

# Mecklenburg Ministries Combines Effort Of Community Churches

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In periods of crises and in time of need, the Church has always been one institution that has rallied to the support of the poor, the downtrodden and the less fortunate.

On many of those occasions, the goodwill that has transpired has been a solitary effort of a single church.

Now, however there's a movement to combine the many churches in the Mecklenburg County, so that there is an abundance of resources and manpower available whenever a need arises. Instead of one church, acting on its own, when the Mecklenburg Ministries organizes, there will be unlimited opportunities, resources and manpower to address issues of concern.

This newly proposed agency grew out of a volunteer group, the Clergy Association, which has been very instrumental with the formation of Crisis Assistance Ministry, International House and the Chaplain program.

Pastor Peter Wuebbens has been a key force in getting the ball into motion for the Mecklenburg Ministries.

"The idea of the Mecklenburg Ministries grew from the speech of a guest speaker from Texas two years ago. After that, the Clergy Association realized that Charlotte was the only city of its size that did not have a cooperative organization," cited Wuebbens.

The Mecklenburg Ministries proposes to be a cooperative agency of churches, synagogues and governing bodies seeking to fulfill the unity and mission to which God calls them.

That calling will include concentration on housing, job training, hunger, peacemaking, racial justice, economic issues, public policy, crisis assistance and women concerns.

In completing the last steps of getting the Mecklenburg Ministries off of the ground, there will be a meeting which is open to the public, set for Sunday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, located at the corners of Trade and Church Streets.

At this meeting, officers will be elected, the constitution will be adopted and the audience will hear the words of Dr. Joseph Roberts Jr., of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

If successful, the Mecklenburg Ministries wants to keep its clergy to one-third of the membership. "We have contacted all of the churches in Mecklenburg county which number at 600 and

have extended the invitation for each church to be represented. But this invitation is extended to members of any church or any interested person who would like to become involved," commented Wuebbens. "We want to make sure that all denominations, minority groups and women are fairly represented in the membership."

One thing that Pastor Wuebbens wants to stress is that the Mecklenburg Ministries is not out to replace any presently existing organization. "We hope that we can serve as a liaison to them and serve in any needed capacity."

## Mt. Moriah Hosts Revival

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congregation will accompany him.

Dinner will be served following the service.

Revival begins at Mt. Moriah on Monday, April 6, lasting through Friday, April 10.

Rev. Winford Galmon, pastor of Red Branch Baptist Church, Mint Hill, NC, will be the evangelist for the week.

Mt. Moriah's pastor, Rev. J.C. Robinson, will conduct Bible Class from 7 - 7:45 p.m. and Worship Service will be at 8 p.m. each evening. The youth of the church will be in charge of the service

each night. Make plans to attend. The church is located at 381 Crestdale Rd., Matthews, NC. Rev. J.C. Robinson is pastor.

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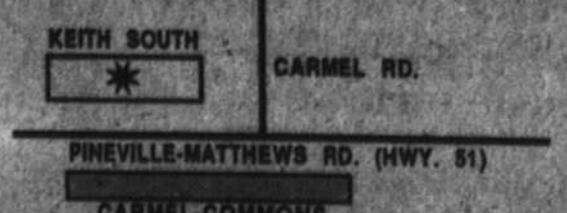
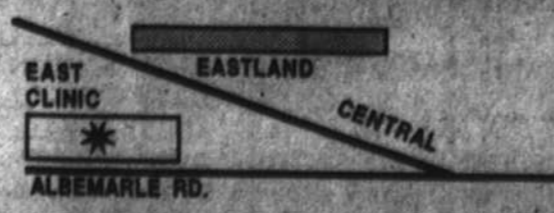
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