Musical Program

The recreation department of Union Baptist Church in Durham will sponsor a musical program at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the church. Charles Crisp and the Crisp Singers from Garner will be on the program.

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Lillington Church Choir To Perform

The Union Baptist Pastor’s Aid Society will present the Lillington Community Choir in concert at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at Union Baptist Church on 904 N. Roxboro St., according to Dr. Grady D. Davis, pastor.

Al Andres is director of the Lillington Community Choir.
Saturday:

"Economic Empowerment Conference," a free event sponsored by Union Baptist Church, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, located at 904 N. Roxboro St. The following workshops will be offered: Planning Your Financial Future; Families and Money; Getting Out of Debt; and Repairing Your Credit. A continental brunch and light lunch will be served. Call 688-1304 to register.
The 67th anniversary of the senior choir of the Union Baptist Church will be observed at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the church. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. J. R. Manly, pastor of First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill. The choir of the Chapel Hill church will sing. A program at 7 p.m. by the male chorus of the Union Baptist Church will end the anniversary observance.
Singing Concert

The Pastor’s Aid Society of Union Baptist Church at 904 N. Roxboro St. will sponsor the Russ Sanders Singers in a concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Soloists will be Mrs. Mary G. Holman, Mrs. Ollie Cameron and Mrs. Myrtle Cates. The pianist will be Howard Hill, and Grover Wilson Jr. will be the organist.

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66th Anniversary

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Dr. Grady D. Davis of Union Baptist Church in Durham will be the main speaker at the annual Wake Baptist Association banquet at the downtown Holiday Inn on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The association meets for its 112th annual session Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh.
Atlanta Minister Preaches Tomorrow At Union Baptist

Dr. William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, will preach Sunday during the 11 a.m. service at Union Baptist Church on North Roxboro Street.

Borders, an educator, author and radio evangelist, is one of the best known black theologians in the world.

His sermon at Union Baptist will be the climax of an eight-day commemoration of the 12th anniversary of Dr. Grady D. Davis, who is pastor of the church. Davis will preside during the service.

Borders portrayed Jesus in the mammoth production, "Behold them Man," with a cast of 2,500. The production was held in the Atlanta stadium before an audience of 50,000.

Borders will also speak in Durham at noon Monday at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on South Roxboro Street.
Woman’s Day Service

The Union Baptist Church will present its annual Woman’s Day Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Mrs. Nannie L. Stewart of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church will be the guest speaker at the service, to be presided over by Miss Annie M. Dunigan. Music will be supplied by the Women’s Chorus directed by Mrs. D. V. Reaves. Mrs. Lucilla Fuller is chairman of the program. A fellowship dinner will follow the morning service.
The Union Baptist Church Young Adult Choir will sponsor a birthday celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday. The speaker is the Rev. Nelson N. Johnson, assistant pastor and minister of Youth and Christian Education, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro. The music will be provided by Markham Chapel Gospel Choir, by Faith of Durham and Inspirational (Greater Joy Baptist Church). A mini concert of songs starts at 4:30 p.m. and the program begins at 5 p.m.
Choir To Be Honored

Union Baptist Church will honor the choir in a special service Sunday at 3 p.m. The occasion is the 70th anniversary of the choir's service to the church. The Rev. Leon M. Hall, associate minister of Trinity Methodist Church, will preach and members of the Julian S. Carr Bible Class at Trinity have been invited.
Dr. Grady D. Davis Sr.
Northampton County native

Dr. Grady D. Davis Sr. of Raleigh, died Friday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Dr. Davis, 70, was a native of Northampton County. He was a professor at the School of Religion in Raleigh and the pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Durham.

His survivors include his wife, Dorothy Davis of the home; five children, Deryl Harrison of Mequon, Wis., Grady Davis Jr. of Saudi Arabia and Psyche Davis, Gandhi Davis and Chrystal Carroll, all of Raleigh; and two brothers, Willie C. and Russell Davis, both of Pleasant Hill.

A funeral will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Union Baptist Church in Durham. Burial will be held at 3 p.m. at the Davis Family Cemetery in Pleasant Hill.

Arrangements are being handled by Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home in Durham and Cofield’s Funeral Home in Weldon.
Mack Delivers Initial Sermon

Ms. Geraldine (Gerry) Mack will deliver her initial sermon Sunday, July 21 at 4 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., Durham. Union Baptist’s Grady Davis Choir will render the music.

A native of Philadelphia, Mack is a graduate of Simon Gratz High School there. She presently attends Durham Technical Community College under the office and paralegal technology programs.

She is employed with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an administrative office assistant.

The public is invited to the program.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor.
Spring Revival at Union

The Annual Spring Revival of Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will be held Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14 beginning nightly at 7:15 p.m. Dr. Linwood T. Daye, pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., will be the evangelist.

Dr. Daye was educated in the public schools of North Carolina. He holds a B.A. degree in social science and psychology from North Carolina Central University and a Master of Divinity from Shaw University. He received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University, an honorary doctor of Divinity degree from Guadulup College, and has done further study at Wake Forest University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

He is a life member of the NAACP; BTU National Baptist Convention Board; President, Baptist Progress Union, Inc.; member, political action committee of the city of Newport News, Va.; and president, Creative Housing Corporation, Inc.

Dr. Daye has pastored Zion Baptist Church for 15 years; built the Zion Baptist Home for the Elderly at a cost of $250,000; instituted a Community Assistance School designed to improve the illiteracy rate in the East End Community. The school has an enrollment of 100 students.
Woman's Day Set

Union Baptist Church will observe Woman's Day Sunday with Dr. Rose Butler Browne as speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Dr. Browne is retired chairman of the Department of Education at N.C. College and presently is director of the Happy Hours Child Care Center at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.
Pastor’s Aid To Observe
Anniversary

The Pastor’s Aid Club of Union Baptist Church
will observe its 18th anniversary on Sunday,
November 14, at 6 p.m.

The Rev. Percy High, pastor of Mount Vernon
Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. A Mount
Vernon Choir will present music.
Union Baptist hosts series on health, families

In conjunction with the annual women's day activities, Union Baptist Church will offer a series of workshops concerning health-related issues on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The workshops will be conducted by facilitators from a number of community health agencies. They will address issues of women's health as well as family matters.

Two workshops will be held concurrently. The schedule of topics and facilitators is:

- 9 a.m., "AIDS ... Can It Happen To Me," Carel Reese, and "Nutrition," Betsy Davis;
- 10 a.m., "Cancer," Lillian Horne; and "Men ... Their Support Role as Spouses," Howard Fitts;
- 11 a.m., "Health And Safety," Larry Massenburg, and "Social Service Assistance," Joy Nichols; noon, "Diabetes," Mary Candler, and "Heart Attacks," Joyce Price;
- 1 p.m., wrap up, James Polk.

All sessions will be held in the Education Building of the church, 904 N. Roxboro St. All sessions will be free. Persons needing transportation may call the church at 688-1304 by Wednesday.
Union Baptist Celebrates 96th Church Anniv.

The Union Baptist Church family will celebrate its 96th church anniversary on Sunday at 11 a.m. Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., moderator of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association in Greenville, will be the guest speaker. The Mass Choir of Union Baptist church will minister in song.

Following the church anniversary, Union Baptist will hold its annual spring revival Monday through Friday, May 10–15. Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr., pastor of New Light Baptist church, Greensboro, will be the guest evangelist for the week.

Area ministers and choirs around the city will provide music nightly. Pastor is Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond.
Durham Church Honors Cameron At Services

Charles B. Cameron, a native of Cameron, was honored on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Union Baptist Church, Durham, of which he is a member.

There he serves as a deacon, and was superintendent of the Sunday School from 1971 through 1984. He received many gifts for his loyalty.

Due to other activities, he is retiring from the Sunday School Superintendent position and is a candidate for an associate degree in Criminal Justice at Piedmont Technical College in Roxboro. He is a former State Probation Officer in Durham County and is currently employed by the N.C. Department of Corrections in Hillsborough.

After graduating from Pinckney High School in Carthage, he continued his education, receiving a B.A. degree from Saint Augustine College, Raleigh, and studied for his Master's degree at N.C. Central University.

He is married to the former Ollie Montgomery of Columbia, S.C. They have one son, Tyrone. His mother, Mrs. Martha Cameron, of Cameron attended the service. Charles is one of the twin sons of Mrs. Cameron.
Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will have formal installation services for its pastor-elect, the Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, on Sunday during the 11 a.m. service and at a special 4 p.m. service.

A native of Greenville, Hammond will become the eighth pastor in the 95-year history of the church.

Hammond received a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in counseling from East Carolina University. He also received a certificate of advanced study in counseling from ECU and is doctoral candidate at N.C. State University.

Speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service will be the Rev. David Hammond, pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of LaGrange.

Formal installation will take place during the 4 p.m. service, to be led by the Rev. Dr. Chester A. Hammond, of First Missionary Baptist Church of Andalusia, Ala. Both speakers are brothers of the pastor-elect.
Annual Spring Revival Brings Spiritual Renewal To Union Baptist Church

May 15-21, Union Baptist Church experienced a spiritual renewal during its annual Spring Revival and 98th anniversary celebration.

Union Baptist is located at 904 N. Roxboro St., Durham, where Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond serves as pastor.

Dr. Earl M. Brown, pastor of Fifth Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., was the revivalist for the week. With an expert oral presentation and humor, Dr. Brown shared his knowledge of the Word.

The various choirs of Union Baptist held mini-concerts each night before the revival service. Guest churches and choirs participating in the services included Ecclesia House of Prayer, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Russell Memorial CME Church, Greater Joy Baptist Church and Peace Missionary Baptist Church.

The revival ended on Sunday, May 21, when Union Baptist celebrated its 98th anniversary. Its Unity Choir rendered the music, while Rev. William B. Moore, pastor of Tenth Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest revivalist.

The service ended on a high note, with 22 individuals joining the Union Baptist family.
CAMERON HONORED FOR SERVICE AT UNION BAPTIST IN DURHAM

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Union Baptist Church Ready For 99th Anniversary

The weekend of May 18–19 will spotlight the 99th anniversary of the Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., Durham.

The theme for the celebration will be “Adding Another Brick: Building a Better Community and Future For Our Children.”

On Saturday, May 18, activities will include a basketball game between the male members of the church at the Edison Johnson Recreation Center on Murray Avenue from 9 to 11 a.m. The Neal Middle School Boys Drill Team will perform during halftime.

The 99th anniversary banquet will be held at the Durham Armory on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the banquet will be Judge Elaine O'Neal. The Instruments of Praise (Union Baptist Dance Ensemble) and the Union Baptist Children’s Choir will also perform.

On Sunday, May 19, the anniversary celebration will continue at the 7:47 a.m. Spiritual Lift-Off and 11 a.m. service. Guest speaker for the occasion will be the Right Rev. Ralph E. Love, Sr., pastor of the Holy Trinity United Holy Church, Greenville.

Rev. Love is a native of Greensboro. He attended the public schools of Greensboro, Guilford Community College, Pitt Community College and Greensboro Bible Institute.

He is a former district elder in the Southern District Convocation, president of the Virginia District Convocation of the Original United Holy Church, vice chairman of the Pitt County Board of Education, and former chairman of the Greenville Transportation Commission.

He is married to the former Patricia Dalton Love and they are the parents of four children and two grandchildren.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor of Union Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.
Union Baptist Church Observes Women's Day

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The theme for the weekend was "Women: United In Action And Prayer To Save Our Families."

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The Women's Day Observance began at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21. A panel discussion, led by some of Durham's leading health professionals, was held covering such topics as health education, family planning, women's issues, violence and safety precautions. The discussion was followed by a buffet luncheon.

Worship services were held at 7:47 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22. The Reverend Linda M. Person, at the 7:47 a.m. service and Phyllis B. Smothers, during the 11 a.m. service, both delivered messages.

Rev. Person instructed the congregation to follow God's Divine Plan, because He will work it out. She alluded to Esther's story and said we must allow God to use us that we could be placed here for such a time as this.

Rev. Smothers challenged her listeners to stand up for Jesus and asked, "Who is in our house?" She stated that a divided house would fall and that the wages of sin is death, to train up a child and to honor our parents.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor of Union Baptist Church.
2 Preachers To Present Union Baptist Concert

The Young Adult Choir of Union Baptist Church will present the Rev. Melvin D. Cutler and the Rev. John J. Borens in concert at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Music of the black church such as "Jeri Jericho," " Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "Beams of Heaven," and "Precious Lord," will be presented.

Cutler is from Branchville, Va., and is an associate minister at Union Baptist Church. He is minister-elect at Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Petersburg, Va.

Borens is from Tyler, Tex., and is pastor of Stanton Memorial CME Church in Pittsboro.

Both are seniors at Duke Divinity School, working toward their master of divinity degrees. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the concert.
AASPN to Celebrate First Anniversary Saturday at Union Baptist

The African American Single Parent Network (AASPN) will celebrate its first anniversary and Black History Month by sponsoring a Black History event Saturday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 904 North Roxboro Street.

Included will be games and activities for children, a showcase of various vendors of the Triangle area, a stepshow by Omega Psi Phi and Delta Sigma Theta, and "Instruments of Praise" (youth dance troupe).

Children will be presented information about African Americans who have made positive contributions during their lifetime as well as historically important inventors while creating their own inventions.

The AASPN mission is to provide positive emotional, social and intellectual outlets for single parents and their children. AASPN hold meetings every second Saturday of each month at the Durham Public Library. Topics range from providing adequate child care to how to invest in your future and meetings are open to both male and female single parents.
Union

Union Baptist Church, 904 North Roxboro St., will hold Spring Revival May 13-17, at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist for the week will be Rev. William B. Moore, pastor of Tenth Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Area pastors and choirs will also participate.

Rev. Moore is a native of New Bern. He received a bachelor's degree at Fayetteville State University in 1965, a master of Divinity degree at Lutheran Theological Seminary and is a doctoral candidate at New York Theological Seminary, New York City.

He has been pastor of Tenth Memorial Church for the past twenty years. He is a member of the Urban League and the NAACP; president of Push Philadelphia;

REV. MOORE

Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Foreign Mission Board; National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Shaw Divinity School Facilities Management Corporation and Advisory Committee Power 99 FM.

The public is invited. Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor.
Youth Participation InNAACP Increasing

By Ray Trent

When the monthly meeting of theDurham Chapter of the NAACP is held at Union Baptist Church, an inspiring and exciting event always occurs.

Rev. Kenneth Hammond welcomed the large group and the Union Baptist Church "Voices in Unison" set the atmosphere afire.

After President James Black thanked "Union" for its hospitality, Mrs. Alice Mitchell read the minutes of the executive board meeting which contained a lot of encouraging news. Riverside High School of Durham wants to start a NAACP chapter. Forty-seven of the "Men of Distinction" introduced at the annual banquet have started life memberships. Three of them were already fully paid life members.

Mrs. Catherine Carr received her life membership, as did First Calvary Baptist Church.

Economic Chairman Curtis Gatewood introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Leonard C. Beckum, Duke University vice president and vice provost.

Dr. Beckum, in reference to the singing of "Voices in Unison," said that the singing reminded him of the 60s. Then it showed for certain that something was going to happen outside very soon.

Dr. Beckum said that he agrees with the study that test scores are affected by social and economic status more than ethnic background.

He said that what is happening in the black family today is the inability to support and put things in perspective. Education is the key.

Education must be the priority. Black families must support and encourage education first and foremost.

There are NAACP chapters at NCCU and Duke and the beginning of a chapter at Riverside, showing that young people do care and plan to be heard.
Union Baptist Church To
Observe 87th Anniversary

Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will celebrate its 87th anniversary Sunday, May 13, at 11 a.m. Dr. Grady D. Davis, pastor, will deliver the anniversary message and the Mass Choir will furnish the music.

On Monday, May 14, revival services will begin and will run through Friday, May 18, beginning each evening at 7 p.m. The Reverend David C. Forbes of the Martin Raleigh, will be the Street Baptist Church, evangelist for the week.

Rev. Forbes earned the bachelor of arts degree from Shaw University and master of social work degree from Adelphi University. He has completed course work for the Ph.D. degree in sociology at the University of Virginia; and was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, by the Richmond Virginia Seminary in January 1984.

He entered the gospel ministry following a career in public school teaching, counseling, social program administration, university teaching and consultation. He was formerly assistant professor in research and director of admissions, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, for twelve years.

Rev. Forbes was active in the civil rights movement during the 60s, having served as the N.C. representative to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He is a member of the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministers Alliance. Until recently he was president of the Richmond Committee of Black Clergy, president of the Henrico County Branch of the NAACP, vice president of the Virginia Fellowship of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Dr. Forbes is married to the former Ms. Hazel Baldwin of Lake Waccamaw and they are the parents of three children.

The public is invited to these services.
A lot has been said these days about the need for adult training, the need for adult basic education, GED, the need for the adult high school diploma and the need for adult education in general. One church has formulated a program to address not only the ABE/GED, adult high school need, but also general academic difficulties of the adult in today's educational system. That church is Union Baptist Church on Roxboro Road in Durham.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, the church offers, in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Community Colleges, classes in adult basic education as well as the GED, which leads to the high school equivalency certificate. The adult education program is unique in two aspects. First, it is non-denominational. All adults from the Durham area are welcome. Secondly, there is no age or grade limitation. Adults, whether they finished the first grade or the 11th, may come to derive the benefits of the program.

Dr. Robert E. Jones, Jr., told The CAROLINIAN that many adults were able to upgrade their work with the goal of finishing high school. Dr. Jones said, "Adults from age 18 to 118 are invited to enroll in the program. The students must bring their own books, paper and pencils."

Rev. Grady D. Davis is the pastor of Union Baptist Church and Dr. Jones is the program director.

The instructors are people not only from the teaching profession, but business and related fields. Included in the list of teachers are Ms. Annetta B. Perry, Ms. Joann Jones, Arthur Jackson, Darryl Kennedy, Ms. Barbara A. Terry, and Dr. Jones.

The job was made possible through a group in the church which decided it could take the bite out of a big problem: adult illiteracy in North Carolina.

The general session for the ABE/GED classes is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1-6 p.m.

For more information, call 688-1304.
Durham Ministers To Speak At Mass Meeting

Rev. Grady D. Davis, pastor of Union Baptist Church on North Roxboro Street, and Rev. L.H. Whelchel, pastor of Russell Memorial CME Church, will address Durham’s first mass meeting of the National Black Independent Political Party of North Carolina (NBIPP-NC) Sunday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m., at Union Baptist Church.

The mass meeting is expected to be an historical event which will address the Durham County organizing committee of NBIPP-NC.

NBIPP was founded on August 23, 1980 in New Orleans, La., and chartered by 1500 members at a National Party Founding Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. Its purpose is said to be that of promoting social change and self determination.

Members at the founding convention said that politics, economics, culture and education are of urgent concern among black Americans.

Organizers of NBIPP state that it is a popular, mass-backed, community building party which stresses the importance of people in every area, and that it is organizing to help blacks help themselves.

The convenors for the Durham branch of NBIPP report that they will join several other efforts across the country and across North Carolina to build a strong party that will address black interests.

Those who wish more information on Sunday’s mass meeting should call (919)596-0782 or (919)682-4628.
I am glad to have had the opportunity to join with nearly 1,000 other Durham citizens at the Union Baptist Church Sunday in support of our Police Chief Trevor Hampton.

One of the speakers at the rally, the Rev. Leroy Davis of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, was on target when he declared that "we have come together to support what we believe is right. It is not necessarily because he is black. It is because of what he stands for. He stands for justice, not black or white. He stands for law enforcement."

I was even more impressed by the remarks of Police Chief Hampton. He was both elegant and forceful when he declared: "You know a lot of people don't understand why we are here. The people represented here do not support me because I am black. They only support me because I am right. I want everybody in the community to know that this support is not racism. It is our response to racism. I want to make it clear to white citizens that my responsibility is to all citizens of Durham."

Bravo! I applaud you, Chief Hampton, for this clear and unambiguous statement. I hope that your message reaches into every home, and is taken to heart by every fair-minded man and woman in our community.

Let us face it, Durham has a great need for a spiritual revolution, and this cannot come too soon. Of course, there is no denying that Durham has made some noticeable progress in recent years. This is especially true by way of economic growth and in the area of the arts. Likewise in the political arena. But as one great American, namely, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., once told us, the real challenge before us is "chaos or community." And here is where we are lagging behind.

There is a lack of initiative and far too timid leadership in Durham to push on to make our community a city of love and respect for each other. We still have a long way to go to make Durham a city of brotherhood and sisterhood. We need to create a new vision in our churches, in our schools and in our homes in order to overcome old prejudices and racial bigotry. No one in our community is superior to others, black or white.

And as to Mr. Lasster, may I suggest that he publicly dissociate from the few racists in our midst by publicly denouncing racism and by ceasing his unwarranted attacks against our chief of police.

SAMUEL REED
Union Baptist Offers Adult Education

Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., is offering classes in adult education — from basic to the high school equivalency certificate (GED) — each Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 1-6 p.m. The program is in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Community Colleges. It is non-denominational and has no age or grade limitations. All adults from the Durham area are welcome.

Dr. Robert E. Jones, Jr. is program director and teacher. Other teachers are Ms. Annetta B. Perry, Ms. Joann Jones, Arthur Jackson, Darryl Kennedy, Ms. Barbara A. Terry. Rev. Grady D. Davis is pastor.

Further information about the program may be obtained by calling 688-1304.

DR. JONES
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH RECEIVES GOLDEN HERITAGE LIFE MEMBERSHIP plaque Sun., May 8, from the NAACP during the celebration of the church's 91st anniversary. Pictured (l-r) are: Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Life Membership Chairman, Durham Branch; Franklin Anderson, Golden Heritage Life Member of the Durham Branch and member of Union Baptist Church; Mrs. Florine Roberson, president of the Durham Branch; Dr. Grady D. Davis, pastor of Union Baptist; and Mrs. Mary G. Holman, membership chairman at Union Baptist.

DURHAM BRANCH, NAACP MOTHER-UP-OF-THE-YEAR PARTICIPANTS (right to left) are: Mrs. Geraldine Person, St. Joseph's AME Church; Ms. Gail Musgrove Williams, Union Baptist Church; Mrs. Ruth Sanders, St. Mark AME Zion Church; Mrs. Betty Rivers, Russell Memorial CME Church; and Mrs. Etta A. McKee, Morehead Avenue Baptist Church. The Durham Branch will hold its annual contest Friday, May 13, at 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville St.
Durham Pastor, Civil Rights Advocate Dr. Grady Davis Sr.

The funeral for Dr. Grady D. "Nick" Davis Sr., pastor of Union Baptist Church, will be held at 11 a.m. today in the church. Burial will be in the Davis family cemetery.

Davis, 70, of 5220 Sweetbriar Drive in Raleigh, died Friday at Rex Hospital.

He had been a professor of behavioral science at Shaw University in Raleigh and was an educator, counselor, author and a longtime advocate of Civil Rights.

He had contributed articles to several publications and had attended seminars dealing with blacks and psychology. His professional record includes his doctorate dissertation on "A Psychological Investigation of the Motivational Needs and their Gratification in the Father Divine Movement," his B.D. thesis, "Love Never Fails," many contributed articles to Selected Readings for General Psychology 1970, Pastoral Care in the Megalopolis Black Church 1979 and many others.

As a believer in education, Davis spent his life teaching from the classroom and the pulpit. He served as a professor at Shaw, Fayetteville State and East Carolina universities, Fayetteville Technical Institute and Shaw Divinity School. He was dean at Shaw and its Divinity School from 1955 to 1965.

He was professor emeritus at the divinity school until his death. Davis was a member of the American Psychological Association, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Davis received many honors and awards, including Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges, 1942.

He served on the Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime in 1962, was president of the Raleigh Citizens Association from 1961 to 1964, and was a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1960. Davis served as a parole commissioner for the state from 1973 to 1977.

He was pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church in Raleigh from 1953 to 1963, and had served as pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham for the past 26 years.

Davis was one of the area's leading civil rights activists. He marched in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march and received the key to the city of Selma, Ala. in 1988. In 1959, he and his family were named Family of the Year by the Family Service Society.

Davis served in the Army as a sergeant and was chaplain assistant in the 2619th Army Air Corps Base Unit. He received the American Theater Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the EAME Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hicks Davis; two sons, Grady Davis Jr. of Saudi Arabia, and Gandhi Davis of Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. Deryl Davis Harrison of Wisconsin, Ms. Psyche Davis of Raleigh and Mrs. Crystal Davis Carroll of Raleigh; two brothers, Willie Curnel Davis and William Russell Davis, both of Pleasant Hill; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapel.
Union Baptist Church Holds Women's Day Observance

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Reverends Linda M. Person and Phyllis B. Smotherson spoke at the 7:47 and 11 a.m. services, respectively, the following Sunday.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor of Union Baptist Church.
Ms. Asencion Faulkner, Ms. Lori Elmer, Ventura Guitierrez and Luis Odera were among those at the Rally March 18 in support of farm workers at a rally at Union Baptist Church. The rally was sponsored by the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) to kick off a boycott of Mt. Olive Pickle Co. for the refusal to negotiate with the union. (Photo by Lawson)
GROUNDBREAKING — Union Baptist Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new facility at 904 N. Roxboro Street. With ceremonial shovels from left to right are: Ozzie Holder, Rev. Kenneth Hammond, John Edwards and Michael Jones. (Photo by Lawson)
AFRICAN AMERICAN SINGLE PARENT NETWORK (AASPN) celebrates its first anniversary during Black History Month at Union Baptist Church. There were various activities for children, with entertainment by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and "Instruments of Praise," a youth dance group.

Michael Harris paints the face of Ronze Tucker as Jamel McDuffie-Watson watches.
More face paintings at Union Baptist Fair. (Photos by Lawson)

John Beatty, III chats with Wesley King, II and his father, Dr. Wesley King.
Union Baptist Gets NAACP PAC Award — Union Baptist Church was recently presented the Durham Branch, NAACP "PAC" Award from the National Office of the NAACP for Active Community Service in Voter Registration for 1992. The award was presented to Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond, pastor, by Mrs. Florine H. Roberson, outgoing president of the Durham Branch. Other church members involved are Mrs. Mary G. Holman (l) Membership Chairman and Mrs. Alice B. Mitchell (r) Church NAACP representative.
PROJECT HEARD SEeks Support For Liberian Refugees

Project HEARD is an effort launched by the Eastern Community Church Fellowship to assist children in refugee camps in Africa: Accra and Takoradi in Ghana and Abidjan, the Ivory Coast. HEARD is an acronym for Healing, Evangelism, Assessment, Relief and Development.

The project objectives are to assist with the educational, social and spiritual development of the children, to provide a means to enhance nutritional intake, and provide basic needs such as food, clothing and medication. The project will benefit more than 5000 refugees.

Eastern Community Church Fellowship is comprised of First United Methodist, Faith Assembly and Christian Center, Greater Joy, Mount Zion and Union Baptist. It was organized in 1991 to support the work of the Community Shelter and H.O.P.E. In recent years, the Fellowship has addressed many human service and quality of life issues here and abroad through education, information, and direct intervention.

Since 1989, the West African nation of Liberia has faced internal conflict periodically. Over the past few months, this conflict has escalated into civil war. As a result, many Liberians have been forced to flee to neighboring countries where they are concentrated in refugee camps. The All Africa Press recently reported that many are dying daily because of the lack of food and the spread of disease. Media have provided graphic pictures of the horror in the streets of Monrovia, the Liberian capital.

Over the next few days, contact will be made with area faith communities seeking support for this effort. The goal is to raise $25,000. July 28 so that the mission can be undertaken in August. Businesses and individuals desiring to contribute should make checks payable to Eastern Community Fellowship, Inc., and mail them to P.O. Box 16655, Durham, NC 27703.

For additional information regarding Project HEARD, contact Rev. Kenneth Hammond or Rev. Stephen Howard at Union Baptist Church (919) 688-1304.
REMEMBERING PAST: Members of Union Baptist Church prepare for a heritage dress day Sunday to celebrate a century of worship and service. (from left) Charle Barnes, Pamela Barnes, the Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, Pauline Boxley, Deacon Clarence Jones and Evelyn Hammond.

100 YEARS

The early deacon board. The deacons purchased a track of land on Glendale Avenue and built a modest frame building. Since the name North Durham Baptist Church was similar to another church in that vicinity, the officials and members declared the name of their new church to be Union Baptist Church.

The early pastors and members contributed much to the upkeep of the new church. Martha Woods is said to have laundered clothes to finance the pulpit for the first church.

Early church pioneers include Robert Chavis, George Thompson, Charity Turner, Katie Roundtree, Minnie Walf, Lucie Hester, Cora Harts S.S. Dunigan.

The first full-time pastor was the Rev. J.R. Cozart. Many others followed him, but the church decided to recruit a permanent pastor in 1926 and the Rev. A.S. Croom was chosen. Under his leadership, the church grew and on May 8, 1955, it moved from Glendale Avenue to its present site on North Roxboro Street.

W.P. Edwards, a deacon emeritus in the church, recalled that move. "We marched all the way to Roxboro Street, singing songs all along the way," he said.

Croom was pastor for at least 35 years, followed by Grady Davis, who died after 26 years of service.

In June 1991, the Rev. Kenneth Hammond was elected pastor. Under his leadership, Union Baptist continues to grow.

Prominent members over the decades include Floyd McKissick Sr., attorney at law and teacher of the men's Bible class; W.P. Edwards, American Tobacco Union Organizer and superintendent of Sunday school; Celestine Sanders, teacher at Pearsontown Elementary School and leader of the Willing Workers Club; and Dorcas Reaves, teacher at Hillside and organist for the church.

Union has been recognized as the sixth leading contributor to missions among the more than 1900 churches of the General Baptist State Convention and the 16th leading contributor for American Baptist Churches of the South.

Plans are under way to build a new church during this 100th anniversary year.
Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will begin its centennial celebration—"100 Years of God's Amazing Grace: Celebrating a Century of Worship, Praise and Service"—on Sunday. The celebration will continue through February.

On Sunday, members will come to worship at 11 a.m. wearing old-fashioned heritage dress. The following Sundays also have been designated as special days in the church's celebration.

Human relations Sunday will be Feb. 16. The Rev. Charles Fisher will be the special speaker.

African heritage dress Sunday will be held Feb. 23. The special speakers will be the Rev. Stephen Howard at 7:47 a.m. service and the Rev. Olou Menjay at the 11 a.m. service.

On Feb. 26, the congregation will have an old-fashioned heritage family night supper at 6 p.m. The menu will feature old-time cooking with turnip greens and cornbread on the menu.

Union Baptist now has about 2,400 members, but the church had a small beginning more than 100 years ago.

Some time during April 1887, near Rigsbee's Store, John Robinson, John Thomas and Ed Hockday met to organize a Sunday school for the families of north Durham. This was the beginning of the organization known today as Union Baptist Church.

These Christian pioneers were able to rent a small log house on Corporation Street. They solicited and received assistance from other churches in the area, including White Rock Baptist and Mt. Vernon Baptist who offered leaders and literature for the Sunday school.

The pressing need for a place to worship was one of the first tasks tackled by the
MEN'S DAY HONOREES AND EVANGELISTS at Union Baptist Church (l-r) are: Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr., Lennis Cooper, Jr., Reginald Reavis, J.C. Hancock, and Pastor Kenneth Ray Hammond.
Union Baptist plans to install its new pastor

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rev. Sir Walter Mack Jr. will be installed as the pastor of Union Baptist Church Sunday.

The installation service will begin at 3 p.m. with a premusical coronation by the combined choirs of Union Baptist. The Rev. John Mendez of Emanuel Baptist Church will preach. He will be accompanied by the choirs and officers and members of his church.

The Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, will preside over the service.

The Rev. B.A. Mack, the pastor of Mount Sinai A.M.E. Zion Church in Advance, will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon at the church. An installation reception will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Benton Convention Center.

Sir Walter Mack, a native of Winston-Salem, was educated at Elon College, Duke Divinity School and United Theological Seminary.

Pastor takes Georgia post

The Rev. Mark Harris of Center Grove Baptist Church in Clemmons has accepted a job as the senior pastor of Curtis Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga.

Harris accepted the job after preaching at the church Oct. 3. He has been at Center Grove for almost 11 years.

Harris’ last day at Center Grove is Dec. 26, and he’ll start at the new church on Jan. 2. Curtis Baptist has about 4,000 members.

The Rev. Richard Hicks, the administrative pastor at Center Grove, will be the interim pastor beginning Dec. 27.
Ministrial Alliance Breakfast Seminar

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) will kick off MED Week with Part II of their new approach. The IMA MED Week Breakfast is at Howard Johnson's, Hendersonville Rd. at 9:00 am on Monday, September 27, 1999. In keeping with this year's MED Week theme, focus of the discussion will be the role of the African-American Church in Economic Empowerment, ministering to the whole person and the whole community. Guest speaker for the program will be Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, who is currently pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

His educational achievements include Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC M. Divinity-Christian Education, M.A. Education-Counseling, B.A. History/Political Science and a Certificate of Advancement-Counseling, all from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

He is a member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention; Past President, Shaw Divinity School National Theological Alumni Association; Member Durham Branch NAACP, Member Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Past President East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association Congress of Christian Education. Past Chairman Executive Board East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association; Vice President Eastern Community Church Fellowship; Board of Directors Downtown YMCA.

His honors include Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies; Outstanding Young American Men; Outstanding Black Men in America; Who's Who Among Black Americans and in Education.
Union Baptist Church In Durham Observes Women's Day Spotlighting Their Successes

Women's Day 1993 was observed at Union Baptist Church, Durham, on Oct. 23 and 24.

The Women's Day committee, chaired by Ms. Dina Nelson, spearheaded the celebration. Activities began on Saturday with an 8 a.m. breakfast and workshops. 

Ms. Judith H. Davis of Durham's First Calvary Baptist Church was the keynote speaker. She expounded on the Women's Day theme, "Women: Our Christian Commitment to God, Family and the Church." She stated that women should be committed to praying and witnessing about the goodness of God.

Ms. Geraldine Thorne of Union Baptist Church gave a presentation on "African-American Women." Some of the women depicted by Ms. Thorne were Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mahalia Jackson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shirley Chisholm, Patricia Roberts Harris, Sharon Pratt Kelly, Marva Collins, Ida B. Wells, Rosa Parks, and Oprah Winfrey.

Officer Eric Hester of the Durham Police Department gave a talk on "Drug Awareness and Safety Tips." Music for the morning was provided by Ms. Tanya Armstrong.

On Sunday morning, Union Baptist had a "spiritual liftoff" at 7:47 a.m. with Ms. Milliecit Rainey, assistant superintendent of Orange County Schools. She challenged the women to make a difference as kingdom-builders. She said women have the knowledge, talent, strength and courage to do so.

As the service shifted into high gear at 11 a.m., the congregation was presented music by the Women's Day Choir and a special solo by Ms. Ellis Crawford.

Ms. Elizabeth Young, president of the State Congress of Christian Education, brought the message. Ms. Young established the fact that women are very important and while they do many things for the church, the Lord left them with one great task and that was to win other souls to Christ.

During the morning service, the Women's Day Committee honored Ms. Margaret Cameron as woman of the year. First Lady Evelyn P. Hammond was recognized for her Christian service and dedication and Ms. Ava Best was also recognized for submitting the Women's Day theme.

After the 11 a.m. service, dinner was served in the fellowship hall of the church. Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor of Union Baptist.
Mr. Peter Nemenyi carries a sign at the Farm Labor Organizing Committee rally and march. The rally was held at Union Baptist Church. (Photo by Lawson)
Union Baptist

Union Baptist Church, 904 North Roxboro Street, will observe Human Relations Day on Sunday, February 22, at the 7:47 and 11 a.m. worship services. Rev. Linda Jordan will speak at the 7:47 o’clock service and Rev. Charles Fisher at the 11 o’clock service.

Mrs. Lei Knight will preach her initial sermon at 4 p.m. The public is invited to all services. Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor.

Greater Joy Baptist

The usher and Hospitality Committee of Greater Joy Baptist Church will celebrate its annual service on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. Bishop Elroy Lewis, choir and congregation of Fisher United Holy Church will be special guests. The church is located at 717 Hardee Street. Rev. James E. Daniel is the host pastor. The public is invited.

White Rock

Mrs. Blondola Powell Lucas, chair, Senior Adult Ministry and Leader, Wellness/Fitness Class at White Rock Baptist Church, has been recognized by the Durham County Board of Commissioners and the Durham County Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. She is the first recipient of the Durham County Community Fitness Award for her outstanding work in promoting the positive benefits of Physical Fitness within Durham County.

Mrs. Lucas has provided leadership in developing a model church-based spiritual wellness and fitness program for senior citizens. She has been able to motivate and encourage senior age members of White Rock and others to pursue physical, nutritional, emotional and spiritual exercises with commitment and vigor for a period of ten years.

The major program objectives are to: 1) provide opportunities for senior adults to participate in aerobic exercise classes; 2) take health-related field trips to health agencies, hospitals and recreational facilities; 3) provide exposure to local, state and national support groups; 4) change the negative image of senior adults and the myths about physical and spiritual fitness; and, 5) plan, organize and implement joint physical and spiritual activities with other White Rock church ministries.

The Wellness/Fitness Class meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The current enrollment consists of twenty ladies and six men, ranging in age from 50 to 103.

The major program components are aerobics, educational, humor and spiritual. The spiritual component consists of nurturing, worshipping, fellowshipping and bonding. The Holy Bible is used as the source for preparing devotional experiences in worship and praise.

Oral and written evaluations of programs, activities, lectures, field trips and worship experiences are conducted regularly.

Dr. Reginald Van Stephens is pastor of White Rock Baptist Church.
Union Baptist Church observed Women's Day Sunday, October 26. Rev. Dr. Mazie B. Ferguson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Siler City, was the speaker for the early and mid-morning worship services. The theme was "Christian Women Standing Boldly for God — Past, Present and Future."

During October, several events were sponsored by the Women's Day Committee: New Members Get-Acquainted; Gospel Fest, Young Women Empowerment Conference, and Banquet/Fashion Gala. All events were held in the church Fellowship Hall.

Selected as outstanding women who had made significant contributions to the church, Mrs. Tonya F. Armstrong, Ms. Jazmine Taylor, Mrs. Irene Hall and Mrs. Cynthia Murrill were honored during the 11 o'clock worship service. Mrs. Evelyn P. Hammond, wife of the pastor, was presented a special gift from the Women's Day Committee. Mrs. Audrey Key received a bouquet of roses for her dedication and outstanding worth with children. Certificate were presented to each member of the Women's Day Committee by Ms. Brothers, who also received a gift certificate from its members for her leadership and dedication to the committee.
Members of Union Baptist Church, left, prepare food baskets for its "100 Years — 100 Food Baskets — 100 Families" celebration during the Thanksgiving holiday. In the top photo Mrs. Doris Holland, a member for 62 years bags sweet potatoes for a Thanksgiving food box. Below, Members Alice Jones, Bessie Clark, Bernadette Cooper and Elaine Russ work on bunches of collards. (Photo by Lawson)
Union Baptist Church Holds Its Annual Men's Day Activities

Hon. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, accompanied by the Union Baptist Church Senior Male Chorus.

Michaux's message stressed that racial discrimination still exists among political leaders within the state as well as around the nation. He said that the black race, with the help of God and the right to vote, has the power to change certain conditions.

Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr., senior pastor of the Berean Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., was the guest evangelist at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday. His topic was "The Burden and Blessing of Being a Black Man," using Mark 15:21 as the background scripture.

Dr. Griffin reminded the congregation that although our color sometimes comes across as a cross which we must bear, we should not allow that to make us bitter. Instead, we must take our burdens to the Lord and with His help turn them into blessings. They should be used as a catalyst to convey our energies into constructive causes. Dr. Griffin concluded by challenging black men and women to pass on their blessings as a proud heritage of the African-American race.
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH celebrated its 96th anniversary on Sunday, May 9, with a special program honoring senior members of the church, ages 65 and up, who were members of Union Baptist Church when it was located on Glendale Avenue. It has been at its current location, 904 N. Roxboro St., since 1955. Pictured are some of the honorees who were recognized during the anniversary service.
Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. to celebrate pastoral anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Union Baptist Church will celebrate the second pastoral anniversary of Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Rev. Bruce Hurst, pastor of Miles Chapel Baptist Church in Mebane, will be the morning speaker. Rev. John Wilkins, pastor of Wake Chapel Church in Raleigh, will preach the afternoon service.

Mack was called as the pastor of Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem in April 1999. Under his spiritual leadership, the church has experienced significant growth.

Mack answered the call to ministry and delivered his initial sermon on June 10, 1990, at Emanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. On July 25, 1991, he was ordained into the Rowan Baptist Association. Responding to the spiritual and academic preparation for ministry, he graduated from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, with his doctor of ministry degree. He received his degree under tutelage of Drs. William Augustus Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; the notable C. Eric Lincoln, author and professor emeritus of Duke University; and William C. Turner, preaching professor at Duke University.

The title of Mack’s study is “A Prophetic Praxis That Empowers Reconciliation Among Male Juvenile Delinquents in the African-American Community.” Mack developed a program titled the Reconciliation Empowerment Program (REP), inspired by a mission trip to Haiti, where he provided ministry among male orphans.

Mack is a native of Winston-Salem. He is the son of Frances Jones Mack and the late Dr. Sir Walter Mack Sr.

Mack Jr. began post-secondary education at Elon College, from where, in 1989, he earned his bachelor of arts degree in mass communications. He is a man who has touched the lives of old, young, near, and far, spreading the word of God as he was commanded to do.

Union Baptist Church is at 1200 N. Trade Street. Mack is pastor and teacher. For more information, call 724-9305 or visit the Web site at www.unionbaptistwsnc.org.
The clergy coalition also called for more African American churches and mosques to start primary and secondary schools to meet children's academic, moral and safety needs not currently being met in the public schools.

Vernon Robinson, president of the North Carolina Education Reform Foundation and the first African American to mount a viable campaign for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, was less tactful. "By their own hand, Governors Hunt and Martin have joined that long line of southern governors standing in the school house door of educational opportunity," quipped Robinson. Governor Hunt's letter claimed that HB 954 would permit, for the first time in North Carolina history, state funds would go to non-public schools, while supporters point out that over $180 million dollars go to private daycare, preschool, Smart Start, private colleges and universities. "Hunt's letter implied that public schools would have to let private use of their facilities free of charge, while the bill pays the school which loses students to the private sector $1,000 and requires that private schools pay fair market value for any facilities. Critics charge that the bill would cost $77 million in 1997, while supporters claim that figure is "new math" and the actual cost is substantially lower than the $57 million for Smart Start in the current budget deal. Opponents also claim that "there are no standards of accountability in the bill." Supporters point out that the collective force of millions of parents choosing schools and thousands of teachers working hard to give the parents the power of choice they are asking for, will force and enforce standards much higher than the current system which requires 6th grade work for a 12th grade diploma.

By Roxanne Perles

In an attempt to stop the bipartisan coalition of African American parents and clergy allied with GPO Speaker Harold Brubaker on school choice, Governor Jim Hunt, former Governor Jim Martin and a coalition of other education establishment leaders — billed as a bipartisan coalition for public schools — issued a tough letter last week opposing HB 954, the parental choice in education bill. Instead of slowing the momentum behind full and fair school choice, Hunt's letter may have a larger rift in the Democratic Party over tension about the failure of schools in the African American community.

HB 954 has several choice provisions. These provisions include:
- a refundable state tax credit of $200 in 1996 and $1,000 in 1997
- the ability for county commissioners to add up to $2,000 to the tax credit.
- open enrollment allowing any child to go to any public school in the state that has room.
- a provision for public school parents to use the tax credits for summer school.

The Interfaith Clergy Coalition for School Choice, a statewide group of African American ministers, said, "we are disappointed with Governor Hunt's lack of sensitivity on the issue of school choice empowerment." This position was stated by Rev. Perry TASKARD, pastor of Mt. Zion Christian Church in Graham. In a statement to the press, the clergy coalition asked Governors Hunt and Martin, "given 74% of African American 5th grade males statewide were rated not proficient on end of course testing last year and 40% of African American youths would be retained under the State Board of Education's new policies, what exactly would a destroyed pupil school system look like to you and how does it differ from the one we have now?"
his most exciting experience was getting involved with Martin Luther King, Jr. "Martin graduated just ahead of me," he said, "and when he began the Montgomery civil rights movement, I joined in with that movement."

Dr. Davis reflected back on the days when he and Martin Luther King would perform weddings together. "Whenever he'd come through town, he'd stay with us," he said. "I was always inspired by his non-violent approach."

Asked if he was a believer in family life, Dr. Davis stated a definite yes. "I have a wife, five children and four grandchildren." My children all had an opportunity to make something of themselves, and they have. They all have good jobs," he said.

Besides being respected at home, Dr. Davis is also respected and admired on campus. He noted that he tries to impress upon students that "they're going to have to have a new revelation of themselves, and can no longer depend upon other people to give them the kind of advancement they need." He also added that if blacks today can remember that "they're alive, fully functioning and able to cope with the environment, then they can overcome anything."

"It wasn't my luck stars, it was my living God that has worked with me throughout the years," said Dr. Grady Davis, educator at Shaw University and pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham.

Dr. Davis has pastored Union Baptist for 20 years, and prior to joining Union Baptist, pastored Oberlin Baptist Church in Raleigh for 10 years.

Dr. Davis joined the ministry in 1946, immediately after being released from the Army.

A native of North Hampton County, near Pleasant Hill, Dr. Davis comes from a family of seven, and was the only one who entered the ministry. "My parents were devout Christians," he said, "and they helped me make up my mind to become a minister."

According to Dr. Davis, his decision to join the church was a gradual decision. "There were no voices or illusions," he said.

Dr. Davis joined the staff of Shaw in 1951 and has not regretted a moment of it. "I've been dedicated to black excellence for many years," he added.

Recalling some of his experiences, Dr. Davis noted that (See PASTOR, P. 2)
WOMEN'S DAY AT UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Women’s Day At Union Baptist Honors Three

During its recent two-day observance of Women’s Day, Union Baptist Church honored three of its members—Miss Ava Best, Mrs. Margaret Cameron and Mrs. Evelyn Hammond.

Miss Best submitted the Women’s Day theme: “Women: Our Christian Commitment to God, Family and the Church,” Mrs. Cameron was named Woman of the Year. Mrs. Hammond, wife of the pastor, was recognized for Christian service and dedication.

Workshops were the main activity for Saturday morning. Mrs. Judith H. Davis of First Calvary Baptist Church, spoke on the theme. Miss Geraldine Thorne of Union Baptist Church presented depictions of some famous "African American Women"—Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mahalia Jackson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shirley Chisholm, Patricia Roberts Harris, Sharon Pratt Kelly, Marva Collins, Ida B. Wells, Rosa Parks and Oprah Winfrey.

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Music was presented by Mrs. Tanya Armstrong.

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At 11 o’clock, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, president of the State Congress of Christian Education, was the speaker. Music was by the Women’s Day Choir and a special solo by Ms. Ella Crawford.

Following the service, dinner was served in the church fellowship hall.

Mrs. Dina Nelson was chairwoman of the Women’s Day Committee. Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is the pastor.
Ms. Geraldine (Gerry) Mack will deliver her initial sermon Sunday, July 21 at 4 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., Durham, N.C.

The public is invited to the program.

Davis Choir will render the music.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, pastor of Union Baptist Church, is the preacher.

Mack is a graduate of Simon Gratz High School there. She presently attends paralegal technology programs under the office and college.

She is employed with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an administrative office assistant.

A native of Philadelphia, Mack is presently attending College under the office and college.

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Aid to Rwanda Fund Started by Eastern Community Church Fellowship

AID TO RWANDA — Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond reads announcement of the Eastern Community Church Fellowship’s fundraising effort to relieve suffering in Rwanda. Left to right are: Reverends James Daniel, Waddell Smith, Leroy Davis and Carl Kenney. (Photo by Ray Trent)

Pastors of the Eastern Community Church Fellowship — Reverends James Daniel, Leroy Davis, Waddell Smith, Carl Kenney and Kenneth Hammond — have launched a Rwandan Relief fundraising campaign with a goal of $25,000 by September 18.

All funds collected will be channeled through the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention.

Greater Joy, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Zoar, Orange Grove and Union Baptist, is pledging $5,000 toward the effort.

Churches and individuals desiring to make contributions may make checks payable to either the Eastern Community Church Fellowship or the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention and mailed to P.O. Box 11655, Durham, NC 27703.
Union Baptist Church celebrated Men's Day on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, focusing on the theme, "Return to Lead." The theme was based on Acts 7:34-37.

During the two-day observance, three members were honored. Charles Barnes was selected as 1994 Man of the Year. Van Clark, Sr. was selected as first place runner-up. Grover Wilson was selected as second place runner-up. The Men's Day Committee presented the Man of the Year Award.

Men's Day activities began on Saturday morning with the annual Men's Day Breakfast. The guest speaker was Gregory Jackson, head basketball coach at North Carolina Central University.

On Sunday, at the 7:47 a.m. service, the guest minister was Rev. Raymond Hylton of the Duke Divinity School. At the 11 o'clock service, the guest minister was Rev. Alton Westley, pastor of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Wendell.

The Men's Day Committee announced plans for an outreach project — a jail ministry for inmates of Durham County Jail that will be conducted every Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m.

[See photo]
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD — (L-R): Rev. Anton Wesley, guest minister; Vann Clark, Sr., Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, pastor; Charles Barnes, honoree; Grover Wilson, Isaac McGraw, Men’s Day Committee chairman; and Hubert Glenn, program participant. [See story]
The public is invited.

In conjunction with the Annual Women's Day activities, Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will offer a series of workshops concerning health related issues on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The workshops will be conducted by facilitators from a number of community health agencies. They will address issues concerning women's health, as well as family related issues.

Two workshops will be held concurrently. The topics and facilitators will be:

9:00 — "AIDS - CAN IT HAPPEN TO ME," Mr. Carel Reese; "NUTRITION," Ms. Betsy Davis
10:00 — "CANCER," Dr. Lillian Horne; "MEN, Their Support Role as Spouses," Dr. Howard Fitts
11:00 — "HEALTH AND SAFETY," Mr. Larry Massenburg; "SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE," Ms. Joy Nichols
12:00 — "DIABETES," Ms. Mary Candler; "HEART ATTACKS," Heart Association, Ms. Joyce Price
1:00 — "WRAP UP," Mr. James Polk

Participating agencies include the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Department of Social Services, Durham County Health Department, Lincoln Community Health Center, and RTP Association of Diabetes Education.

All sessions will be held in the Education Building of the church. They are free and open to the public. Persons needing transportation to the workshops may call the church at 684-1304 by October 21 to arrange transportation.