

Church News Briefs

# Mt. Zion Baptist Church Named To National Historic Register In America

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Salisbury, N.C., has been named to the National Historic Register of Historic Places in America, announced William C. Price, Jr., North Carolina Historic Preservation Officer of the N.C. Division of Archives and History, making a presentation to the church on Sunday, March 16, 1986.

Placement on the National Register is an honorary distinction from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Mt. Zion Baptist is located in downtown Salisbury on North Church St. Organized in 1867, the present church building was constructed in 1907. Rev. Harry Cowan, founder of the church, is recognized as the father of the Black Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Dr. S.R. Johnson, Jr. is minister of Mt. Zion and he has served for the past 12 years. During Dr. Johnson's administration, more than \$100,000 worth of renovations have been made to the church structure. And, all obligations have been liquidated.

Mt. Zion Baptist also recently celebrated 50 years in gospel ministry, and Dr. S.R. Johnson's 12th anniversary with the church. Dr. Noel C. Taylor, mayor of Roanoke, Va. and pastor of High Street Baptist Church in Roanoke, assisted in the anniversary sermon.

Mrs. Nora Robinson, assistant principal of Overton School in Salisbury, directed the program and Mrs. Ruth Camp was mistress of ceremonies. A special certificate of appreciation was presented to Dr. Johnson by Dr. C. Cooper of Shaw University. Dr. Cooper is secretary of the Cooperative Ministry of North Carolina. Additionally, a tribute of recognition was presented to Dr. Johnson from the downtown ministers of Salisbury by Rev. David K. Huddle of St. John's Lutheran Church and also from the High Street Baptist Church.

Welcoming Roanoke Mayor, Dr. Noel Taylor, to Salisbury, Councilman Darrell Hancock presented him with a key to the city.

Mt. Zion's pastor, Dr. Johnson, is a life long member of High Street Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. It was at this church that he began his ministry before coming to Salisbury. The 50-voice High Street Choir rendered song for the celebration.

Dr. J. B. Humphrey of Charlotte brought greetings from the State Convention. And Mrs. Humphrey brought greetings to Mrs. Johnson on behalf of the women of North Carolina. Mrs. Eva Johnson, Dr. Johnson's wife, is First Vice President of the Woman's Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

**MARVIN**  
Pastor's Aide No. 2 of Marvin AME Zion Church will sponsor a program on Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Hank Walker of New Town Road Community Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Marvin AME is located on New Town Rd. in Waxhaw, N.C. Rev. Derinzer Johnson is pastor.

**WEeping Willow**  
The Junior Choir of Weeping Willow AME Zion Church will celebrate its Annual Day on Sunday, April 13, 2:30 p.m., with invited groups.

The celebration will conclude with a 6 p.m. program presenting the Gospel Chorus of New Zion Baptist Church in concert.

Everyone is urged to attend. The church is located at 306 Billingsley Rd. Rev. Wardell Henderson is pastor.

**UNIVERSITY PARK**  
On Saturday, April 12, from 2-6 p.m., the University Park Baptist Church Mission Department will sponsor "Youth Springfest."

There will be crafts, plants, live sketches, food, a space walk ride, entertainment and the Church Book Store will be open. Plus, lots, lots more!

Admission is free. University Park is located at Senior Dr. and Keller Ave. Rev. James E. Palmer is pastor.



Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church, congratulates Mrs. Carolyn Straite (center) for earning the title of Silver Mount "Woman of the Year" for 1986. She raised a total of \$4,800 during the fund raising campaign. Straite was awarded a trophy, a \$50 cash prize and she, along with her committee members, will be treated to a Fellowship dinner. Mrs.

Isabella Leak (left) ran a close second in the contest and she was followed by Mrs. Bernice Jant (not pictured) in third place. Ms. Straite, who served as chairperson of Woman's Day '86, led a team of ladies to report a grand total of \$19,500 raised. All funds will be used for a new church building to be erected on Arrowood Road.

**FIRST UNITED**

First United Methodist Church will host the Community Family Worship and Fellowship Service, sponsored by YMCA of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, on Sunday, April 13.

The Family Worship Service will begin at 6 p.m. Speaker will be Bill Curry, head football coach of Georgia Tech; ACC Coach of the Year; a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and a United Methodist Layman.

At 7 p.m., there will be a Snack Supper Fellowship Hour (Voluntary offering only.)

This service is open to the public and is in cooperation with area churches.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

First United Methodist Church is located at 501 N. Tryon St.

**CHINA GROVE**

The Progressive Women of China Grove AME Zion Church will present in concert: "The Gospel Messengers" from A&T State University, Greensboro, NC, on Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

The musical renditions of this all-male group promise to be a spiritual uplifting experience for all who attend.

Proceeds will go towards The Progressive Women's Scholarship Fund.

China Grove is located at 9401 Old Pineville Rd. Rev. M. L. Houston is pastor.

**OAKHURST**

Rev. David E. Glover will teach a seminar on Saturday, April 12, at Oakhurst Baptist Church, titled, "The Teenage Pregnancy Crisis: How to Stem The Tide." The seminar will expose the negative elements within our society which influence teenagers to become sexually active. The one true way to avoid pregnancy will be a key principle taught.

Rev. Glover has taught all age groups in Bible studies, seminars, campus ministries and church retreats.

If you are a parent of a teenage boy or girl, you need to attend this seminar along with your son or daughter. Prevent your child from becoming a statistic.

To register for this vitally important seminar, call Rev. Glover at 535-4926. You must register in order to attend.

Oakhurst Baptist Church is located at 5037 Monroe Road.

**DAVIDSON WOMEN'S AGLOW**

The Davidson-Cornelius Women's Aglow Chapter will present Marilyn Gool of Charlotte's Victory Christian Center as guest speaker for a Saturday, April 12, meeting from 10 a.m. until noon.

The meeting will be held at the Home Federal Savings and Loan Building in Cornelius. Free nursery will be provided.

Membership is not required to attend. All women are invited.

**MT. SINAI**

The Young Adult Choir of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will celebrate its annual concert on Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

The program will be composed of hymns, spirituals and the latest in gospel music. Guests will be Mr. Terry Oates, Mr. C.C. Hogan, and Mt. Sinai's own, Mrs. Jean Kerry and Jennifer McDowell. Mr. Steven Cooper is the choir's director and Mr. Lewis Johnson is president.

The public is welcome to come and share in this concert with the young adults of Mt. Sinai.

The church is located at 1243 West Blvd.

**CHAPPELL MEMORIAL**

A Stress Management Workshop, sponsored by the Deaconess Board, will be held at Chappell Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The workshop will be conducted by Sis. Barbara Dixon of the General Baptist State Convention Health and Human Services Program, Raleigh, NC. Topics to be discussed include: Managing Stress; Relaxation Techniques; Assertiveness Skills; and others.

Refreshments will be served following the workshop.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 412 Hoskins Rd.

**GETHESEMANE**

You are invited to join The Voices of Ascension on Sunday, April 20, for the celebration program of their first anniversary, to be held at Getsemane AME Zion Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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**NEW ZION**

New Zion Baptist Church will host the 21st annual "Calendar Tea" for the Mt. Peace Women Auxiliary on Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Jeremiah Robinson, pastor of New Zion.

Music will be rendered by the Mt. Peace Auxiliary Choir and the New Zion Choir.

The public is cordially invited. Mt. Zion is located at 217 W. Todd Lane.

**NEW ST. JOHN**

Rev. Robert Leak's theme for his Sunday, April 13, morning sermon, at New St. John Baptist Church, will be "What the Church Needs More: Agape Love." In his delivery, during the 11 a.m. service, Rev. Leak will express how Agape love is Christian brotherly love in its highest manifestation.

At 5 p.m., Rev. Leak will lead a class in "New Membership and Leadership." New St. John's pastor is glad to report that his church's membership continues to grow and he feels that "the Lord has blessed" them.

Everyone is welcome to New St. John Baptist.

The church is located at 2000 St. John Rd. in the Hickory-Grove area.

**NEW HOPE**

There will be Gospel Program held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, this Sunday, at 2:30 p.m.

The Gospel Travelers of Lancaster, SC, James Maxwell & The Jubilee Singers, the New Hope Church Choir, The Voices of Ascension and Mable Henderson & The St. John All Male Gospel Choir of Statesville will be featured. Come out and hear good gospel singing!

This is a charity benefit sponsored by Sis. Betty Dean, Sis. Martha Rollins and Sis. Barbara Dean, representing the state of Maryland for the fifty state rally.

New Hope is located at 2612 Statesville Ave. B.R. Moore is pastor.

**MALLARD CREEK**

The Mallard Creek Baptist Church Music Department will present the St. Mark AME Zion Church Choir in concert on Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m.

The Barber-Scotia College Gospel Group is also scheduled to appear. All are cordially invited.

Mallard Creek is located at 2118 Breewood Dr. Rev. L. P. Nelson is pastor.

**LOVELY HILL**

On Sunday, April 13, the members of Lovely Hill Baptist Church will celebrate the first anniversary of the church's spiritual leader, Rev. A. D. Davis.

Rev. Davis, a native of Louisiana now residing in Charlotte, is married to Mary Rankin of Mt. Holly. They are the parents of one son, Reggie, and one daughter, Umika.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Waylon Wallace, pastor of New Shepherd Baptist Church, Cooleemee, NC. Other invited guests include members of Tabernacle Baptist Church and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

The public is also invited. Lovely Hill is located on Dixie St., Gastonia.

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