

Here Sunday Afternoon

# St. Mark's Will Celebrate Formal Opening Of Its New Sanctuary

The St. Mark's United Methodist Church of 917 Clanton Road will celebrate the formal opening and consecration of its new sanctuary, Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m.

The principal participants will be Bishops L. Scott Allen, Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Area and the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Dr. Wilson Weldon, Superintendent of the Charlotte District of The United Methodist Church and the Rev. John F. Epps, Minister of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Bishop L. Scott Allen will deliver the Consecration Sermon. Bishop Allen received his formal education from Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta, Georgia, and from Northwestern University. He has received honorary degrees from the following colleges and universities:

Bethune-Cookman College, Emory and Henry College, Wiley College and Duke University. He has held pastorate in the states of Georgia and Louisiana. He has served as instructor of Philosophy and Religion at Clark College, and as Editor of the Central Christian Advocate, a connectional newspaper.

In 1967, Bishop Allen was elected and consecrated a Bishop of The Methodist Church, and assigned to serve in the Central Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and the Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences. From 1968 to 1976, he was Bishop over the Holston Area (Holston Annual Conference). And in 1976, he was assigned to



Bishop L. Scott Allen  
...Guest speaker  
serve as Bishop over the Charlotte Area (Western North Carolina Annual Conference).



Rev. John F. Epps  
...St. Mark's pastor



Wilson O. Weldon  
...District superintendent

In addition to Bishop Allen's busy life as a churchman, he also finds time for civic organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Bishop is married to the former, Miss Sarah Adams and they are presently residing in the city of Charlotte.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church was organized and built in the early 1960's. The Church was originally built by a white congregation and when the Clanton Park Community went through a racial transition, the church was changed from a white church to a black congregation.

The present congregation

has grown from a membership of 8 to 150, and ministers to about 300 families through its weekly worship services, day care program, continuing education and Boy Scouts program. The church provides employment and on-the-job training for high school dropouts. The church is the site for many voter education drives, and is a precinct headquarters. The church also serves as a

center for social and civic activities. Community People frequently gather there to organize and to secure public services to upgrade the community such as signal lights, street sidewalks and neighborhood parks, etc.

The public is cordially invited to attend this occasion and to hear this great Gospel preacher.

## AME Zion Bishop Relates To Guyana

How could Christian believers be lured into unorthodox religious organizations like Rev. Jim Jones' cult in Guyana, South America?

People who were attracted by off-brand leaders, according to Bishop A.G. Dunston of the A.M.E. Zion Church in New Bern, N.C., "had become frazzled and puzzled by the vicissitudes of life and had been lulled, at an unguarded moment in a state of misguided decision."

His remarks were made during a television interview given over the Thanksgiving season.

After having visited Guyana in March, Dr. Harold Clement, secretary-treasurer of the Department of Overseas Missions said that some of Jones' supporters told him they had become disenchanted with the philosophy of orthodox Christianity and had turned to Jones for relief.

In reference to the Guyana incident, Bishop Dunston said

it would give his denomination (A.M.E.-Zion) and other orthodox Christian believers another opportunity to prove the efficacy of Christianity

and bring renewed strength and a firmer determination to save the world for Christ.

When asked how the Guyana incident would relate to apartheid ideology in South Africa, Bishop Dunston said it would be a deterrent to the cause of human rights everywhere.

## Holiday Tour

A unique tour of Fourth Ward homes and apartments and the second annual candlelighting and carol singing is set for Dec. 16 and 17. The decorated homes will be open from 1-5 p.m. both days; the candlelighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$4 each and are available at the Historic District Commission office in Edwin Towers, 201 W. Tenth Street from 9:30-11:30 a.m.



PRESIDENT VERTA WITHERSPOON WITH Alan Rousseau and Fred Alexander

## RMMC 650 Eastern Stars

### Honor Fred Alexander

by Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

The Rosa M. Morris Chapter No. 650, Order of the Eastern Star, honored Senator Fred Alexander at the chapter's annual Christmas Dinner held on Dec. 2 at the Econo Lodge. Presenting a check to Alan Rousseau, president of the local NAACP for a life membership, was a highlight of the gala evening for the three year old Eastern Star Chapter.

Senator Fred Alexander was honored for his participation in establishing the Charlotte NAACP chapter in 1975 and securing a charter for its membership in the national organization.

Guests at the dinner were treated to music, dinner, socializing and exchanging gifts. The Order of the Eastern Star is an organization, which promotes fraternalism and conducts community service activities.

Among this year's accomplishments, the group gave a donation to Mrs. Carrie Graves for litigation involving the Housing Authority, a Thanksgiving basket to an indigent family, playing bingo with patients at Community Hospitals, donating to the Anita Stroud Foundation, and securing a NAACP Life Membership certificate.

Members are planning a Caribbean cruise for July 1979.

### Swim Program

A Masters Swim Program for men and women over 25, plus Lap Swimming for Children, are innovations at the Park Road YWCA. YWCA pools at both Park Road and Trade St. Centers are open seven days a week for all ages and levels, including Open Swim.

...12 Noon Tuesday is the deadline for placing your news items and photos in the Charlotte Post.

### PUBLIC NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Due to the tremendous amount of applications received for the Section 8: Existing Housing Program, the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte will suspend the taking of these applications on December 20, 1978. Applications will still be accepted for one bedroom units for persons who qualify as elderly, disabled or handicapped. This suspension will be effective until further notice.

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