Musical Program
To Be Presented

The Junior Usher Board of Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Red Springs will hold a musical program called "A Battle of Songs" at 4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the church.


The public is invited to attend.
Norman named pastor of Center Grove Baptist Church

The Rev. Samuel Norman Sr., of Fayetteville preached his first sermon as the new pastor of Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Red Springs, Sunday, April 5.

Rev. Norman, licensed by Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, was ordained by the Union Baptist Association. He served as interim pastor at Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church, Lumber Bridge, and associate minister at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in business and economics from Methodist College in Fayetteville. He also holds a master of arts in theology from the Gospel Outreach Theological Institute in Houston, Texas.

Since taking the position at Center Grove, he has implemented an 8:30 a.m. worship service on the second Sunday of each month.

The installation service for Rev. Norman will be held Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. He has invited members of all surrounding churches and persons from all surrounding communities to join him for this service.

The guest speaker for the installation service will be the Rev. Dr. Robert B. Clark Jr., pastor of St. Jude Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. Norman is married to the former Marion Joyce Manning. The couple has five children.
Students win scholarship

George McEachern, a former Hoke County resident who now lives in Maryland, has given $10,000 in scholarships to students in Hoke County in the memory of McEachern. The $10,000 will be given out as ten $1,000 prizes in honor of McEachern. Purcell originally intended to make the scholarships available only to business students, but now they are provided to any student who meets the guidelines. Preference is given to students pursuing a degree in business and applicants who are members of Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Millside Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Consideration for the scholarship is based on church and community activities, leadership, academic improvement and plans to pursue a degree. Applicants should strive for a 3.0 GPA once enrolled in college and be committed to completing a two to four year degree program.

The 1996 recipients of the Earnest McEachern Memorial Scholarship are: Nakia McPhatter and Melinda Godwin. McPhatter is the daughter of G G Lea and Veronica McPhatter. She is attending Winston-Salem University and operated a grocery store called Godwin. She is studying at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Other scholarship recipients for 1995 were: Tasha Haynes McGregor, daughter of Harvey and Arnell Farmer; Althea Wanze Lewis, daughter of Atlas and Edna Lewis; Michael and Vikki Lloyd, son and daughter of Neal and Carolyn Lloyd; Natalie R. Vikki Lloyd McPhatter, daughter of Patricia and Johnny McPhatter; Andrea McPhatter; and Mary McPhatter.