Macedonia celebrates homecoming

Macedonia Baptist Church, Statesville Highway and Enon Church Road, will have homecoming and revival services beginning 11 a.m. Sunday with the Rev. George Jackson, New Covenant Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S.C., as speaker. Jackson is the son of the Rev. W.T. Jackson, pastor of Macedonia, and Pearlena M. Jackson. Born in Rock Hill, S.C., he received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1985 from North Carolina Central University. While at NCCU, he received the Pepsi Cola WDUR Pride of the Community Award and twice received the Frances A. Kornegy Scholarship for outstanding leadership to the university community. In 1980, he helped found Ebony Alpha Eboty Service Organization.

George Jackson was ordained at Macedonia in April 1987 and attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. He received master's of divinity from Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, in May 1996. He has been pastor at Yadkin Grove and Mount Prospect Baptist churches.

A community activist, George Jackson is a Prince Hall Mason; secretary of the board of directors of One Church One Child of S.C. Inc.; founder and chairman of Martin Luther King Jr. Social
School District Three Advisory Committee and numerous other civic boards and committees.

Lunch will be served at 2 p.m. followed by a service at 3:30 with the Rev. Jelester A. Sanders, pastor, New High Spring Baptist Church, Gastonia, as speaker. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Sanders attended Metrolina Theological Seminary Extension, Shaw Divinity School, Charlotte, and Teamer Religious and Educational Enterprises Inc., Charlotte. He was ordained Feb. 23, 1975, by the Mount Peace Missionary Baptist Association, Charlotte, and is licensed by the Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Charlotte.

He was formerly pastor of Old Wilson Baptist Church, Chester, S.C. and has held various offices and served on a number of committees of the Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association.

Sanders is married to the former Carnell Feaster and they have four children and three grandchildren.

George Jackson will conduct revival services 7:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The Rev. Samuel F. Hairston, pastor, Smith Grove Baptist Church, Hiddenite, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

A Winston-Salem native, Hairston attended Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, and was ordained Feb. 6, 1956. He has been pastor at New Light Baptist, Winston-Salem, Chinquapin Grove, Mocksville, and St. John Baptist Church, Climax.

Hairston is active in numerous civic organizations. He and his wife Marian have three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Various church and choirs will take part in the services.