

## Church Notes

**Thought for the week:**  
*"Admitting our weakness makes room for God's strength."*

**•Antioch Baptist  
 222 Skyland Ave.**

A special retirement program for the Rev. Preston Pendergrass, former pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, will be 7 p.m. Friday.

The Rev. L.C. Riddick, retired pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, will deliver the message.

For more information, call 332-4951.

**•Catholic Diocese of  
 Charlotte**

The diocese of Charlotte will

celebrate its 11th annual "Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration." 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 13. John Leek of Maryland will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children 17 and under.

To register by Jan. 6, contact Martiza Bingley at 512-4907.

**• Clinton Chapel AME  
 Zion  
 York, S. C.**

The 16th annual birthday celebration for Martin Luther King Jr will be 4 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Henrico White will be the guest speaker.

The Rev. Rickey B. McCullough is pastor.

**•Mecklenburg General  
 Baptist Association Ushers  
 Auxiliary**

The auxiliary will meet 5 p.m. Jan. 13 at First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1515 Remount Road. For more information, call 372-5338.

**•New St. John Baptist  
 2000 St. John Road**

The pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Leak, will deliver the 8 a.m. message. The theme is "Pack Your Bag Light for '96..." The theme for the 11 a.m. message is "The Danger of Planning Nothing To Do."

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meetings and Bible study are held every Wednesday night.

For more information, call

the church at 536-6490.

**•Shepherd's Fold  
 2516 S. Tryon St.**

The first anniversary for Christian Ministry for Minster Chris Stackhouse will be observed 5 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Thomas L. Whitley will lead the worship.

The Rev. C. David Stackhouse is founding pastor.

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### The right turn

Oscar Lewis, executive director of Right Turn of North Carolina (second from left) talks with Ned Mayes during a dinner program Saturday at the drug treatment program's Wilkinson Boulevard headquarters. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's Brotherhood of Friendship and Women's Missionary Union prepared the food and provided fellowship for clients. Right Turn is a community-based drug and alcohol treatment center that works with non-violent convicts who want to return to their communities sober and crime-free.

## Convention brings 6500 to city

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the scripture says that my people perish for lack of knowledge."

The convention offered a variety of workshops on the Old and New Testaments, goal-setting, youth conferences on self-esteem and peer pressure and children's conferences. There were worship services and a slew of concert performances.

Darlene Williams, a member of the Savannah Church of God in Georgia, said she looked forward to hearing the speakers. Her husband, their children, ages 6 and 9, and she drove from Savannah to attend NYIC '95.

"I just hope to gain something that I can apply to my life," she said.

Harold and Elaine Gibson of Columbus, Ohio, said they have been attending the conference for 10 years.

"I hope my 17-year-old son will find his way to the altar and get saved," Harold Gibson said.

Ben Gibson Jr., 15, joined the church last year. He

thought coming to the convention would help him become more spiritual.

"I'm concerned about learning how to cope with things," said the New York native. "Like peer pressure, girls, teen stuff."

Prim said he was pleased to see a successful turnout; however, he was disappointed that the money generated from the convention did not benefit more African American-owned businesses.

"This convention will enrich this community upwards to \$3 million," he said. "We found it difficult ascertaining all the who's who in the community for this city as to those black entrepreneurs that could service this convention and participate in remuneration from the contracted services we needed."

"I would encourage all the black vendors and constituents in the city of Charlotte, N.C. to unite their efforts to promote themselves."

NYCI '96 will be held in Chicago.

## Organ

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church on Sunday. Now she teaches about 45 students in private lessons, mostly piano. "What I'm seeing more and more is that it's awfully hard to find younger students working up to be church organists," Kerr said. "Kids these days are pulled lots of different directions and are talented in many different

ways. It takes a big commitment to say you will play for church and be there."

Too many organists are asked to do too much, and that is adding to the organist shortage, Ritchey said. "The other problem is what one pays an organist. I'm very well paid here, but that's the exception," Ritchey said. "What a church really should do is sit down and total up the amount of time in weekly Sunday services in which music is directly involved. It's pretty striking. Musicians get prettv short shrift."

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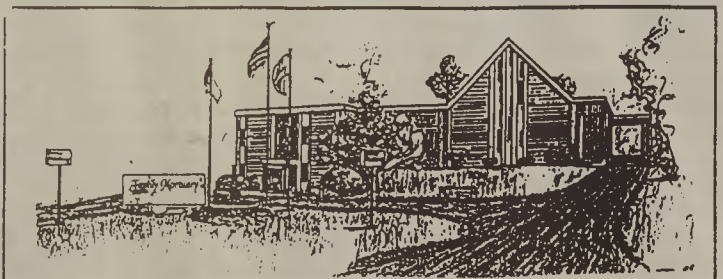
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