

Service Will Be Held Nightly

Green Oaks' Revival Begins Sunday

Each day the spirit needs to be fed. As the spiritual song relates it's not peanut and butter and jelly that the spirit craves.

Instead one searching to become closer to God prefers to surround himself or herself with knowledge about Christ. This is one reason for revivals. Another is to re-dedicate your life, for it is never too late to change or grow for God.

Revival at Green Oaks Baptist Church, 1505 Kennon Street, will begin July 1 and end July 7.

Devotional services each night will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 1, Rev. Henderson, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, will be the 7:30 p.m. speaker.



Rev. M. N. Kelty
.....Host pastor

Beginning July 2 through 7, Rev. Charles Fairchild will be the speaker. Rev. M.N. Kelty is host pastor.

Rev. Fairchild, ordained in 1965, became pastor of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, with a membership of 11. By

1976 the membership had grown to 400. Presently Rev. Fairchild is minister of Greater Faith Baptist Church in Waukegan, IL. Since 1979 the church has added 738 names to the roll.

For 11 years Rev. Fairchild has been known as a man involved in religious and community activities. He is also known as a man gifted with a melodious voice. He has directed several choirs; sung with the Jessy Dixon Singers and the Rev. James Cleveland Singers. Presently he is vice president of the North Shore Minister's Alliance as well as being a participant in several other organizations.

Married to the former Betty Kennard, the couple has four children: Cheryl, Charlene, Steven and LaToya.

Rev. M. N. Kelty, pastor of Green Oaks, and the membership cordially invite you to be revived during the week of July 1-7.

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After carefully studying this vital issue, the Governor's Plans and Policy Board and the North Carolina Department of Human Resources' Division of Aging singled out three major problem areas in North Carolina's health care system: the escalating cost of health care; Medicaid eligibility standards; and federal health care reimbursement to institutions, such as hospitals and nursing homes.

The cost of medical care is increasing more than any other single factor in the economy. With inflation hovering around the three percent mark, the cost of medical care continues to increase at an annual rate of more than 15 percent.

Last year the total medical bill in the United States soared to \$320 billion, and it is estimated that it will increase by another 15 percent this year.

A major portion of these costs are the federal Medicaid and Medicare programs. In North Carolina, Medicaid expenses have increased \$70 million during each of the past two years. Medicare expenses also are increasing, as is the portion of the cost that is paid by the elderly in higher premiums and deductibles.

Medicare now covers only 39 percent of the medical costs of the elderly, and if more budget cuts are made in the program, the percentage paid would continue to decline. This means that both the Medicaid program and the state of North Carolina will have to absorb more of the total costs, or the elderly themselves will either have to pay more or do without needed medical care.

In addition, Medicaid eligibility requirements can result in older citizens be-

ing prematurely placed in hospitals, nursing homes or other institutions. Due to the "medically needy" standard, some elderly patients reach a poverty level that necessitates placement in an institution in order to be eligible for Medicaid coverage. This is a difficult dilemma for the elderly and their families, as well as North Carolina's health and human service professionals.

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