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Martin Street Church Members

New Baptist Fellowship Embraces Raleigh

BY W. MASON, JR.
Staff Writer

A new Baptist fellowship that promotes the values of Christian faith and family has sprouted in Raleigh and has garnered the interest of members of other churches, particularly members of Martin Street Baptist Church.

"We're very basic and simple in our worship," said Charles Brown, the fellowship administrator and a former deacon at Martin Street.

"Our vision is to build our own

facility, but one of the key emphases is on Christian education," he said.

For the past four Sundays, the fellowship has met on the campus of Shaw University. At its first meeting, about 50 or 60 people came to hear the word. At last Sunday's meeting, about 150 people attended.

News of the new fellowship is not getting into the community by any official means, Brown said. More people are finding out about it by word of mouth.

Brown said the fellowship is in an

embryonic stage but that its followers have every intention of finding a home. Shaw University President Talbert O. Shaw has given the fellowship support, Brown said.

Dr. Joseph Paige, assistant provost and dean at Shaw Divinity School, gave the sermon at the fellowship's last service.

"Our goal is to lift up Jesus on a daily basis and serve the community," Brown said. "We sprang up out of a need that wasn't being fulfilled. Many who come may

be disappointed with their place of worship or are ready to try a new experience.

"Eventually, we will announce the creation of the fellowship," he said. In the meantime, the fellowship members are wooing the Baptist State Convention for support in getting organized.

Brown said the new fellowship is not a split from Martin Street Church, although most of those who are participating in the fellowship are Martin Street members.

"Usually in a split you take a pastor and go," Brown said. "We have no pastor. The Rev. David C. Forbes is not involved."

Meanwhile, the feelings of Martin Street Church members are that the people who are leaving the church to join the new fellowship are confused and will come back. A member of the church who asked not to be identified said the church is concerned about the new fellowship and is noticing the dwindling congregation.

Members are also concerned that

Shaw University may be stepping in where it shouldn't, she said. It's obvious that the new fellowship is a split from the church and since Martin Street Church has many historic ties with the university, it may pose a conflict of interest.

Martin Street Church is still reeling over its months-long battle with former pastor Rev. Forbes, who was voted out of the pulpit by church members who said his leadership was dictatorial. Forbes' supporters said he was trying to advance the church and community.

Forbes' dismissal split the church between members who wanted him to stay and those who wanted him to leave. Church members say this new fellowship is an outgrowth of the Martin Street saga.

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Parents Need Self-Assurance

Teachers Armed With Strategies

BY DOROTHY SHAW-THOMPSON
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An Analysis

The \$50 million question is "How can an African-American parent best advocate for his child in a system of education that doesn't appear to appreciate that advocacy?" Since I believe that most assertive answers are short and sweet, I believe that we have to learn how to say, with a smile, "no." Why "with a smile?" Because it makes you feel good while you're saying it and we need to feel comfortable, self-assured and happy about our advocacy.

Why self-assured? Because most parents attend conferences with teachers confused about why they are there in the first place and since there has been a steady and clear message from the system that when children don't do well in schools, it is the parents' fault, most parents also feel blamed and guilty. The normal response to blame and guilt is self-protective defense, usually relieved temporarily by an accusatory assertion. In simple terms the parent gets blamed and in turn blames the teacher.

The teacher, armed with the ammunition of "non-smiley faces," zeroes in her roll book and statements like "He can't sit still, he never keeps his hands to himself and he just can't learn," introduces you to a child who's lived with you forever but whom you just don't know. The normal parent "inside voice" says, "Oh no, my child is schizophrenic." If you're too quiet at this point, the next thing you know you'll be signing a paper that has miraculously appeared with a date already on it for testing. If that paper appears without any further discussion, it's clue number one that you've been had. In some cases, however, it's really clue number two. Clue number one is when your child is in a grade, usually K-4, and you've been called to a conference and there are people more than the teacher there.

Back to being self-assured. There are some questions you can ask after you've been introduced to this child

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Quarry Street Incident

MAN HELD IN STABBING DEATH

Woman Slapped In Fight

Police charged a Raleigh man with murder Sunday following the stabbing death of a man in Southeast Raleigh.

Thomas Eugene Johnson, 47, of 740 Quarry St., was stabbed once in the chest with a 10-inch knife about 10:40 a.m. and died 20 minutes later at Wake Medical Center, police said.

The stabbing occurred outside 705 Quarry St., police said.

Police arrested Wade McCray, 42, of 1005 Tipton St., at the scene and held him without bond at the Wake County Detention Center, police said.

Witnesses told police that Johnson had slapped McCray's wife before the stabbing, police said.

In other news, a man is on trial this week for the slaying of a Chinese American.

Robert C. Piche has been charged with second-degree murder and four other counts in the death of Ming Hai "Jim" Loo, a killing that police said was racially motivated.

Officials involved in the case said Piche and others had been bothering Loo and his Asian-American friends at the Cue-N-Spirits Pool Hall in North Raleigh.

The harassment, officials said, led other people to complain to the bar's manager and Piche was told to leave.

Outside the bar at Brentwood Shopping Center near Atlantic Avenue, Piche charged Loo and his friends with a rifle he had taken from his car, officials said. After swinging it, it slipped from his hands and smashed when it hit the ground.

The fighting continued and Piche hit Loo in the head, a blow which

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BRINGING A MESSAGE — President George Bush and President Sen. Jesse Helms of the Congo recently discussed friendship and cooperation between the Congo and the United States. Bush praised the efforts of the Congolese president as a peacemaker and an advocate of economic development.

President Bush Sends Greetings To Staff, Members Garner Road YMCA

To help celebrate its 45th annual awards banquet, the Garner Road YMCA has received praise from all areas of government, including the office of the president.

The Garner Road YMCA was congratulated by Raleigh Mayor Avery C. Upchurch, Garner Mayor John W. Watkins, Jr., and Rep. David Price of the 4th Congressional District.

The banquet will be held on the campus of Shaw University on April 27. The keynote speaker will be Wallace O. Green, president of ABLE Machining and Electronics Co.

President George Bush praised the

YMCA family for its work in the Raleigh community.

"I am delighted to send greetings to the members and friends of the Garner Road Family YMCA as you gather for your 45th annual meeting and awards banquet," the letter from Bush began.

"Throughout our nation's history, the work of civic organizations like yours has been a mainstay of towns and cities across our country. The spirit of cooperation that has brought you together, united for the common good, is in the finest American tradition of community service. Your

work reflects the kind of responsible citizenship that has helped make this country strong and prosperous.

"By devoting your time and talents to the many worthwhile programs offered by the Garner Road Family YMCA, you have demonstrated genuine concern for your young people and a firm commitment to making your community a better place to live. In so doing, you have earned the gratitude and respect of your fellow citizens. You certainly have mine. I salute you for your generosity and hard work, and I thank you for setting a fine example for others to follow.

"Barbara joins me in sending warm best wishes for every future success. God bless you."

Sarah L. Glover, public relations director of the YMCA said "as we prepare for our 45th annual meeting and awards banquet we are delighted to receive letters from our governor, mayors of Raleigh and Garner. And what has really delighted us all is the letter from our president."

"I want to be able to work with the Democrats in the House," he said in a recent interview with The CAROLINIAN. Wiser, he said, doesn't hold a good relationship with Democrats in the House and therefore is not effective in promoting change.

He will face Wiser in the May 8 primary. The winner of that race will challenge the Republican opponent. One of the two competing for that seat

is Harold Covington, publications director for the Ku Klux Klan newsletter, Hensley said.

"Whoever runs against Covington has to do well," he said.

Hensley was making trips to area newspapers to announce his candidacy and said the African-American community should pay particular attention to the race.

"The black community should be interested in the House because it's people-oriented," he said. All revenue bills originate in the House and the House determines where the revenue should be spent, he said.

Without effective leadership in the House, bills and issues of particular concern to African-Americans may not get introduced or may not get the support needed to push them through the Senate.

In his campaign, Hensley is promoting leadership for children, the environment and progress.

The environment, drugs and other issues are of great concern in this decade and will depend on someone in the House to push those concerns to the Senate, he said.

"Wake County's economic growth allowed me the opportunity to grow with it—educationally, financially, and personally," he said. "In order that other young people may have the same opportunities, the economy of the county and the state must not be allowed to stagnate. Small business is the backbone of any community, providing jobs, services, training, and a tax base necessary for the high quality of life desired by its citizens."



PATRICIA FUNDERBURK

Ms. Funderburk Named Director Of OAPP Office

The Bush administration has named Ms. Patricia Stevens Funderburk of Raleigh as director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services.

As director of the office, Ms. Funderburk is responsible to the deputy assistant secretary for population affairs for oversight and coordination of the Adolescent Family Life Program, including the direction of project monitoring and involvement in the grant awards process and the development of strategies for improving project outreach and community involvement.

Before becoming director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, Ms. Funderburk served as the acting executive director of the Southeast Raleigh Community Development Corp. Her duties included coordinating public/private partnerships for community economic development, monitoring legislation, and program development and implementation. During the same period Ms. Funderburk also directed the community economic development program for the East Central Community Legal Services in Raleigh. In that position she developed and implemented a strategy to assist low-income individuals in becoming actively involved in the economic growth of their communities. She also served as Community Reinvestment Act liaison.

In addition, she has served as minority affairs director of the North Carolina State Arts Council with experience in planning and evaluating programs, budgets, policies, and legislation, developing training

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Rev. Fauntroy To Give Up "Power" In Congress To Run For DC Mayor

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Despite "overwhelming opposition from my wife, family and church members," Washington, D.C. minister-oligarch Walter E. Fauntroy shocked political observers by agreeing to a citywide draft committee's appeal to give up his influential position in the U.S. Congress by running for mayor of the District of Columbia to replace his accused friend and ally, Marion S. Barry.

Declaring that he discussed the matter with Barry before announcing his decision, Fauntroy told reporters he would not disclose his private conversation despite reports that the current mayor is disappointed. Meanwhile, Rev. Jesse Jackson confirmed his intentions not to run for D.C. mayor as he disclosed plans to run for senator in a "shadow" election to dramatize the local residents' campaign to make the district the 51st

state.

These startling actions were the latest in a series of dramatic events which still have citizens, business leaders and government officials reeling. And Congressional Delegate Fauntroy, who is serving his 19th year in the House of Representatives, announced his surprise decision just before leaving the city to lead a delegation of New Bethel Church members to the Holy Land for a two-week visit. He asked the Draft Committee to expand their efforts to a campaign organization to raise funds and develop support.

"After weeks of pain, and, at times, tearful consideration... of whether I can stop the hurt and pain that is tearing this nation's capital apart, I am... announcing I am a candidate for mayor of the city of my birth, Washington, D.C.," he told the loyal, converted, cheering supporters at his

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REV. JESSE JACKSON

Howard N. Lee, former Chapel Hill mayor, has been named the new N.C. state senator from the 16th District, which includes Chatham, Moore, Orange and Randolph counties.

He was sworn in March 6 at the Chatham County Courthouse. Lee's new position, however, follows a string of career and personal achievements.

In May 1969 he fulfilled a lifelong desire for public service when he was elected mayor of Chapel Hill. He was twice elected to succeeding terms. During his six-year tenure he opened the first mayor's office, finance office and personnel department. He also initiated the first transit system, established the first fulltime positions for the departments of recreation, housing and planning and started the nation's first Housing Loan Trust Fund.

In 1977 he was appointed secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., where he supervised more than 2,000

employees. He coordinated the completion and opening of the African phase of the N.C. (See HOWARD LEE, P. 2)



STATE SEN. HOWARD LEE