

Mixed bag keys Methodist convention

INDIANAPOLIS—In-house concerns, international tension and social issues mixed together here to form the framework for discussion at the 1980 General Conference, United Methodist's top legislative body, which met here April 15-25.

The international character of the conference began when Liberian vice president and United Methodist Bishop Bennie D. Werner, already in Indiana, learned of the overthrow of his government and the assassination of Liberian President William W. Tolbert.

The 1000 delegates left the 10-day meeting shocked to discover that while their delegation was meeting with President Carter urging "peace, restraint, and reconciliation" with regard to Iran, a military operation to rescue the hostages was already in progress.

An eight member delegation met with Carter to share the United Methodist concern for the hostages and to offer prayers and support.

Following news of the aborted rescue mission, the delegation called the president's action, "regrettable," but declined to condemn him for it and counseled continued restraint.

As expected, homosexuality was an emotional issue at the General Conference. Delegates reaffirmed an eight-year-old social principles statement, "...we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

At least two of the actions taken on social issues will affect North Carolinians.

The General Conference "encouraged" its national agencies to meet in states which have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The resolution adopted said that if groups met in "unratified states, such as North Carolina, they should spend some time during those meetings working toward the passage of the ERA.

The delegates supported a boycott of J.P. Stevens, a textiles company with plants in North Carolina which has been found guilty of unfair labor practices 15 times.

On meetings in ERA-ratified states, the bishop labeled the action "...unjust discrimination in a state where so many of us have encouraged the passage of ERA."

Religious events

Film set at Berea

The Oscar-winning documentary "The World That Perished," will be shown at the Berea Church of Christ in New Hope on Sunday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Many people find the account of Noah's ark and the flood, as recorded in Genesis, as the Bible's most difficult story to accept. But the film purports to portray how this event did take place through the use of live-action illustrations and special effects.

The film is based on the book, "THE GENESIS FLOOD," by Drs. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb.

"It (the film) will strengthen faith in the trustworthiness of the Word of God," said a church spokesman.

The public is invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

Hertford Meth. sets drug program

On Sunday, May 18, the Hertford United Methodist Church U.M.Y.F. will sponsor a program concerning the use of drugs and their abuse in our society today.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Mr. Virgil Williams of the State Drug Division whose program will include a film and display, followed by a discussion.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and is open to the public. The U.M.Y.F. extends an invitation to all members of the community to attend.

Choir at Up River Friends

The Damascus (Ohio) Friends Youth Choir will appear in a musical program Monday, May 12, at 8 p.m., at Up River Friends Meeting on Road 1208, twelve miles north of Hertford.

The twenty-voice choir is led by Watson Cosand, Youth Director of Damascus Friends Church and son of Up River Friends pastor Rendel and Mary Cosand.

A graduate of Malone College in Canton, Ohio, Cosand supervises a youth ministry consisting of some fifty to seventy-five young people. He also has a junior high group as a "singles" ministry.

The Monday night program will include sacred vocal and instrumental music, testimonies, and puppets. An offering will be received to help with the choir's travel expenses.

Prior to the Monday night 8 o'clock concert, members of the congregation will meet at 6:30 in the Meetinghouse Fellowship Hall for a carry-in supper and get-acquainted time with the Youth Choir. Hospitality Committee Sandy Winslow of Hertford and Cheryl White of Belvidere will be in charge.

Pastor Cosand and the people of Up River Friends Meeting invite the public to attend these special activities.

Oak Grove sale

The Oak Grove United Methodist Women will sponsor a Rummage and Bake sale this Saturday, May 10, at the Winfall Community Building from 9 to 3.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward the various projects the women's group renders the community.

Women's day slated

A Women's Day Program will be held at Oak Hill A.M.E.Z. Church, Sunday, May 11, 1980, at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Pentacostal bake sale

The Women's Auxiliary of Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Holiness Church is sponsoring a Bake Sale on the Perquimans Court House lawn on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards, gifts, visits, telephone calls, and most of all your prayers while we were in Albemarle Hospital and since our return home. May God richly bless each one.

Dempsey & Rosa White

THANK YOU

To our friends we want to say we appreciate every act of kindness extended to us and we desire your prayers as we continue to improve.

A special thanks to the staff of the Albemarle Hospital for their helpfulness during our hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Jones

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank those who remembered me with flowers, cards, visits, and phone calls while I was a patient in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Leslie (Rip) Sumner

For Your Information

Dear friends,

It is important for husbands and wives to share information on savings and checking accounts, life insurance policies, stock and bond certificates - all investment matters, pension plans and death benefits owing. The surviving widow can be in deep financial trouble unless she knows of all such assets and benefits she must apply for.

Respectfully,

Margaret Swindell
SWINDELL FUNERAL HOME
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Perquimans County Church Directory

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Good news

CHRIST'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCHES

While the Apostle John was in exile on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, to which He had been banished because of his preaching the Word of God and the gospel of Christ, he heard God's voice directing him to write what he saw in a vision and to send it to the seven churches in Asia.

Obedient John penned "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," the last and perhaps the most neglected and the most misunderstood book of the Bible, from which this lesson is taken.

REVELATION 1:4-6

In referring to God the Son, John mentioned the Lord Jesus as "Him which is, and which was, and which is to come," implying that He is both unchangeable and eternal. These verses make it clear that Christ loved us, and continually loves us; that Christ loved us, when He "washed us from our sins in his own blood", and that He lifted us by making us a kingdom of priests unto God.

REVELATION 3:14-22

Christ, who possesses the two characteristics of a perfect witness, namely, faithfulness and trustworthiness, and who is the finality of divine authority and eternal certainty, sent this message to the church in Laodicea. Inasmuch as it was a rich and self-satisfied church, unconscious of any needs, Christ did not see anything in it to commend, but He noticed various things which merited rebuke.

The members of that church were not devoid of works, but they were lacking in vigorous faith, sacrificial love, and fervent zeal. Their self-satisfied lukewarmness was exceptionally obnoxious to Christ. He complained about their self-deception and their ignorance.

The Laodiceans tried to make themselves believe that they were happy because of their great possessions, but Christ told those self-centered, self-sufficient, and self-satisfied members that they were in a pitiable condition.

Area obituaries

Piland

RALEIGH—James Rodney Piland, of 2406 Stafford Avenue, Raleigh, died last Tuesday.

Piland was a retired soils chemist with North Carolina State University.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Raleigh. Burial followed in Montlawn Cemetery.

Piland is survived by his wife, Margaret L. Piland and two daughters: Mrs. Trent (Lawrence) Bowen of Charlottesville, Va., and Mrs. James (Linda) Close of Fairfax, Va.; three brothers, one sister and five grandchildren.

The family requests that

memorials be sent in the form of contribution to the Pullen Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N.C.

Smith

EDENTON — Mrs. Gwendolyn Sutton Smith, 65, of North Broad Street, died last Sunday in Chowan Hospital following an illness of nine months.

A native of Perquimans County, she was the daughter of the late Margie Ward Sutton and the late Willie Seth Sutton and was married to the late Wilburn T. Smith.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, the Round Table Missionary

Group, the Advance Home Demonstration Club and was the president of the Chowan County Home Demonstration Clubs.

She is survived by a son, Carrol Smith of Edenton; two daughters, Mrs. Betty S. Bateman of Edenton and Mrs. Tonie Cox of Elizabeth City; one brother, Leonard Sutton of Poquoson, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Doris Hughes of Edenton and Mrs. Mary S. Edgar of West Monroe, La.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held last Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Williford-Barham Funeral Chapel with Rev. Charles C. Harris officiating. Burial followed in Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of you for showing your concern for me while I was a patient in Albemarle and Norfolk General Hospitals with your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and all other acts of kindness during my operation and since I returned home. I am grateful to have friends like you.

May God bless you all.

George W. Baker

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each of you for your cards, visits, and especially your prayers while I was a patient at the Chowan Hospital and during my convalescence at home.

May God bless each of you.

Floyd Modlin

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