the meeting is to provide A.M.E. Zion Church lay persons an opportunity for improving effectiveness in Church and community leadership through a program designed to "Teach positive leadership for purposeful action." This objective will be realized through workshops, group sessions, special speakers, Bible Study, and workshop.

The keynote speaker is the Honorable Rose Mary Sanders, Municipal Judge of Uniontown, Alabama. Judge Sanders is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in the class of 1966; a graduate of Harvard University Law School in 1969; in 1970 she received the Heber Smith Fellowship award-assigned to the National Welfare Rights Organization and Columbia Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law. In 1970 she was the recipient of the Ford Foundation Fellowship based at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Besides being an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Mrs. Sanders is a law partner in the firm of Chestnut, Sanders, and Sanders.

Special Programs, other than the above are: A Challenge Luncheon on Thursday, July 14, 12 noon, with the Rt. Rev. William M. Smith, Bishop of the Second Episcopal District, speaker. On Thursday at 7 p.m., the welcome program will be given with representatives from city and county government and educational and religious institutions extending greetings. The Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Choir, under the direction of Mr. Frank Williams will provide the music. On Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m., an Awards and Recognitions Banquet will feature the Rt. Rev. George J. Leake, Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal Area as speaker.

Mrs. Betty V. Stith of New Rochelle, New York is President of the Connectional Lay Council and Dr. C. DuPont Rippey, Associate Professor of Sociology at Johnson C. Smith University, is First-Vice President and Convention Program Chairman.

NEW EMMANUEL

Rev. N.C. Calhoun, pastor of New Emmanuel Congregational Christian United Church, has returned to Charlotte after attending the General Synod of the Congregational Christian United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C. The Synod met at the Washington Hilton Hotel July 1-5 and, according to Rev. Calhoun, drew approximately 800 delegates and thousands of visitors and spectators.

While attending the Synod, Rev. V. Calhoun participated in a march on the Capitol in behalf of "The Wilmington Ten." He said, "Nearly ten thousand persons marched, carrying banners and chanting such slogans as "Before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave." and "Free the Wilmington Ten."

Speakers at the rally included the mother of Rev. Ben Chavis, who asked President Carter to "assure human rights at home before interfering abroad." "We must clean up our own house before we can rightfully tell others to



Cedric Jones
...Congress president
clean up their's," Rev. Calhoun added.

"The United Church of Christ is a predominately white group, only about ten percent of its membership being black, yet it has invested \$500,000 in the cause of 'The Wilmington Ten,'" said Rev. Calhoun. "New Emmanuel is the only black United Church of Christ in Charlotte and we are proud to be part of a denomination which lends such strong support to the human and civil rights of these unjustly persecuted individuals. I think it would be wise and prudent if more of us gave more time, attendance, and support to this cause. Let it be said that Rev. N.C. Calhoun was proud to be in the line of march for 'The Wilmington Ten' last July 1," he concluded.

CORRECTION

An Astrology Tea, Fashion Show and Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Club and "Good news of Miracles Outreach" of New Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church, was mistakenly reported in last week's POST as being held on July 19. The correct date is Sunday, July 24 and the time is from 2 p.m. til 10 p.m.

Rev. N.C. Calhoun is pastor of New Emmanuel and Mrs. Queen Estell Thompson is founder of "Good News" and coordinator of the Tea.

BAPTIST CONGRESS

The 45th Annual Session of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association will convene at New St. John Baptist Church Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15. Rev. R.H. Leak is pastor of New St. John, which is located in Newell. Congress officers, instructors, Sunday School Superintendents, and B.T.U. Directors are expected to attend.

Registration for delegates will begin at six-thirty both days and the program starts at seven. The Executive Committee will meet in a business session at six-thirty Thursday. Thursday has been designated Officers Night and the host church will present a 25 minute welcoming program, followed by a brief business session. Instructional and program presentations are also planned. Rev. Lamar Foster, pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, will deliver the Annual Sermon, with his choir and congregation participating.

Youth Night, on Friday evening, will feature the Youth Choir of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church in a 20 minute concert. The Annual Oratorical Contest and the Presi-



Rev. R.H. Leake
...Session host

dent's Annual Remarks will also be included in the evening's activities. Rev. William L. Lee, Jr., pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church, will deliver the closing sermon, assisted by his choir and congregation.

Cedric H. Jones, of this city, is Congress President.

BEREAN SDA CHURCH

The "Christ Is The Answer Crusade" of the Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church will start its second week for the month long series of nightly preaching by evangelist Dr. Robert C. Connor.

Preaching by the dynamic and forceful evangelist takes place nightly except Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Slides with Bible verses accompany each sermon and free gifts are given to those with frequent attendance.

Evangelist Connor is a native of Orangeburg, South Carolina and pastor of Berean. His Crusades over the past two years have baptized more than 300.

Sermon topics for the second week beginning on Friday will be as follows: Fri. - "Heaven Discovered." Sat. - "All the World Under One Flay." Sun. - "The World's Darkest Crime Since the Crucifixion." Mon. - "Love At Home." Tues. - "Where Are the Millions of Dead?" Wed. - "What Was Nailed to the Cross?"

Berean is located at 1801 Double Oaks Road. The public is invited.

PARK CENTER

In another of many tireless efforts to raise money for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statue to be placed in Marshall Park, the Rev. James Barnette has announced a MLK Dollar Day set for Sunday, July 24.

Specifically, Rev. Barnette said, "We are asking everyone to take a dollar to church for Dr. King on Sunday, July 24. For those not going to church we are having a gospel sing at the Park Center where dollars will be collected between 2 and 6 p.m."



Judge Sanders
...Keynote speaker

The determined chairman of the MLK Statue Committee said further, "Dr. King gave his life to change (black people's tragic past). A man that has done so much for so many should have had a memorial nine years ago."

AME CHURCH

The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church concluded their Summer Session recently with a strong endorsement of Andrew Young, United States Ambassador to the United Nations. (The full text of that endorsement may be found on page 1).

The Council of Bishops is the governing body for the denomination's one and one half million members in the United States, the Caribbean, and Africa between quadrennial sessions of the denomination's legislative body, the General Conference.

A major action report by the Bishops was to "Reaffirm our traditional concern for women in the ministry," and appointed two Bishops to work with the AD HOC Committee on Women in the Ministry. A major 1978 conference on Women in the Ministry was approved.

The AME Church ordains women. The issue is how well women can serve in positions of responsibility and authority.

PLEASANT HILL

The Junior Choir of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church celebrated it's first Annual Day with a concert on Sunday, July 10. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joe Liggett, performed a wide variety of



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...Greater Gethsemane pastor

sacred songs, including "Saved By The Grace Of God," "Soon And Very Soon," "Sunshing In My Soul" and others. According to a spokesman, the program was well attended and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Marcia Rorie is president of this young group and Johnny Talbert is vice-president. The accompanists are Mrs. Marge Patton on piano and Miss Delores Massey at the organ.

Rev. J.A. Cuthbertson, pastor of Pleasant Hill, which is located at 517 Baldwin Ave., wishes to tell everyone that "these young people really put the grace of God into the event," and thanks everyone who came out to witness it.

WALLS MEMORIAL

"Meeting The Master," a program described as "a litany in the word and song," will be presented by the Steward Board of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church Sunday, July 17, at 5 p.m.

There will be an opening hymn and scripture, followed by "The Lord's Prayer," sung



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by Harry Ezell. After a poetry reading by Mrs. Julia Cureton, entitled "Meeting The Master," the litany will begin. Printed programs will be provided to enable the audience to participate fully in the program and the public is urged to attend to make this program a success. Accompanist for the evening will be Worth Williams.

Walls Memorial is at 2722 Bancroft St., and Rev. J.T. White is pastor.

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY

The Sunshine Band Missionaries of St. Paul Community Baptist Church is sponsoring weekly activity programs for the youth of the church and the community each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. There will be games, religious instruction and refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, director of the Sunshine Band, and Mrs. Marie Johnson will be the instructors. They encourage parents to send their children to these activities.

Rev. R.M. Mitchell is pastor

of St. Paul, which is located at 2200 Julia Ave.

GREATER GETHSEMANE
"Singspiration 1977," a program of inspirational music, will be presented at Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church Sunday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. Appearing on the program will be the Gethsemane Intermediate Choir, The Disciples of Song from Seigle Ave. Church of God and the Independent Gospel Singers. In addition, there will be four guest artists. They are Cora Pierson, Thomas Moore, Robert L. Davis, Jr. and Gwendolyn Powell.

This program is sponsored by the Second Mile Club, a church service organization. Ms. Francine Jordan is president, Ms. Esther Anthony is Secretary and Ms. Mary Johnson is program chairperson.

Rev. George E. Battle is pastor of Greater Gethsemane which is located at 531 Campus St.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Thomas Moore, vocalist, pianist, will perform in concert.

Friday evening, July 22 at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located uptown at 200 West Trade Street. Tickets are \$1.50 and 50c for students. All proceeds will provide partial scholarships for students ages 2 1/2 - adult to Community School of the Arts. Thomas Moore, a recent graduate of New York's Manhattan School of Music will be teaching private voice and Black Religious Music at Community School of the Arts this fall.

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