

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS Second Quarterly Conference

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Central District of the A.M.E. Church was held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Monday, March 9, at 8 p.m. The session was opened with devotion led by the Rev. L. S. Penn, Sr., Pastor of the church. Following the devotion, Rev. Penn presented the Presiding Elder, Dr. C. C. Scott who conducted the Conference.

During the business session reports from all organizations, Boards and departments were read and approved by the Conference. The Presiding Elder had much praise for the church, and remarked that "the church is in good shape."

Mrs. Maude Edwards will attend the Central District Conference to be held in Graham, N. C. at Wayman A.M.E. Chapel March 12 and 13.

Mr. Comey Enzlow was elected delegate to attend the annual Conference to be held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Raleigh, N. C. next November.

An impressive memorial service was held for the deceased members of the church during the quarter. Mr. E. E. Nance spoke in behalf of Mrs. Millicent Anderson Keene; Mrs. Elizabeth Wallington spoke in behalf of Mrs. Bessie Avery, and Mrs. Eva Slappy spoke in behalf of Miss Irene Martin. Rev. Penn added remarks for all three. The song, "Shall We Gather At The River?" closed the memorial service. The Conference was closed with the Mispah.

Evangelistic Services

We regret that due to illness Dr. G. H. J. Thibodeaux may not be able to conduct our Evangelistic services which will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Mar. 15, and will continue each evening at 7:30 p.m. through March 19. Union Ministers will help us carry on these services. You are cordially invited to worship with us during the week.

Annual Tea

The Winnie Lewis Missionary Circle of Bethel A.M.E. Church will sponsor their annual St. Patrick's Tea Sunday, March 15, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church beginning at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to sip tea with this group. Donation—50c.

Easter Sunrise Service

The three choirs of Bethel — the Senior Choir, the Gospel Choir and the Youth Choir — will present an Easter Program during the Sunrise service at 5:30 a.m., Sunday morning, March 29.

The annual Breakfast will follow the service which is being sponsored by the Emmaus Travelers — Men's Club of Bethel.

An Easter program will be presented by the Bethelites and other youth of the church at 5:00 p.m.

Men's Day — Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 22, is Men's Day at Bethel — Palm Sunday — Dr. John A. Middleton, President of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker at 11:00 a.m. Messrs Q. H. Holt and Artis Boddie will serve as co-chairmen for the event.

Easter Flowers

The Floral Club of Bethel is asking members to let us use

your Easter flowers to help decorate the Fellowship Hall for Easter Sunday. Bring your flowers to the church Saturday evening between 5 and 6 p.m. Be sure your name is placed on the bottom of the container for identification purposes. You may pick up your flowers following the 5:00 p.m. Easter program on Sunday, March 29. Thank you in advance.

A Prayer for Those Who Mourn The Colson & Faulkner families

"God of compassion, who alone canst heal the broken-hearted and save the crushed in spirit, most fervently we pray that all who mourn may know thy saving held in all its fullness. Help us with sensitive and tender hearts to share their sorrow and to do the little things that may assure them of our deep concern and ease the painful stress of troubled days. Give to the hurt ones courage, Lord, according to thy promise, that they may not withdraw from life and spend their days in grieving memories. And help them in this confidence to seek out others who need the understanding sympathy that only grief can teach. Turn their thoughts, O Lord, from mournful dwelling on their sorrows and themselves, and grant that all our sorrows may be turned to joy in thee." Amen.

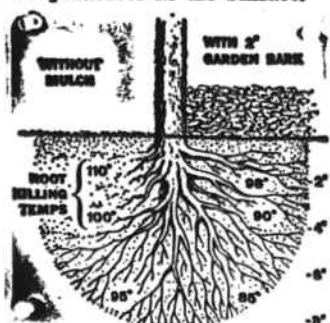
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Mulch Keeps Soil Temperatures Down

"Mulch" is a 2 to 3-inch layer of material such as peat moss, sawdust or other organic matter. In some areas, ground corn cobs, buckwheat hulls, or cocoa bean shells are used. Straw is widely applied in the fall as a through-the-winter mulch. The use of bark chunks is becoming more widespread, as bark is not only beneficial as a mulch, it's decorative as well.

A good mulch benefits the soil in a number of ways. It conserves moisture by slowing evaporation of water; it eases cultivation by suppressing the growth of weeds; it prevents the "crusting" of soil, helping water penetrate into the root zone; and it insulates against the hot summer sun. Soil temperatures under a 2-inch mulch will be 6 to 8 degrees lower than soil without mulch, thus eliminating root-killing high temperatures at the surface.



Garden Bark, a bark mulch made by the Weyerhaeuser Company, comes in two grades. Regular, with chunks 1/4" to 1" in size is the most popular for everyday usage around trees and shrubs, in flower beds and along borders, and Extra Coarse with chunks 1" to 3" in size adds an attractive "textured" effect to your garden.

Social Security News

Q — I have a service-connected disability which recently became worse, necessitating the amputation of my right leg. Would I now be eligible for the \$1,600 payment toward purchase of an especially adapted automobile from VA?

A — Yes, providing your service-connected disability was incurred or aggravated during World War II or the Korean Conflict. You may also be entitled if your disability is related to service after Jan. 31, 1955, and was incurred as a direct result of the performance of active duty.

Q — What is the Modified Life Plan which is available to holders of National Service Life Insurance policies?

A — This is a plan of insurance providing a lifetime level premium that is lower than permanent plans. It avoids the periodic premium increases of term insurance. The face amount is reduced to one-half at age 65 when insurance needs usually decline. It must be applied for before the veteran reaches insurance age 61, which is six months after his 60th birthday.

Q — How many semester hours are required for full time training in graduate school?

A — An accredited graduate course will be considered full time when 14 semester hours or the equivalent are taken unless it is the established policy of the school to consider less than 14 hours or the equivalent as full time enrollment. A school official must so certify.

Q — I have a G.I. loan on my home. I want to borrow money on my equity in the home for my children's college education. Is it necessary to obtain the approval of the Veterans Administration for such a loan?

A — No. However, a G.I. loan cannot be obtained for this purpose.

Q — My brother received an honorable discharge from his Korean Conflict service. He later received a bad conduct discharge from his Post-Korean service. Does this bar him from all veteran benefits?

A — No. Benefit entitlement earned during your brother's honorable wartime service is undistributed by his subsequent Post-Korean service provided there was a break between the two service periods.

As far as the bad conduct discharge is concerned, the Veterans Administration will determine, after a review of the facts, whether the discharge was under conditions which would preclude benefit entitlement.

Q — Does the Government pay a medal of honor winner anything for winning this honor?

A — Yes. He receives \$100 a month for this upon written application.

Q — I was recently separated from the Army after having served four years. I got my high school diploma while I was on active duty. I wanted to start college this fall but the school I applied to would not accept. Me. Can the VA exert any pressure so that I can be accepted?

A — We are sorry, but the VA cannot influence the officials of any school as to their acceptance or nonacceptance of a student.

More than one and a third million Americans and one million of their dependents have learned they can count on Social Security — not just when they retire, but to help see them through misfortune NOW. They have one thing in common: serious sickness or accident has caused them untold hardship. Some are ex-servicemen whose wounds disabled them. Some are workers who never missed a day of work until sickness or accident struck them down. Some are children whose father or mother suddenly became disabled. Each receives a monthly disability check from Social Security.

In emphasizing the disability provisions of social security today, Charles H. Myers, Greensboro District Social Security Manager said: "When Social Security began nearly 35 years ago it was only a program for retirement. But now it's a lot more than that. It has been improved to cover more and more instances of unforeseen catastrophe which strike the young as well as the old. Disability is just one of these instances. When you

are talking about social security, you're talking about something to be counted on NOW. And when you're thinking about lifetime protection, you're thinking about social security."

Myers urged individuals who have questions about various parts of the Social Security program to contact the Social Security office to get proper and timely information. Asking a friend or neighbor who is a beneficiary for information about Social Security is not always wise because the facts in each case are not necessarily the same. The people in the Social Security office at 324 W. Market St. will be glad to be of assistance.

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