

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

Two Attend State Workshop

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT
 Rev. M.C. Herring and James H. Bryant attended the General Baptist Convention's Moderators and One-Day Session held May 4 and 5 at High Point's Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church.

The two have wholesome information that will be used as a resource in meeting Associational objectives. They tell of an inspirational, informative fellowship.

Happy Birthday
 Happy birthday to Anne Johnson, Thaddeus Davis, Ada Ruth Vereen, Alma Stanley, Hattie F. Chapman, Retha H. Bryant, Earnie Burney, Tiffany Rogers, L. Hodges Morgans, Norvin Grissett, Carl Parker, George

Mercer, Marcus Bernard, Robert Bellamy, Rosa Douglas, Rachelle Douglas, Marie Brittain, Brian and Joyce McAllister.


Tune In
 Be sure to listen to WVCB Radio (1410 AM) in Shallotte at 3 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday for the Cedar Grove Area News.

Listen on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for the Moments of Inspiration gospel music program.

Weekly Scripture
 The Scripture for the week comes from Psalms 68:4, "Sing praises to the Lord! Raise your voice in song to him who rides upon the clouds! Jehovah is his name. Oh rejoice in his presence."

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They're Up And Learning At—My Gosh—6:30 A.M.!

It's 6:30 a.m. on a weekday. Most of the people in Shallotte are beginning their daily routine of preparing for school or work, listening to their alarms sound, or still sleeping.

But in a small room in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on River Road and Mintz Street, a visitor would find a handful of teenagers kneeling in prayer, then stretching as they stand up and fall into their seats.

They students are participants in "seminary, a worldwide program offered by the Mormon Church."

Unlike many religious seminary students who go to institutes of higher learning to prepare to be church ministers, these students will not be ministers in the traditional sense because there are no paid ministers in the Mormon Church.

These local teens meet every morning before school to study. Every Mormon youth is encouraged to attend, according to church spokesman

Carolynn Skipper of Leland.

Those that do find the effort worthwhile.

"I go because I know that it is the right thing to do," said Cindy Skipper, a freshman at West Brunswick High School. "It has helped my testimony of the Church to grow."

The course follows a four-year cycle paralleling the four years the teens spend in regular high school. Each year various books important to the faith are studied.

One year it is the "Book of Mormon, Another Testament of Jesus Christ," followed in succeeding years by the "History of the Old Testament," a study of the "New Testament" and a year of studying the history of the Church. The cycle is then repeated.

Once the class is assembled, a teacher is needed who is willing to face a room of sleepy-eyed teenagers every day before work. Such people are rare, and to even the most saintly

of Mormons it is not easy.

"My biggest challenge is showing the kids how the events of the Old Testament relate to their lives," said Virginia Gore, the seminary teacher in Shallotte. "I have to show them that the people in the Scriptures faced problems and overcame them."

"They have to realize that even though they were born in the latter days, the trials and challenges faced by earlier people are similar to the ones they face today."

Last month a seminary bowl was held in Wilmington. This was a two-part competition between all seminaries in the same area or "stake" of the church. The first part was a Scripture chase over the 40 passages of focus for the year as chosen by leaders of the Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. The second was a bowl competition consisting of questions covered in class and in personal reading.

Natasha Gore, another freshman

at West Brunswick, says she finds the knowledge she has gained through seminary study an advantage for facing the problems in her life. She calls seminary an "uplifting and knowledgeable experience."

Matthew Mintz, a sophomore at West Brunswick, says seminary has been very helpful to him, particularly in developing self-discipline. Getting up at 5:30 a.m. every day is not easy.

But the students find Scripture to back their commitment, including this verse from the Book of Mormon, "I know that the Lord given no commandment to the children of men save He prepare a way that they may accomplish the thing which he has commanded them."

These teens are gaining perspective in facing life's problems through a study of the Scriptures. It seems to have given them not only guidance, but a positive attitude toward life and a new assurance.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Town Creek Marks WMU Date

Town Creek Baptist Church at Winabow will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Women's Missionary Union during its 11 a.m. service on May 15.

Centennial Chairman Shelby Eason said those women who have helped shape the history of Town Creek Baptist Church will be recognized.

Invited to attend are all past members of the WMU organizations, including Sunbeams, GAS, Mission Friends, Young Baptist Women and Baptist Women.

The service will include a brief memorial to those past members who are deceased, as well as anticipated dedication service for a newborn baby girl—the youngest member of the WMU's Mission Friends.

After the service, the church will hold an old-fashioned chicken bog dinner for members and guests.

Mrs. Eason asked that former members of WMU organizations contact either her, at Route 2, Box 482-A, Leland, NC 28451 (253-5544) or Jessie Best, Route 2, Box 490-A, Leland, NC 28451.

Sow and Reap

The WMU at Shallotte First Baptist Church is challenging church members and other churches to grow an extra row of vegetables this summer and donate the harvest to Home Missions in Bolivia.

Mrs. Dean Carroll, Mission Action chairman, said harvested vegetables could be donated fresh from the garden or canned or frozen for later use by the Mission's clientele, the

county's needy residents.

Revival Begins

Spring revival at Shallotte First Baptist Church in Shallotte begins May 22, with a message in song by The Crossbearers, a trio from Wilmington that includes two Brunswick County natives.

Rev. Landis Lancaster, pastor, said revival will continue Monday and through the week with Rev. Steve Pennington, formerly of Shallotte, as the guest evangelist.

All services are at 7:30 p.m., and each will feature special music.

The public is invited.

Sets BBQ Dinner

New Britton Baptist Church in Ash will hold a barbecue dinner on Saturday, May 21, starting at 11 a.m. and continuing through the supper hour.

Each plate will include homecooked pork barbecue, candied yams, colleslaw and hushpuppies. Cost will be \$3.50 per plate.

Proceeds will benefit the building fund, said spokesman Olive King.

Revival To Begin

Revival at Letties Grove Church north of Shallotte begins Sunday, May 15, and continues through Friday, May 20, with services at 7:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Bill Ellis, Don Sauls and Herbert Carter, while special music is planned by the Letties Grove Adult, Junior and Children's choirs, Bobby Lewis and B.L.E.S.S., the St. Andrews Church Choir and Visions.

Everyone is invited.

Our Churches Must Reach Out

Preachers rarely like to admit what they know in their gut.

Most Christians would rather avoid facing this painful sociological fact of our times. Even in the Bible Belt, it's truth is becoming increasingly evident.

To what am I referring?

It's a painful fact of our times: We no longer live in a church culture. By church culture, I mean a society where a majority of the people participate and are influenced by the life of the church.

In his new book, "Twelve Keys To An Effective Church," Ken Callahan observes that today 50 percent of America's population is unchurched. This means we can no longer assume that most people share the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition since they may not even know what they are.

Often within the church, leaders look back to the '50s as the "good old days" when church attendance peaked, when the formation of new congregations was a top priority and when people lived by the values and ethics of the church and synagogue.

Callahan says that those days are gone.

Instead, today all churches must view themselves as on the mission field. Our society and culture no longer seeks or even expects the church to guide and influence policy. Denominational loyalty is passe.

With half our population unchurched, the church can no longer assume that if it only has a good program, people will come flocking to its doors.



Stan Smith

Rather, for many people today who are unchurched, their first contact comes through visitation or some expression of outreach in the community—not at Sunday worship or church school.

Church members need to understand the difference all this makes in its ministry if today's church is to be able to help people with their hurts and hopes. In other words, what worked in a church culture will not necessarily transfer to a world where the church needs to function like a missionary.


How can our church today learn to serve the unchurched? What can we learn from the mission field about serving people of different values and orientations? How can the church continually rethink its assumptions about ministry to a mission field culture? These questions must be addressed.

My friend Paul Lowder rightly observes that "if the church does not learn to serve people on the mission field instead of in a church culture, the church will fail in its mission."

I believe the church can learn. (Dr. Stan Smith is the minister of Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.)

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NCAE Leader To Speak Locally

Gladys Graves, president of the 45,000-member North Carolina Association of Educators, will speak on Sunday, May 15, at the first Woman's Day Celebration of Little Macedonia Baptist Church in Supply.



Graves

The program will begin at 3:30 p.m., according to Odell Hankins, president of the Woman's Home and

Foreign Mission Circles. The speaker's topic will be "Education, Politics and Our Community."

Mrs. Graves, who holds an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, Shaw University, is serving her second term as president of NCAE. She makes her home in Greensboro when not serving NCAE in Raleigh. She teaches grades four and five and is a gifted and talented resource teacher.

The church is located on Little Macedonia Road, located two miles off N.C. 211 north of Supply. The public is invited.

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After Age 55: Can Your Vision Be Improved?

By Robert G. Martin, M.D.
 Studies indicate most people who have poor vision often are unaware of the problem. This is especially true for adults over age 55. Senior adults have ten times the number of eye problems as younger-aged adults.

Good vision is required in order to perform most of the daily tasks of living. Over 90% of the skills to drive an automobile are visual. Preparing food, participating in most hobbies and sports, and navigating a stairway require good vision. Yet older adults frequently ignore early signs of visual problems, accepting them as inevitable.

Then there is the false notion that sight can, in some way, be used up. Thus reading or watching TV may be reduced or abandoned. Some people feel that their poor vision is the result of reading in poor light in youth. Many older patients see their complaints about their eyes as relatively trivial and something not worth bothering their doctor about.

A new study indicates the single factor that prevents older adults from improving their vision is that they are overwhelmed with other health problems. When their poor vision is the major and only handicap, only then is an effort made to seek help.

Can your vision be improved? In many instances the answer is yes. A complete eye examination will give you an answer to that question for your eyes. If you are having problems with your eyes, come to our free community SightSaver eye screening, celebrating the grand opening of Carolina Eye Associates NEW Brunswick County Eye Center in Supply, North Carolina. The eye screening will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Join us for complimentary refreshments and get a free SightSaver Eye Kit to take home with you. To sign up for the free eye screening, or to get more information about eye problems, call SightLine, our toll-free information service at 1-800-227-5189.