

# Home Moravian Church To Conduct Annual Sunrise Services

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**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.** - Under the dawn sky on Easter morning every year, many RJR Archer employees participate in the world's largest sunrise service, held at Home Moravian Church.

The service at Home Moravian dates back more than 200 years. The 13 Winston-Salem churches belonging to the Salem congregation sponsor the annual service, which has drawn crowds of 30,000.

And, while those people are assembled in downtown Winston-Salem, countless others participate in simultaneous sunrise services at other Moravian churches on

the outskirts of town.

"In our faith, the Easter sunrise service is the climax of the church year," says Jack Holder, a technical services group leader for Archer. Holder is a member of Clemmons Moravian Church, but he also plays in the Christ Church band.

Moravian bands not only play at sunrise services, but also perform in residential neighborhoods during the pre-dawn hours before the service.

This tradition began long ago as a way to wake townspeople for the sunrise service.

"The sunrise service is something that really gets to you," says Holder. "I began

walking around the streets with the Moravian bands when I was six. When I was a little older, I ushered people through the Moravian cemetery, where the service is held, and then I was finally old enough to play in the band.

"Family tradition is very much a part of the Moravian services," continues Holder. "My father was an usher, I've been playing in the band for 38 years, and my 20-year-old son has been playing for 10 years."

After playing at the sunrise service, Holder returns to Clemmons Moravian to play at an 11:00 a.m. service. He recalls one Easter many

years ago, when he played at five different churches in one day. "However," he laughs, "that was when I was much younger. I only did that once."

Marvin Doub, another Archer employee, is a member of Konnoak Moravian who ushers for the sunrise service downtown. "All the different Moravian churches in the city come together at Home Church for the sunrise service."

Doub's role in the sunrise service is not limited to ushering. "I help our church cook breakfast for the choir, band, ushers and guests around 4 a.m.," he says. Doub and his wife also help clean the an-

cient tombstones in "God's Acre," the Salem congregation cemetery.

Doub's daughter is also active in the sunrise service. "She learned how to play an instrument last year, just so she could play in the sunrise service," points out Doub proudly. "It was her doing, not ours. That's how Moravian tradition keeps on going--the kids get started in the services."

James Tesh adds, "Making the rounds with the bands really gets to you. My father used to lead the band at Enterprise Church and all my brothers and sisters have played. I have three sons who have played in the band."

"When you're playing in the dark streets and you see the lights come on, you know people are really looking forward to hearing the music. A lot of older people and shut-ins stay up just to hear the bands," says the Archer employee who began playing when he was eight.

Dick Larrimore, on the other hand, began taking music lessons at age 34 just so he could play in the Moravian band. "There's a lot of fulfillment from being in the band," says Larrimore.

Preparations for the sunrise service involve countless Moravian members, points Gil Frank.



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## Times Are Changing

### Men Are Becoming More

#### Conscious Of Clothes

by Susan Ellsworth  
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Fashion may once have been only of interest to women. Times are changing. "Men are becoming more conscious of clothes," says Paul Rogers, fashion director for Sears, Roebuck and Company's men's stores in the South.

"Historically women buy most of men's clothes. Now more men are buying their own clothes, especially younger men," Rogers pointed out.

Why the increase in interest?

Variety in lifestyles is producing a need for more clothes according to Rogers.

"Young people and blacks are willing to experiment with new fashion trends," Rogers emphasized. "Blacks are more individualistic in the way they dress. They experiment with color better and seem to be more aware of clothes."

Although many blacks dress conservatively, Rogers said, "They spend more time with style and fit and are generally more clothes conscious."

Male shoppers can expect to find more sportswear separates in bright colors and soft knit fabrics this Spring. Casual attire is favored in the South with the warm weather, Rogers commented.

In dress clothing linen fabrics, vested suits, brightly pigmented accessories to accompany subdued colored suits and straight-leg pants are in fashion, he continued.

Men have increasingly been buying 3-piece suits in separates. The western influence of denim, boots, western suits and hats have again grown in popularity in big cities.

Rogers emphasized a major trend in people dressing up for more occasions. "There's simpler detail but a more refined, dressier look." He credited the disco scene with bringing a more ornate look to casual clothing.

Men are preferring to either dress in sportswear or in more

formal attire. Leisure suits, popular in the early 70's are now outdated, Rogers said.

Young men aged 20-35 are the most influential to persuade in accepting new styles. Most trends take 6 months to one year to be accepted, Rogers explained. One exception was the leisure suit introduced in 1965 but not accepted until 1971.

In establishing trends for men's fashions this rule still holds true, Rogers says, "Men will dress for comfort first and fashion second."

#### County Offices

#### Will Be Closed

#### Easter Monday

Mecklenburg County government offices and agencies will be closed Monday, April 16, in observance of Easter Monday.

This includes all units of the Department of Social Services and the Health Department, all branches of the Public Library, the tax offices, and the County's two landfills, Harrisburg Park and Holbrook Road in Huntersville.

Day care centers operated by the Department of Social Services will be closed Good Friday, April 13, as well as Easter Monday. The Main Library, 310 North Tryon Street, will be closed Easter Sunday.

The Board of County Commissioners, which usually meets the third Monday of the month, will meet, instead, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 17. The meeting will be in the County Office Building.

The County Animal Shelter will be closed Easter Monday, and the County Police will handle the shelter's emergency calls at 374-2391.

All District and Superior Courts will also close in observance of Easter Monday.

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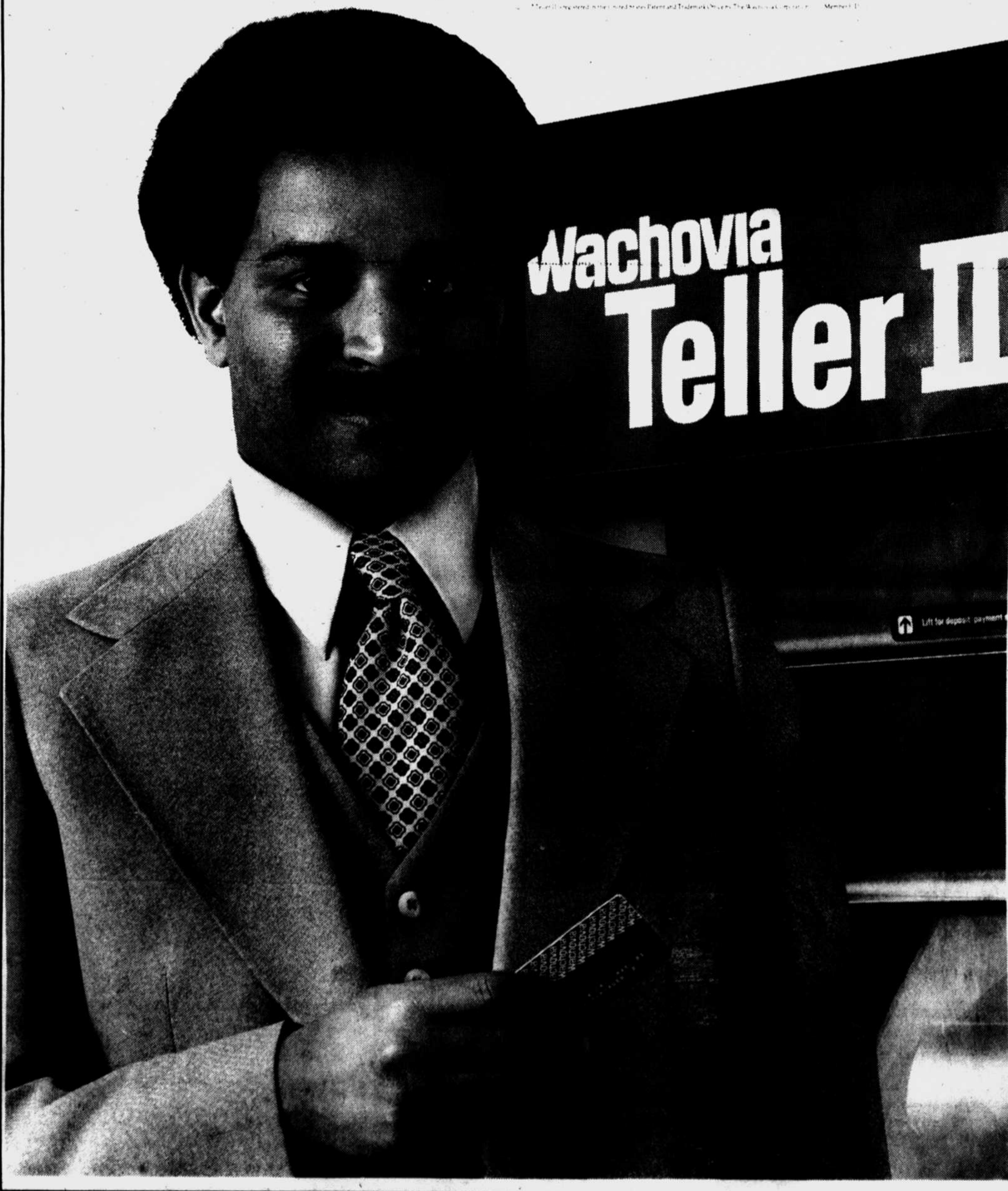
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