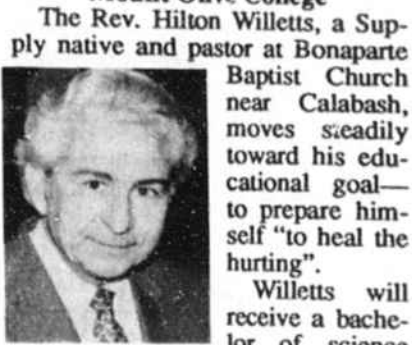


Pastor Seeks To 'Heal The Hurting'

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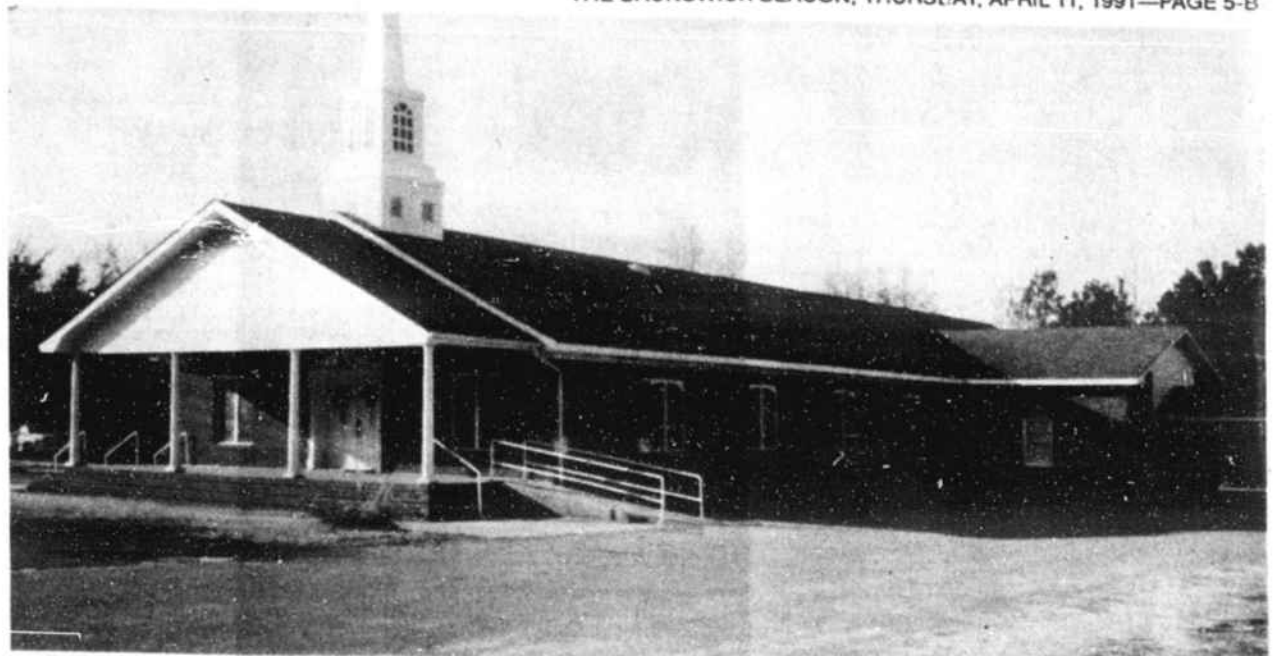


WILLETTS

The Rev. Hilton Willetts, a Supply native and pastor at Bonaparte Baptist Church near Calabash, moves steadily toward his educational goal—to prepare himself "to heal the hurting". Willetts will receive a bachelor of science degree from Mount Olive College on May 11. By majoring in church ministries and minoring in psychology, he is honing his ability to understand the problems and needs of those he serves. "After suffering a devastating personal crisis, I realized I had to help people from the heart, not only from the pulpit," says Willetts. "I saw that so many people were hurting, just like I was." The educational road for the 1956 Bolivia High School graduate has been filled with a succession of curves. While he didn't do well at first in college, he persevered. "I thought—

if I'm going to be a minister, I need more education," Willetts recalled. He has been a licensed minister since 1962. He did his first work in the Southern Baptist denomination, serving as pastor of Calabash Baptist Mission for three years. The congregation paid his tuition to attend Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville for a year. He has also pastored at Prospect Baptist Church in Supply, Ephesus Baptist Church in Raeford, Grainger Baptist Church in Kinston, Faith Baptist Church in Bolivia and Briar Branch Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. While doing construction work in Texas he served churches in Rainbow and Nemo, Texas. Education was never far from his thoughts, as he took all the evening courses he could at Lenoir Community College and Southeastern Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in 1982. "My goal is to show that there is value in education," he said. "There is no end to education. I enrolled at other colleges and majored in psychology, but they didn't have what I needed in the way of a religion program." Willetts had been enrolled off and on at Mount Olive College, com-

muting from his home. He had credits for a minor in psychology but needed to complete a ministerial program. With the help of one of his instructors, K. David Hines, who is also the college's director of education for Christian ministries, Willetts was approved for ministerial aid. With the support of his wife, Charlotte, and children, Patti and David, he returned to Mount Olive College in the spring of 1989 to finish his religion major. Willetts enrolled in two courses each semester and continued through summer school. He also received credit for his practical experience. "I may just be the oldest student to ever receive a degree from Mount Olive," says Willetts. "It's for sure I worked long enough at it." After graduation the minister plans to take the summer off from his studies and then, he says he plans to enter the chaplain's program at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. "I want to help the hurting—the bereaved, the terminally ill, those suffering from sickness or family problems," he said. "To me that's where life is, where you're hurting. I've seen so much misery; I want to help lessen the hurts."



OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH on Holden Beach Road (N.C. 130 East) celebrates 100 years of service Sunday.

Oak Grove Baptist Marks 100 Years

Oak Grove Baptist Church on Holden Beach Road will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday, April 14, hearing from all five of its former pastors who are still living. They are the Rev. Clarence Richardson, who served from 1981-1983; the Rev. Laury Evans, who was licensed and ordained from Oak Grove and served as its pastor from 1978-1980; the Rev. Drew Hardee, 1967-1981; the Rev. Leo Cannon, 1960-1965; and the Rev. Weston Varnam, January-August 1955. The centennial program will begin after Sunday school assembly at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a covered dish dinner in the church fellowship hall, said Effie Evans, church clerk. All members, former members and friends of the church are encouraged to attend. Music plays an important role in Oak Grove's ministry and the centennial celebration is no exception. The Oak Grove Trio—Vernon and Faye Lewis and Florence Hewett—will be featured in an afternoon sing that should begin around 2 p.m. Oak Grove Baptist Church was constituted in April 1891 as Caisson's Chapel, the name it went by until 1895. It apparently began in-

dependently; there is no record that the church was ever a mission of another church, said Mrs. Evans. The church was a member of the Cape Fear Association, then the Cape Fear Columbus Association and since 1899, the Brunswick Baptist Association. The congregation now meets in the church's third building. The first was destroyed by fire in 1910. The second building was erected in 1912, a one-room, 24-foot by 38-foot frame structure with bay window, bell and belfry. From its start with 27 members, Oak Grove has continued to grow, with 296 presently on roll. One of its fastest periods of growth came from December 1978 through October 1980, when the church added 27 members to its roll. The church broke ground Jan. 7,

1973, for the building which it has occupied since March 5, 1978. The land was donated by Olen and Martha Clemmons, with additional acreage given later by Dayton and Lou Ellen Rhodes. Work on the fellowship hall began in 1982 and was completed in 1985, with porch and breezeway added. Since then stained glass windows and a fiberglass steeple have been installed and a parsonage constructed. Starting with the Rev. E.L. Swain, during its 100 years the church has called at least 20 pastors. The Rev. Russell Hewitt, of Conway, S.C., has served the church since November 1984, full-time since April 1985. Oak Grove has also licensed three ministers—the Rev. John Hewett, the Rev. Emery Hewett and the Rev. Laury Evans, and ordained Emery Hewett and Evans.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Gospel Center Revival To Emphasize Music

Music, messages and testimonies will be offered during revival services at Gospel Center Baptist Church at Varnamtown April 14-17 at 7:30 p.m. each day. The Rev. C. L. King will be the guest speaker. A nursery will be provided. The Rev. Tody Fennell, pastor, and church welcome all comers. **Second Service Begins** Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte will begin holding two Sunday morning worship services starting April 14, said the Rev. George D. Speake, minister. An informal early service will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., followed by coffee and fellowship before Sunday school begins at 10 a.m.

The second service will begin at 11 a.m. Camp Church is located on Main Street in Shallotte.

Aglow To Hear Tate Carol Tate of Pineville returns as guest speaker for the April meeting of the Shallotte Women's Aglow Fellowship Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. The meeting, at the District II (Lockwood Folly) Community Building on Stanbury Road, will begin at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments.



TATE

Ms. Tate offers encouragement to believers through word and song, said Jean Barber, corresponding secretary. All area women and teenage girls are invited to attend. For more information call Tuddie Dixon at 842-6565.

Choir To Appear Ocean View Association's 100-voice male choir will be the guest at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bluff, S.C., this Sunday. The choir is scheduled to perform Sunday at 6 p.m., according to the church's pastor, the Rev. Ronnie McCrae.

Men Slate Barbecue It's time to buy tickets for the April 26 United Methodist Men's Club barbecue at Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte. Tickets are \$4 and are available from any member of the men's club or at the church the day of the barbecue. Serving time is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinners may be eaten in the church fellowship hall or delivered at a specified time that day.

CLUB BRIEFS

Christian Women's Club Lights Up

Illumination in some of its many forms will be the theme of the April 18 buffet luncheon meeting of the North Myrtle Beach Christian Women's Club. The meeting will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at The Surf Club, 1701 Springland Lane, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cost is \$8. Scheduled are a program on creative lighting; lighthearted music by Pat and Al Hatcher, professional singers from Canada; and a talk by Connie Lancaster of Wilmington, the wife of an airline pilot. Reservations and cancellations are required for both the luncheon and the free nursery at Lakeside Baptist Church. Louise Blizard is the contact in the South Brunswick Islands, 579-2562.

covered dish dinners the auxiliary holds the second Saturday of every month at 6 p.m. at the VFW post.

Sponsored Egg Hunt Approximately 25 children ages 1 through 10 attended the March 30 Easter egg hunt sponsored by VFW Auxiliary Post No. 7288 at Calabash, reports Mary Benes. First prize baskets and second prize chocolate eggs were awarded to three youngsters each of different age groups. All the children found plastic eggs filled with candies. Katherine Bachmann and Ellen Oellerich were cochairmen of the project. Other auxiliary members involved were Lili Hickman, Dot Hoffmann, Mitzi Bernatsky and Margaret Keller.

Vets Slate BBQ Disabled Veterans of Southport and Brunswick County will hold a barbecue Saturday, April 20, behind the old jail at the corner of Nash and Rhett streets in Southport starting at 11 a.m. Plates will cost \$3.50 and will include pork barbecue, cole slaw and hushpuppies. Coffee and tea will be available for 50 cents each. Proceeds will be used to transport veterans to V.A. medical centers to obtain needed medical care, a news release indicated.

Correction A "club briefs" announcement in the April 4 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon* incorrectly stated that Calabash VFW Ladies Auxiliary meetings are open to members and guests. Guests are welcome to attend the

Calabash Presbyterian Church
Worship Services Sunday 9:30 AM
VFW COMMUNITY HALL
TRADERS' VILLAGE, CALABASH

St. Luke Lutheran Church
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Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting In Shallotte Middle School
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