

Keep Johnston Beautiful celebrates 20 years of service

By DORIS CANNON

Keep Johnston County Beautiful celebrated its 20th anniversary at its annual dinner meeting last Thursday in the Johnston County Agricultural Building in Smithfield.

Flora Grantham, the organization's treasurer and one of its long-time guiding forces, spoke of past achievements, which include educating the public about environmental concerns and pending legislation, promotion of recycling projects, sponsorship of an annual tree and shrub sale, providing funds and loblolly pines for the Flower Hill Preservation Project, promoting the N.C. Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program, promotion and sponsorship of various clean-up campaigns, support of seminars such as 1992's "Environmental Concerns Facing Johnston County," and support for Master Gardener and other horticultural programs, 4-H clubs, and youth environmental camps and projects.

Mrs. Grantham noted that the group's war against litter has been effective through distribution of litter bags, litter postcards, and newsletters in addition to clean-up campaigns. An ongoing project is an annual Environmental Poster Contest for Johnston County students in grades K-12.

Keep Johnston Beautiful has received state and national recognition for its work over the past two decades, and it presents awards annually to local groups and individuals doing outstanding work.

She recognized Sarah Ann Sasser of Beaufort, who served as the organization's first president in 1978-79 and as president again in 1988-89. In addition to Mrs. Sasser, other past presidents are Bruce Woodard, Carolyn Ennis, Ed Peedin, Madelyn Watson, Ed Temple, Mike McKinney, William McClurg, Eleanor Sun, and Eloise Gulotta.

Others cited for outstanding service to Keep Johnston Beautiful were Ellen Taylor, Vivia Creech, Dan Matthews, Hernando Palmer, Ethel House, Lanny Thomas, and Ken Bateman.

This year's award winners

Those receiving awards for helping to keep Johnston County beautiful during the past year were: the Selma Appearance Commission, which sponsors a "Yard of the Month" award, clean-up campaigns, and tree plantings; Clayton Partners in Learning 4-H Club, for its ongoing recycling pro-

ject, birdhouse project, and environmental awareness programs; Bayer Industries of Clayton, for its attractive plant and for providing a grant used for the projects of Clayton Partners in Learning 4-H Club; Central Tobacco Exchange Warehouse in Smithfield, for its attractive landscaping; the Kenly Kiwanis Club, for its aluminum-can recycling project, operation of the recycling container at Oak Grove Inn on Highway 301, and participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program; the Men on a Mission service club of Wilson's Mills, for its Adopt-A-Highway participation; and Ann Parker of Kenly, a junior-high-school student who received a \$1,000 grant from Firestone of Wilson for beautification of Kenly's recreation park.

Adopt-A-Highway awards

Awards were presented to those who have been involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program in Johnston County the past five years. They are the Johnston County Juvenile Restitution Program, the Neuse Golf Club, the Elevation Fire Department Auxiliary, and John W. Narron of Wendell.

Among special guests at the dinner were representatives of the Adopt-A-Highway program: Anne Walker, state coordinator; Helen Landi, director of the N.C. Department of Transportation's Office of Beautification Programs; and Carolyn Westbrook, Adopt-A-Highway coordinator for Johnston and Wayne counties.

Ms. Landi said the Adopt-A-Highway program not only makes North Carolina a more beautiful place, but it also saves Tar Heel taxpayers around \$3 million in annual clean-up costs. It's one of the largest programs of its kind in the nation, involving about 6,000 groups and 150,000 volunteers.

Ms. Landi noted that the Adopt-A-Highway program is marking its 10th anniversary by aiming for a 10-percent increase in highway adoptions during 1998. The program works this way: Groups and individual volunteers "adopt" a two-mile stretch of state roadway and keep it as free of litter as possible. Each adopted stretch of roadway is designated with a sign bearing the name of the adopter. Some roads are adopted as memorials, and signs bear the names of the persons being honored.

There are 1,600 miles of adoptable state roads in Johnston County, and 162 miles have been adopted. At one time, Johnston County had more



Pictured at the annual awards dinner of Keep Johnston County Beautiful Inc. are, left to right: Louise White, who accepted an award on behalf of the Selma Appearance Commission; Frank Lee, who accepted an award for Central Tobacco Exchange Warehouse in Smithfield; Flora H. Grantham, KJCB's secretary, who made the presentations; Al Faber, who accepted an award on behalf of the Kenly Kiwanis Club; and Carolyn Westbrook, Johnston County coordinator of the Adopt-A-Highway program. (Doris Cannon photo)

mileage in the Adopt-A-Highway program than any county in the state.

Adopt-A-Highway participants

At present, groups and individuals involved in the Johnston County Adopt-A-Highway program, in addition to those already mentioned, are:

Churches - Clyde Chapel Baptist, Pauline Baptist Youth Group, Spring Hill Baptist, Saint Mary's Grove Youth Group, Faith Community Church, Faith Youth Group, Four Oaks Church of Christ, O'Neal Revival Tabernacle, Horne Memorial United Methodist, Bethel A.M.E., and White Memorial Presbyterian.

Businesses and organizations - Central Johnston Rotary Club, Clayton Rotary Club, Eaton Corporation, Johnston Civil Air Patrol, Princeton Lions Club, Kenly Kiwanis Club, Stephenson's Barbecue Restaurant and Nursery, Mutual of N.Y. Financial Services, Carolina Realty, Patrick's Cafeteria, Johnston County Life Underwriters, United Men's Association of Johnston County, Bayer Industries, K.R. Edwards Leaf Tobacco Co., Rose Hammond Realty, Brown's Dairy Products, River Dell Chase Homeowners Association, Factory Stores of America, Rescue One Remount

Inc. Landmark Road Citizens, Lakeside Ostrich Ranch, Clayton Jaycees, Exxon USA Selma Terminal, Clayton Middle School Student Council, Edward Jones Investments, L & S Enterprises, Olde South Barbecue and Seafood, Lane's Seafood and Steak Restaurant, Wooden Nichols Land Company Inc., On Top Roofing, Williams Energy Group, Boy Scout Troop 124, Highway Beautification Services, South Johnston High School ROTC, Princeton 4-H Club, and Smithfield Juniors.

Individuals and families - Karen Spivey, Berry Godwin, Chuck Horne, Jean House, Millard F. McLamb Jr., Josephine Newcomb, Ruby Scoggins, William Thomas Odom IV, Rebecca Lynn Murray, April Crawford, the Terry Whitley family, the Ed Miller Buffkin family, the Jack Barbour family and friends, the Carroll family, the Rogerson family.

Johnston County roads have been adopted in memory of the following: Kristy Shawn Poole, Chris J. Johnson, Henry "Rat" Johnson, Betty Jo Carter, Nellie and Johnny Crocker, Laster Hinnant, and Roland and Nannie Creech and children.

NOTE: Groups or individuals who wish to adopt a stretch of roadway may do so by calling Mrs. Westbrook at 919-731-7938 or writing her at 2671 U.S. 70 West, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

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Group to be at Blackman's

New Generation of Benson is to perform at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday. No admission is to be charged, but a free will offering is to be taken. The church is on N.C. 96 South at Blackman Crossroads.

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Amanda Hockaday

Cookbook reprinted

The Women's Missionary Union of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church has received the second printing of its cookbook, "Home Cooking."

Some of the recipes are treasured family keepsakes and some are new. The book's cost is \$7 and it is available as a Christmas gift.

You may purchase a book by calling Elaine H. Lee at 894-2848 or Carolyn J. Holley at 894-5962.

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Blackman's Grove gets new pastor

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Blackman's Grove Baptist Church has called a new pastor. He is the Rev. Roger A. Carlson, who came to Johnston County from Pisgah Forest.

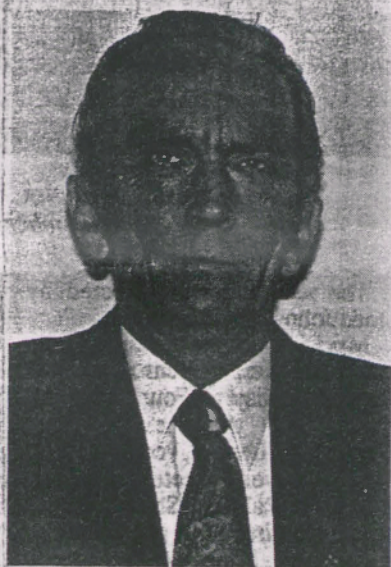
Carlson said that, since he came to the church in April, he has been trying to get acquainted with the community. "I love it," he said. "The people are friendly."

Carlson graduated from Jamestown High School in Jamestown, N.Y., in 1962. He studied at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro in a college transfer program. In 1987, he graduated from Mars Hill College in Mars Hills with a bachelor of arts degree in religion.

Since 1987, he has completed more than 200 hours of study through the continuing education courses offered by the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Carlson was licensed to gospel ministry by Love Memorial Baptist Church in Goldsboro. In 1988, he was ordained by Glen Raven Baptist Church in Kinston, which he also served as pastor. Another pastorate was Maple Springs Baptist Church in Seagrove.

Carlson has also served in capacities in the Baptist associations in which his churches have been located. A partial list of associational positions include member of the Migrant Ministry Committee, stewardship director and vice president of the Pastor's Conference in



The Rev. Roger A. Carlson
the Randolph Association in Asheboro.

Carlson said he is busy learning his church members, learning the community and the road system and assessing the needs of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church, which, as the name implies, is located at Blackman Crossroads.

Carlson is married to the former Shirley Anne Fields. They have four children, Lorie Anne, David Roger, Jennifer Suzanne and Michael Jonathan.

He is a veteran, having served with the U.S. Air Force from 1962 until 1968.

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Former N.C. Baptist head to be revival evangelist

The Rev. Alfred Ayscue, immediate past president of the N.C. Baptist Convention, is to be the evangelist for a revival at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church.

The revival is set for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday through next Wednesday.

Ayscue, of Mount Airy, recently retired from Calvary Baptist Church in that city after more than 20 years. He also served as pastor of Pine Level Baptist Church in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Rev. Gene Clayton, pastor of Blackman's Grove, and the congregation invite the public to the revival services.

The church is on N.C. 96 at Blackman Crossroads.

SJHS students learn about county Choral Society activities

As part of the Johnston County Choral Society's 1993-94 membership drive, Mary Porter, president, and Jim Powers, choral conductor, visited the ensemble class of Sherry Johnson, South Johnston High School choral director, at the school on Wednesday of last week.

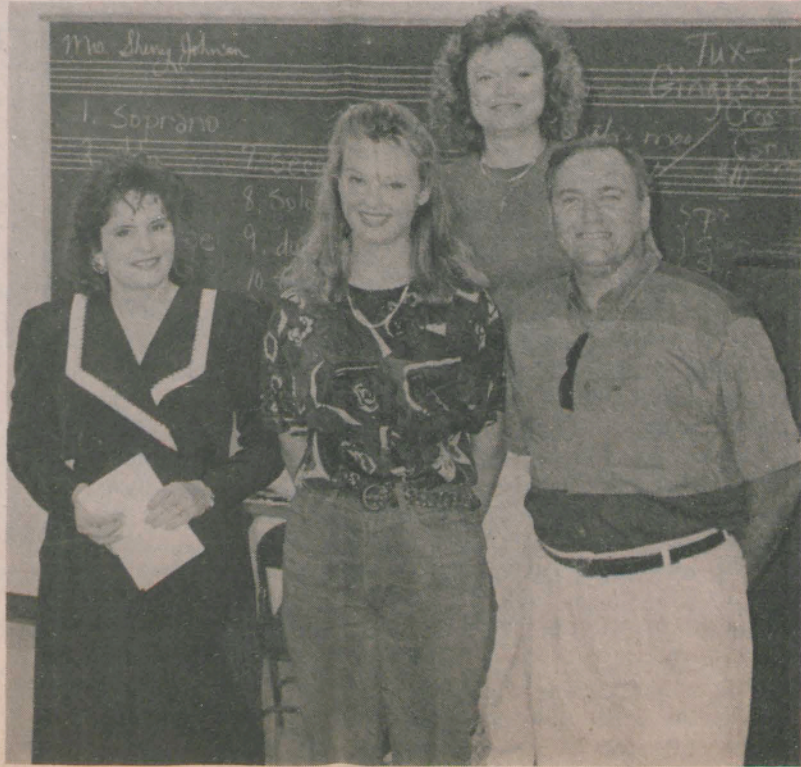
There are 35 members of the South Johnston High School ensemble, but Mrs. Porter and Powers emphasized that membership was open to all students as well as any other man and woman living or working within the county.

"Each member has the opportunity to challenge their own musical abilities regardless of their training or background," said Ms. Porter.

Ms. Porter said that this was the first time the society had actively recruited in the schools.

Membership dues for the year are \$25 and includes the purchase of all music. Dues are payable by the fourth rehearsal. A special dues assistance program is available for members who needs help. The first rehearsal is scheduled for Monday from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Rehearsals are held each Monday.

For the up-coming season the Johnston County Choral Society has first scheduled a Christmas Concert, with full orchestra, and will include music from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Bizet's "Shepherd Farewell," a special presentation for children with Rutter's



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Blackman's Grove Baptist Church was founded August 18, 1893 when Smithfield Baptist Church dismissed 13 of its members. A number of services are planned to celebrate the church's centennial.

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church to start celebrating its 100th year

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church will begin its centennial celebration during Sunday morning's worship service. The church is on Highway 96 near Four Oaks.

The church was founded August 18, 1893, when Smithfield Baptist Church granted a letter of dismissal to 13 members. Those members became the core of the new church at Blackman's Crossroads.

The first member of the new church was Susan B. Wood, who transferred her membership from Union Grove Church on August 11, 1893.

The church's centennial celebration will continue through September 12. During Sunday's service, Charles

and Bonnie Wiggs of Selma will speak. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggs are former Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea.

On August 29, the morning service will be devoted to the history of the music of the church. Music and hymns from 100 years ago will be featured. Present and former music leaders will be recognized.

A video chronicling the history of the church will be shown during August 29's evening service. A time capsule will be buried on the church grounds, with instructions to open it in 2043.

Evangelism and revival will be the emphasis during the September 5

morning worship service. The pastor, the Rev. Phillip Anderson, will preach. He will present a history of the church's revivals.

On September 12, a homecoming service will be observed. The Rev. Jesse Mooney, pastor of the church from 1989-91, will speak. A picnic lunch will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

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Blackman's Grove Baptist to mark 100th anniversary

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church in the Blackman's Crossroads community will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 22-Sept. 12.

The church was founded on Aug. 18, 1893, when Smithfield Baptist Church granted a letter of dismissal to 13 of its members in order to form Blackman's Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

However, the first member of the church was Susan B. Wood, whose letter of transmission from Union Grove Church was dated Aug. 11, 1893.

Several activities have been planned to commemorate the church's centennial over a period of four weeks.

The celebration will begin with the morning worship service on Aug. 22. The focus of this service will be missions, and the guest speakers will be Charles and Bonnie Wiggs of Selma, retired missionaries to Korea.

Sunday morning, Aug. 29, the service will be devoted to the history of the music of the church and older musical selections will be included in the program. Also, present and former music leaders in the church will be recognized.

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Blackman's Grove Baptist Church

instructions will be provided for opening the capsule in the year 2043.

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tory of revivals in the church will be presented.

The culmination of the centennial celebration will be the homecoming service on Sunday morning, Sept. 12. The Rev. Jesse Mooney, pastor of the church from 1989 to 1991, will deliver the mes-

sage and a picnic lunch will follow at the church's fellowship hall.

All former members and their relatives, former pastors and friends of Blackman's Grove Church are encouraged to attend all these events as the church celebrates this milestone in its history.

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Blackman's Grove WMU to begin cookbook sale

The Woman's Missionary Union of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church near Four Oaks will soon be selling community cookbooks to raise money.

The cookbooks, which go on sale Monday, August 16, will feature recipes from the Four Oaks and surrounding area. The price is \$7 each.

The WMU expects demand to be great, so members suggest that books be ordered in advance.

The cookbooks are available from any WMU member. For more details, write Elaine H. Lee at 404 Garrett Road, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524.

Blackman's Grove gets new pastor

The Rev. Phillip N. Anderson has been called to be the pastor of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church south of Four Oaks.

Anderson began his duties on June 21.

He graduated magna cum laude from Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va., with a bachelor of arts degree.

His major area of study was religion and philosophy. Psychology was his minor.

He is working on a master of divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He expects to gradu-

ate next June.

"I have a strong desire to preach and teach the word of God so people can experience a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and grow towards maturity in their faith," Anderson said.

Anderson was licensed to the ministry in November 1990 by Swords Creek Baptist Church in Swords Creek, Va.

In January 1991, the Springhill Baptist Church in Fernandia, Fla., ordained him.

Anderson said he was called to preach when he was 19, but he

didn't accept the call until about two years later. He then realized that the ministry was indeed his calling and that he should make plans for a theological education, he said.

During the past four years, he has served as youth counselor and supply preacher.

His ministry as a supply and interim preacher has taken him to Cleveland Baptist Church in Cleveland, Va., Rings Chapel Baptist Church in Castlewood, Va., and Hillcrest Baptist Church in Raleigh.

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Avis Lanals Wood, 71, A Four Oaks Resident

Miss Avis Lanals Wood, 71, of Four Oaks died this morning (Tuesday).

The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Minshew Funeral Home in Four Oaks.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be in the form of contributions to Blackman's Grove Baptist Church.



Rev. Kenneth Thornton

Will speak at revival

The Rev. Kenneth Thornton of Rt. 3, Clayton, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, will be guest speaker at revival services next week at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Four Oaks.

Services will begin April 16 and continue through Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m.

Thornton is a former Benson native and his first pastorate in the Johnston Association was at Burnell Baptist Church. He was a lay minister for several years at Grove Park Baptist Church at Wilmington. He pastored Brown Baptist Church in Wilmington and has had six years of prison ministry in Clinton. He says he thinks this perhaps is his ~~most~~ successful ministry.

He attended Campbell College and Southeastern Seminary.

The Rev. and Mrs. Thornton are the parents of four children.

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Church Calls New Pastor

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Director of Missions

Johnston Baptist Association

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church in Johnston County has called a new pastor, the Rev. William Crouch of Fountain Inn, S.C.

A native of Batesville, Miss., Mr. Crouch holds a B.S. degree in secondary education from the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Judith have three children: Robin, 20; Wayne, 18; and Jay, 3.

Prior to entering the ministry he was employed as manager of a paint

store in Xenia, Ohio; an aircraft linesman at Union City, Tenn; an automobile salesman at Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and business manager of an auto dealership at Mauldin, S.C.

He has served as pastor of Frankfort Baptist Mission at Frankfort, Ohio; Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Hickman, Ky.; and Beulah Baptist Church in Loris, S.C. In addition, he spent several years in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Crouch has a variety of interests. He is a collector of books

about the Civil War and the two world wars.

He will begin study this fall at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Recently in this column, we reported on a missions project in the Caribbean in which about two dozen persons participated. In listing the local residents on the trip, we left off the names of Ronnie Price of Selma, Susan Austin of Pisgah, and Dennis Hinnant of Pine Level. We are happy to provide this additional information.

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Niles Compton

Homecoming services are being planned at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church for September 14. The Rev. Niles Compton of Benson, pastor of Pauline Baptist Church will be guest speaker.

Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and the worship service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at approximately 1 p.m. in Blackman's Crossroads Community Building.

All members, former members, former pastors and friends are invited to attend.

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Blackmon's Grove Baptist Church has called the Rev. Jesse Mooney Jr., 46, as pastor.

Mooney is a holder of an associate degree in theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was both licensed and ordained to preach by the Olive Branch Baptist Church in Roxboro.

He is a 1960 graduate of Bethel Hill High School in Woodsdale. After graduation, he attended the Agricultural Institute of N.C. State University and thereafter did a course of study in law enforcement through the Durham Technical Institute and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Mooney did two years of study at Southeastern Seminary,

where he received the associate degree in theology in 1975. Currently, he is enrolled at Campbell University.

Mooney served the Olive Branch Baptist Church as youth director and interim pastor. In addition, he was pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church in Nashville for six years and of Pilot Baptist Church in Zebulon for nine years.

He has held numerous denominational jobs with the

North Roanoke and Tar River Baptist Associations. Included in the list are brotherhood director, moderator, evangelism director, Mission Committee chairman and chairman of the Director of Missions Search Committee of the Tar River Baptist Association.

In other positions he has served as chaplain associate at Wake Medical Center, volunteer chaplain at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louis-

burg, and supervisor in the Supervised Ministry Program of Southeastern Seminary.

Prior to entering the Christian vocational ministry, he was employed by the Collins and Aikman Corp. in Roxboro and by Camp Chemical Corp., also at Roxboro, where he was plant manager.

Mooney is married to Peggy Ann Puryear. They have three boys, Dwayne Merritt, 26, Paul Edward, 23, and Joel Allen, 21. The Mooneys have moved into the church's parsonage.

Reading, golf and fishing are a few of Mooney's special interests.

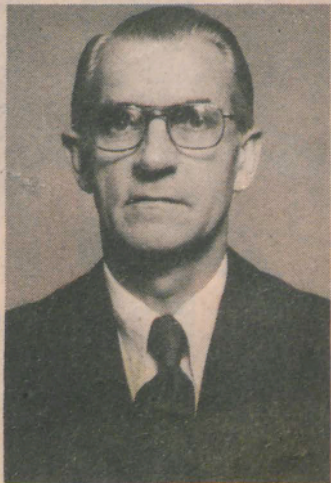
Ricks to be homecoming guest speaker

Dr. Horace Ricks, Director of Missions for the Johnston Baptist Association, will be guest speaker for the homecoming service at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 9.

The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. and, immediately following, the group will go to the Blackman's Crossroads Community building for lunch.

Mrs. Ronald Massengill is in charge of a music program in the afternoon.

All former pastors, members and friends are urged to attend.



Dr. Horace Ricks

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Black Mountain News
Blowing Rock: Rocket

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Blackman's Grove To Conduct Revival

The Rev. Emery W. Hackett of Rocky Mount will be the guest evangelist for revival services to be held at 8 o'clock each night April 11-16 at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church.

Mr. Hackett retired in 1966 from the U. S. Air Force and in 1967 entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, where he was graduated with a certificate in theology in 1969.

At present he is in the field of evangelism, but he has served as pastor of Baptist churches in Whitakers and Gaston.

He is married to the former Ando Tasiko of Honshu, Japan.

Mr. Hackett, a native of Emporium, Pa., reported that while serving in the South Pacific he experienced a call to the ministry.

During the revival, the Blackman's Grove Church Choir will sing each night except Tuesday. Other special singers will include: Toby Wood and Vangie Lee of Blackman's Grove on Monday night; the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Youth Choir of Route 2, Raleigh on Tuesday night; the Bensonettes, Marcus

and Patty Wood, of Holly Grove Advent Christian Church on Wednesday night; the Gospel-teers—Betty Godwin, Joan Johnson, Gene Godwin, and Anne Ferguson—of Carpenter Free Will Gospel Church on Thursday night; and two groups with Toby Wood, Vangie Lee, and Sheila Smith on Friday night.



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Smithfield Herald

Snow Hill: Standard Laconic

Southern Pines Pilot

Southport: State Port Pilot

Sparta: Alleghany News

Spring Hope Enterprise

Spruce Pine: Tri-County News

St. Paul's Review

Sylva Herald

Tabor City Tribune

Taylorsville Times

Troy: Montgomery Herald

Valdese News

Wadesboro: Anson Record

Wadesboro: Messenger &

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Wake Forest: Wake Weekly

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Revival Set At Blackman's Grove Church

Revival services will begin at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church Sunday, Apr. 2, and continue through the week.

The Rev. William H. "Bill" Poole of Knightdale will be guest speaker for the week. Mr. Poole is presently serving as interim pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Knightdale. He is a former pastor of Four Oaks Baptist Church and also was revival speaker for Blackman's Grove several years ago.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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Durham Herald
Durham Sun
Elizabeth City Advance
Fayetteville Observer
Fayetteville Times
Gastonia Gazette
Goldsboro News-Argus
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Blackman's Grove To Hold Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church.

The Rev. Roger Cope of Bonlee, a former pastor at the church, will be the guest speaker.

The lunch will be spread at Blackman's Crossroad community building immediately following the worship services.

The activities for the afternoon will include an old fashioned sing.

The Rev. LeRoy Witt, pastor of the church, invites everyone in the community to attend.



Roger Cope

Bakersville: ~~Mitchell~~
Bayboro: Pamlico Co. News
Belhaven: Beaufort-Hyde News
Belmont: Banner
Benson: Review
Bessemer City: Record
Black Mountain: News
Blowing Rock: Rocket

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The Rev Jiles W. "Bill" Crouch began duties as pastor of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church August 1.

Crouch has served as a bi-vocational pastor in Ohio, Kentucky and South Carolina prior to coming to North Carolina.

Crouch will also begin studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary this month.

He is a 1979 graduate of The University of Tennessee in Martin.

Pastor Hosts Church Party

The Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Witt, who serve Blackman's Grove Baptist Church, hosted an old fashioned, homemade, ice cream party Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, at the parsonage.

A variety of flavors of ice cream, cookies, cake and soft drinks were served to the approximately 55 people present at the party.

Several games were played during the afternoon which included sack races, table tennis, horseshoes, and hymn singing.

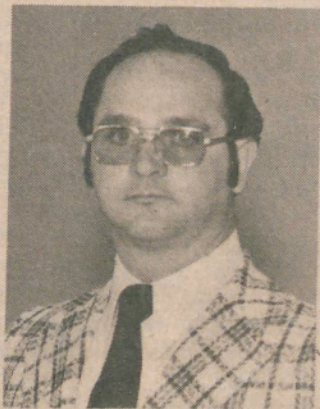
Invited guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher Ford of

Smithfield, a former pastor; the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Moore of Four Oaks, associational missionary; and Mrs. M. G. Johnson of Benson.

Asheboro: Randolph Guide
Ayden Tribune
Bakersville: Mitchell Ledger
Bayboro: Pamlico Co. News
Belhaven: Beaufort-Hyde News
Belmont Banner
Benson Review
Bessemer City Record
Black Mountain News
Blowing Rock: Rocket

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Two will speak at April revival



Rev. Dennis Collins

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church will hold a revival beginning Monday, Apr. 14, and ending Sunday, Apr. 20. The services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. and there will be two evangelists.

The Rev. Dennis Collins, a student at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, will conduct the services on April 15, 17, and 20 while the Rev. LeRoy Witt, also a student at Southeastern Seminary, will conduct the services on April 14, 16, and 18.



Rev. LeRoy Witt

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HOMECOMING — The Rev. Joe Puckett of Smithfield, former pastor of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church on Route 2, Four Oaks, will be guest speaker for the church's homecoming day Sunday (September 19). Following the morning worship, a picnic lunch will be spread at the Blackman's Crossroads Community Building. A gospel song program will be held at the church in the afternoon.

Smithfield Herald

Snow Hill: Standard Laconic

Southern Pines Pilot

Southport: State Port Pilot

Sparta: Alleghany News

Spring Hope Enterprise

Spruce Pine: Tri-County News

St. Paul's Review

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Wadesboro: Anson Record

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THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY for the new parsonage at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church was held Sunday. The parsonage is located two miles from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Everette Lee donated one acre of land for the home. Those participating in the ceremony were Willie Adams, contractor; Lawrence Massengill, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Lee, James William Lee, the Rev. LeRoy Witt, Raymond Moore, Herma Massengill and J. G. Lee.

Blackman's Grove To Have Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church, Sunday, Sept. 19. A picnic lunch will be served immediately following the worship service at the Blackman's Crossroads Community Building.

The Rev. Joe Puckett of

Smithfield, former pastor, will preach the homecoming message.

All members, former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend, said the Rev. LeRoy Witt, pastor of the church.



Rev. Joe Puckett

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Faith Free Will Baptist Church, located on Webb Mill Road, Four Oaks will be having revival services starting at 6 p.m. Sunday. Monday through Thursday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Joe Jones will be the guest speaker.

Antioch Methodist Church, located on Highway 701, Four Oaks will hold their annual barbecue and fried chicken supper Saturday at 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Eat-in or take out.

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church will be celebrating its 103rd homecoming beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 8 with Sunday School, followed by services at 11 a.m. The Rev. Don Price, the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Benson and current pastor of the First Baptist Church of Princeton will speak. After services, the homecoming dinner will be held at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church, located on Lassiter Road in Four Oaks, will hold a fund-raiser for Camp Dixie beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday with a spaghetti supper. The supper will be followed by a gospel concert at 7 p.m. featuring the Hickory Grove Quartet. Donations will be accepted.

The Royal Descendants from Goldsboro will hold a gospel sing to commemorate their fourth anniversary at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium on the campus of Johnston Community College. Musical guests will include Legacy from Durham and Heaven's Echoes from Goldsboro. There is no admission to the concert, but a love offering will be taken.

New Zealand Pentecostal

Free Will Baptist Church, located on Meadow Brook Road near Meadow, will hold a buffet breakfast from 7 till 10 a.m. Saturday. Donations will be accepted with proceeds to benefit the Brotherhood Mission of the church.

Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, located on N.C. 96, will hold a clothes giveaway for needy families from 8 until 11 a.m., Saturday, rain or shine. Available sizes range from newborn to adult.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church on Highway 50, eight miles south of Garner will sell plates of barbecued chicken from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. and from 5 till 8 p.m. Friday, September 13. Plates, which cost \$5 each, may be eaten at the church or taken out.

Fairview Presbyterian Church will celebrate homecoming Sunday. Member Kathy Pitts will describe her recovery from ARDS, Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome. The choir and other church members will sing. Lunch will follow. The church is seven miles north of Selma on Highway 39, located beside the Corbett-Hatcher Community Building.

Senior Citizens Day will be held at **Howell Chapel Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ**, in Selma at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 15. The Rev. Clarence Laney, Jr., of Selma will speak. The Spirit Choir will perform. The public is invited.

Mount Zion AME Zion Church in Smithfield will hold a rainbow tea at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Woman's Club on East Oak Street in Selma. The event will include dinner, entertainment, and prizes for the best

decorated table. For more information, call 934-4570.

Smith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will hold revival at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 9. The church is located on Highway 701, 12 miles south of Smithfield. The speaker for the week will be Dr. Cliffous S. Artis, the Bishop of the Southwestern Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference.

The **Goshen Evangelistic Team** will hold a prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. Saturday at Roz's Restaurant on Highway 701. Elder David N. Atkinson is the chairman. The public is invited.

Grantham Church of God of Prophecy will hold a spaghetti supper from 4:30 till 7 p.m. Saturday. Also, the Rev. John Murphy will lead revival at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The church is on Highway 13 three miles south of Grantham.

Grandparents day will be held at **Oakey Grove Baptist Church** at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 8. Guest speaker is the Rev. Alvin Thompson.

Saint Peter Church of Christ in Smithfield will celebrate its 29th Homecoming at 11 a.m. Sunday. General Vice Bishop Nedeom Putney of Richmond, Va. will be the guest speaker.

The women of **Saint Mark AME Church** on Bridge Street in Smithfield will celebrate their annual Woman's Day at 11 a.m. Sunday, September 29. The speaker will be the Rev. Libby Kisseih of Fairmont, pastor of Saint Matthew AME Church in Wilmington. The public is invited.

Sharon Baptist Church in Smithfield will hold a "Single Adult Day" beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday with services. The guest speaker is George Karampelas from Raleigh, whose sermon will be titled "Are You Anxious For Nothing."

Guest speaker LeRoy Hargett will preach at 4 p.m. Sunday at the **Mount Sinai Holy Church** in Pine Level.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of Hopewell Baptist Church** will hold a yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at Parker Insurance Agency, located at 201-8 South Bright Leaf Boulevard in Smithfield. In case of rain, the group will reschedule the sale.

The **First Missionary Baptist Church** in Selma will hold its seventh annual "Back to School" program at 3 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Carolyn G. Ennis of Smithfield will be our presenter. School children are invited to come for an afternoon of learning and fun.

Revival will be held Sunday, September 8-11 at the **Selma Church of God** on West Oak Street. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., while services held Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:30 p.m. Evangelists Mike and Jamille Mills will speak.

Wilson's Mills Church of God will hold its "Holy Ghost Revival" Sunday, September 8-15. The Sunday service will begin at 5 p.m., while the Monday through Saturday services will start at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist Kenneth Locklear from the **Saddletree Church of God** in Lumberton will speak.

The **First Baptist Church of Princeton** will host a September

Birthday Fellowship Service at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 8.

Guest speaker will be Evangelist **Hattie Lofton** of Smithfield.

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By Elizabeth H. Barnes
News in Review Staff

South Johnston High School has collected \$900 and 25 cases of canned goods that have been designated to help local residents in need.

At the school's powder puff game Oct. 5, the price of admission was either three cans of canned food or \$3.

All of the proceeds went to Benson Area Ministries, which will use them to help area residents, Benson Area Ministries volunteer Dave Miller said.

Miller said that Benson Area Ministries had been hard pressed to distribute food and clothing to local residents, as a lot of the donations over the previous two weeks had gone to Hurricane Floyd victims in Edgecombe County.

"If South Johnston hadn't done what they did, Benson Area Ministries would be hard pressed to do what it has done," Miller said.

He said that Betsy Brady, treasurer of Benson Area Ministries, was surprised and delighted by the money and was very grateful.

Scott Lusby, a teacher at South Johnston High School and its homecoming sponsor, said that the school collects money and food for Benson Area Ministries every year at its powder puff game.

But he said that this year's collection was especially significant because of Hurricane Floyd.

"This was the best year moneywise," Lusby said. "We got more money than in the past."

Lusby said that people even made donations over the Internet this year.

Miller said that South Johnston donations have been helpful in aiding area residents because so much of what Benson Area Ministries had received was going to help Floyd victims.

Carroll Lee, a member of Hoods Grove Baptist Church, has carried 20 truckloads of food and supplies on behalf of Benson Area Ministries to Trinity Baptist Church in Tarboro to help the victims of the hurricane, Miller said.

"South Johnston supports us, so we can help other counties," Miller said.

Benson Area Ministries is still taking donations of food, cleaning sup-

plies, towels, washcloths, blankets and bedding at its offices behind the Benson Town Hall Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Clothing is not needed for the hurricane victims in Edgecombe County but can be used by local families and migrant workers, particularly men's clothing, Miller said.

Also on the subject of help for Benson Area Ministries, Miller said that it has two more churches from which to draw its volunteer base. Benson Grove Baptist Church has rejoined and Benson Presbyterian Church has now joined Benson Area Ministries.

Benson Area Ministries now has a volunteer base from Benson Baptist, Benson Grove Baptist, Blackman's Grove Baptist, Benson United Methodist, Mount Zion United Methodist, Elevation United Methodist, Benson Presbyterian and Trinity Baptist churches.

Benson Area Ministries also has some changes in leadership and representation.

Mary Rose Strickland of Blackman's Grove Baptist Church in the Blackman Crossroads community is president of Benson Area Ministries as of February. She replaces Dorothy Ennis of Benson Baptist Church, who stepped down at that time for health reasons.

The Rev. Henry Lee, pastor of Elevation United Methodist Church, is the new secretary of Benson Area Ministries, effective June 7. He replaces the Rev. Robert Capps, former pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in the Meadow community.

The Rev. Carole McCartney, pastor of Benson Presbyterian Church, started working as the new representative from the Benson Ministerial Association to Benson Area Ministries on Oct. 4.

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Blackmans Grove Baptist Church's
Fellowship Hall will be the site of its
annual "Fall Festival" on Saturday, Oct.
30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be games, cake walks,
door prizes and refreshments.

Children are encouraged to dress up
as their favorite Bible character or in
any other non-scary costume.

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Blackman's Grove Baptist Church

Blackman's Grove Baptist to mark 100th anniversary

Blackman's Grove Baptist Church in the Blackman's Crossroads community will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 22-Sept. 12.

The church was founded on Aug. 18, 1893, when Smithfield Baptist Church granted a letter of dismissal to 13 of its members in order to form Blackman's Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

However, the first member of the church was Susan B. Wood, whose letter of transmission from Union Grove Church was dated Aug. 11, 1893.

Several activities have been planned to commemorate the church's centennial over a period of four weeks.

The celebration will begin with the morning worship service on Aug. 22. The focus of this service will be missions, and the guest

speakers will be Charles and Bonnie Wiggs of Selma, retired missionaries to Korea.

Sunday morning, Aug. 29, the service will be devoted to the history of the music of the church and older musical selections will be included in the program. Also, present and former music leaders in the church will be recognized.

On the evening of Aug. 29, a video presentation chronicling the history of the church will be shown. A time capsule will be buried on the church grounds and instructions will be provided for opening the capsule in the year 2043.

Evangelism and revival will be the emphasis of the morning service on Sept. 5. The pastor, the Rev. Phillip Anderson, will deliver an evangelistic sermon and the his-

tory of revivals in the church will be presented.

The culmination of the centennial celebration will be the homecoming service on Sunday morning, Sept. 12. The Rev. Jesse Mooney, pastor of the church from 1989 to 1991, will deliver the message and a picnic lunch will follow at the church's fellowship hall.

All former members and their relatives, former pastors and friends of Blackman's Grove Church are encouraged to attend all these events as the church celebrates this milestone in its history.