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A Man Of Heroic Faith

Gilmore Lauded By Congregation

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

The Pastor's Aid of Temple Chapel Baptist Church invites you to attend Pastor Gene E. Gilmore's Eighth Annual Appreciation Day Service this Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m.

The program will be presided over by Rev. Brenda Caldwell and Rev. Tommy Davis, pastor of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, will deliver the message.

Called "a man of heroic faith," Rev. Gilmore is lauded by the congregation of Temple Chapel for his eight years of unwavering, devoted leadership of the church.

He came to Temple in 1978 and since then he has helped the church family accomplish many endeavors. Under his leadership Temple Chapel has erected a new church building; initiated a radio broadcast; purchased land for additional parking; organized a trustee board; musical choir and much more.

The members of Temple Chapel are grateful to Pastor Gilmore for, among other things, "leading this congregation to newer heights and insights."

In the brochure for the anniversary program, the congregation expressed in writing, "We are also aware that in these eight years (Pastor Gilmore), as a leader, faced some difficult decisions, was discouraged, became tired and weary, but never gave up. He was reminded, we are sure, of the words of Josiah Stamp: 'It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.'"

A native of Gastonia, N.C., Pastor Gilmore is the recipient of an honorary doctor degree from East Coast Bible College. He is president of the Mt. Peace Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress and a member of American Baptist Church of the South.



Rev. Gene E. Gilmore
...Honored pastor

Citations in his honor include an invitation to the White House under the presidency of Jimmy Carter; commendations from Gov. George Wallace of the State of Alabama; and key to the City of Birmingham, by Mayor Arrington.

Pastor Gilmore is described by members of his congregation as a pathfinder, who is adept at "pointing to where the congregation ought to go." "He is a dreamer, a creator, an entrepreneur, and charismatic leader."

Also, as a "pathfinder," Pastor Gilmore is said to have the ability to ask the right questions allowing the congregation to help him find the answers. Accordingly, the theme for his eighth annual appreciation observance is "Pastor and People: A Shared Ministry."

On the day of the appreciation celebration, music will be rendered by the Musical and Mass Choir of Temple Chapel, the G. E. Gilmore Choir and the Shiloh Institutional Choir.

The public is urged to attend. Temple Chapel is located at 900 September Lane.



Vanetta Hampton
....Enjoys business intricacies

Vanetta Hampton Has

Big Plans For Future

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Vanetta Hampton is a sophomore at Johnson C. Smith University with plans to own and operate a hotel in the future. Today she is a business management major in college. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree, Vanetta intends to pursue a master's in hotel management.

"There aren't many blacks who own hotels," Vanetta cites as one of her reasons for her ambition. Another is she enjoys the intricacies of business.

A 19-year-old native of Sumter, S.C., Vanetta came to Charlotte to attend JCSU. "The college is nice,

small and everyone gets along," she says of the university, adding, she especially likes campus life. Vanetta lives in one of the dormitories during the school year. Though, she's presently attending summer school and living off-campus. Vanetta also holds a job at Taco Bell.

What she finds most gratifying about college-life is, Vanetta reveals, "being out on my own and taking care of myself." However, the attractive sophomore confesses she hasn't changed much from the girl she was back home.

For example, Vanetta still partakes in her most-loved spare

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By Men Of Mayfield

“Man Of Year”

To Be Named

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Dr. David T. Shannon, vice president for Academic Services of the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, Ga., will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. annual celebration of the Men of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, July 13.

An accomplished scholar, Dr. Shannon has received numerous degrees of higher education. He has earned three separate doctorate degrees in Divinity, Philosophy, and Ministry; a master's of Sacred Theology; a bachelor's of Divinity; and a bachelor's of arts. Additionally, Dr. Shannon has pursued professional studies at Warren H. Deem Institute for Theological Education at Columbia University, N.Y.C.; Harvard Graduate Business School; Cambridge, Mass.; Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; and Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.

An author, Dr. Shannon has published at least 15 works for the Townsend Press, Abingdon Press, Mission Magazine, Baptist Leader, Judson Press and several other publishing houses.

Prior to his present position, he has held highly responsible positions, chiefly in the area of academics. To name a few, Dr. Shannon was president of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., where he earned his bachelor of arts and bachelor's of divinity. He was also dean of faculty at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Associate professor of Religion and Director of minority studies at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn., and Biblical Scholar at Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. Dr. Shannon was the University Pastor at Virginia Union and he has also pastored two churches: Ebenezer Baptist in Richmond, Va., and Fair Oaks



Dr. David T. Shannon
....Guest speaker

Baptist, Fair Oaks, Va.

A sought-after lecturer, Dr. Shannon has delivered diverse addresses all over the world, such as: "The Role of the Historically Black College"; "New Approaches to Wisdom Literature"; "The Theology of the Black Experience"; and "A Strange Song in a Strange Land."

His many affiliations include membership in the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, American Association of Higher Education, Academy of Religion, Society for the Study of Black Religion and Board of Directors of Sovran Bank, Richmond, Va.

At the annual celebration, the men of Mayfield Memorial will be in charge of the entire day's activities with men serving as Sunday School teachers, Baptist Training Union Leaders, Choir, and Corporate Worship Leaders.

One of the highlights of the Men's Day activities will be the naming of the Mayfield Man of the Year for 1986.

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The Count Is In, Top Contestant In Each Category Named

By Loretta Manso
Post Managing Editor

From the onset of the WPEG-Eastern Airlines-Winn-Dixie-Victor's Furs sponsored "Churchworker of the Year Contest," it has been reported that anything could happen.

Anything did. After seven weeks of campaigning, after seven weeks of getting the black community to subscribe to the Charlotte Post, the contest ended with a fury.

By Monday at 3 o'clock, the normal closing hours of the weekly newspaper, the day seemed only to have just begun. Contestants were coming in every five minutes. Some were waiting in the break area:

some were counting their subscriptions in the front of the office, while others were being waited upon by the Post's circulation clerk.

When Tuesday rolled around, there were no more mysteries and all the suspense had been removed. There were three category winners. In the small church category the winner is Mildred Caldwell. A member of New Bethlehem F.B.H. Church, when Mrs. Caldwell was informed by phone that she was the winner, her response was: "I've been waiting all day for you to call!"

Needless to say Mrs. Caldwell was ecstatic over the news. The day before she had brought in her subscriptions and declared that this was the last time she would be running in the contest.

After hearing the good news, Mrs. Caldwell remarked, "Now that I've won, I'm ready to run again."

"I'll do even better next year, because I've thought of so many other names that I didn't get a chance to contact this year and those names would be first on my list next year," she exclaimed.

"I feel very good about winning and am very grateful. I always like to reach the top. I never liked second best."

What Mrs. Caldwell feels helped her to win is what became in the last two weeks of the contest a very close race was having set a goal for herself. "In previous times, I always said that I would just do my best. Well, this year, my coordinator,



Mildred Caldwell
....Wins close one

Evelyn Carrington told me to set a goal and I set it for 100. I really didn't think I was going to make it, but after I reached the halfway mark I felt I could make it."

Now all that's left is the Churchworker banquet and the revealing of the three grand prizes to the contestants. If Mrs. Caldwell has her way she'd walk away with the \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie.

Since the contest is over, Mrs. Caldwell gives special thanks to her husband, Rev. J. R. Caldwell who "backed her all the way," her daughter Dee Braxton, who gave her encouragement and all of her committee members.



Ella Talley
....Causes upset

"I can't believe it. It's the first time, I've come pretty close the last two years, but never first."

That was the response of Ella Talley when she learned that she had won in the medium church category. Mrs. Talley has been a participant in the "churchworker contest" for the past five years.

During most of the contest Mrs. Talley was trailing in third place and the thought of her being on the bottom when the contest ended disturbed her. "I feel good about winning. I was determined not to be the bottom. I had said that if I didn't win, then I certainly would be near the top. I came very close to my goal



Robbie Diggs
....Steals lead

of selling 100 subscriptions," she expressed.

While Mrs. Talley hinted that this may be the last time she participates in the Churchworker of the Year contest, she also gave the impression that if her pastor insisted she'd be willing to throw her hat in the ring again. "I love to see good, clean competition."

And although the contest is over Mrs. Talley has still continued to bring in subscriptions for the Post. "I'm still doing what I set out to do to put the black paper in every home and help my church. I'd really like to see us (black community) use it more."

What prizes excites Mrs. Talley? Very humbly she stated, "It doesn't matter. I'd take the fur coat or whatever is decided by the judges."

In helping her to become successful as the medium church winner Mrs. Talley would like to thank Ronnie Ware, her daughter, Gilda T. Stitt, Corine Stitt, Emma McClinton, Dexter Benson, Lavinia Williams, Novella Townsend, Johnny R. Kerns, and all others who gave her support.

A mild state of disbelief was Robbie Diggs' reaction when she was told that she was the winner in the large church category. "You wouldn't be pulling my leg?" she asked.

"I'm excited and I feel real good about having won. I know I worried the Lord enough about it," she added.

Robbie Diggs and Phillip Dunston, of St. Luke ran a close contest for the last seven weeks, but Dunston maintained the lead until the final week. Then Mayfield went all out to capture the lead.

With the contest being finished Mrs. Diggs has time to ponder over which gift she'd like to receive. "I'd like to get the trip. It's been awhile since my husband and I have had a trip by ourselves, and that would really be nice."

"I had told the reporter that interviewed me that if I won then I would count it as one of the blessings that God has given me. I'd like to see CONTESTANTS On Page 16A

TURTLE-TALK



Our greatest glory consists not never falling, but in rising

time we fall.