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Wallace Powell²⁹¹ follows calling to start church

By Nick Maheras
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The Rev. Wallace Powell is following a new vision these days.

He ended his pastorate of 12 years at

High Point

Calvary
Baptist
Church on

Hilltop Street Oct. 23 and has established a new church.

It's called Philipian Baptist Church and meets at the YWCA on Gatewood Avenue.

"I felt I had a vision of the Lord," he said, "along with other people to start our own Baptist fellowship. It's (his departure from Calvary Baptist) been coming for the last two years. It was time for me to move on."



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Powell has been in the forefront of efforts for progress in High Point's minority community. That social consciousness will not change with his new calling.

Philipian Baptist Church

The fellowship meets at the YWCA on Gatewood Avenue. Wednesday night meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30. On Sundays, church school begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship starts at 11 a.m.

"As soon as we can get settled and try to get a building," Powell said, "we'll try to be more active. I'm still active in the Ministers Conference. I'm on the YWCA board, and I'm still involved in the NACCP."

Powell has led the quest for a thoroughfare named in honor of the slain civil rights leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He has also helped mobilize local black ministers to push for more housing and job opportunities in the community and for rejuvenation of the Washington Drive area.

He is now vice president of the predominantly black Ministers Conference and has served two terms as its president.

But, he felt he had to be obedient to

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Rev. Mary E. Walker Recently Ordained

The Site Was New Bethel Baptist Church

An ordination ceremony was held recently for Rev. Mary E. Walker at New Bethel Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Ronald L. Lowery, presiding.

The greetings and occasion were given by Rev. Lowery.

The opening selection was given by the Mass Choir of New Bethel, Rolesville, with Rev. Ena Burrows as organist.

The scripture for the occasion was read by Rev. Dazale Kearney of Old Liberty Baptist Church. Invocation was led by Rev. Louise H. Montague of New Bethel.

The voice from the Wake Association was given by Rev. Otis Byrd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Holly Springs.

Rev. Ronald Lowery introduced the speaker. After another selection by the Mass Choir, the ordination proclamation was given by Rev. Byrd. His text was taken from Psalms 37 and Ephesians 6:10. His subject was "What Were

wood of Wake Forest.

The following ministers gave the charge: To the candidate—Rev. S.L. Suitt; to the church—Rev. Leroy Miller, brother of Rev. Mary E. Walker.

The presentation of the Bible was done by Rev. W.A. Morgan; the hymnal was presented by Rev. Ena Burrows, and the robe was presented by Rev. Dazale Kearney.

The ordination prayer and laying on of hands was done by Rev. James Lee.

Rev. Ronald L. Lowery presented the certificate of ordination.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall immediately after the service.

Rev. Walker is the president of the Missionary Circle of New Bethel Baptist Church, Rolesville; president of the Missionary Union of the Wake County Organization; assistant teacher of the second Bible class of New Bethel.

She also is in Bible classes at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; is a member of Rosebud Chapter No. 628, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Rolesville, where she serves as chaplain. She

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(291) Local groups help com

I am writing about an article in the Greensboro News and Record which concerned federal housing money in High Point. The article stated that a group called Carolina Housing Partnership was disappointed because a group in Greensboro was awarded funding to build low-income housing in High Point. The article stated that no other non-profit groups could be found to take the grant in December 1993. This statement is not true. No one approved the non-profit churches, nor the non-profit Ministers' Conference of High Point. I was president of the conference at that time, and am vice president at the present time.

Who is this group? I understand that there is a board of businessmen, a banker, minister and a city councilman. My question is why the churches and the Ministers' Conference were not given a chance to ob-

tain the grants since we are non-profit groups and have the people of High Point's interests at heart, and pastor some 38 churches in this city. It was the Ministers' Conference who called a news conference a year or so ago to bring focus on the problems of housing, violence, crime, recreation, minority hiring in City Hall, the Police Department, Fire Department, etc.; as well as Martin Luther King Jr. being honored with a street or highway in High Point, along with Lawrence Graves, Daisy Raphael and others. So again, why was the conference here passed over? Or the NAACP for that matter? I am glad to see the High Point city government moving forward to improve housing, parks, crime, movements against drug problems and violence.

A Martin Luther King Jr. honorarium is planned as well as improvements of the

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