

Church News Briefs

Rev. Michael McClain Assumes First Mayfield Memorial Pastoral Duties

By Jayne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Michael McClain will be officially installed as pastor of First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church this Sunday during the morning worship service.

Dr. J. B. Humphrey, moderator of the General Mecklenburg Association, will preside over the ceremony and Dr. J. C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C., will deliver the proclamation. The grandson of Ina McClain of Statesville, N.C., Pastor McClain was called into the ministry in September of 1973. He became ordained in July 1974 at the Rowan Baptist Association. A member of First Baptist Church in Statesville, McClain's pastoral leadership began under the direction of the church's pastor, Dr. J. C. Harris.

Pastor McClain is an honor cadet graduate of Fort Ord School of Military Science, California. He received the Outstanding Cadet Award and was voted Who's Who Among Military Academy Students.

Further undergraduate studies were carried out at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., and the University of North Carolina in Grand Forks. Pastor McClain engaged in graduate work at Hood Theological Seminary and Shaw Divinity School. He is currently a student of Shaw University at the High Point, N.C., campus.

He serves as secretary to the Board of Foreign Missions for the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. and also as vice chairman of the publicity committee for the state. Pastor McClain is a member of the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

Formerly the pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church of Salisbury, N.C., and Shiloh Baptist Church of Mocksville, N.C., Pastor McClain was elected by the congregation of First Mayfield Baptist Church, Charlotte, to become their pastor in July 1985.

He comments, "I'm looking forward to my challenge here. Pray for me to make First Mayfield into the church the Lord would have us to be."

Pastor McClain, the father of two children, Rosalinde and Christopher, resides on Russell Ave. in Charlotte. He is employed as a Market Specialist with the Machine Division of the firm of Gay and Creech, a Raleigh-based office automated equipment company.

All are invited to attend the installation service of Pastor Michael McClain. There will be a reception at the church immediately following the program. First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church is located at 901 Oaklawn Avenue.

NEW ST. JOHN
There will be something special



Pastor Michael McClain
.....To be installed



Rev. Robert Leak
.....Hosts special programs



Rev. T. W. Samuels
.....Hosts Seniors program

happening at New St. John Baptist Church Sunday, December 18, when the "Voices of Hope" render exclusive music along with the Combined Choirs of the church, during the morning worship hour.

At which time Rev. Robert Leak, the church pastor, will deliver the message: "The Trouble in Synthetic and Tongue Religion."

At 6 p.m., Sunday, New St. John will host the Sunset Eastern Stars' special program. Rev. Leak will be guest speaker.

The public is cordially invited to all services at New St. John, located at 2000 St. John Road in the Hickory Grove area.

ST. JOHN'S
The Charlotte Alzheimer's Family Support will hold their December meeting at the St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane, December 5, at noon for a bag lunch and 12:30 for the program.

This month the program will be discussing "Tips on Getting Through the Holidays." For additional information, call Rita Thornton, R.N., at 536-9545 or call the Chapter office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays, at 875-9737.

MT. MORIAH
The Matrons of Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will host "The Original Gospel Lights" in concert on Saturday, December 7, at 6 p.m.

All are welcome. Mt. Moriah is located at 747 W. Trade St. Elder W. T. Samuels is pastor.

PRINCE OF PEACE
An annual Bazaar will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League are organizing this event.

If you are looking for special handmade things for the Christmas season, plan now to come.

Prince of Peace Lutheran is located at 3001 Beatties Ford Rd. James F. Shrader is pastor.

EAST STONEWALL
At the recent "Church Rally" held at East Stonewall AME Zion Church, Alice Tinsley was named "Woman of the Year" and Robert

Reeves, named "Man of the Year" in this successful fundraising. Runners-up in the contest were: Sandra Caldwell, first; Willie Bratchen, second; and Yvonne Bruton, third. Also named were Mary Fite as "Captain of the Year," and Robert Reeves as "Co-Captain of the Year." The winner from the Young People's Department was Joanne Walker.

East Stonewall is located at 1729 Griers Grove Road. Rev. Bernard H. Sullivan is pastor.

GOOD SAMARITAN
Good Samaritan Ministries is a ministry of help to the single Christian. You may write for information at P. O. Box 35455, Charlotte, N.C. 28234-5455 or attend the meetings at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays at the New Jerusalem Temple of Faith, located at 3429 Yarbrough Street.

WOMEN'S AGLOW
Mary Lance Sisk, from a prominent Charlotte family, conducts prayer seminars throughout the U.S., teaches at Calvary Church, and counsels in the area of confession, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. She will be the speaker at the Charlotte Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship meeting on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. Come and learn how to be an "overcomer" and an "anointed achiever."

There will be a minimal charge to cover refreshments and room fee. For additional information, call Amber Hollander at 372-3982.

HENDERSON GROVE
The congregation of Henderson Grove Presbyterian Church USA will sponsor an annual Senior Citizens program on program on Saturday, December 7, from 1-3 p.m.

The program will feature musical selections from the Young Adult Choir. Immediately following, the church will honor senior citizens with a special dinner and Christmas gifts.

All senior citizens in the community are invited to attend.

Henderson Grove is located in Mint Hill, N.C. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. and Morning Worship is at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Maxwell is minister.

ST. MICHAEL
A Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 4232 Hovis Rd., on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, December 8, from 1-6 p.m.

Baked goods, handmade crafts and other items will all be on sale. The event is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women.

WESLEY UNITED
The Children's Christmas Store (a special place for children to shop) will open at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 3715 Rea Rd. (across from Olde Providence Elementary School) on Saturday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Santa Claus is flying in from the North Pole to be with the children for photographs. There will be sausage biscuits, hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks for sale and also the United Methodist Women's Mini-Bazaar for parents to shop.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the youth of the church and the community and the church building fund.

The public is urged to attend. David L. Baxter is pastor of Wesley United.

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Give yourself an extra special treat during the Christmas holidays. Make plans to travel with John Kee and the New Life Community Choir to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for a live recording session on Saturday, December 28, which will feature such gospel artists as Frenchie Wiggins, Sheila Caldwell, David Allen, and Daryl Coley of Los Angeles, California.

The cost of the trip is \$45 and the payment is due December 15. For more details, call 825-9711 and leave your name and phone number.

NORTHEAST
The new church, Northeast

Seventh-Day Adventist, was recently established as an outgrowth of the mother church, Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Northeast was born out of love and planning; its mission is to serve the Charlotte community especially in the northeast and east corridors of the city. The first church service occurred on Saturday, September 7, 1985, at Garinger High School's auditorium with 73 optimistic supporters in attendance. Evangelist Calvin Watkins, a conference evangelist, officiated.

Northeast as well as Berean are member churches of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, which is headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

The church was formally organized on Saturday, October 19, 1985, with the conference president, secretary-treasurer and evangelist - Elders R. B. Hairston, J. A. Simons, and Calvin Watkins, respectively - officiating. The organizational service was conducted at Briarwood Elementary School where the church is presently meeting. Over 100 organizers, officials and supporters were in attendance.

Northeast became a complete, fully functioning church with the formal election of its first officers and board on November 16, 1985.

One of the primary goals of the new congregation is to secure permanent facilities. Until that time, the church plans to continue meeting at Briarwood Elementary on

Wilann Dr. (off the Plaza beyond Eastway Dr.); Sabbath School begins at 9:15 and Divine Worship begins at 11 a.m., on Saturdays. On Wednesday evening at 7:30, the church holds Power Hour Prayer Meeting.

The public is cordially invited to all services. Pastor Ivan William is presently serving as interim pastor.

BLACK CATHOLICS
The National Office for Black Catholics and the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus during a joint meeting of the boards recently adopted a resolution commending the National Catholic Conference of Bishops on the second draft of the Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.

The board members representing many large Archdioceses and Dioceses said the document was constructive and indeed very good. See MORE On Page 7A

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9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

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First Baptist Church - West

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