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HOME COMING AND DEDICATION
April 20, 1975

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "The Mighty Power of God" - - - - Reynolds
CALL TO WORSHIP: "Let's Just Praise The Lord" - - - Gaither
Leader, Wayne Lee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION - - - - - - - - Deacon Gordon Sugg
HYMN 33: "To God Be The Glory" - - - - - - - Doane
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS - - - - - - Pastor
OFFERTORY HYMN 35: "How Great Thou Art"
OFFERTORY SENTENCE - TITHES AND OFFERINGS - MUSICAL OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
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HYMN 236: "The Church's One Foundation" - - - - Wesley
PRAYER OF DEDICATION - - - - - - - - - - Deacon C. V. Bailes

ANTHEM: "Open The Gates Of The Temple" - - Knapp/Johnson
Soloist, Mrs. Walter Clegg

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON - - - - - - - Rev. Richard Smith
INVITATIONAL HYMN 265: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
PRAYER OF BENEDICTION - - - - - - - Deacon M. A. Shaver

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Alleluia" - - - - Combined Choirs
MUSICAL POSTLUDE: "Sing We The King" - - - - Gabriel

CEREMONY OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Who presents this building for dedication?
People: We, the members of Adamsville Baptist Church.

Pastor: To the glory of God the Father who saves us and keeps us by His marvelous grace; To the blessing, and glory and honor, and power of God the Son who loved us so much that He gave Himself for us, and who ever lives to make interceding for us: To the praise of God the Holy Spirit who calls us, directs us, and teaches us how to pray:

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Pastor: For the worship of God in prayer, Praise, and meditation: For the proclamation of the everlasting gospel at home, throughout the nation, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth; For the preservation in their purlity of the sacred ordinances;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Pastor: For the conversion of sinners; For the perfection of God's people in righteousness; For the unity in faith and practice of believers;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.
Pastor: For comfort to those who sorrow and suffer; For strength to those who are weak: For Christian fellowship one with another;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Pastor: For sustaining the sacredness of the home; For instructing and safeguarding the young; For promoting peace among all peoples;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Pastor: For consolation to the poor; For healing to the sick; For hospitality to the stranger;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Pastor: In grateful remembrance of those who have served before us; In grateful recognition of those who have served with us; In grateful awareness of the responsibility we bear to those who shall follow us in preparing the way for the return of the Lord;

People: We dedicate this sanctuary and all its furnishings.

Lunch

AFTERNOON SERVICE

HYMN 40: "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"
HYMN 75: "I Love Thee"

RECOGNITIONS: Former Members; Charter Members; New Births at Adamsville Baptist Church; Called to Ministry and Missionary; Contractors; Architect; Former Pastor; Committees.

SPECIAL MUSIC Men of Madison directed by Carlton Frederick

HISTORY

HYMN 164: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Mrs. Helen Shaver

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM 3:30 p.m.

CLOSING HYMN 254: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

BENEDICTION

HISTORY

1958 First service of Adamsville Baptist Mission held October 19 at 2406 E. Ash St. Rev. H. R. Starling served as Mission pastor.

1959 Rev. Waldo Early, Sr. called as first pastor (February 22, 1959-August, 1961). Membership was 19.

1959 Mission organized into Adamsville Baptist Church on October 25. Membership was 70.
ADAMSVILLE BAPTIST AT WORK

SUN  Homecoming-Dedication Day
      Cooperative Program Day
MON 11:30  Pastors' Conference, Goldsboro
     7:00  Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women General meeting
WED  6:30  Youth Council
     7:30  Family Missions
     8:30  Adult Choir Practice
FRI-SAT  RA  Camp (grades 4-12) Camp Caraway
FRI-SUN  State Acteens Convention, Ridgecrest
SAT  6:30  Youth Visitation
     7:30  Youth Action
SUN NEXT:  Sermon Topic 11 A.M. "What God Can Do"-Pastor Message by Wayne Lee-7 P.M. Worship

NOTES AND NOTICES

FLOWERS TODAY:  Mrs. Nada Clarkson in loving memory of her father
NURSERY TODAY:  Mrs. Pat Cantrell, Mrs. Joyce Edwins, Mrs. Brenda Jackson, Mrs. Jackie Lambert, Mrs. Elizabeth Garris and Mrs. Linda Gregory
FLOWERS NEXT:  Mr. and Mrs. John Raines
NURSERY NEXT:  Mrs. Alice Striplin, Mrs. Valerie Callender and Mrs. Susan Morton
CHIEF USHERS:  H. E. Nickens and T. D. Dillingham
CHOIR DIRECTOR:  Mrs. Eugene Hager
CHURCH ORGANIST:  Mrs. Wayne Lee
CHURCH PIANIST:  Miss Lynn Phipps
RECORDS:  April 13, S.S.-398; C.T.-101; Kdgt.-$82.00; Hymnal Fund-$295.68; M. Sanct.-$96.65; Pew Fund-$36.50; Revival Offering-$96.40-10th.; Shrubbery fund-$150.00;
Budget-$1,670.00

Your personal hymnals are in the church office, pick them up at your earliest convenience. You may place payment in a church envelope and mark it hymnal fund.

We express our appreciation to all who supported the Revival effort through attendance, special music, prayer leaders, ushers, little preacher, prayers and witnessing. To God be the glory for every decision made.

Parents, please pick up your children from the Nursery for lunch. Nursery will be open from 9:45-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.
TOGETHER WE BUILT

BUILDING CONTRACTORS:

General Contractor - John Summerlin Construction Co.
Heating & A.C. - J. H. Askins
Electrical - Wayne Electric Co. Inc.
Plumbing - Hasty Plumbing and Heating Co. Inc.
Pews - Winebarger Corp.
Carpet - Knowles Carpet and Vernon Equipment Co. Inc.
Architects - Hackney, Knott and Sears

NEW BUILDING COMMITTEES:

Sanctuary Planning - M. A. Shaver, Chmn., Mrs. Sarah Connor,
Walt Ham, Mrs. Roselyn Edwards, Earl Reynolds, Richard
Van Benthuysen and Pastor Sears
Building - David Brown, Chmn., Gordon Sugg, Walter Uzzell
C. V. Bailes, Mrs. Ann Lewis, Miss Susan Getchell
Furnishings - Mrs. Roselyn Edwards, Chmn., Walt Ham, Bill
Gay, Ray Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Allen, Miss Lou Uzzell
Finance - M. A. Shaver, Chmn., Richard Van Benthuysen,
James Coats, Mrs. Kathy Lee

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM: Frances Hillyer, Ronnie Bailey,
Hannelori Curin, Carl Calhoun, Taft Simmons, Victor
Santana, George Moor, Sr., Sue Moore, Raymond Moore,
James Moore, Barbara Moore, Danny Ham, Jimmy Coor, Sharon
Wyatt, Lester Boltinhouse, Beverly Woodard, Norma
Johnson, Debbie Coats, Leigh Ann Wright, Beamon Owensby

LICENSED AS MISSIONARIES OR MINISTERS ORDAINED

Mike Childers
Michael Lee
David Rome
Susan Raines
Debbie Phillips
Ray Smeltzer
Steve Smith
Skeet Hadley
Wayne Lee
Jerry Mixon
Tedd Savage
Richard Smith
David Read

Bill Gay
Tommy Waits
Adamsville Ch. Nevre Assoc

Organ

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HIGH-RANKING ROYAL AMBASSADORS recognized recently in a service at First Church, Clayton, set a record for the Johnston Association in RA work. Left to right, the boys are: Jim Napper, Jr., Ambassador Extraordinary; Larry Oldham, Bill Giddey, Ambassadors Plenipotentiary; Glenn Church and J. V. Carbel, Ambassadors Extraordinary.

Several Pages and Quotes were recognized in the same service. Randolph Allen is Royal Ambassador in February in Clayton, and Harold M. White is present.

LeRoy Martin School is Dedicated

The LeRoy Martin Junior High School at Raleigh was dedicated Sunday afternoon, November 1. The new school on Kiefer Road is named for LeRoy Martin, vice-president and treas-urer of the Washington Bank and well-known Baptist layman who is a member of Hayes Barton Church. Mr. Martin has given generously to the Raleigh schools for many years. He has also served on the board of trustees of several of our Baptist colleges and is a prolific Baptist writer. He was a member of the Committee of 25 which completed its work last spring.

W. H. Weatherspoon, another Baptist layman, was chief speaker for the dedication service. Others who took part were Rev. John W. Wicks, pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Mayor William G. Gillum, Robert J. Lovins, principal of the LeRoy Martin School, Linde Holland a student, and J. M. Edwards, architect.

Adamsville, New Church, Organized Sunday, October 25, Whole Association

The new church organization at the Goldsboro area was organized Sunday, Octo-ber 25, in a fully attended Baptist church growing from a standing mission work, located in this heavily populated community; just out-side Goldsboro. Rev. Wade Early, Sr., is pas-tor. The church had been a mission for the past year.

Rev. R. E. Whitley is chairman of the mis-sion committee of the New Association. Rev. H. R. Sturdivant, association missionary, gave a historical sketch of the mission. He had served as pastor before Mr. Early was called. Harold Parks, clerk of the Adamsville Mis-sion, the Rev. Roy Brats, pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church and the Rev. N. E. Arant, pastor of Riverstone Church, knitted a review of the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith. Harold Parks presented the new members and announced that all who united with the church before January 1, 1940, would be considered charter members.

Dr. M. A. Haggard, retired Secretary General of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, gave the address on "Birth of a New Church."

Others participating in the service included the Rev. Gilmer Cross, the Rev. Forrest Jones, and the Rev. W. A. Decker. Churches repre-sented were First Baptist, Madison Avenue, Falling Creek of Goldsboro and Wayne County, and Westminster of Johnston County.

South Roanoke Association

Meets, Oct. 20-21

The South Roanoke Baptist Association reports that the annual fall session of the South Roanoke Association, October 20-21, "was a most unusual experience from beginning to end. About 400 members and friends from the churches attended the sessions at Bethel and William Memorial Churches, which served as hosts. Moderator Harvey S. Johnson did a superb job in directing the proceedings. Rev. J. M. Jackson of Emmanuel Church, Greenville, was elected moderator for the coming year. Joe E. English of Eagles Church was elected vice-mod-erator, and W. F. Howell of William Memorial, associate. Other new officers include Dr. J. S. Fleming, Fariboz, Secretary, James P. Jackson, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Greenville, was elected treasurer of the association. "

During the high points of the morning were the testimonial service by Rev. J. M. Jackson, and the message by Dr. Bevis L. Hendricks. "

Decision was made to hold an Assemblies General Wednesday of the association in April, 1941, and the executive committee was instructed to prepare a drive for funds for the Hampton Branch of the Baptist Homes, Inc.

Rev. John A. Moore, Greenville, is secre-tary-missionary.

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Adamsville Baptist Church Was Born As Mission In 1958

The Adamsville Baptist Church began as a mission October 19, 1958, meeting in the former W. E. Spence home, 2406 E. Ash Street. Rev. Waldo Early, Sr. was the first pastor serving from February 1959 till August, 1961.

The church was organized Oct. 25, 1959 with 70 members. The first minister from its membership, Rev. H. T. Waits was ordained July, 1961.

Rev. Matthew O. Sears was called as pastor April 24, 1962. At that time the church membership was 118 and the budget was $10,493.00. Planning and Building Committees chaired by Rev. H. R. Starling and M. A. Shaver were elected May 6, 1962. A ground-breaking service was held July 22, 1962 at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd., and the new building was dedicated April 21, 1963. A second groundbreaking service was held Sept. 11, 1966 for an additional educational building. It was dedicated March 5, 1967.

A new Sanctuary Planning Committee was elected February 10, 1971 consisting of M. A. Shaver, chairman, Mrs. Sarah Connor, Walt Ham, Mrs. Roselyn Edwards, Earl Reynolds, Richard Van Benthusen, and Rev. M. O. Sears.

On May 2 a building committee, chaired by David Brown, a furnishing committee, chaired by Mrs. Roselyn Edwards, and a finance committee, chaired by M. A. Shaver were elected.

Plans were adopted for the new sanctuary October 28, 1973 and contracts were awarded January 6, 1974 to Summerlin Construction Co., Hasty Plumbing, J. H. Askins and Wayne Electric Co. and “Bill” Sears of Hackney. Knott and Sears of Durham was the architect.

A groundbreaking service was held on Feb. 17, 1974 with David Brown, chairman of Building Committee turning the first spade of dirt. The first service in the new sanctuary was March 30. Homecoming and Dedication Day was April 20, 1975.

The Adamsville Baptist Church is composed of about 50 per cent military personnel. There is an annual turnover in membership of more than 200.

Present church membership is 902 and present budget is $106,000.00. The church has ordained three men to the gospel ministry: Rev. H. T. Waits, pastor, Snow Hill First Baptist; Rev. Bill Gay, pastor, Pineview Baptist and Rev. Steve Smith, pastor, Alum Springs and Garners Chapel Baptist Churches.

In addition, 14 others have been licensed for the gospel ministry and missionary fields, including Michael Lee who is youth director at North Street Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Since 1962 the church has received 1847 new members of which 617 were by baptism. The church now has property value in excess of $750,000. Rev. and Mrs. Sears were recently presented a 1976 Mercury Marquis by the Adamsville Congregation in appreciation for 14 years of service with the church.

Church officers are: C. V. Bailes, chairman of deacons; Richard Ban Benthusen, Sunday School director; Carl Wyatt, church training director; Mrs. Virginia Uzzell, W.M.U. director; James Small, brotherhood director; Mrs. Eugene Hager, music director; Dennis Sloan, youth director; Mrs. Antoinette Parks, organist; Miss Lynn Phipps, pianist and Mrs. Rose Reid, church secretary.
Dr. Hyde To Address Conference

Dr. James A. Hyde, director and pastoral counselor of the Fayetteville Family Life Center, will be the featured speaker at the third annual spring conference of the Wayne County Family Life Council, to be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Adamsville Baptist Church.

The theme of the program, “Is There Room for Another Adult in This Family?”, will focus around the young person’s search for adulthood, the family dynamics involved as a person moves from the dependency of childhood to the independence and inter-dependence often associated with adulthood.

Dr. Hyde has had extensive experience dealing with families, through the church pastorate, the counseling center, and youth retreat leadership. A native of Four Oaks, he has studied at Norman Junior College, Sanford University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving his Doctorate in Ministry from the latter.

He has served pastorates in Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky, and worked in counseling centers in Kentucky and in Winston - Salem, before becoming affiliated with the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, in Winston - Salem. His current work in Fayetteville is in conjunction with the School of Pastoral Care.

The Thursday night seminar has been planned by the Wayne County Family Life Council in cooperation with student representatives from area high schools. It seeks to address both parents and the young adults who live with them, with the aim of opening additional lines of communication within the family.

The evening is sponsored by the Family Life Council, in cooperation with the Neuse Baptist Association, the Adamsville Baptist Church, and the local office of Barium Springs Home for Children, a Presbyterian family service agency.

The program is open to all persons of the community. There is no registration fee, but a free will offering will be taken to help with the expenses of the meeting. For further information, contact the Barium Springs office at 736-0550.

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Rev. Poe
To Speak
At Revival

Rev. John Poe, Southern Baptist missionary to South Africa, will be the guest minister for revival services Monday through Sunday at the Adamsville Baptist Church, 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd.

Rev. Poe served as president of the Sao Paulo, State Mission and a member of the executive committee of the South Brazil Mission. He has worked with the Mozambiquan refugees and miners. He also served for seven years as executive secretary and treasurer of the State Baptist Convention of Santa Catarina.

The revival services will begin with deacon-led, youth-led and children services at 7 p.m. The joint revival services will begin at 7:30 p.m. except at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Congregational music will be led by Walt Ham and Jim Coats. Special music will be under the direction of Mrs. Lou Hager.

A special Association Wide Evangelism Conference is set for Tuesday night during the revival. The featured speakers will be Dr. Mark Corts, president of the N. C. State Baptist Convention and Rev. Al Wright, Southern Baptist evangelist.
Rev. Wilkie Featured

Rev. Cleve Wilkie of Kinston will be the guest minister for the 20th anniversary homecoming celebration of the Adamsville Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. He is with the Stewardship Field Promotion Department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

All adults will be meeting in the church sanctuary for the Sunday school lesson at 9:45 a.m. A church picnic will be served at 12:30 p.m. An afternoon service beginning at 1:45 will feature the church's history as presented by Mrs. Helen Shaver and Mrs. Sarah Connor. A medley of songs by Mrs. Johanna Smith of Garner and sermon by Rev. Steve Smith, pastor of Turner Memorial Baptist Church in Garner, will be presented.

The church has 800 members, a budget of $165,600 and has licensed over 21 young people for the gospel ministry or missions work.

The church is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd.

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Pastor Receives Car — Rev. M. O. Sears (left) and his wife receive the keys to a 1976 Mercury Marquis from Deacon Chairman C. V. Bailes on behalf of the congregation of the Adamsville Baptist Church. Rev. Sears came to the Adamsville Church 14 years ago when the church was in a rented house on Ash St. with a membership of 158. Membership today is 888. Since 1962 the church has received 1,825 new members of which 610 were by baptism. The church now has property value in excess of $750,000. (Staff Photo by Bill Futrelle)
PLAN CONFERENCE — Members of a committee planning a Parent - Teen conference scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Adamsville Baptist Church are standing, from left: Chuck Pace and Ray Jones, students at Charles B. Aycock High School; James Harris, student at Goldsboro High School and Al Hamann. Seated are Laura Harris, student at Goldsboro High School and Bob Haines, president of the Wayne County Family Life Council. Topic of the conference will be “Is There Room For Another Adult in Your Family.” (Staff Photo by Sabrina Strickland)
Church Holding Celebration

The Adamsville Baptist Church at 1302 N. Berredy Blvd. will begin a week of Bicentennial celebration Sunday.

Dr. Cecil Ray, newly elected secretary of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention will be guest speaker for the morning worship service. The church choir will present a special anthem, "The King Is Coming", under the direction of Mrs. Lou Hager. Doug Tart will accompany the choir as trumpeter.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be guest speaker on Tuesday night. The service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Coy Privette, president of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, and candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will speak on Wednesday night.

On Thursday night, Rev. Waldo Early Sr., first pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church, will bring the message.

On July 4 the pastor, Rev. M. O. Sears will bring the message at 11 a.m. His topic will be "Happy Birthday, America!" Following the worship hour there will be an old-fashioned, church-wide picnic. Other features for the July 4 service will be patriotic hymns, Color Guard, and 1776 Wearing apparel.

Dr. Cecil Ray

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'82 Highlights For Adamsville Baptist

Adamsville Baptist Church was organized Oct. 25, 1959. Rev. M.O. Sears was called as pastor April 24, 1962.

During 1982:
- A special service for the dedication of 25 handbells and accessories donated by Mrs. Ruby Dillingham as a memorial to her late husband, T.D. Dillingham, was held on April 4.
- The church purchased a Phoenix Pontiac as a staff car to be used by the pastor while serving the church. A Cannon Copier and an addressing machine were added to the church office equipment.
- On March 28, the Rev. Jenneth Jones was called as a full time associate pastor ministering to the youth. He is a graduate of Louisville Baptist Theological Seminary and the former pastor of LaGrange Baptist Church.
- April 25 marked the pastor's 20th anniversary with the church. The event was celebrated during morning and afternoon services with Rev. R.W. Knight of Greensboro, bringing the morning message. A lunch was provided following the afternoon service. The pastor and his wife were presented a gift of $1,000. The church voted to dedicate a pictorial directory in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Sears, to be produced by Olan Mills Company.
- In May, the "Mother of the Year" turned out to be two mothers, Mrs. Bonnie Jean Kirk and Mrs. Helen Nickens. They were presented plaques, corsages, and checks for dinners in their favorite eating places. The pastor was appointed to the Board of Ministers of Campbell University on May 20.
- After 24 years of dedicated service as church treasurer, M.A. Shaver was honored on "Shaver Day" August 8, with an inscribed brass bell as a token of the church's appreciation.
- The following month, an I.B.M. Selectric typewriter was added to the office equipment.
GUEST SPEAKER — Dr. Gwenn McCormick, director of Church Building Planning with the Baptist State Convention, will be guest speaker during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Adamsville Baptist Church, 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd. Dr. McCormick served pastorates for 28 years in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. The Gospel Gentlemen of Goldsboro will present a musical program at 7 p.m. at the church.
David and Frances Periconi have begun work at Adamsville Baptist Church as Minister of Music/Education and Minister of Youth/Education respectively.

Periconi, a native of New York, was educated at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J. and Ithaca College, New York, with B.B. and M.M. degrees in music and organ. He studied radio announcing at Wayne Community College. In addition to directing, he teaches voice, piano and organ.

He has served churches in Muncie, Ind., Hanover, Pa., New York, New Jersey and North Carolina. He comes to Adamsville from the First Baptist Church of Swansboro where he served as Minister of Music/Youth.

Mrs. Periconi is a native of Indiana and earned an M.S. degree in psychiatric mental health education and counseling. This includes teaching and learning, administration, curriculum planning, guidance and counseling, human relations and social problems.

She has experience in public health teaching in the ghettos of Chicago, Ill., college and university instructor at Atlantic Christian and Wayne Community Colleges and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Mrs. Periconi has been a leader of Acteens, taught Sunday School and public school. She was director of the High School Department of Sunday School and was involved with the youth program at First Baptist in Swansboro. She is an active choir member, plays the piano and has experience in the puppet ministry.

The couple has two children, Stevie, 8, and Sally, 7, and reside at 1804 Saxon St. Their telephone number is 734-1952.
Adamsville Baptist Church Revival Set

Southern Baptist Evangelist Jimmy Hinson and his wife, Margaret, of Mocksville, will be the guest leaders in revival services April 12-17 at the Adamsville Baptist Church, 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd.

Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services each week night will begin at 7:30 p.m. Each service will be preceded by a deacon-led prayer period for adults and youth at 7. Also at the same time, Mrs. Hinson and her muppet, Sally Sunshine, will be working with children and youth.

Special music will be directed by Mrs. Lou Hager. Congregational singing will be led by Jim Coats and Walt Ham. Mrs. Jean Kirk is organist and Miss Lynn Phipps is pianist. Rev. M.O. Sears is pastor.

Hinson is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now working on his Doctor of Ministry Degree at Luther Rice Seminary of Florida. He served pastorates in North Carolina, 1956-60; was youth director of Green Street Baptist, High Point 1960-62; evangelist 1962-71; associate director, Division of Evangelism, N.C. State Convention, 1971-74. He is now serving as the evangelist of Reach Out Evangelism Ministries, Inc., Mocksville.

Mrs. Margaret Hinson serves with her husband as pianist and singer, also working with children and youth with her muppet.

Nursery will be provided for all services.
By ANNETTE SASSER

A local minister is rejoicing today because of the re-election of Dr. Charles Stanley as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Al Wright, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church, back from the convention in Dallas, Texas, said, "Dr. Stanley is a genuine man of God. He believes in the verbally inspired word of God."

Dr. Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, defeated the conservative Rev. Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Texas, by a margin of 55 percent to 44 percent. Moore was elected first vice president.

"They are misleading," Wright said. "They imply that fundamentalists are not convention loyalists. I love the Southern Baptist Convention. But I owe my allegiance to Christ."

During a year of campaigning, fundamentalists have complained of liberal tendencies in interpreting the Bible in denominational institutions, especially seminaries.

Baptists have historically insisted on the "soul competency" of individuals to understand the Bible for themselves, while fundamentalists maintain that all of the Scriptures must be seen as scientifically, historically factual.

Wright said he supported Dr. Stanley's re-election because "he believes in the inerrancy of the Bible." He said it also indicated a move back to the Bible.

"I believe in the Virgin Birth and the resurrection. I believe Christ is coming again to reign on earth. I see the Word of God as being revered, preached and taught as the word of God," Wright explained.

He said he does not believe the issue is men against men, but whether the Bible is verbally inspired of God.

"We are not to worship God's word, but by His word know to worship God," Wright said.

The convention, which ended Thursday, drew a record-breaking (Continued on Page 18A)
The Fannie Brown Sunday School class of the Adamsville Baptist Church held its party Dec. 9 at Jennings Seafood.
Stanley re-election

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The convention launched a major effort for reconciliation. A 22-member “peace committee,” representing both moderates and fundamentalists, was instructed to inquire into causes of the conflict and recommend solutions.

crowd of 45,226 “messengers” from congregations across the country. That was double the turnout at any previous convention in the denomination’s 140-year history.
First baptism

Dr. Al Wright, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church, baptizes Jessie Dawson, an inmate at Wayne Correctional Center, Thursday during the first baptism held at the center. Eleven inmates were baptized in a portable pool set up in the prison yard. The prison ministry, which is conducted once a month, was begun several years ago by Hubert Nickens of Adamsville Baptist Church. Sixty-four inmates were scheduled to be baptized but 53 had been transferred to other facilities, according to Dr. Wright. (Staff photo by Brian Strickland)
Buck’s Restaurant.

COY PRIVETTE HERE

The Rev. Coy Privette, member of the N.C. House of Representatives, will be guest speaker at 7 tonight at Adamsville Baptist Church. It was incorrectly announced in Friday’s News-Argus that he would be there last night. The service is open to the public.
The Fannie Brown Sunday School Class of Adamsville Baptist Church held its Christmas party on Dec. 20 at Jennings Restaurant.
Drink fight promised

By JADE D. JUREK

Both sides have been keeping quiet about their plans for the Goldsboro citywide mixed drink referendum, but they promise the fight will get more visible before the Sept. 9 vote.

Dr. Al Wright, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church and chairman of the Concerned Citizens for the Better Way, an anti-liquor committee led by local ministers, said his committee has been working quietly.

"The other side has been quiet and we're doing ours in the quiet, too," Dr. Wright said. "But we'll have a few surprises coming."

Wright said he did not want to give out his committee's plans for (Continued on Page 10A)
their fight, but did say that many of the local churches would be providing rides to the polls.

Denise Souza, spokesperson for the pro-liquor forces, said the group would push most of its efforts in a "get out the vote" campaign.

"We've decided to put in our major effort right before the election," Ms. Souza said.

She said her group will emphasize that Goldsboro needs mixed drinks to compete with other Eastern North Carolina cities and its belief that liquor by the drink means more control on liquor consumption.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wayne County, which has favored the vote, will send out a letter asking voters to cast their ballots in favor of mixed drinks, President Jim Cherry said.

Both groups said they want to see voters turn out for the referendum, saying a good turnout would favor their sides.

Ms. Souza pointed out that a majority of city voters favored liquor by the drink in the countywide referendum held in May. Four out of the city's five precincts and 55.5 percent of the city voters casting ballots in the countywide vote favored liquor by the drink.
One of the most dramatic examples of steady church growth and development among North Carolina Baptist churches has been that at the Adamsville Baptist Church over in Goldsboro — under the expert leadership of the pastor, the Rev. M. O. Sears.

He went to Adamsville in the mid-1960s from a successful pastorate at Newport when Adamsville was but a small mission, meeting with a "knot of people" in a crowded little house — where I had the joy of ministering and preaching "a little" before Sears came on the scene. The spirit and determination of that tiny band of folks back in those days well foreboded what was destined to come — a great church.

Today, over 20 years later, Adamsville Baptist Church is housed in a sprawling brick plant along a main highway, highly organized and functioning on all cylinders, multiple-staffed, operating on a $200,000 budget, with nearly a thousand members and a steady growth. All of this is a tribute to Sears' steady and faithful ministry, as well as to the faithfulness of the Adamsville folks in general throughout the years. Pastor and people have sacrificed and worked hard to bring this church to where it is today.

To be with M. O. Sears in any capacity is a treat and blessing beyond measure, and I treasure the few times I've been with him here in Newport, at Adamsville, and in Convention work.

Our paths last crossed up in Charleston, W. Va., when he came up to assist in statewide simultaneous revivals, preaching in a Charleston church. We came together one morning at a "Prayer Breakfast" with other pastors at Shoney's Restaurant in South Charleston.

As preachers will do, we sat around the table before things got serious in terms of eating and praying, swapping "preacher and church" stories. Sears tickled my funnybone by getting in a good one about a preacher and one of his unfaithful members.

"Well, Reverend," replied the miscreant, "there are several reasons why I haven't been to church recently. For one thing, I've been mighty sick a time or two. Then, one Sunday morning my car broke down and wouldn't start; and again, as you know, it has rained and rained lately, and things have been mighty wet."

"Well, friend," retorted the suspicious preacher, "it has been dry all along at the church."

"That's another reason!"

"And that reminds me of the "oldie" about the evidently bored church member who remarked about his evidently long-winded preacher, "My pastor in his sermons can go down the deepest, stay down the longest, and come up the driest of any preacher I ever heard."

I get around that sort of stuff in my own preaching by just going down and never coming up!"
Adamsville Baptist installs new sanctuary sound system

Adamsville Baptist Church's year began with the installation of a new sound system in the church sanctuary on October 24, 1986.

Handbells were donated to the church by Mrs. Helen Shaver in memory of her husband, M.A. Shaver. Tables and covers for the handbells were given by Mrs. Ruby Dillingham.

Two major events took place on April 12, 1987, — the M.A. Shaver Education Building was dedicated and the church began a TV Ministry on Channel 13.

The first classes were held in the new educational wing on April 19, 1987.

In June of 1987, Gary Chadwick was hired as Summer Youth Coordinator. He was called as Minister of Youth on September 27, 1987.

Two hundred and fourteen new members were added to the church during the past year, 100 of them by baptism. They brought the total church membership to 1,166.

Sunday school enrollment is 1,030, with 193 new members added during the year. Average Sunday school attendance is 362. Church training enrollment is 139.

Total receipts for the year were $519,644.65, and $100,238.02 was given to missions.
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Lawrence (AP) — When its floods is unclear. Dozens of Methodists, Southern Baptist and Episcopal congregations received help from their denominations. More than 100 congregations — many small or independent — were helped through the innovative Church2Church program.

The state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety created the program as a clearinghouse where distressed congregations could be matched with other churches ready to help. In the weeks following the storm, Church2Church received more than 400 calls, as many as 25 per day at the peak.

"We were just overwhelmed," said John Williams, a crime control lawyer enlisted to direct the program. "It turned out to be a larger need and a larger outpouring than we ever believed."

Seven Springs Baptist Church resumed services at its small sanctuary three months after the floods thanks to workers and money from congregations in Shelby, Indian Trail and Pittsboro.

"It wouldn't have happened without the Church2Church program," said the Rev. Ashley Summerlin, pastor at Seven Springs.

Predominantly white St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Raleigh and Olive Chapel Baptist Church in Apex were matched with historically black Batts Chapel, which had completed thousands of dollars in renovations just days before the storm.

Sixty people from the three congregations gathered on a Saturday in November to begin the overwhelming task of rebuilding. It took eight people to remove warlogged pews. A piano that had been submerged fell to pieces.

"When we walked in the door, nothing had been touched," said Kevin Pease, an Olive Chapel member and remodeling contractor. "We gutted the whole place in the day."

The bulk of the renovations didn't begin until March, when the building dried out completely. The three churches worked together on 12 Saturdays through

Workers rebuild the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Princeville. Floyd damaged or destroyed 1,183 dwellings in the historic town founded by freed slaves.

(Photos by AP)

A water soaked bible is shown inside the Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Princeville.

(Photos by AP)
In a time of need, church members find solace in Jesus

(Continued from 7B) last month, hammering in new wallboard, laying carpet and painting.

Flood insurance helped pay to fix classroom space and the fellowship hall, but not the sanctuary, Jones said. The church had to borrow to complete the renovations.

Batts Chapel members, who had been meeting in nearby Martin County, returned to their sanctuary Aug. 13.

"It was just tremendously emotional," Jones said. "I was just about to burst. I was filled up. I can't find any other way to describe it."

The three congregations plan to celebrate the return with a dinner on church grounds Sept. 16 — the anniversary of Floyd's arrival.

At Adamsville, Kilby found it hard at first to accept help, especially because the church had been financially independent for decades.

Strangers were willing to spend Saturdays knocking out rotting wallboard and repairing toilets for free — a situation that taught Kilby a lesson.

"God uses other people. It's easy to give but it's hard to receive. It was a hard thing for us to do," he said after a recent Wednesday night service.

Sunday school classes and potluck dinners resumed in the repaired education wing in March. An anonymous donor in western North Carolina has agreed to pay $30,000 to repair a youth classroom space and lounge, still pilled high with debris strewn among Bibles and a Christian flag.

The flooding put priorities in focus, said Jim Dixon, an Adamsville member.

"It helped people put their lives in order," Dixon said. "I think a lot of them were awed to the fact that you could lose it all in a moment."

A year later, the future of many churches remain unclear. More than 20 congregations decided to relocate or start over, according to Church2Church. In Princesville, the town hardest hit by the flooding, eight churches have yet to return to their buildings, said Kim Burwell, a town spokeswoman.

Gateway Church of Heaven for All People is meeting again in Princesville, while St. Luke's Church of Christ and Macedonia Baptist Church are busily completing new buildings, said the Rev. James Brown, St. Luke's pastor.

It took months before the old building at St. Luke's could be razed. St. Luke's also had to get approved for a Small Business Administration loan for a new $1.2 million complex.

"Depression set in for some members after seeing the old building stand for so long," Brown said. "The story I like to tell is ... if you've ever wrecked your car, when they complete the work, you can't even tell it's been wrecked. I compared that to the works of God. I tell people, 'God can put this mess back together.' I believe it's going to look even better than it was before."

Above, the youth annex of Adamsville Baptist Church in Goldsboro sits empty and unrepaiwed following last year's one-foot-of floodwaters which caused $200,000 of repairs to other areas of the church. At right, Sandra Jones sits in the rebuilt Batts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

(Photos by AP)
ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
ADAMSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 14-15, 1992 7:30 - 9:30 each evening

Teaching People the Bible (for general officers)
Teaching Adults the Bible
Teaching Youth the Bible
Teaching Children the Bible
Teaching preschoolers the Bible
Teaching Adults with Mental Handicaps in Sunday School
Evangelism Through the Sunday School (for Outreach-Evangelism Directors and Leaders)

plan to be a part of BREAK THROUGH TEACH THE BIBLE TO WIN
September is a very important month both in the association and in the church. It is election time for officers, teachers, and committees. May I suggest that when you submit your nominating committee report that you include your two (other than pastor, who is automatically a member) representatives for the Associational Executive Board. The next Executive Board Meeting will be at Adamsville, Oct. 5.

Also, include messengers for the Annual Meeting (Oct. 26, 27, 1992). Formula for number of messengers per church is: minimum of 5, maximum of 12. Churches having more than 100 members shall be entitled to an additional messenger for every additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

I have two other things I would like to share with you.

(1) This year at the end of NBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions, we hope you will promote & participate in NBA Offering Sunday on Nov. 1, 1992. The offering focus is to pay for the 3 acres of land that we are buying to build a new Associational Resource Center. We are about half-way there, which means we will owe about $30,000 in October.

Just think, we have 9,041 resident church members in NBA, which means only $3.50 per member would pay off the debt. I really believe we can do it!

(2) The last phase of our Brazil Partnership is coming up. A chapel construction team will leave Sept. 17, and a leadership training team will leave Oct. 1. Members from Love Memorial Church will be on both trips and our CCM Director, Jeanette Walters, will also be in the Oct. team.

Even as the Brazil partnership concludes, another exciting partnership opportunity is coming up. I hope to share this in a recommendation at our Annual Meeting.

God is so good and allows us to have such great opportunities to show how much we love Him.

Bro. Bobbie

"More than ever before, North Carolina is a mission field. We must provide mission programs in our state in the same way we provide it in any other part of our country or the world."
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- General Fund: $13,947.97
- Building Fund: $1,326.83
- Church P/P Fund: $1,220.66
- Designated Fund: $28,583.25
- **TOTAL: $45,078.71**
Music Ministry

ADULT CHOIR WORKSHOP
Association-wide

This associational workshop will be centered around the theme: "Here's Help," how to find choir music year round.

It will be geared especially for the small church. Directors, accompanists, and interested choir members are invited to participate.

Come to LaGrange First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on September 28, 1992.

This is for you -- so don't forget to be present on Monday night.

Doug Beasley, Chm.
Steve Gibson
Tim Smith

WMU NEWS

"NEW" WMU LEADERS TRAINING WORKSHOP

A WMU age-level leaders workshop will be held especially for new or first time in over 5 years, workers. It will be at Madison Avenue Church (located about 3 blocks south, off of Ash St. in Goldsboro). The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until noon. A nursery will be provided.

Your WMU Council of NBA will lead the various groups.

There will not be a separate workshop on this date for WMU Secretaries, Mission Action and Personal Witnessing, or Enlistment/Enlargement persons. These officers will be taught at the November 5, training to be held at Spilman Memorial, 7:00 p.m.

WMU Directors, PLEASE INFORM, REMIND & COME WITH your new leaders for 1992-1993 to this Saturday training.

Call NBA office or Mary Smith at 734-5111 for more info.

RA CONCLAVE
ASSOCIATION-WIDE AT EAGLE'S NEST

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 1992
RA leaders, watch for info in the mail.
MENTALLY RETARDED MINISTRY

A special class is being offered at the Associational Sunday School Training School on Sept. 14-15.

Rev. Kincy Barrows, a state trained specialist in mental retardation work, will be leading a class for all those interested in beginning or continuing S.S. classes in their church for mentally retarded members.

Several of our churches already have this ministry and several others may have a need or interest. This is why the training is being offered so plan to take advantage of this opportunity both nights.

médicaDENTAL MINISTRY

A total of 32 clients were seen at the last scheduled site in LaGrange. And as before, each client received a hygiene kit and a New Testament.

The work of everyone all year, at each location we've served, has been outstanding.

I appreciate each and every one who has served and all those willing to serve. You've all done a great job this year.

I hope next year we will be able to schedule the medical/dental unit once a quarter in NBA.

THANK YOU to

5th & 6th grade class VBS, Adamsville for "Use Me Books."

Fremont Bible Study group for school supplies.

If any churches have old teaching pictures (any age level) left over from Bible School or Sunday School, please bring them to NBA office.

I'd like to take them to Brazil next month.

Jeanette
3 AMDC Meeting, at Trinity Church, 7:00 pm
7 Labor Day, Office Closed
11-12 Volunteer Music Dir. Retreat at Caraway
13 Single Adult Day, SBC
13 Partnership Team Commissioning Service, Winterville Church, 3:30
13-20 Week of Prayer for State Missions in NC
14-15 Assoc.-wide SS Training School, Adamsville, 7:30
15 New Minister's Orientation, Cary, 9:00am
16 Day of Prayer for America's Youth in Crisis, HMB sponsored
17-30 Team to Brazil for construction
21 Ministers Conference, Goldsboro, 11:00 am
26 WMU, New Leaders, Training, Madison Ave. 9:30am
28 Adult Choir Workshop, LaGrange FBC, 7:30pm

Congratulations

Our Director of Missions, Bobbie Belcher, celebrates his 11th year as DOM of Neuse Association on September 1, 1992.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STEVE GIBSON SEPTEMBER 01
Min. Music, Kinston First

DOUG BEASLEY SEPTEMBER 28
Min. Music, Adamsville

GOOD NEWS FROM EXPANDED CHURCH ANNUITY PLAN

Beginning January 1, 1993, the BSC will match $1 for each $3 the church or member contributes, provided there is sufficient contribution from the member or church to qualify. This now includes "other than ministerial," such as secretaries and custodians. Call Jim Lambert at 1-800-395-5102 for more info.
**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**CABIN** has called George LaJueness as interim pastor effective August 1.

**FALLING CREEK** (Danny Benfield) observed Pastor Appreciation Day on Aug.30, celebrating his 5 years at FCBC. They had a picnic lunch, pounded the pastor and held a dedication service for their new Fellowship Hall in the afternoon. Congratulations! Revival is planned for Oct.18-21, with Jessie Mooney, guest evangelist.

**GOLDSBORO FIRST** (Jeff Clark) church hosted a covered-dish luncheon honoring interim pastor, Dr. John Eddins, and associate ministers, Debbie Isley and Tim Smith, on 7/26. A "Family Bible Conference" was held 8/2-6, with Dr. Furman Hewitt leading. New Baptist Young Women organization had their 1st meeting 8/10.

**LOVE MEMORIAL** (Dick Westbrook) Six Acteens attended Mundo Vista Camp.

**NEUSE** (Stan Cabell) church voted to construct a picnic shelter behind the sanctuary.

**PINEVIEW** (Jim Tillman) homecoming celebration with guest speaker, David Fishman, will be Sept.13. Special offering focus is for purchase of 1991 edition Baptist Hymnals.

**PINKNEY** has called F. G. Alford as their pastor effective 7/5. Welcome F.G. & wife, Jo, to NBA family of churches.

**SPILMAN MEMORIAL** (Jim Hutto) Spilman & Neuse youth held a retreat at Garden City, SC. Church observed World Hunger Sunday 8/16 with ingathering of rice bowls (offering) and Don Pittman, guest speaker. In addition to several Ag Mission trips, Don has just returned from Albania.

**UNION** has called Bill Haskins as their bi-vocational pastor effective 7/26.

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**SENIOR ADULT RETREATS IN OCTOBER**

**Registration Deadline, 9/14**

Senior Adult Retreats will be held at Caraway Conference Center on Oct.14-16, Oct.19-21, and Oct.21-23.

Program theme: "God's Invitations: Then & Now."

Cost: $77 per person. A $15 deposit per person is required when reservations are made.

Reservations may be made immediately as follows:
- Caraway Conference Center
  P O Box 36
  Asheboro, NC 27203
- Telephone: (919) 629-2374
NC State Missions includes language ministries, migrant missions, work with the hearing and visually impaired, seminary extension, chaplaincy ministries, associational development, college scholarships, military ministries, resort mission youth & campus, Brotherhood and WMU.

You might be interested in knowing that about 10% of what the churches of Neuse Association give to the State Missions Offering is returned to the association the following January. In 1990, we received $2,570.34 and '91 offering returned in Jan. of this year, was $1,579.72. These funds enable us to expand our mission work.

Promotion materials for the 1992 NCMO are being distributed to churches & leaders through various ways. Included is a special 20-minute video tape sent to each church and special insert in the State WMU & Baptist Men publications.
Rev. Blackaby to preach at Adamsville

Rev. Henry Thomas Blackaby of Atlanta, director of the Office of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, Home Mission Board, will preach Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Adamsville Baptist Church.

Blackaby provides consultative leadership for the development of prayer and spiritual awakening in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention in conjunction with SBC agencies and state, associational and local church leadership.

The church is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd.
Conference guest

Dr. O.S. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will preach in the Mid-Winter Bible Conference on Sunday through Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Adamsville Baptist Church. Dr. Hawkins has served as president of the National Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and is the author of several books. The church is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd. The conference is open to all interested persons.
Guest speaker

Dr. Darrell Robinson, vice president of Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will preach Sunday at 11 a.m. at Adamsville Baptist Church. A native of Howard County, Texas, Dr. Robinson is a graduate of Baylor University and Luther Rice Seminary. A former teacher and pastor, he has served on various Southern Baptist Convention committees and boards and is the author of several publications.
Dr. Stanley here

Nationally-known minister Dr. Charles Stanley of Atlanta will speak at Adamsville Baptist Church, 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd., tonight at 7 p.m. Stanley appears regularly on network radio and TV.
The Adamsville Baptist Church continues to grow with the purchase of the adjoining lot and building on the southside of the existing property in November 1990.

Due to the increase in church membership, which went from 1,225 in 1989 to 1,437 in 1990 and an increase of 223 in Sunday School membership (total enrollment 1,164) the church had a need for new class rooms.

At the close of 1989 the church had baptized 172 people, which enabled the Personal Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board to include Adamsville Baptist Church as one of 52 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention baptizing 100 with a 10 percent growth in Sunday School.

At the close of the 1990 church year the number of baptisms was 103.

Because of the growth in membership, a second Sunday morning worship was begun on Jan. 6 with about 150 people now attending. The Pastor, Dr. Alfred R. Wright, is preaching both morning services as well as the evening worship service.
CRUSADE SPEAKER

Dr. Darrell Robinson from the Home Mission Board will be guest preacher at the Harvest Time Crusade at Adamsville Baptist Church. Services will be Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday nights at 7. Dr. Robinson serves as the vice president of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Luther Rice Seminary. He has pastored churches in Texas, Kansas, Alabama and Georgia. He is the author of Total Church Life, People Sharing Jesus and How to be a Growing Christian.
ADAMSVILLE REVIVAL

Dr. Rudy Hernandez, Hispanic evangelist for the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker for a missions and preaching conference Sunday through Wednesday at Adamsville Baptist Church. Services will be held Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday nights at 7.

Dr. Hernandez began preaching at the age of 13 in San Antonio, Texas. He has pastored several churches including Primera Iglesia Bautista of Corpus Christi, the largest Hispanic church in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has conducted numerous revival crusades and conferences on evangelism. He is the director of the Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board and has served as president of the International Fellowship of Hispanic Evangelists and the Fellowship of Baptist World Ministries.

Adamsville Baptist Church is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Boulevard.
Taylor gives program to pregnancy council

The Rev. Mike Taylor, youth minister at Adamsville Baptist Church, presented the program at the March meeting of the Wayne County Council on Adolescent Pregnancy. He outlined the church's program "True Love Waits."

The topic is presented in a weekly session over a six-week period. In the final session, each participant is asked to sign a covenant card in duplicate which states, "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter a covenant marriage relationship."

So far, 80 young people in the church have signed the covenant card at a public service. According to Taylor, the participant keeps one card and the other will be displayed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla., in June.

"July 29, a nationwide conference on youth evangelism will convene in Washington D.C. and covenants from teen-agers from across the national will be displayed between the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol," he explained.

After a time of prayer a contemporary Christian convert will be held featuring such artists as Steven Curtis Chapman, Petra and DeGarmo and Key.

The Rev. Gary Blood, youth pastor at First Assembly Church, said that his church also participates in the True Love Waits program with a follow-up entitled "Dating and Your Destiny."

Blood asked what the road signs are shown to our youth. "In the media, on TV, among their peers, they are bombarded with suggestive sexual behavior," he said.

"We must give our youth hope and a purpose in life."

"We must reach out to youth with love and concern and this must come from every aspect of society — the school, the community, the church. We see hurting people hurting others. We must stress that God has a plan for each life. We must instill in our youth that abstinence is the only way."

Blood said that his church is starting a hotline for youth to be manned by trained volunteers. Every call will be confidential and callers will be asked to give an identifiable name for tracking purposes so a file can maintained for future references. The number is 735-6973.

First Assembly is also developing a pregnancy help center where pregnant adolescents may come for advice, group classes on such subjects as prenatal care, parenting, continuing education, how to seek employment. The facility will open in June.

Mary Collins reported that the May Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign will be held in Herman Park Center. Information tables will be set up by the health department, mental health, 4-H clubs, the Pregnancy Council and others.

An abstinence-based play will be presented by SADD and MADD. A public service announcement contest will be featured. Contestants may use any type media and will be given the opportunity to perform. It may be a rap song, skit, poem, cartoon, etc.

Mrs. Collins also reported that her committee is preparing a newsletter to be distributed to all middle and high school students in Wayne County. It will feature an abstinence crossword puzzle, advice column, self-reflection poem and questions to ask regarding sexuality.

Florence Scott reported that Don Watson, director of the Responsive Parenting Network, will conduct a workshop April 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Goldsboro High School cafeteria. Tickets are $10.

The Pregnancy Council's board of directors will meet April 12 at 6 p.m. at Cotton's Restaurant.
Bailey Smith to conduct crusade

Dr. Bailey Smith, an evangelist and author, will conduct a “Let the Glory Shine” Crusade at Adamsville Baptist Church. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday nights at 7:30. Special music will be by Adamsville Baptist Church choir and musicians and a nursery will be provided.

Dr. Smith was educated at Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He served two terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and was elected president of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference. He has written several periodicals and is the author of four best selling books, Real Evangelism Preaching, Real Christianity, Real Revival Preaching, and Real Evangelism.
James Dobson video to be shown Sunday

Videos dealing with pornography will be shown this Sunday, May 7, and next Sunday, May 14, at 6 p.m. at Adamsville Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Both videos were produced by the Focus on the Family ministry under the direction of Dr. James Dobson.

Dr. Dobson’s interview with convicted murderer Ted Bundy will be shown this Sunday. The interview was conducted hours before Bundy’s execution. Because of Bundy’s deep involvement in pornography, the interview has a heavy impact upon the considered relationship between pornography and crimes of physical abuse.

The video to be shown May 14 is entitled “A Winnable War” and describes the fight against pornography and how it can be won.

Both sessions will be open to the public.
Dr. Beasley to preach Sun. at Adamsville

Dr. Manley M. Beasley will be preaching Sunday in the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. worship services at Adamsville Baptist Church. Dr. Beasley has been in evangelism since 1955 and has held over 1400 revivals, seminars and Bible conferences across America and Europe. Although his schedule must now include dialysis three times each week, he continues to travel and preach. He is the president of Gospel Harvesters Foundation, has authored several books and workbooks, and has a monthly tape ministry along with the School of Faith, which is an ongoing correspondence course. Adamsville Baptist is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd. and the services are open to the public.
Adamsville plans Bible conference

An "Open Windows" Bible Conference will be held Wednesday through Friday at Adamsville Baptist Church. Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Friday at 9 a.m. concluding at noon.

Conducting the conference will be Bill Stafford, full time Southern Baptist Evangelist out of Chattanooga, Tenn., Manley Beasley Sr. and Manley Beasley Jr., Southern Baptist Revivalists of the Gospel Harvesters Foundation in Euless, Texas, and Morris Chapman, pastor of the historic 7,700-member First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Adamsville Baptist is located at 1302 N. Berkeley Blvd. Dr. Al Wright is the pastor.

The conference is being sponsored by the Carolina Eastern Conservative Baptists.
**Personality in the News — Hubert E. Nickens**

**Goldsboro man finds joy in sharing faith**

You don't know how happy I have been. (The inmates have done so much for me.) — Hubert Nickens talking about his volunteer work at Wayne Correctional Center.

By WINKIE LEE
News-Argus Feature Editor

A needlework design hangs on the wall of the Nickens home. Decorated with a tree and flowers, it showcases the verse “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

The verse’s meaning and tone are reflected frequently in Hubert E. Nickens’ conversation.

A devout Christian, Nickens loves his faith and loves sharing it with the inmates at Wayne Correctional Center.

The 81-year-old Goldsboro man has done volunteer work at the center for about 11 years and has spent five of those serving as chaplain.

His time and effort have earned him the respect of the center’s staff and inmates. They also have resulted in his receiving a number of volunteer awards.

In 1988 he received the local department’s and the N.C. Department of Correction’s Volunteer of the Year award. Gov. Jim Martin sent a certificate of appreciation acknowledging Nickens’ volunteer work and letters have come from Joseph L. Hamilton of the N.C. Department of Corrections and Congress Martin Lancaster.

While Nickens appreciates the recognition, his conversation is much more focused on the reward in spending time working with the inmates.

“You don’t know how happy I have been,” he says with a smile. “They have done so much for me.”

The men at Wayne Correctional have trusted him with their thoughts and concerns.

“I’ve had some wonderful, wonderful experiences with those men,” Nickens says. “I have never asked them how long or what they are in for. ‘I’ll never forget one fellow, I asked him, ‘What can I do to help you?’ and he said, ‘Chaplain, I want to be saved. I want to be a Christian.’”

This is Nickens’ goal: to share his faith with the men. Nickens and members of his church, Adamsville Baptist, first became involved in working at Wayne Correctional Center about 11 years ago.

Most Baptist churches have a brotherhood, Nickens says, referring to a men’s organization. Representatives from the prison visited the group to ask its members to work with the men.

Nickens was interested, but a heart attack delayed him.

He followed his doctor’s orders to rest, but laying on a bed day after day grew old. In a prayer, he told God that he was willing to do whatever work the Lord had for him if he would be given the strength to do it.

His prayers were answered and a visit to his doctor showed he was ready and able to go back to his religious involvements.

Five years ago, those involvements grew when he was asked to serve as volunteer chaplain for the correctional center. Also serving as chaplain now is Gerald Garris.

Health problems have limited how often Nickens can go to the prison, but he and other members of Adamsville Baptist continue to visit every month.

David Chester, superintendent of Wayne Correctional Center, said the inmates respond well to Nickens.

“It’s hard not to respond very well to him,” he says. “If you want someone to talk to, he’ll talk to you.”

Chester describes Nickens as someone who “grows with good will and (and) believes in his faith.

“He is a very sincere, spiritually fulfilled man. He is comfortable with himself and conveys that,” the superintendent says. “I think the inmates feel better about themselves when they’re around him.”

“Nickens’ sincerity is visible to more than just the staff and inmates. When the man was presented the N.C. Department of Corrections Volunteer of the Year award, he gave a talk about going to the prison and what it meant to him.

“People were visibly moved and impressed by his sincerity,” Chester says.

Nickens enjoys talking about the men who accept Christianity. One year, during a Christmas party organized by Nickens, members of Adamsville Baptist sang some songs and then the church’s minister, the Rev. Paul Wright, gave a sermon.

“We asked them to accept Christ,” Nickens says. “There were about 200 inmates there.” His eyes widen enthusiastically as he recalls the event. “Fifty-two came over and accepted Christ as their savior. Fifty-two!”

Nickens is in charge of planning the Christmas party his church gives the inmates. Chester says the man has come to supervise the party every when he has not felt well.

One year during the party, an inmate presented the volunteer with a poster on which a rose and border had been drawn and a poem expressing appreciation had been written.

Nickens shows it with pride — not that he received it for his work, but that an inmate had created the poster. He points to the rose and poem and talks of the quality of the work.

Nickens has been a member of Adamsville Baptist Church for 25 years. A Goldsboro native, he was raised soon after the Great Depression and never completed school. He worked in a number of stores, including in management positions, prior to retiring.

He and his wife, the former Helen Pate of Goldsboro, have a daughter, Antoinette Parks of Goldsboro. They also had a son, Hubert (Buddy) Nickens Jr., who died in a plane crash 17 years ago.

“I don’t worry about it,” Nickens says. “I know where he is. I’m going to sit down and talk with him again. You talk about having a heavenly time; we’re going to have one.”

The Nickens have four grandchildren: Mark Nickens of Myrtle Beach, Eddie Nickens of Raleigh, and David and Angela Parks of Goldsboro.

The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in February.

Relaxing at home

Hubert Nickens of Goldsboro relaxes at home. In addition to being a member of Adamsville Baptist Church, the 81-year-old serves as the volunteer chaplain at Wayne Correctional Center. (Staff photo by Winkie Lee)
Personality in the News — Eleanor Daniels Ward

Each day is a celebration for area woman

By WINKIE LEE
News-Argus Feature Editor

Eleanor Daniels Ward, 86, celebrates each day — not only for being healthy, but for having a mission. That mission is “to honor and glorify God and edify His church,” she says.

The member of Adamsville Baptist Church does not see her volunteer work as something about which to brag. Instead she gives credit to those who work with her and frequently turns her conversation to the topic of her Lord.

Mrs. Ward believes serving God by serving others is what people are meant to do. “This is what's expected,” she says. “We're to give of ourselves as He did — to give our time, talents and resources.”

With her time, she serves as a tutor for the Salvation Army-based literacy class offered by Wayne Community College and is active in the migrant program sponsored by the Neuse Baptist Association.

She is a member of the outreach program at Adamsville Baptist Church and serves in other church capacities as needed.

Her work and caring has endeared her to members of the church, according to the brotherhood director and pastor.

“Mrs. Ward is a fine lady, a fine Christian woman,” says Jim Small, brotherhood director of the Neuse Baptist Association and Adamsville Baptist Church. “If the church door is open, Mrs. Ward is there. She never misses a meeting; she is willing to do whatever she can.

“She's the type of person that, if you're around her for five minutes, you know that she is a Christian,” he says. “Everybody in the church just loves her.”

“She's a person who just brags about the Lord Jesus, she has a great prayer life and I think she has caused a lot of younger Christians to become more interested in an active prayer life,” says the Rev. Dr. Alfred Wright, pastor at Adamsville Baptist. “The folks here respect her.

“She is 86 years young and I do mean young. She loves the Lord Jesus, she loves people and she loves our country.”

“Our church is better any time we have a great Christian and she is a great Christian.”

A project in which Mrs. Ward is involved is the Wayne Community College-sponsored literacy class offered at the Salvation Army. “That is one thing I am very, very happy to be in,” she says. “That class is really going forward.

Mrs. Ward currently is tutoring two students. “They are so eager to learn,” she says. “I think every person who comes to the Salvation Army is eager to continue their education and to better themselves.”

One of Mrs. Ward's students, a 69-year-old man, could not read when he began attending the classes last year. Now he is reading, writing and ready to learn more.

“I'm hoping with my whole heart that Lord willing, if I am alive next year at this time, the two I am teaching will be reading (well enough) so they can read a newspaper,” Mrs. Ward points out.

Her volunteer work takes her to a number of places and puts her in a variety of situations. Through the Neuse Baptist Association, she has spent three years working in a migrant program.

For the first two years, she and other members of Adamsville Baptist traveled to the migrant camp on N.C. 117 North to conduct services.

“We'd go and proclaim the Gospel and sing and just witness,” she says. This year, some of the migrants were interested in accepting the group's invitation to join them at Adamsville Baptist for Sunday services.

The men, who could not speak English, sat with a church member who speaks Spanish. Also in attendance were about 10 migrant children.

Mrs. Ward was happy to see the youngsters there, saying it is crucial to teach children the important things about life at a young age.

“The way a child is brought up in the very early years — that is the most important,” she explains. “It is so important for little children to know about Jesus.”

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Her parents were good providers who were active in home, church and community, she recalls.

During her adulthood, Mrs. Ward spent some time in Maryland.

In 1962, while in Maryland, she met and married Maurice Spencer Ward. Their marriage lasted until his death in 1975.

Mrs. Ward's work experience has included serving as a clerk at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and as lifestyle editor at the News-Argus.