

Church News Briefs

Rev. James E. McCoy Celebrates 14th Year In Ministry

By Debra Stanley
Post Staff Writer
Rev. James E. McCoy, pastor of The New East Stonewall AME Zion Church, will be honored by his church and friends on his 7th Annual Day of Appreciation, Sunday, July 23, at 6 p.m.

Rev. McCoy has been pastor of East Stonewall for seven years. The church has made great progress under his leadership, adding more than 450 new members to the church roll and increasing the annual church budget by more than three and one half times more than what it was seven years ago.

Rev. McCoy was born in Laurinburg, N.C. He attended Ellis Johnson High School and Livingstone College.

He has pastored at Mount Zion and Roper Grove AME Zion Churches in Mt. Gilead, N.C., and Price Memorial AME Zion Church in Concord, where he led the congregation in restoring the religious fervor of the church.

Rev. McCoy is presently celebrating his 14th year in pastoral ministry, which he began in March of 1964.

Rev. Jewett Walker, pastor of Rock Hill AME Zion Church, will deliver the Appreciation Day sermon.

Music will be rendered by the Rock Hill AME Zion Church Choir.

Refreshments will be served, and will be prepared by Mrs. Lula Watson, Mrs. Betsy Sims, Mrs. Hester Jackson, Ms. Anne Holmes, and Mrs. Mary Wilmore.

Willie Roddey, coordinator, will head the service. Participants in the program from within the church are the Steward Board, Pastor's Aide Board, and Stewardess Boards Number 1, 2, and 3.

The church has grown numerically, financially, spiritually under Rev. McCoy's dynamic leadership.

East Stonewall is located at 1729 Griens Grove Rd.

MT. SINAI
The Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church will celebrate the 14th Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Norman E. Kerry, Sunday, July 23, at 3 p.m.

Rev. H. S. Diggs, pastor, and the congregation of May-



Rev. James E. McCoy ...7th Anniversary



Rev. Norman Kerry ...14th Anniversary



Rev. J. C. Robinson ...President of 86th session

field Memorial Baptist Church will be the guests.

Achievements accomplished by their beloved pastor, Rev. N. E. Kerry, include demonstration of dedicated leadership that has gone far beyond the line of duty to the intermediate church of which he serves.

He has shared his brotherly love in concern for the dignity of man and the value of human souls within the community in which he lives, as well as in far-away places.

The church has purchased two vans to transport members to and from church activities, new choir robes, and has spent over \$50 thousand in renovations at the church site, renovated and enlarged the parsonage, and purchased and landscaped a parking lot.

Over 500 new members have joined.

The church has also been represented in all Baptist parties, on the local, state, and national levels.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church is located at 1243 West Blvd.

WALLS MEMORIAL
Appreciation Services for the Rev. J. T. White, pastor of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, will be held Sunday, July 23, at 4 p.m. Rev. White is being honored for five years.

BETHANY
The Ushers Union Program Committee held their 2nd Annual Recognition Day

Providence Baptist Church is located at 4921 Randolph Rd. between Cotswold and Sardis.

Retired ushers recognized were Charles King, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Mrs. Parthenia Stitt, New Hope Baptist Church; Mrs. O. Alexander, Gethsemane Baptist Church; Mrs. Willis, New Hope Baptist Church; and Mrs. Biddle, Antioch Baptist Church.

John Burris rendered the closing remarks. Burris is the Program Committee Chairman.

Rev. Hennigen is the pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, located at 2300 Sanders St. SHILOH

The eighth Annual Concert of the J. A. Gospel Choir will be held at the JCSU Chapel on Sunday, July 23, at 6 p.m.

The 45 member choir will also have their first recording at that time.

The choir was named after the late Rev. John Arthur White, former pastor of the church.

The choir is under the direction of Tommie Campbell, and features a piano, two organs, and a lead and bass guitar. Some original gospel songs, along with others, will be performed.

Andrew Cuthbertson is the president of the choir.

Rev. Tommy Davis is the pastor of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, located at 1710 Sumter Ave.

GETHSEMANE
The Education Center Dedication Service was held on Sunday, June 11, at Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Special guests included members of O'Connors' Grover AME Zion Church, Sills Creek AME Zion Church, Mark's AME Zion Church.

Also present were Rev. Dr. Jewett L. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Home Missions, Pensions and Relief of AME Churches; Rev. Herman Anderson, General Secretary of the Department of Research - AME Churches; Charlie Dannelly, Councilman of District No. 2; Walter Tucker, Senior Vice President of Mechanics and

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Farmers Bank, and Dr. M. L. Greene, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, to name a few.

Music was furnished by the Children's Choir, the Intermediate Choir, Choir II, and an organ prelude by Ms. Constance Hill.

The Act of Dedication was rendered by Thomas McIlwain, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The new building was dedicated "as a church for the services and worship of Almighty God."

Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church is located at 531 Campus St., where Rev. George E. Battle, Jr. is pastor.

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Jim & Bernice Fulson

Perseverance And The Christian

By James E. Palmer
Perseverance means sticking to a point, holding out, not giving up. In plain simple everyday language, it means keep on keeping on. Christians must never give up.

Nehemiah had accepted the challenge to build the all of Jerusalem and three times he was invited to meet with Sanballat and others. This would mean giving up his work for a meeting, a meeting of no good purpose. He replied to the messages "I am doing a great work, so I cannot come down."

He had to work under opposition, but he had faith - to keep on keeping on. When his

powers ran out he could always count on the power from on high. He knew man's extremity is God's opportunity. Faith is likening to a boy flying a kite. An elderly man came by and said "Son what are you doing?" The boy replied "Sir, I am flying my kite." The man said, "I don't see any kite." "How do you know you are flying a kite?"

The boy replied, "every now and then when the wind blows, I can feel it pulling." That is the way it is with a child of God. When the tempestuous winds of circumstances of a stormy world begins to blow children of God who holds the spiritual kite, not with hands but with hearts, can feel in faith and know of the presence of God.

Nehemiah kept on working,

his body fatigued, he had a song he could sing. It could have been:

I'm working on the building,
It's a true foundation -
As soon as I get through,
I'm going up to Heaven to get my reward.

There are three ways to face trouble. You can face trouble like a chicken in the rain. When it begins to rain, the chicken immediately runs for cover, or you can face trouble like the duck in the rain. The duck goes splashing through the water as if to say it is raining, so what? This is the don't-care attitude. You can face trouble like the robin bird. In the rain the robin bird ascends to the top of the tree and begins to sing. What a wonderful way to face trouble with, with a song. Finally, the wall was completed, the battle was fought and the victory was won. On the twenty-fifth day of the month of Elul according to the Jewish calendar the task was completed. Nehemiah could then come down and stand before the Altar of God and receive his reward for a job well done.

The question for us is "Why did Nehemiah succeed?" I believe that there are three reasons that account for his successful accomplishment.

1. He had a constructive program. This program was practical and designed to meet the needs of the people. This program was good for the people even though it was not always good to them. Nehe-

forever on the throne, truth forever on the scaffold, yet that scaffold sways the future and behind the dim unknown standeth God within - the shadow keeping watch above his own."

His program was characterized by love. Love is the strongest emotion of the human heart. Love will cause one to toil and not ask for pay; to suffer and not count the cost. God is love, and all love is from God. God demonstra-



Rev. James E. Palmer

University Park Pastor

miah recognized that his people needed God. Thus, he propagated a program established on the pillar of truth.

As in our day, people didn't appreciate truth. Probably the truth is too slow for people. Charles H. Spurgeon says, "A lie travels around the world while truth is putting on its boots." Yet, truth is the only thing that will stand. James Russell Lowell expressed something of the power of truth when he said "wrong

most frequently employed to defeat people is to get them to believe that they are worthless by destroying their faith in themselves. All one has to do to be nobody is to feel that he is nobody.

(b) Nehemiah had faith in man. He did not attempt to build the wall by himself, but he enlisted the help of the entire family of God. Any man is in a bad fix who feels that he is the only person who can be trusted. No race, or group or class has a monopoly of "efficiency." God made men out of one blood.

(c) Nehemiah above all else had faith in God. He knew that there were times when his own mind and the minds of others proved to be helpless before the forces of evil. A new that what man, a fin creature cannot do, can be done by God whose power and wisdom and love is infinite and eternal.

led the Power of love in giving His only begotten Son to redeem sinful man. Nehemiah demonstrated the power of love in building the wall of Jerusalem in the fact of great opposition.

2. Nehemiah succeeded in building the wall because he was a man of great faith.

(a) He had faith in himself. If a person does not have faith in himself others will not have faith in him. To have faith in oneself does not mean that a person is self-centered, egotistic or egocentric. But it does mean that he is confident and assured. One of the methods

As we go forth achieving and pursuing, let us be aware that perseverance is necessary. Perseverance is our cross. And the way of cross

leads home. Just as there must be a labor pains before childbirth and Good Friday before Easter, so there must be perseverance before the great coronation when the faithful will be crowned kings and queens.

With a constructive program, faith in self, others and God, we march on with Christ as our example. We ask not for an easy way or light road. We know that into each man's life some rain must fall, some days must be dark and dreary; but behind the darkest cloud there lies a silver lining, and God is that lining.

By Rev. Waylon R. Wallace

Sunday School Lesson

Greetings fellow Bible students! What a timely lesson we have before us. "The Gospel Confronts Vested Interests," is our subject. The lesson is found in Acts 19:21-41. As this is being written, the Rev. Andrew Young, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations is yet receiving sharp criticism for declaring the truth. He finds himself among that great company of God's persecuted servants. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a part of that group, as is Jesse Jackson and our lesson reveals the Apostle Paul as their example.

In our lesson we see that Paul has been preaching in Ephesus against superstition and idol worship. He is beginning to make plans to leave, when he finds out how effective his efforts have been. A silversmith by the name of Demetrius made his living from the sale of small images of the Goddess Diana. His sales had fallen off and so had those of the others merchants who sold images of false gods. He called all the other merchants together with their employees. He let them know pointedly that the source of their income was in danger because Paul was preaching that Gods made by hand are not gods at all. Demetrius did not mind Paul preaching that message, what bothered him was that the message was effective, people believed it! He hypocritically stated that he was concerned that their business not get a bad name. Demetrius, a man of previous greatness, successfully stirred up the crowd by telling them that the Temple of Diana was in danger of becoming meaningless and that her greatness was in danger of being lost. Brothers and Sisters, any religion that can be destroyed by the efforts of humankind ought to die! When religious symbols, whether they be buildings, jewelry, or rituals become so ineffective that they can be destroyed by people, then they ought to be buried away. Demetrius stirred up the folk by telling them that their religion was in danger, when his only real concern was with his profits.

When Paul was not immediately found some of his associates were taken to the town meeting place. A town meeting was called. The citizens did not know for what purpose. There was confusion and yelling for two hours. Finally the town clerk, a Roman official, calmed the crowd by telling them that they should not be upset just because some one speaks against things they themselves knew to be true. He declared Paul's associates to be innocent of any wrong. He directed them to take proper legal steps if there was a legitimate complaint against anyone.

The point of this lesson is that folk don't mind the preacher preaching as long as his preaching is not effective. People don't mind Christians witnessing so long as their witness does condemn their wrong doing. Employees don't want the preacher to tell them to give their employer an honest days work. The employer does not want him to preach about fair wages and employee benefits. Many business men do not care if those working for them have no day of rest in the week. Folk don't mind us firing the shotgun of abstract theories from the pulpit, at such a distance that we hit nothing. What they hate is for us to take careful aim with the rifle of God's word and hit something. The politician says the preacher has no business talking about politics and the towards obey.

The love we are called upon to give to God and our fellow creatures, is expressed positively or negatively in every area of our lives. All need to hear the gospel, for all have sinned and come short of the glorious ideal God has for our lives.

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