

Church News Briefs

Rev. William Lee Honored For 20 Years Exemplary Leadership

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On Sunday, July 13, with programs at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m., the members and friends of Silver Mount Baptist Church will pay tribute to Rev. William Lee Jr., their pastor of 20 years of exemplary leadership.

The celebration program will include: an 11 a.m. Sermon of Thanks delivered by Rev. Lee; an 1:30 p.m. 20th annual Appreciation Dinner; and at 3 p.m., the annual sermon delivered by Rev. Don Steger, pastor of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert Leak, pastor of New St. John Baptist Church, will preside as master of ceremony for the occasion.

It will be a full day dedicated to the venerable Rev. Lee, who, throughout his 20 years as pastor of Silver Mount, has proven to be a minister of the highest caliber.

His achievements since his becoming pastor of the church in July 1966 underline that he is a man of vision and purpose. His earliest accomplishments were the rapid growth of the church's membership and the increase of the church's funds yielding a high amount of assets for Silver Mount. Rev. Lee also initiated complete renovation of the Silver Mount building in the early 1970s. And many new membership enhancing programs were started under his supervision. Possibly the most effective is the Youth services; in which he gave to the young people of the church the opportunity to conduct the regular worship period each fifth Sunday.

Rev. Lee, it is said, "Possesses great leadership ability and has an unusual talent for planning special programs with high color and promoting them with unbelievable success." For 20 years he has lived up to this praise and his energies directed towards furthering the success of his church remain unabated. His latest achievements include planning and fundraising for a \$75,000 softball and playing field to be constructed in the Arrowood community and a \$2 million church building, in the same area, to house Silver Mount Baptist.

For all the years in between, Rev. Lee has shown that he is not only a man of the church but also a man of the community. He is the founder of the well-known "Glimpse of Hope Broadcast" heard for 18 years over WGIV Radio Station. He is director of the Metrolina Theological Seminary, for which he organized the "50-Voice Minister's Choir"—the only such choir in the nation. His affiliations include memberships with the General Baptist State Convention, N.C.; the National Baptist Convention; World Baptist Alliance, NAACP; YMCA; SCLC; Master Mason; Prince Hall; the Urban League and others.

The son of Mrs. Gertrude H. Lee and the late Rev. William Lee Sr., Rev. Lee began preaching at the age of six years old. However, his first pastorate position occurred in 1955 when he took the pulpit of St. John Baptist Church, following the death of Rev. Lee Sr., who was the pastor. Rev. Lee Jr. ministered at St. John Baptist for 12 years before being called to Silver Mount, which is presently a 103-year-old church.

Twenty years of accomplishments will never be able to be recorded in one news article, but the good deeds realized by Rev. Lee are surely marked indelibly on the hearts and minds of the members of Silver Mount and the many people in the Charlotte community he has come to beneficially influence.

You surely do not want to miss the opportunity to share with the members of Silver Mount this Sunday as they pay tribute to their "loving, caring and sharing" pastor on this august day: Rev. Lee's 20th anniversary as pastor of Silver Mount Baptist.

Music for the occasion will be rendered by the choirs of Reeder Memorial, St. John Baptist, and Silver Mount Baptist.

The church is located on Old Pineville Rd. in South Charlotte.



Rev. Don Steger
.....Guest preacher



Rev. William Lee
.....Honored pastor



Rev. Robert Leak
.....Master of ceremonies

ST. LUKE
The Royalites Gospel Chorus of St. Luke Baptist Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Friday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. Both programs will be held at St. Luke Baptist Church.

Mrs. Betty Parks is president of the Royalites.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. Luke is located at 1109 Rodey Ave. Dr. L. D. Parker is pastor.

NEW LIFE
Homecoming will be observed by the members of New Life Baptist Church on Sunday, July 13. Preceded by a dinner from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m., the program begins at 3.

Rev. C. E. Dewberry, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, will be guest speaker.

Your presence is requested.

New Life meets at the Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Ave. Regular services are: Sunday School at 10 and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Rev. D. K. Martin is pastor.

NEW ST. JOHN

Taken from the books of Ephesians and Romans, Rev. Robert Leak's Morning Worship sermon this Sunday, July 13, at New St. John Baptist Church will be "God's Genuine and Super Task Force."

That afternoon, Rev. Leak and the congregation of New St. John will be special guests at Silver Mount Baptist Church's 20th anniversary celebration.

All are welcome to attend New St. John. The church is located at 2000 St. John Road. Rev. Leak is pastor.

HOISER MEMORIAL

Vacation Bible School begins at Harry Hoiser Memorial United Methodist Church on Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m.

All children and parents are invited to attend. Mrs. Geraldine Jordan and Mrs. Truelove S. Johnson will be teachers at the school.

The church is located at 5901 Amberly Ln. Rev. A.W. Stowe is pastor.

NEWMYERS

New Myers Chapel FBH Church of God will host its Homecoming services beginning Sunday, July 13, lasting through Friday, July 18.

Rev. Alonzo Rogers, pastor of Holy Bethel FBH Church, Thomasboro N.C., will be evangelist for the week. He is an excellent musician, singer and gospel preacher.

Choirs and churches of Charlotte will be present.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The church is located at 600 Jordan Pl. Rev. N. J. Anderson is

pastor.

NEW LIFE CHOIR
John Kee and the New Life Community Choir will observe their fifth anniversary on Sunday, July 13, at the Garinger High School Auditorium, 1100 Eastway Dr.

Special guests will include Plumblin Records recording artist Daryl Coley of Los Angeles; Tina Morrison of Lexington, KY; Corey Williams of Greensboro; Frenchie Wiggins of Durham; and Sheila Caldwell of Raleigh, N.C.

Pre-anniversary activities will be held Saturday, July 12, at Faith CME Church, 457 Wellington St. All choirs, groups and musicians are invited to participate in gospel music workshop classes beginning at noon. Registration fee is \$2 per person. An evening Fellowship Service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The musical celebration continues at the Garinger Auditorium on Sunday evening, July 13, with a concert by the New Life Choir and performances by its guest artists. Tickets for the 6 p.m. program are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. They may be purchased from any choir member.

FIRST MT. CALVARY

Attorney Judith Washington of Durham, N.C., will be guest speaker at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's annual Women's Day program to be held Sunday, July 13, at 11 a.m.

CORINTHIAN
There will be a Four Gospel Program held at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church on Friday, July 18, at 7 p.m.

Presenting the Books of Matthew, Luke, Mark, and John, respectively, speakers will be: Rev. Sanders; Rev. Cook of Liberty Hill Baptist Church; Rev. Workman of Waits Grove Baptist Church; and Rev. McCullough of Philadelphia Baptist Church.

This program is being sponsored by the Pastor's Aide of Corinthian. Sis. Mary Scott is president.

All are invited.

The church is located at 1404 N. Church St. Rev. T. H. Scott is pastor.

IMWA
The 46th annual conference of the International Association of

Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. met in Pittsburgh, PA, June 21-27. The theme for the gathering: "Journeying with a Purpose."

Robbie Diggs, Cleo Hamright, Lois Pendergrass, and Rubie Owens, all of the Charlotte area association, attended.

Local president, Robbie Diggs, participated on the nominating committee for electing new association officers. Shirley Heart of Virginia is the newly elected national president of IMWA.

At the 36th annual session-state convention of the IMWA, Robbie Diggs, Cleo Hamright, Lois Pendergrass, and Bennie Waddell received certificates on completion of one elective and two required courses.

The 1987 meeting of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Widows will be held in Seattle, Washington.

CLINTON CHAPEL
Goines Walker and The Helping Hand Gospel Singers will celebrate their 27th anniversary at Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m.

The Helping Hand Gospel Singers, since their establishment 27 years ago, have been ministering to the needy, sick and shut-in. "People were praying for the Lord to go to these people," states Goines Walker. "But we knew that the Lord doesn't walk the streets of Charlotte as He did in Jerusalem. He now walks through man."

Walker ascertains, "God sent us to be the Samaritan of today."

The Helping Hand Gospel Singers are continuing to seek some of the best singers of Charlotte and surrounding areas.

The public is cordially invited to the anniversary celebration.

Clinton Chapel is located at 1901 Rozzell's Ferry Rd. Rev. Retoy Gaston is pastor.

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