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Program for youths needs adult role models

By ANN CORNELIUS BROWN
Herald staff writer

Each week children in Durham who are at risk of dropping out of school or becoming delinquent or pregnant spend time with community volunteers in a mentor program designed to reach youth early before trouble begins.

Project Nexus, a mentor program in Durham for children between the ages of 6 and 10, is offered by the Child Advocacy Commission and First Calvary Baptist Church and is aimed at young black children, particularly boys, in low socioeconomic families.

Black role models who live in the same community are needed to serve as examples for black children of how individuals succeed in life, said Dorothy Browne, a volunteer of Project Nexus and associate professor in maternal and

child health at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health at Chapel Hill.

The community program was started in January by the Child Advocacy Commission with an \$8,000 venture grant from United Way.

The program has been successful because of the volunteer efforts from community members of West End Community Development, a nonprofit corporation set up to help make positive changes in the community, said organizers.

United Way provides about one third of the commission's budget with money

raised locally in the annual fund drive.

The 1990 campaign is underway and workers are trying to raise \$3.3 million, an 8.5 percent increase over last year, to continue support for the Child Advocacy Commission and other local member agencies that provide community services to Durham's citizens of all ages.

Project Nexus will be reviewed in December to determine if additional financial support will be provided.

In times past, nurturing, supportive adults were found in the extended family and among family friends in close communities. But today, many black children are raised in single-family households. Emotional support may get overlooked while a parent struggles to provide for their children's basic needs, Ms. Browne said. The lack of adult role models has been shown to have a detri-

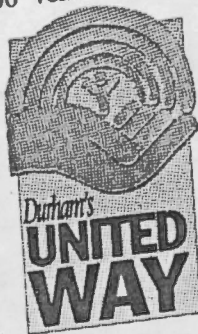
mental effect on school performance and self-esteem, said Ms. Browne, who recently returned from a conference in Atlanta on education for black children.

Children who do not have mentors at an early age not only do poorly in school, but are at risk of having emotional and behavioral problems, she said.

Al Singer, director of the Child Advocacy Commission, said a common thread of all childhood problems is the lack of adult role models.

"We need to stop doing crisis management and this is the type of program that can get to the roots of it," he said.

"The state of children right now is we are sort of letting them down the tubes," he said.



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EVANGELIST OF THE WEEK—
Baptist Grove Church at 7109
Leesvukke Road invites all to their
soul stirring six day revival begin-
ning Aug. 8. Opening with a
candlelight service at 6 p.m., the
Rev. Dr. Charles Bullock of Martin
Street Baptist Church will deliver
the message. The evangelist of the
week is the Rev. Frederick Amos
Davis, pastor of the First Calvary
Baptist Church in Durham. A native
of Deland, Fla., he is a graduate of
Johnson C. Smith University.

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Church Briefs

APPRECIATION PROGRAM

The public is invited to attend an appreciation program and fellowship for the Rev. Donnie L. Davis on July 23. The program will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. at Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

CANDLELIGHT MARCH

Ebenezer AME Zion Church Missionary Society will host its annual Missionary Candlelight March Sunday, July 23 at 6 p.m. Evangelist Catherine Evans will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by the New Rolling Travelers of Apex. Missionaries are asked to please wear white.

THREE NIGHT REVIVAL

Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church will be holding a Three Night Revival Wednesday through Friday, July 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Joseph Rogers, pastor of Johnston Piney Grove Church in Clayton, will be the guest minister. The church is located on the corner of Waddell and Pollock streets in Selma. The pastor is Rev. Wilbert Stewart.

FIRST CALVARY MEN'S DAY

The First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham will observe Men's Day on Sunday, July 23. The guest speaker for the 10:45 morning program will be Rev. E. Victor Maafo, minister and university professor, North Carolina Central University Business Department. Guest speaker for the 4 p.m. program will be the Rev. Paul Anderson, pastor of Baptist Grove Baptist Church in Raleigh. The theme will be "Power: Praying Power, Obedience Power, Worshiping Power, Evangelizing Power, and Redemption Power."

The Men's Day Breakfast and workshop are scheduled for Saturday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. The guest speaker for this program will be Rev. Kenneth Hammond, pastor of Union Baptist Church of Durham. There will be a basketball game with the men of First Calvary vs. the men of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church at MacDougald Gymnasium on the campus of NCCU Friday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 489-4184 during business hours. The church is located at 1311 Morehead Ave. in Durham.

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REV. VERNON THOMPSON

Thompson Will Speak For Special Services

Rev. Vernon S. Thompson, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, will be guest speaker Sunday during the Women's Day program at St. John Baptist Church.

The program begins at 4 p.m. Rev. W.W. Lee is pastor of the church.

A Winston-Salem native, Mr. Thompson earned a B.A. degree in history from Winston-Salem State University. He then received a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

In 1980 he participated in a traveling seminar program to Barbados, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In

1981, Mr. Thompson participated in an Overseas Ministries Study Center in Ventnor, N.J. He has served the congregation at First Calvary since February 1980.

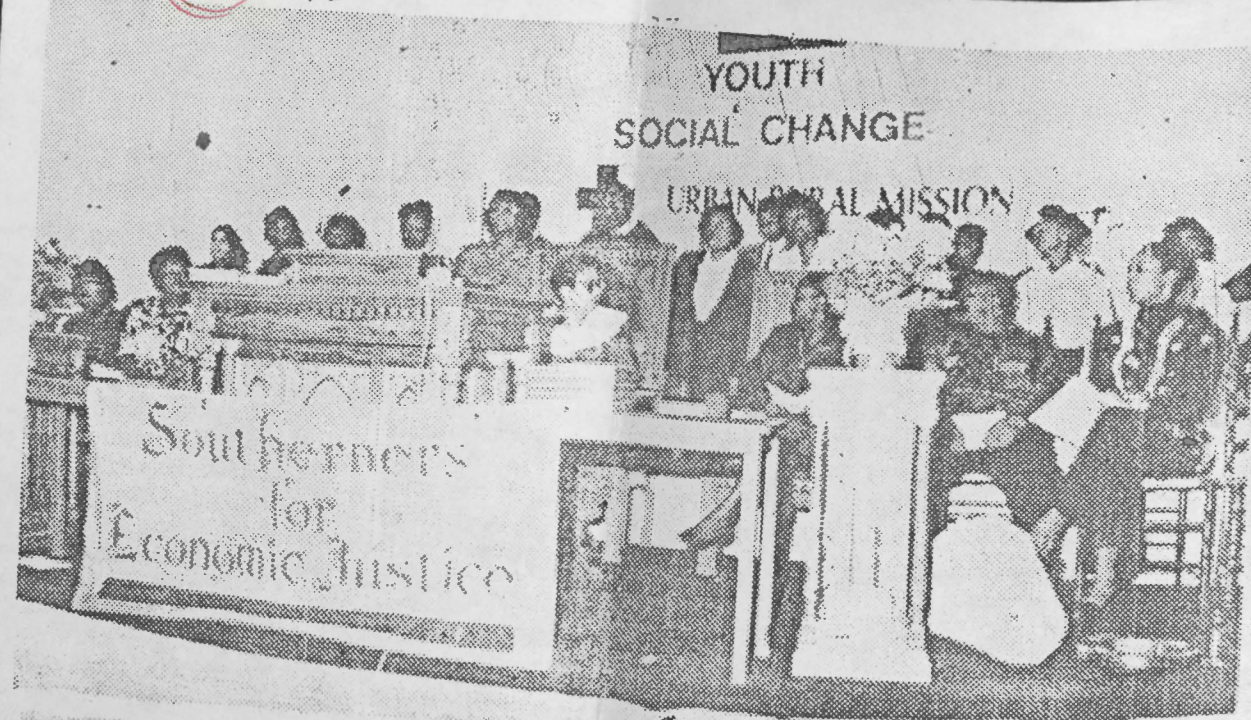
Thompson is married to the former Bonnie Yancey. They have two sons, Vernon Thompson, Jr., and Vernard Thompson.

VIRGINIA'S AREA

The state of Virginia extends 57 miles farther west than West Virginia, and 27 states in the United States extend farther north than some parts of Canada. Washington Island, Wis., lies farther east than Pensacola, Fla.

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Top: Some of the speakers for Youth for Social Change. Bottom: Alayanfe Dance Troupe performs. (Photos by Trent)

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Youth for Social Change Hold Conference Here

By Ray Trent

A rally for youth was held at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham on January 28. It was a joint sponsorship of U.S. Urban Rural Mission, Southerners for Economic Justice and Youth for Social Change.

The rally was kicked off by the Alaynfe Dance Troupe (The Chosen Ones), the welcome was given by Princess Smith of First Calvary, followed by an invocation by Rev. Mark Wethington, pastor, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church.

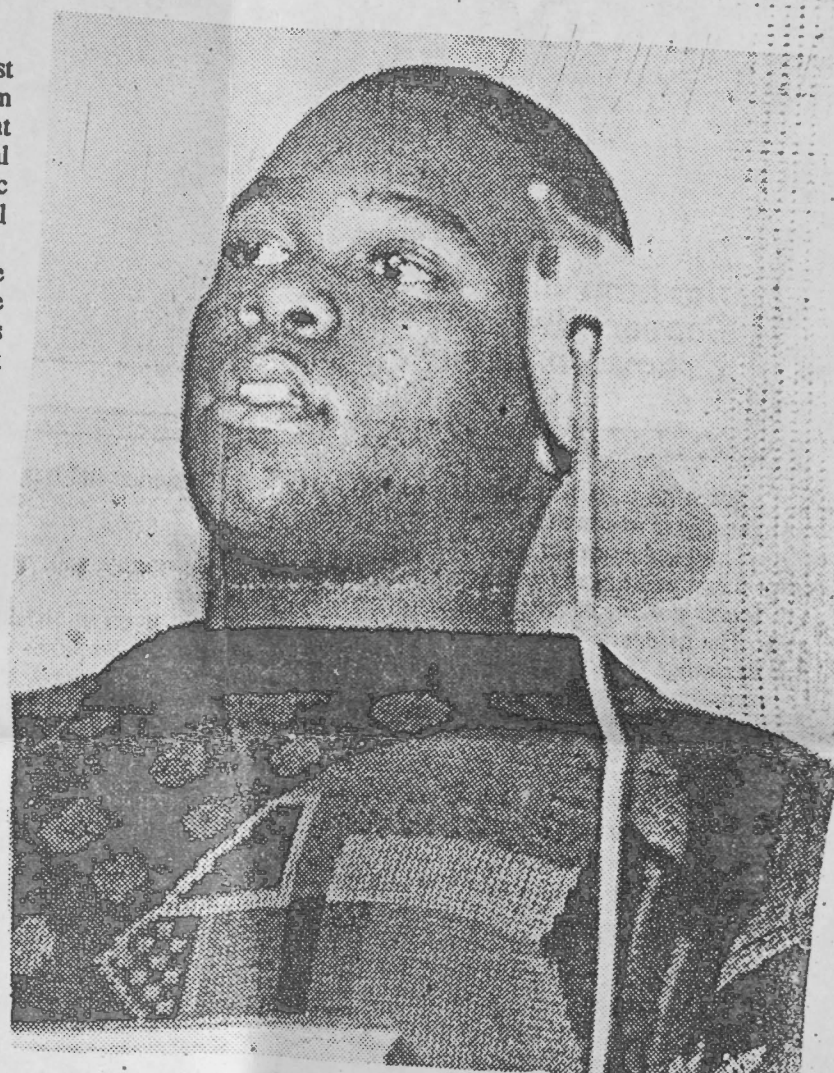
Leah Wise of SEJ and U.S. Urban Rural Mission, presided over the program.

Barbara Prear of the UNC Housekeepers Association, told of "the hardships facing black workers at this prestigious university in 1993."

Awards were presented to Juanita McNeil, West End community activist; Officer Keith Edwards, UNC Campus Security (a black female who also had problems at the university); the Hon. Isaac Robinson, Durham City Councilman; the Hon. Dan Blue, speaker of the House, N.C. Legislature; Rep. Milton F. "Toby" Fitch, Jr., House Majority Whip, N.C. Legislature. These awards were received by Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux.

Rev. Dr. Mac Charles Jones of the US/Urban Rural Mission, was the keynote speaker.

The real messages were given by two young people from Youth for Social Change. The first introduced himself as Tony-Jeffries, who told the audience, "I am not a gangster!" He told how he is growing up in substandard housing on the West End, but still reaches for a dream. He also said that if white people



Tony Jeffries tells the audience "I am not a gangster." Jeffries spoke during the conference for Youth for Social Change. (Photo by Trent)

lived where black people live in the West End, changes would be made.

The second speaker was Ms. Brenda Lovely, a Hillside senior, who cried out to the world as a teenager, black and female. Following is her plea:

"...It is indeed a great honor to stand here before you and present to you my testimony, a testimony of reality.

"Reality is the key word. From the day I was born into this world, I have been faced with reality. And, so have you. That is why it is so important we acknowledge reality and accept it.

"So today I relate reality to all the people of the world, but especially to you. You, meaning parents, teachers, and administrators.

"So, parents I say to you, there is a generation gap and yes, times may have changed, but the bare necessities have not. So, today I stand here before you as your child and I say to you, I need your love, I need your support, and I need you to be my friend.

"Mama, Daddy, why don't you understand me? Can't you hear me? I'm crying for help. I just want to talk to you and tell you how I feel and what's really going on. But, everytime I try to talk to you we end up arguing.

"Why can't you be straightforward with me? You were my age once before. So, why do you make it seem as if you have no past? You know what's going on or do you?

"Don't you realize if I can't turn to you for love, support, and care

and the answers to my questions, I'm going to turn to somebody or something. So wouldn't you rather it be you?

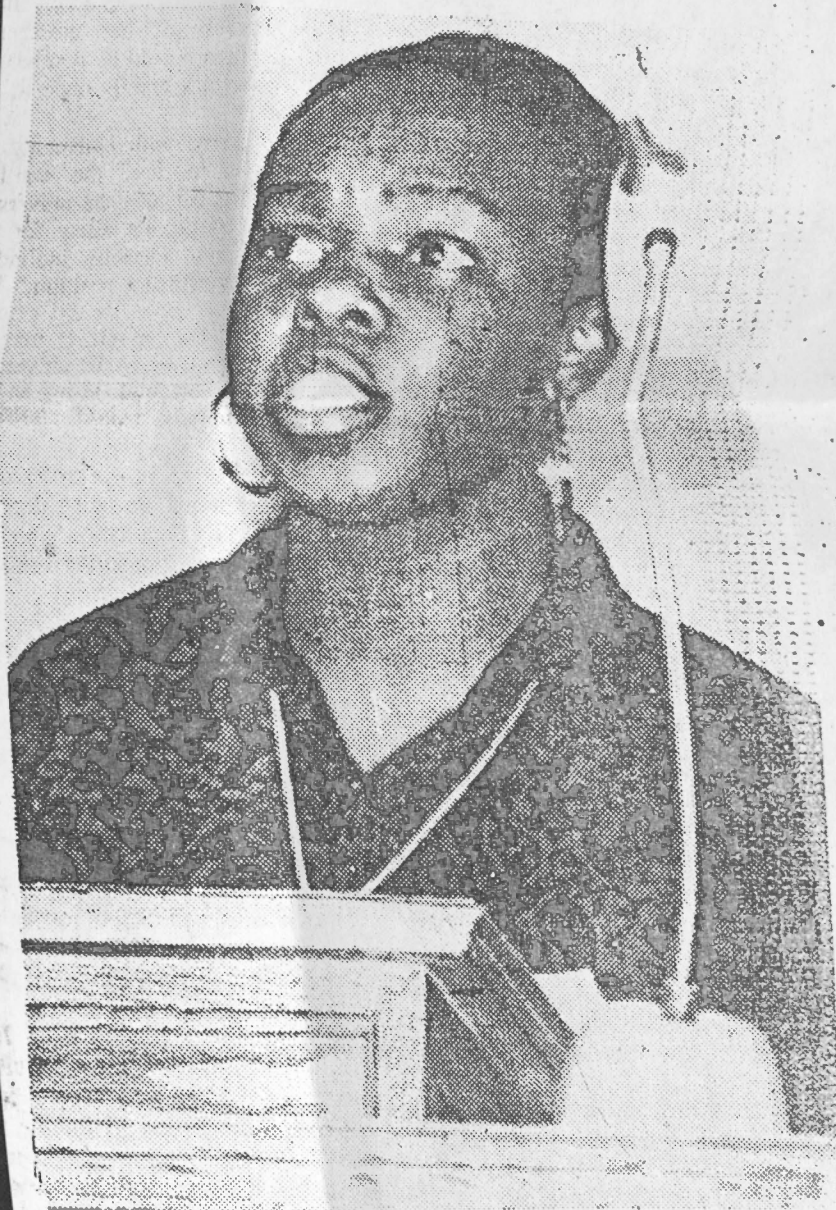
"Don't you know, every day that I wake up and go to school I am faced with so many temptations and confronted with fears. (Such as drugs, sex, cheating, lying, stealing, gangs, violence, and ducking school.)

"So, why don't you tell me about these things before I am faced with them? And, then when I am, you don't want to accept them. So, Mama, Daddy, all I ask of you is to take time and listen to me, be patient with me, and most of all please be honest!

"To Teachers, I make a special plea tonight on behalf of the many students who truly understand the value of a good education. Please be patient with us even when we don't learn new concepts as quickly as you think we should. Please be understanding with us, when we seem to be preoccupied with family situations rather than what's going on at the time. I ask you to keep in mind that realistically we students don't all have the ideal situations.

"And to administrators, I simply ask you to become more visible and allow us meaning students to give our input.

"And now I say to all; parents, teachers, administrators, and my fellow peers, let's work together to close this generation gap. And, as we do, let us acknowledge, accept, and face reality because if one fails, so do we all."



Ms. Brenda Lovely speaks to gathering. (Photo by Trent)

Steadfastness should be for the will, not for the mind.

—Baltasar Gracián

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Ministers Concerned Over Concealed Weapons Law

By Cash Michaels

Staff Writer

No sooner has the new state law allowing citizens to carry concealed weapon gone into effect, than a coalition of civic, elected and religious leaders has vowed to have it repealed.

At least 25 representatives of local churches, organizations and government in Durham, gathered last Thursday on the steps of the old Durham Courthouse to denounce the law, saying that it was "passed out of fear" and will "set us back 100 years."

"Shoot first and ask questions

later, because of the assumption that the person you might be walking along the street with is carrying a gun, is not the way free citizens should have to live, work and walk in a free society," Rev. Monroe Freeman, pastor of St. Titus Episcopal Church, told reporters.

"We believe this law is a terrible mistake, it is a step backward in our efforts to create a safer community for our children and our families," added Rev. Mel Williams, pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church, and cochair of Religious Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

The Concealed Weapons Act, passed by the General Assembly last summer, went into effect last Friday, Dec. 1. Though it's supposed to legalize the concealment of a handgun on one's person, a host of local restrictions have now limited where one can carry a hidden weapon to just the streets and sidewalks.

Private property owners, including stores, malls, and homes, can ban concealed weapons from their areas by simply posting a sign indicating that they're not allowed.

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Rev. Williams noted, however, that churches now will have to post that same sign outside of their doors.

"This is a sad and painful moment in our history," he said.

But opponents at the press conference said a move is already underway, House Bill 879—the Local Gun Preemption Bill, to outlaw many of the local restrictions, something they say must be stopped.

"It should be No. 1 on our priorities for next year for defeat," said Leslie Dunbar, cochair of the Religious Coalition.

Durham County Commissioner MaryAnn Black, who sponsored a measure to ban concealed weapons from all county property which was passed recently, said it was ironic that the Legislature would outlaw weapons on school property, but now want to allow them in public buildings.

"This is not the right way to go," Black said, to applause.

An ad ran in a local paper listing 125 local community leaders, including NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers, Durham Police Chief Jackie McNeil, Duke University historian Dr. John Hope Franklin, and Mayor Sylvia Kerckhoff, who are on record as opposing the law.

At presstime, a "Candlelight Vigil Against Violence" was scheduled Sunday on the Durham County Courthouse steps.

Those supporting the concealed weapon statute say that with crime going up and police resources being stretched to the limit, citizens should have the right to arm and protect themselves against violence.

But gun violence, opponents say, is "a public health epidemic," and the new law will only increase it.

"Crime cannot be ridden by your average citizen carrying a weapon, unless that citizen wants to be a part of the wild, wild, west," Rev. Frederick Davis, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, and vice president of the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

"Many issues have led us to this point of chaos in our communities. Let's concentrate on resolving those issues, so new ones, like a mistaken shooting of a child, or a mistaken shooting of a coworker by a another coworker, [don't happen]," he added.

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Church celebrates ordination Sunday

First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., will celebrate the ordination service of Ronnelle

Armstrong into the Christian ministry at 4 p.m. Sunday.



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Armstrong, a native of Mount Olive and a 1996 graduate of Duke Divinity School, will be charged by the Triangle Area Convention, USA. Armstrong's new assignment will be with the First Baptist Church in Marion, Ind.

Pastor Kenneth R. Hammond of Union Baptist Church will deliver the ordination sermon.

The Rev. Dick Chorley of Watts Street Baptist Church served as moderator of the Ordination Council meeting that was held Thursday.

Durham's Shining Hour! Concert series will present "A Few Good Men," a gospel quartet formed in 1991. The quartet will perform at First Baptist Church, 414 Cleveland St., at 6 p.m. Sunday. All seats are free. A love offering will be received.

Northside Baptist Church will have its annual revival services at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Rev. J. Vincent Terry of Halifax Baptist Church will lead the services.

First Free Will Baptist Church will hold family fun day with games and activities for all ages today at 225 Chandler Road. Lunch is provided and a gospel sing will conclude the day's activities.

A fashion show will be held at 7 p.m. today at Bell Yeager Free Will Baptist Church, 128 E. Cornwallis Road. The designer is Margaret Spearman of Raleigh.

Millgrove Church of God in Christ, 4527 Denfield St., will celebrate homecoming, starting at noon Sunday. The guest speaker will be Elder Joe Garret of Eden Church of God in Christ in Eden.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church will have a leadership conference at the Sheraton Inn-University Center, 2800 Middleton Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. The registration fee is \$35.

Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, 1715 Athens St., will have a Pastor's Aide program and Rainbow Tea at 4 p.m. Sunday. The speaker will be Shirley Cates from Jones Grove Baptist Church, Hillsborough.

An appreciation service for Deacon Horace Mims will be held at 4 p.m. today at Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church.

Baptist Church, 1500 S. Roxboro St. The evangelist is the Rev. O. Currin, pastor of Jones Missionary Baptist Church of Louisburg.

The Daughters of Calvary at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., will sponsor a clothing give-away from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in front of the church.

The southern gospel singing group LEGACY will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Gospel Independent Church, corner of Lumley Road and South Miami Boulevard. The public is invited.

The senior choir of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 Apex Highway, will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday. The concert is sponsored by the Nurses Health Club.

The Rev. Scott Benhase, rector at St. Philip's Episcopal, 403 E. Main St., will preach at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday. The topic of his message will be "The Humor of God in the Story of Jonah and the Outrage of God's Grace."

The Rev. James Craven, chaplain at the federal prison at Butner, will be the celebrant and preacher at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist services Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillandale Road.

All deposit slips for CROP Walk donations must be received by Sept. 1 by treasurer Carol Denton Ayres for final tabulation and the Golden Sneaker Award. Her address is 617 Donlee Drive, Durham, N.C. 27712.

Greater Emmanuel Pentecos-

tal Temple, 2722 E. Main St., will have a men's fellowship and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 17. The speaker is District Elder Marion E. Wright Sr., pastor. All men invited.

Bell Yeager Free Will Baptist Church, 128 E. Cornwallis Road, will have homecoming on Sunday. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. The Rev. James Willie and members of the congregation at Cox Memorial will be guests. Dinner will be served after the 11 a.m. service.

Bethel Tabernacle Church, 2517 S. Alston Ave., is holding a pre-anniversary program at 4 p.m. Sunday. The guest speaker is the Rev. Ouella Lewis, along with her choir and congregation from River Zion Holy Church.

Pettiford Grove Baptist Church, Cannady Mill Road in Kirtrell, will hold a deacons and trustees appreciation service at 5 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Ezekiel K. Best III and the Antioch Baptist Church family will be guests.

The youth council of First Baptist Church, 106 N. Roberson St., Chapel Hill, is sponsoring a back to school program and ice cream social at 5 p.m. Sunday. The speaker is Evelyn Dove Coleman, an attorney, who will talk on the making of a successful year.

The Rev. Pebbles Lindsay will be the mistress of ceremony Sunday at 3 p.m. at Henderson Grove Baptist Church for the Inspirational Singers anniversary.

A three-part series of metaphysical interpretations from the Aramaic Bible (the Language Jesus spoke in) will be presented by the Rev. Mary Beth Olsen, a Bible scholar, at the Center for Creative Self-Discovery, 1920 N.C. 54, executive park, Suite 100, on Tuesday, Thursday and Aug. 20 from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.

In addition to this series, a special workshop by Mary Beth Olsen, "The Status of Women in the Bible" will also be offered on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Center for Creative Self-Discovery.

A service of Christian baptism will be observed this Sunday in the 11 a.m. morning worship at Lawrence Road Baptist Church, Hillsborough. Pastor Richard L. Markley will continue a short series of messages highlighting the epistle to the Romans. The church continues to provide a brief, very informal service at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. A social time with refreshments follows the 8:30 a.m. service, and Sunday school for all ages follows at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will resume evening services after Labor Day.

Paynes Chapel A.M.E. Church, Hillsborough, will celebrate homecoming Sunday at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served after morning worship.

Revival services will be held Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jesse Alston of Cameron Grove Baptist Church will be the speaker.

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First Calvary Honors Pastor Davis



Pastor Davis, center, receives \$10,000 for the Calvary Ministries of the West End. The Ministries is rehabilitating the old Lyon Park School on the West End to serve the community.



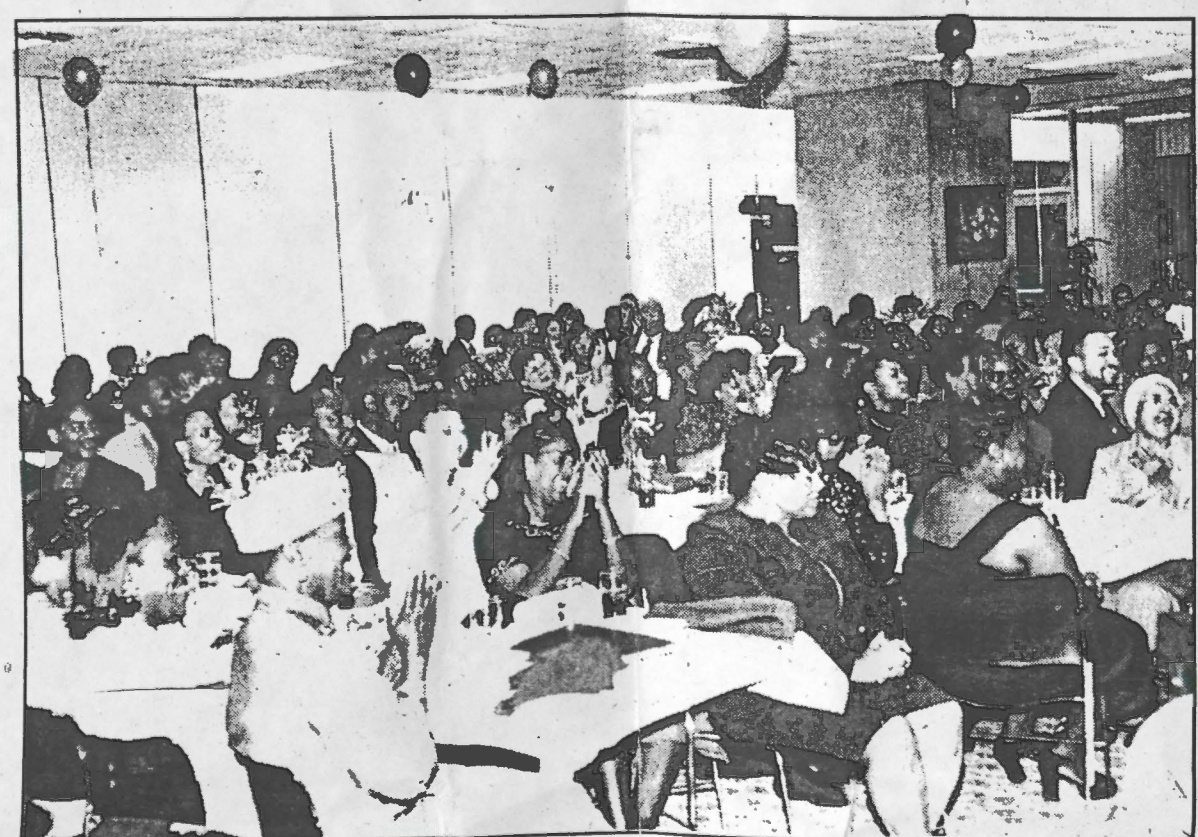
First Calvary Baptist Church members and friends held a Seventh Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Fredrick Amos Davis Nov. 7. A banquet was held at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Shown above Ms. Channelle Christopher, left, mistress of ceremonies; Mrs. Judith Hayes Davis, wife of the pastor; and Rev. Fredrick A. Davis.



Mrs. Wilma Holmes, right, president of the Durham Alumni Chapter of Johnson C. Smith University, makes a presentation to Pastor Davis.



Pastor Davis makes a point.



SOME OF THE BANQUET ATTENDEES

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Speaker for the occasion is Rev. William J. Barber of the Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro.



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BL REV. WILLIAM HEIGHT (left), pastor of Greater St. Paul Mis-
sionary Baptist Church, and REV. FREDRICK A. DAVIS, pastor of
First Calvary Baptist Church, at recent Hate Crimes Conference of
the Durham Human Relations Commission. (Photo by Ray Trent) BL

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Wake Cross Roads to
dedicate sanctuary

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Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church will dedicate its new sanctuary and educational rooms in ceremonies Sunday morning.

The facilities will enable Wake Cross Roads to better serve its growing congregation, which now numbers 1,100 members.

The church, at 3329 Forestville Road, was founded in 1789.

The dedication service will begin at 9:15 a.m. with messages from the church's pastor, Jim Cogdill, and from Paige Patterson, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Child care will be available for children from newborns through second grade.

Koreans visit church
in exchange program

RALEIGH

Fourteen visitors from the Suhnam Presbyterian Church in Kwang-ju, Korea, will participate in a cultural exchange program with the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. The Korean visitors will arrive Saturday, stay with local families for two weeks, and travel throughout North Carolina and Virginia.

Young-Ro Ahn, senior pastor of the Suhnam Church, will preach at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at First Presbyterian Church on July 28.

The Raleigh church will send a delegation to Kwang-ju in 1997.

New pastor to begin
at Hayes Barton

RALEIGH

Hayes Barton Baptist Church will welcome its new pastor Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dr. David J. Hailey, 38, comes to Raleigh from Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., where he had been pastor for six years. Earlier, he spent five years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pelham, Ga.

He earned master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

First Calvary to hold
Men's Day activities

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First Calvary Baptist Church has arranged a series of events through the end of July to mark the church's annual Men's Day celebration.

On Sunday, the church will hold a songfest featuring male choirs at 4 p.m. On July 27, Michael Page, associate minister of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, will lead a Christian workshop from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop follows an 8 a.m. fellowship breakfast.

And on July 28, the church will hold Men's Day services at 11 a.m. Guest speaker for the worship service will be Pastor Alphonso Brady of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. At 4 p.m., Brother Michael Hamlin will offer a sermon, as well.

Above events will take place at the church at 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham.

In addition, there will be a Men's Basketball Challenge against Fisher Memorial United Holy Church on July 26 at 6 p.m. The game will take place in McDougal Gym at N.C. Central University.

Call 489-4184 for more information about any of the events.

Church seeking
crafters for show

RALEIGH

The Episcopal Church Women group of the Church of the Nativity is seeking crafters to participate in a one-day juried craft show.

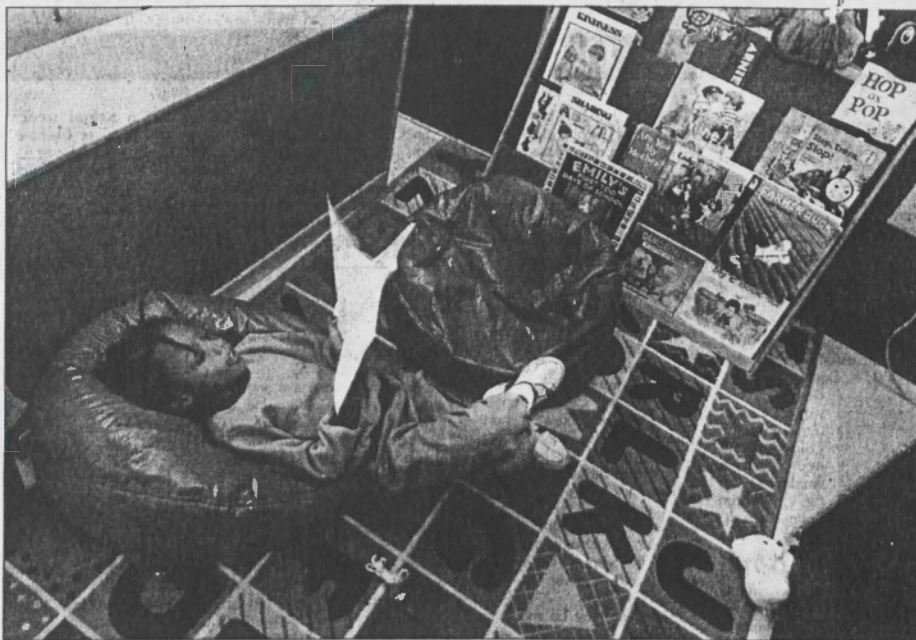
The show will be part of the church's annual Harvest Faire, scheduled for Oct. 5, at the Raleigh church.

People interested in selling their homemade crafts at the show must submit an application by Aug. 15. Applications are available by calling 510-8440.

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Johnntaye Carter, 5, relaxes in a beanbag chair Saturday and looks through a book in a classroom in the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park. After much turmoil and delays, the center finally opened.

Hope reborn with opening

Officials christen new community center

BY JIM SHAMP

When Thomas Womble started first grade at Lyon Park School, he walked the few blocks from the house of his birth on Fairview Street to the wooden, 10-room building at 1313 Halley St.

Womble has spent all but 2 1/2 of his 77 years in the Lyon Park neighborhood. World War II military service was the only call strong enough to take him away.

When the now-retired Liggett & Myers tobacco man returned from service, he built his own family's home near his birthplace.

"The old wooden school



Pastor Fredrick Davis (center) shakes hands with Durham Mayor Bill Bell during the opening of the Community Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park as City Manager Marcia Conner and U.S. Rep. David Price look on.

burned down," Womble recalled Saturday as he reminisced with L.M. Goode, retired Durham Public Schools principal who said he served about seven years at Lyon Park, starting in 1966.

"Then they added on twice

after I started going here."

"This school's in much better shape than when I worked here," said Goode with a sweeping look, bringing a chuckle from Womble as the two men stood on the steel running track overlooking the gleaming par-

quet basketball court.

"It's beautiful!" added Goode. "Lyon Park will live again."

The once-important educational and social hub for this West End community of cozy postwar bungalows and tended yards, spent recent years as an abandoned trouble trap for a neighborhood fighting decline.

But some 200 people gathered Saturday morning to celebrate its new life as the Community Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park. And the new fit and finish led to cheers over a local pastor's suggestion that this would also portend improved property values for the neighborhood.

"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion," called a teary-eyed Fredrick Davis, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, across the cheering crowd that spanned generations from wriggling tots to silver-haired grandparents, and included an array of decked-out elected officials.

Davis' lines were delivered

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with gospel fervor, and there was no way to know whether he was hearkening to Lion or Lyon. But the audience responded with unquestioning enthusiasm, apparently relieved that disappointments, construction delays and funding shortfalls plaguing Davis' vision appeared to be mere hiccups in history sweetening the day's reality.

Davis is executive director of Calvary Ministries of the Westend Community Inc. That's the nonprofit spinoff of his church responsible for pushing the school's rebirth.

Besides the gymnasium capturing the attention of Womble and Goode, the new community cen-

ter features an auditorium with a stage and two skylights. There's a classroom for dance instruction and a computer lab with high-speed Internet access for each of the new personal computers.

There's a kitchen, dining area, reading room and a host of classrooms and meeting rooms. The Council for Senior Citizens and Operation Breakthrough are among the tenants and partners in the center. And early next year the Duke University Health System is to open a wellness clinic in rented space at the center.

Saturday's grand opening program included greetings from Mayor Bill Bell; from MaryAnn Black, chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners; and Michael Palmer, director of Duke Uni-

"This dream is a reality. And this is not just a facility for Lyon Park. That's just the name we agreed upon. This is for all the citizens of Durham."

Rev. Fredrick Davis

pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church and executive director of Calvary Ministries of the Westend Community Inc.

versity Community Affairs. A variety of other officials attended, including City Manager Marcia Conner and former Mayor Nick Tennyson.

"Pastor Davis has kept this vision alive," said U.S. Rep. David Price, D-4th District, during the ceremony. "We're all indebted to him."

"This is not about me," Davis countered. "This is greater than any personality.

jects to improve the city.

In December, Calvary Ministries said \$450,000 was still needed to finish the renovation due to fund-raising problems and construction delays. The City Council voted to give the nonprofit an additional \$350,000, with the remaining \$100,000 to be funded by Calvary Ministries through grants or other fund raising. But operations are still expected to cost the city some \$600,000 a year.

"It was a loss for us that Calvary Ministries couldn't stay on schedule," Davis said of the organization's difficulties in finding constituents with deep enough pockets to avoid construction delays and increasing public support for the center.

"But to paraphrase somebody, I think it was Frederick Douglass, who said, 'Where

there is no struggle there be no progress.' It was a for us that Calvary Ministries couldn't influence people means. Yet we have won have a victory in a disadvantaged-classified area Durham."

Saturday's celebrants in ed neighbors getting their look inside as well as p with historical links to school. Many said they e to return now that the fa will be open weekdays f a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Su from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"This dream is a re Davis proclaimed. "And not just a facility for Park. That's just the ns agreed upon. This is for citizens of Durham."

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

First Calvary Baptist Church

will begin celebration of Black

History Month by hosting an ex-

tended Sunday School Program

Feb. 6th focused upon the needs of

African-Americans for more edu-

cation about organ donation.

The program will begin at 9:00

a.m. in the sanctuary. The follow-

ing persons will speak: Sarah

Springs (a part-time minister), an

official of the Carolina Organ Pro-

curement Agency. Her topic will

be the mission of COFA.

Dr. Brad Collins, an African-

American kidney transplant sur-

geon at Duke University Medical

Center. His topic will be the medi-

cal and surgical views on the or-

gan donations needed for African-

American patients and those of

other ethnic origin. He will answer

questions from the audience.

First Calvary Baptist is located

on Fields Drive in Sanford, NC.

For additional program informa-

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**First Calvary
To Honor
Rev. Fredrick
Davis Nov. 7**

On Saturday, November 7, First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue, Durham, will host the Seventh Annual Pastor's Appreciation Banquet to honor its pastor, Rev. Fredrick Amos Davis, for his work as a community leader. "The Making of a Movement" banquet will be held at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company cafeteria, 411 W. Chapel Hill St., from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tax deductible tickets are \$40 per person and are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to Calvary Ministries of the Westend Communities, Inc. for the operation of the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park. The guest speaker will be Rev. William Barber of Greenleaf Christian Church, Goldsboro. Call (919) 489-4184 during regular business hours for more information.

Calvary Ministries was created in July of 1993 to help address the economic, educational and human enrichment needs of the Westend Community and its residents.

A \$6.4 million bond was passed in November 1996 to fund the renovations of the historic Lyon Park Elementary School building in South West Central Durham to form the new Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon



REV. DAVIS

Park. Currently, support for this project is being received from a citizens approved city bond, a Community Development Block Grant, the local United Way Agency, private donations and special fundraisers. This community center will address the needs of the complete family: a child development center for the very young; after school programs and summer enrichment programs for youth varying in age; treatment and prevention of substance abuse will address the needs of the at-risk community; educational opportunities will range from GED training to home improvement workshops; and, a senior citizens daycare center will provide individuals with various activities ranging from knitting to board games.

The pastor, Rev. Davis, currently serves as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity.

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Church Alliance Issues Challenge

The "Body of Christ" throughout the Durham area has been issued a challenge by the president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Frederick A. Davis, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church of Durham.

"We must take back the moral authority in society where we serve," Davis reiterated in launching his second year as head of one of the areas largest and oldest organizations of ministers.

Upcoming programs of EWA will be the annual Emancipation Proclamation service, Jan. 1 at noon at

Peace Baptist Church, Apex Highway, Durham. Host pastor will be Rev. W.E. Daye. Featured speaker will be Dr. L. Charles Bennet, pastor of Day Spring Community Church, Wheaton, Md.

On Jan. 4-8, IMA will host the City-Wide Revival, featuring Dr. D. Z. Cofield, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. Dr. Cofield returns following a widely praised revival in 1998.

The revival will be held at White Rock Baptist Church, Fayetteville St., Durham, beginning at 7 p.m.

nightly. Dr. Reginald Van Stephens is host pastor.

According to President Davis, "Both events hold a promise of most unusual occurrences. We are anticipating an even greater set of excitement and surprises than the dynamics we experienced last year. We really are excited."

Citizens throughout the vicinity are invited to come and be a part of both events. Anyone seeking directions or further information are encouraged to call 489-4194.

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CELEBRATION

First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, will observe its annual Day of Celebration of Stewardship on Sunday, March 24. Dr. Percy L. High and his congregation from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, will be the guests at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Fredrick A. Davis is the host pastor.

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First Calvary Has Annual Men's Day

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe its annual Men's Day celebration during the Month of July. The theme for the celebration is, "Men—Building in the Church and The Community (Mobilizing, Empowering, Networking)."

Several events headline this year's agenda. All events will be held at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., unless otherwise noted.

On Sunday, July 21, a Musical Songfest featuring male choirs and other groups will be held at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, July 27, following

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Whether
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To evangelize and energize

By LISA BELLAMY
CORRESPONDENT

It's a 90-degree night under a blue-and-white striped tent pitched in a grassy field at U.S. 70 and Yeargan Road in Garner. The Cornerstone Church of God praise team is well into a 40-minute medley of psalms and contemporary gospel tunes. Standing beside folding chairs, hands lifted above their heads, are about 70 men, women and children, some barefoot and bouncing with joy.

They have braved the heat, the hungry mosquitoes and the passing skeptics to be refreshed in their faith, encouraged in their struggles, and healed of physical maladies. Praise team leader Michelle Davis encourages them to "Keep those hands up and touch Jesus tonight!"

Cornerstone pastor Jonathan Morgan could have held the meeting in the comfortable confines of Cornerstone's air-conditioned worship center on U.S. 401. But Morgan prefers taking the gospel message to the streets.

Revival, after all, is about two things: evangelizing the lost and re-energizing the existing church. Evangelism, in particular, requires getting people's attention. No better place to do that than under a big tent near a



Jenny Davis, 13, prays at a recent tent revival in Garner.
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Pastor Jonathan Morgan, above, lays his hands on a visitor during prayer at a Garner tent revival.

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Five-year-old Whitney Ann Whitney, above, tries to get a better look at musician during a youth revival at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham.

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Children participate in the First Calvary youth revival.
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Fred Sidberry, center, sings in the 'Tots of Praise' choir at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham.

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a customary Sunday service, but a few break the mold. Raleigh's Upper Room Church of God in Christ, for example, recently held a weeklong revival that included daytime workshops for youths with topics such as facing peer pressure and how to pray. But the printed schedule occasionally gave way to the spontaneous. At 11 a.m. one day, when lunch was scheduled, youth workers and roughly 200 young people gathered in the sanctuary. They prayed. They wept. They sang, hugged and even ran around the room with abandon.

That exuberant worship style apparently has its roots in revival history. Charles Finney's "Lectures on Revival" notes that "God has found it necessary to take advantage of the excitability there is in mankind to produce powerful excitements among them before he can lead them to obey." In his classic book "Revival," Richard Owen Roberts defines revival as an "extraordinary movement of the spirit of God which produces extraordinary results."

"The sit-down revival is kind of the cool American 'let's-not-get-excited' approach of things," says Dr. William B. Lawrence, professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School and associate director of its J.M. Ormond Center. "When you read the history, more ecstatic worship is commonplace. If you read the accounts of Jonathan Edwards' revival in Massachusetts, you have descriptions of people shrieking, falling in the aisles and that sort of thing."

What brings people to a revival meeting? The most common expectation is "that it will reinvigorate their spiritual energy helping them to reclaim, recover a sense

as their savior. A new convert, she was to be baptized last weekend as a result of attending the revival.

"I'm young," she said after the revival service. "Things aren't going right with me right now so I feel that it's time for a change."

Although most churches gain some members during revival, pastors say the meetings aren't about packing pews.

"I don't measure it numerically," says Morgan of Cornerstone Church of God, which has about 160 members. "We might go back to our church and have no new people.

What, then, is the measure of a revival's success?

"Overall, we're looking for change," says Fredrick A. Davis, pastor of First Calvary Baptist. The change might be reflected in renewed interest in Bible study, missionary outreach or personal holiness.

"If you look back, as a litmus test for what was true revival, there was a true desire among God's people for the Lord, a genuine brokenness and repentance," Forshee says. "Revival, in its classic sense, is first and foremost among God's people. It's when God's people really get on fire for him. A side result of that is as God's people are being revived, other people will be converted."

It's not until the guest minister has left for home and the nightly meetings are a memory that anyone can tell whether revival took place, says Maria Waddell, youth minister at the Upper Room Church of God in Christ.

"I'm not impressed by how excited or emotional you get, but I'm interested in how you change in your character and in your attitude," Waddell said. "To see a change in that is to see progress."

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busy intersection.

"This isn't for the church; it's for the community," said Morgan, a 34-year-old evangelist, of the recent series of tent meetings. "There are people who are not church people because of the mindset. They're worried about what to wear. This is more casual. We have a lot of people who drop in."

Throughout the Triangle, a series of summer revivals has begun, events that seek to attract both the curious and the committed. Most services will be evening sermons followed by an altar call and refreshments. Some feature guest revivalists from across town or across the country. Others offer the opportunity for personal prayer.

Revivals are as old as Christianity. The American church experienced major revivals in the 18th and 19th centuries, the First and Second Great Awakenings. Revival at Azusa Street in Los Angeles in 1906 marked the resurgence of Pentecostalism.

What separates major revivals from periodic meetings are scope and impact. The Awakenings lasted for years and were marked by mass conversions and a religious fervor that birthed new churches, social reforms and legendary preachers. Among them: Jonathan Edwards, a Puritan and past president of Princeton, then a Bible college; Charles Finney, a lawyer turned Congregationalist preacher; and John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism. Modern-day evangelist Billy Graham continues that revival heritage.

No one is suggesting the Triangle's summer revivals will usher in a nation-shaking "move of God." Then again, those things aren't predictable, says Daniel Forshee, professor of evangelism and church growth at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. By holding what may seem like a routine meeting, he says, "We set ourselves for the wind of the spirit."

Most revival meetings resemble

of spiritual closeness with God," Lawrence says.

That's how it was at a recent two-hour tent meeting in Garner, which was plainly evangelistic. A slender, shirt-sleeved Morgan — who himself has led revivals in a half-dozen countries — spoke of freedom from guilt: "Jesus Christ, the son of God, can forgive your sins; he can give you peace." He talked of a God who cares: "Jesus loves you, and He wants to touch your life." No fire. No brimstone. The message boiled down to forgiveness for the past and help for the future. "When Jesus becomes the Lord of your life, your concerns become His concerns." Then came the altar call.

Patsy McDonald of Angier was among a half dozen people who stepped forward, escorted by a co-worker and a relative. Morgan spoke to her over the din of keyboards, guitar, drums and tambourines, placed his hands on her blonde head and prayed "taking authority over the spirit of infirmity."

Then he asked her to do something she couldn't do before. A weeping McDonald began to move her left arm and shoulder, presumably without pain, saying, "I feel good."

McDonald said later that she doesn't belong to a church. But, this night, she came "to ask for prayer for myself and for my brother."

But there are other attractions. Some come for the special music. Instead of a few standard hymns, a recent four-night revival at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham opened with an hour-long, foot-stomping concert that included a gospel rap song.

Shaneka Williams of Durham was one of four people among the packed crowd who responded to the first night of preaching at First Calvary Baptist. The meetings targeted people age 35 and younger, who make up about three-quarters of the 600-member congregation.

Williams came weeping into the arms of guest revivalist Darryl Troveno Canady, pastor of Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church in Wilson, as he walked the aisles imploring people to accept Jesus

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Armstrong To Be Ordained

The First Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate the Ordination Service of Minister Ronnelle Armstrong into Christian ministry on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m. Minister Armstrong, a native of Mt. Olive, and a 1996 graduate of Duke University Divinity School, will be charged into the ministry by The Triangle Area Churches of the American Baptist Convention, USA. Min. Armstrong's new assignment will be with the First Baptist Church in Marion, Ind. Pastor Kenneth R. Hammond, Union Baptist Church in Durham, will deliver the ordination sermon. Minister Dick Chorley, Watts Street Baptist Church, will serve as Moderator of the Ordination Council on Aug. 8. Area pastors and ministers are welcome to attend the ordination service. Fredrick A. Davis, pastor of First Calvary, will preside.

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Church celebrates ordination Sunday

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Churches of the American Baptist Convention, USA. Armstrong's new assignment will be with the First Baptist Church in Marion, Ind.

Pastor Kenneth R. Hammond of Union Baptist Church will deliver the ordination sermon.

The Rev. Dick Chorley of Watts Street Baptist Church served as moderator of the Ordination Council meeting that was held Thursday.

Durham's Shining Hour! Concert series will present "A Few Good Men," a gospel quartet formed in 1991. The quartet will perform at First Baptist Church, 414 Cleveland St., at 6 p.m. Sunday. All seats are free. A love offering will be received.

Northside Baptist Church will have its annual revival services at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Rev. J. Vincent Terry of Halifax Baptist Church will lead the services.

First Free Will Baptist Church will hold family fun day with games and activities for all ages today at 225 Chandler Road. Lunch is provided and a gospel sing will conclude the day's activities.

A fashion show will be held at 7 p.m. today at Bell Yeager Free Will Baptist Church, 128 E. Cornwallis Road. The designer is Margaret Spearman of Raleigh.

Millgrove Church of God in Christ, 4527 Denfield St., will celebrate homecoming, starting at 7 p.m. Sunday. The guest speaker will be Elder Joe Garret of Eden Church of God in Christ in Eden.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church will have a leadership conference at the Sheraton Inn-University Center, 2800 Middleton Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. The registration fee is \$35.

Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, 1715 Athens St., will have a Pastor's Aide program and Rainbow Tea at 4 p.m. Sunday. The speaker will be Shirley Cates from Jones Grove Baptist Church, Hillsborough.

An appreciation service for Deacon Horace Mims will be held at 4 p.m. today at Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church, 1500 S. Roxboro St.

The Junior Choir of Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Annual revival services are set at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Lincoln Memorial

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Baptist Church, 1500 S. Roxboro St. The evangelist is the Rev. O. Curtin, pastor of Jones Missionary Baptist Church of Lenoir.

The Daughters of Calvary at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., will sponsor a clothing giveaway from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in front of the church.

The southern gospel singing group LEGACY will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Gospel Independent Church, corner of Lumley Road and South Miami Boulevard. The public is invited.

The senior choir of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 Apex Highway, will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday. The concert is sponsored by the Nurses Health Club.

The Rev. Scott Benhase, rector at St. Philip's Episcopal, 403 E. Main St., will preach at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday. The topic of his message will be "The Humor of God in the Story of Jonah and the Courage of God's Grace."

The Rev. James Craven, chaplain at the federal prison at Butner, will be the celebrant and preacher at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist services Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillsdale Road.

All deposit slips for CROP Walk donations must be received by Sept. 1 by treasurer Carol Denton Ayres for final tabulation and the Golden Sneaker Award. Her address is 617 Donlee Drive, Durham, N.C. 27712.

Greater Emmanuel Pentecost-

tal Temple, 2722 E. Main St., will have a men's fellowship and lunch-

eon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 17. The speaker is District Elder Martin E. Wright Sr., pastor. All men invited.

Bell Yeager Free Will Baptist Church, 128 E. Cornwallis Road, will have homecoming on Sunday. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. The Rev. James Willie and members of the congregation at Cox Memorial will be guests. Dinner will be served after the 11 a.m. service.

Bethel Tabernacle Church, 2517 S. Alston Ave., is holding a pre-anniversary program at 4 p.m. Sunday. The guest speaker is the Rev. Onella Lewis, along with her choir and congregation from River Zion Holy Church.

Pettiford Grove Baptist Church, Cannady Mill Road in Kitlell, will hold a deacons and trustees appreciation service at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Ezekiel K. Best III and the Antioch Baptist Church family will be guests.

The youth council of First Baptist Church, 106 N. Robertson St., Chapel Hill, is sponsoring a back to school program and ice cream social at 5 p.m. Sunday. The speaker is Evelyn Dove Coleman, an attorney, who will talk on the making of a successful year.

The Rev. Felecia Lindsay will be the mistress of ceremony Sunday at 3 p.m. at Henderson Grove Baptist Church for the inspirational Singers anniversary.

A three-part series of metaphysical interpretations from the

Arabic Bible (the language Jesus spoke in) will be presented by the Rev. Mary Beth Olsen, a Bible scholar at the Center for Creative Self-Discovery, 1920 N.C. 54, executive park, Suite 100, on Tuesday, Thursday and Aug. 20 from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.

In addition to this series, a special workshop by Mary Beth Olsen, "The Status of Women in the Bible" will also be offered on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Center for Creative Self-Discovery.

A service of Christian baptism will be observed this Sunday in the 11 a.m. morning worship at Lawrence Road Baptist Church, Hillsborough. Pastor Richard L. Markley will continue a short series of messages highlighting the epistle to the Romans. The church continues to provide a brief, very informal service at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. A social time with refreshments follows the 8:30 a.m. service, and Sunday school for all ages follows at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will resume evening services after Labor Day.

Paynes Chapel A.M.E. Church, Hillsborough, will celebrate homecoming Sunday at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served after morning worship.

Revival services will be held Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jesse Alston of Cameron Grove Baptist Church will be the speaker.

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'Friday Night Live' Gives Choirs A Chance to Shine

By Ray Trent

"Friday Night Live" was the first in a weekend of events held at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham. Students of Duke Divinity School scheduled the weekend to deal with the problems of living single in the '90s.

Many gospel choirs entertained the capacity audience at First Calvary. Choirs from Zion Temple UCC, Peace Memorial Church, N.C. A&T Fellowship Choir from Greensboro, St. Joseph's AME Children's Choir, Mt. Gilead Choir and St. Mark AME Church Choir.

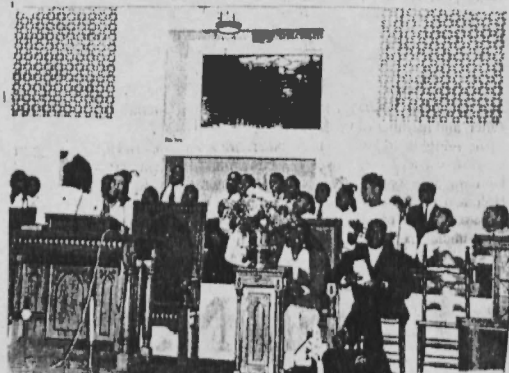
Workshops addressed the needs of those under 35, married, single, and in college.

Rev. Pebbles Lindsey of Mt. Gilead discussed 90s women living single. Ronnell Armstrong of First Calvary discussed 90s men living single and dating. Deacon and Deaconess Kevin Montgomery held a workshop on marriage and child rearing in the 90s.

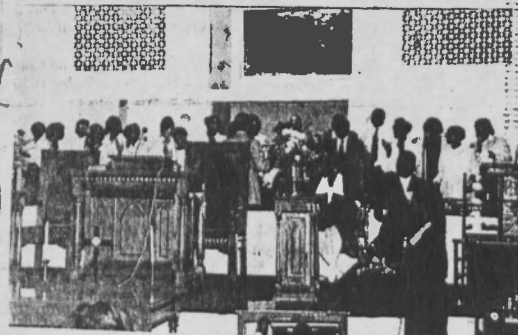
On Sunday, Reginald Wright, a student at Colgate University, Rochester, N.Y., spoke at the 11 a.m. service.



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Make good use of old schools

After serving Durham by housing generations of public school students, three buildings may soon get the opportunity to continue serving their communities.

Leaders of community-based groups made their pitch for the surplus buildings when the Durham County Commissioners and Durham Public Schools Board of Education met jointly Monday night.

Efforts to acquire the former Little River High School property on U.S. 501 and turn it into a recreation center for the northern end of Durham County are being led by an interim board of directors of the Little River Community Complex.

Joe Haenn, co-chairman of the board, explained the group's plan to serve the section of the county from the Mt. Sylvan community north to the county line, an area some 10 miles deep.

"We're trying to save the [Little River] gymnasium. It's the only regulation gym serving the northern end of the county. It doesn't have any heat, any water, any sewer, but we do have a basketball court," Haenn said.

"We also have a person interested in donating \$50,000 towards building a second gym right next to the existing one."

There is no county-sponsored recreation program in Durham, so the board wants to develop the 39.5-acre Little River site with its 45,000-square-foot school building into a full recreation center for northern Durham at no cost to the county.

"We want to make this a cornerstone" for the community, he said. The Northern Junior Athletic Association serves that portion of Durham and its teams would be the primary users of the gym and also would use the baseball fields. "The baseball fields are not lighted but we are hoping to light them," he said.

"We need day care space, before- and after-school programs, a senior citizens center and other recreation activities. There is a media center that is large enough to be a branch library and a cafeteria — which has been stripped of its equipment — that could serve the community."

Asked during the meeting whether his group wanted the property donated to it, Haenn said, "We would like a no-cost or low-cost lease; but whatever is best for the county, we're willing to work with you."

Citizens in West End renewed their bid to acquire the former Lyon Park School on Kent Street. Fredrick A. Davis, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church and interim executive director of the Calvary Ministries, asked the two boards to "please consider us, please give us a chance."

Lyon Park needs roofing work and building repairs but there are people in the community with those skills who are willing to volunteer. It will cost about \$500,000 to remove the asbestos but "we're not concerned about that. What we are concerned about is will you give us the building?" Davis said.

Calvary Ministries of the West End Community Inc. is seeking federal tax exemption as a non-profit group. It is set up, Davis said, "for other organizations in West End to become members — groups like West End Revitalization and West End Community Center."

The church, he said, started Calvary Ministries because its members recognize "West End is a hurting community. Our concern is we have to be a resource for the community. The church knows its mission is beyond its four walls."

"Over the past two years, we have reclaimed 18 addicts. In a Sunday school class this weekend, we had a brain-storming session in which eight members felt they could admit they were recovering substance abusers."

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Lyon Park could serve as a day-care center and a center for volunteers to teach computer training, brick masonry and other classes to train people to get jobs. "There are so many high-school drop-outs — particularly single females, some 30 percent or more of its residents — in the community."

"I plan to get another hearing before Gov. Hunt. I'm trying to get a hearing before the president."

Davis said he was hoping to attract outside help, "anyone of goodwill who wants to see good works first. It's a really hurting community. It needs assistance."

North/East Central Durham, a cooperative "weed and seed" program between the residents and city and county agencies to improve the 96-block area that includes Edgemont and North Durham neighborhoods, would like to get ownership of the schools-owned former Winn-Dixie store on Liberty Street.

Beverly Washington Jones, a member of Durham Public Schools Board of Education and of North/East Central group, said the structure could be made into an economic development center for the community.

The City of Durham, she said, would bring about a block grant to renovate the building — once owned by the former city school district with the idea that it would serve for the city schools' maintenance center.

N.C. Central University and Duke University Medical Center are interested in working there with North/Central Durham to provide a health-care clinic, family-literacy and child-care programs and economic development support.

Herbert Carter, director of Operation Breakthrough, requested that the agency's Head Start preschooler program remain at Whitted School but said the building would have to be owned by the school system or the county government because of federal restrictions with the program.

Several county commissioners, however, noted that it would cost some \$850,000 to remove lead paint from windows at Whitted while Walltown, which will be vacant after the day treatment program for children with emotional and behavioral problems moves to the former Hillandale School, could have its asbestos removed for about \$138,000.

Both the lead paint at Whitted and the asbestos at Walltown have been managed so that they serve as no threat to the children there now, the boards were told. Carter said Whitted has been tested for the lead paint threat and he was awaiting daily a report on the results.

The Head Start children have been screened for lead poisoning, he said, and indications were found that two or three children may have been exposed to lead paint, possibly from other sources.

Commissioner Deborah Giles said the paint was mainly on the windows. She asked if the county were to become the landlord at Whitted, what would the maintenance costs.

Utilities there would cost some \$10,000 a year, replied Michael Palmer. At Little River, utilities would be more than \$30,000 and Walltown would cost some \$10,000.

Commission Chairman Bill Bell asked if the school system would like to trade the four surplus schools to the county in exchange for ownership of the Hamlin Road property used by the schools' transportation and maintenance divisions?

Schools Superintendent C. Owen Phillips nodded agreement.

Bell said while "the devil is in the details, it appeared it was just a matter of the attorneys working out the details of the trade. I think we have a consensus on sitting down with the school board and working out the details." On community use of the properties, he said, perhaps a reverter clause would protect the county's interest in them.

Commissioners Becky Heron and Ellen Reckhow said they were pleased to see so many good proposals from the community groups.

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First Calvary Men's Day Activities

The Men's Day Committee of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, invites the public to attend its annual Men's Day celebration, to be held throughout the month of July.

The theme this year will be "Let Us Rise Up and Build in Power." Sub-themes will be "Praying Power," "Obedience Power," "Workshipping Power," "Evangelizing Power," and "Redemption Power."

The celebration will begin with a Men's Day Breakfast and Workshop Saturday, July 2, at 8 a.m. (Guest speaker will be Dr. V...)

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Youth violence prompts city meeting

By TRACIE FELLERS

The Herald-Sun

The swell of violence among young people in Durham and across the country is a problem that cries out for action and attention from all segments of society.

That's the thought behind a weeklong campaign against youth violence — sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors — and the reason for a Durham town meeting on the subject at 9 p.m. tonight at City Hall. The meeting is the City Council

Chamber is open to the public and will follow a special broadcast of a program called "Kids Killing Kids."

The 8 p.m. program, which will air on WRAL and WFLA, is designed to illustrate the tragic consequences of youth violence.

The town meeting immediately following the program will be aired live on Durham Cablevision channel 23. High-school and middle-school principals, students and young people who have had brushes with the law because of violence

have been invited to participate in the town meeting and are among those expected to attend, said Sharon Winstead-Scott, director of the city's public information office.

But in a news conference at please see VIOLENCE/C2

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City Hall Monday afternoon, Durham County Commissioner Deborah Giles said she hopes the "total community" turns out to get involved. "I would love to see people overflowing into the halls," she said.

And Giles especially encouraged families to view the television program together.

"I'm calling it family homework," she said.

Government, law enforcement and other agencies can provide support for combating youth violence, but "largely the responsibility is going to fall on parents and the family," she said.

At the Monday news conference, members of the City-County Violence Prevention Committee — including law enforcement officials, judicial system representatives, clergy and community leaders — said tonight's meeting is a good way for Durham to start dealing with youth violence as a community.

In Durham, "Kids Killing Kids" isn't merely the title of the national anti-violence television program airing tonight

— it's reality, said Marcia Morey, an assistant district attorney who handles juvenile cases. In the last year, two children under the age of 16 have been involved in the murders of young people under age 24, she said.

But with people from diverse sectors of the community pulling together to increase awareness of the severity of youth violence in the city, there's more to report than bleak statistics, Morey said. "I think the positive is [that] Durham is taking some action," she said.

And the Rev. Fredrick Davis of First Calvary Baptist Church said it's high time for people in Durham and nationwide "to take heed of this growing problem that's happening."

"I've been trying to say to my congregation that this problem is nearer to us than we think. If we don't bind together, we're going to see a deteriorating situation come upon us," he said.

"One of my favorite slogans is when spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion. But we've got to come together" Davis said.

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keep getting in the way.

Keys that county leaders gave him ceremoniously last month didn't work. Most of the padlocks had to be cut off and replaced.

Vandals keep breaking in, leaving behind charred aluminum cans and singed spoons used to cook free-base cocaine.

And today's clean-up project will be slow work if the group is unable to find Dumpsters or trash bins to haul away the mounds of rubble inside, volunteers said.

"We could get this done in a week if we just had Dumpsters," said Paul Cornigan. "I've got wheelbarrows. We just need somewhere to put all this stuff."

Despite the hardships, the group has grand plans for the school, which was closed in 1975. The community center will house general education classes, youth sports, after-school children's programs and summer camps, Davis said.

That's a long way off, he knows.
"But we're going to look everywhere, to everyone for help," he said. "The West End community is willing to volunteer. But we don't want this to seem like it's a Lone Ranger thing. We want church groups, men's groups, African-Americans of the community to come forward, to help us."

Volunteers begin clearing rubble to breathe new life into old school

By JULIA WHITE

The Herald-Sun

The old Lyon Park School isn't much to look at these days.

The hardwood floors are covered in crumbled plaster and pigeon droppings. Classroom walls are peeling away.

But when Fredrick Davis looks at the dilapidated brick building, he sees a magnificent community center rising from the ashes.

"We had to take it as is, but now that we've got it, we're going to make it something wonderful," said Davis, executive director of Calvary Ministries of the West End Community.

The ashes are literal. Fire ripped through a wing of the building two years ago, leaving behind charred debris that never was removed.

A gymnasium slated to be fixed first is barely a tin shell surrounding cracked tiles on the concrete floor. Windows are shattered, and asbestos still lurks in the framework.

But instead of being overwhelmed by the enormity of transforming the school into a community center, neighborhood residents are optimistic. Members of First Calvary Baptist Church and others will start cleaning



The Herald-Sun/MARK DOLEJS

VISIONARY: The Rev. Fredrick Davis, executive director of Calvary Ministries of the West End Community, stands in the old Lyon Park School on Kent Street. Davis hopes to turn the dilapidated brick building into a community center.

out the rubble at 6 a.m. today.

"The main concern here is for the community," said volunteer Tikki McDuffie, as he stood amid the yellowing ruins of the school auditorium. "This is going to help folks better themselves."

The 66-year-old building on Kent Street, a few blocks from the Lakewood Shopping Center, was one of four abandoned school properties

handed over to community groups last month by Durham County Commissioners.

But it's also in the worst shape. Davis estimates his group will need at least \$500,000 to transform it into the community center he envisions, complete with senior-citizen activities and children's day care.

To confound his work, little things

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'THE FRIENDLY CHURCH ON THE HILL' CELEBRATES 110 YEARS



The Rev. Joe Samuel Ratliff, grandson of a former First Calvary minister, exhorts the congregation during a service Sunday.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARC J. KAWANISHI

First Calvary looks back proudly

BY LYNN BONNER
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — Some of the earliest entries in the pictorial history of First Calvary Baptist Church were captured by Eva Pratt through the lens of an old box camera more than 60 years ago.

The history condensed in that church family album, kept for years by Pratt, took on added resonance when First Calvary paused to look back at its origins and accomplishments during its 110th anniversary celebration this past weekend.

Even as they reminisced about the past, members of the congregation addressed the challenges it faces in the future.

'It's always been an "Amen" church, appealing to the souls, the hearts and the minds of the people.'

Eva Pratt
First Calvary congregant

That reflection comes at a time when the church is enjoying an era of growth and influence in the surrounding neighborhood. It prides itself on addressing the needs of its members and the problems of the community. Those with AIDS and former substance abusers are welcomed into the fold. Evidence, says the Rev. Fredrick A. Davis, that

First Calvary is an "inclusive church."

Growth was slow until Davis arrived three years ago. Since then, there's been a boom. More than 200 of the church's 550 members have joined since 1991. As the newcomers take on leadership positions, they'll have a hand in shaping the church's future.

Reuben Bell, one of the newer members and a recovering drug addict who has attended First Calvary for more than three years, felt empathy from the minister during his first Sunday. That was when Davis — from the pulpit — asked for prayers for his own family, which was struggling with drug addiction.

Bell had stopped using drugs for about nine months when a friend invited him to attend a Sunday service. He decided to join the church's "self-abuse ministry," regular meetings of recovering addicts. There, he discovered that "I want to

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change my life and become a part of something."

He's been a church deacon for about three months.

For Pratt, the greeting Bell received was in keeping with the friendliness always found at First Calvary.

For her, the building that faces Kent Street and Morehead Avenue will always be "the friendly church on the hill," even though houses and roads built over the years have leveled the landscape.

Say it loud

First Calvary is a church where you're not afraid to say a hearty "Amen," Pratt said: "It's always been an 'Amen' church, appealing to the souls, the hearts and the minds of the people. The friendly church on the hill."

The congregation's genesis was in the Sunday school classes organized in 1884 by some farmers who had moved from Chatham County to what was then an isolated section of Durham.

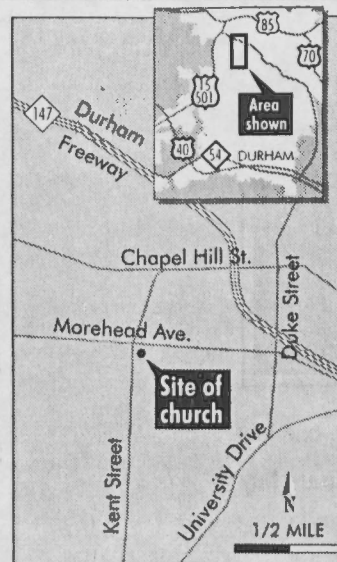
The distance from Durham's other black churches inspired those few settlers to start their own. The congregation took the name Second Baptist Church, but in 1949 changed it to First Calvary Baptist.

Pratt, 79, was not yet a high school student and was years away from becoming church secretary when she realized the need to preserve the church's rich history in pictures. She began her visual record using the box camera her mother bought her.

In its time, the church has gone through not only a name change, but a move and a split that spawned a separate congregation in 1946.

As its way of honoring the past and celebrating the present, First Calvary invited the Rev. Joe Samuel Ratliff, the grandson of one of its former longtime ministers, to speak at an anniversary banquet Saturday.

"So many churches have started and closed, disbanded," Ratliff said. "There are so many that are living and not effective."



The News & Observer

Ratliff, who has an 8,000-member church in Texas, also preached Sunday to about 500 First Calvary worshipers pressed shoulder to shoulder.

Another mission

Under its current leadership, the church has added saving an old, abandoned neighborhood school to its main mission of saving souls.

This summer, a nonprofit organization run by church members and community representatives called Calvary Ministries of the West End Community Inc. took control of the Lyon Park School.

The group wants to renovate the boarded-up building and turn it into a recreation and education center. The job training programs planned for the old school are a part of the economic empowerment mission that leaders see as important for today's church.

Pratt says it's fitting that the church will have a hand in restoring the dilapidated school. It's where the congregation worshiped in the late '40s while the current church was being built.

Many members are pleased with the steps First Calvary has taken to reach outside its four walls and lift up others in the West End.

Pratt gestures at the neighborhood around the church when she talks about her vision of expanding to "this block, that block and all the way around."

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YOUTH RALLY



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Members of the Alayanfe Dance Troupe open the program during a rally for youth Thursday night at the First Calvary Baptist Church on Morehead Avenue.

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State House Speaker Dan Blue and Rep. Toby Fitch also were honored, along with officer Keith Edwards of the campus security police at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Edwards, a female officer, won a jury award last year for her aim of gender discrimination on the force. Another UNC employment grievance was that of Barbara Prear of the NC Housekeepers Association, who said better wages for working women should be everyone's concern.

"If we all don't keep the house, there won't be no house," Prear said to enthusiastic applause.

Prear said faculty and students have backed the association's negotiations with university administrators for better pay.

"We can't be parents when we're working two or three jobs," because of low wages, Prear said.

Mac Charles Jones, moderator of the S. Urban-Rural Mission, spoke on social justice.

By PAUL BONNER

The Herald-Sun

Tony Jeffries is no gangster.

Nobody said he was, but some people might imagine it just because he's 15, attends Durham High School and lives in Durham's West End neighborhood.

Stereotypes like that, along with other "understanding gaps," were discussed Thursday night at the First Calvary Baptist Church in the West End at Morehead Avenue and Kent Street.

Jeffries was one of two teens who gave testimonies at the Rally for Youth. It was sponsored by the U.S. Urban-Rural Mission, a branch of the World Council of Churches, Southerners for Economic Justice and Youth for So-

"There is not a lot of things for people to do except hang out and sell drugs."

TONY JEFFRIES
RESIDENT OF WEST END

cial Change.

The gathering drew Durham Rep. Mickey Michaux, other state and Durham leaders and several hundred people.

Jeffries said the temptations for young people to become involved in gangs and drugs in the West End are quite real.

He said he keeps busy with

basketball and tutoring elementary school children at the West End Community Center.

"There is a lot of drugs in this community," Jeffries said. "There is not a lot of things for people to do except hang out and sell drugs."

But the youth said he has a vision of how, with cooperation among residents, the neighborhood could be improved with "homes that are worth living in, empty lots cleared out and less drugs."

The ceremony included awards for two Durham community leaders, City Councilman Isaac Robinson, and West End community activist Juanita McNeil.

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**Church Pastor Deserves
Credit For Science Grant**

On behalf of the N.C. Museum of Life and Science, I would like to thank the *Durham Morning Herald* for the excellent article about the black church project. It recognized the important role that the museum plays in education and in stimulating people to learn. Although the museum is always grateful for the coverage that we receive from the newspaper, in this instance the recognition was misplaced.

The Rev. Paul Jackson, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, deserves the credit for bringing this important project to Durham. The project will develop a consortium of 90 black churches in Durham, Wake, Orange, Person, Caswell and Alamance counties that will be working together to encourage young people to seek careers in science.

The grant is from the American Association for the Advancement of Science to First Calvary Baptist Church. The museum is proud that it can play a small part in this important project.

Again, thank you for the recognition. In this case, that recognition was not earned.

THOMAS KRAKAUER

The writer is executive director of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science.

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■ **First Calvary Baptist Church**, 1311 Morehead Ave., will conduct installation services for the Rev. Fredrick Amos Davis, newly elected minister, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday.

The morning message will be delivered by Dr. Julius R. Scruggs of Huntsville, Ala. The afternoon message will be delivered by Dr. John D. Fuller Sr. of Fayetteville.

Dr. Scruggs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., graduated from American Baptist College with a B.A. Degree. He received a Master's in Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry from Vanderbilt School of Divinity, Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. John D. Fuller Sr. received a B.A. Degree in Sociology from Fayetteville State University in 1974. He holds a M.A. degree from Boston University School of Theology and a M. Div. Degree from Morehouse School of Religion, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. He is currently pastor of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

The Rev. Frederick Amos Davis graduated in 1977 from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, where he earned B.A. Degree in Philosophy and Religion. He is a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center-Morehouse School of Religion, in Atlanta, Ga. where he received a Masters of Divinity Degree in Philosophy and Theology, with a vocational interest in Campus Ministry. Durham Jan 11-9-91

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Dr. Abraham Smith, professor of New Testament Studies at Boston University, will be the guest presenter during a one day Biblical Institute at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue, Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. until noon. The topic for this session will be, "Interpreting the Scriptures."

In 1989, Dr. Smith earned a Ph.D. degree in New Testament Studies and Ethics from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He is a native of Mobile, Ala. and graduated *cum laude*, earning a B.A. degree from The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in psychology. In 1982, he earned a master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion, The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga., with a major in New Testament and a minor in

pastoral care. He is a former pastor of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, and is credited with three writings for publication.



DR. SMITH

He will also be the guest minister for the 10:45 a.m. worship hour of Youth Day. The public is invited. AC

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Pastor's anniversary to be observed

Dr. O.B.J. Burson, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., will be guest speaker tomorrow at 11 a.m. when First Calvary Baptist Church will observe the pastor's fourth anniversary. The pastor to be honored is the Rev. Vernon S. Thompson.

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Two-year stop smoking project set

2,000 black households targeted in effort to help smokers quit

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By DAVID NEWTON
Herald staff writer

A two-year stop smoking project targeting 2,000 black Durham households and designed to develop anti-smoking consciousness begins June 25, project administrators announced Tuesday.

Durham Quits Smoking Project is a part of a \$3.5 million educational program financed by the National Cancer Institute to help black smokers quit the habit. The core of the project will be stop-smoking workshops held in community centers and churches.

If 15 percent of the participants quit, the project will be considered a success, said Dr. William A. Darity, professor of public health at University of Massachusetts in Amherst and principal investigator for the project.

Durham was one of four sites chosen because it is the cradle of the tobacco industry, said Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson, associate professor of health education at N.C. Central University and principal investigator for the Durham program. "If we can find things that make people stop smoking here, then we can extrapolate to other parts of the country."

Darity said black people were chosen for the project because of the high percentage of blacks who smoke. Forty per-

cent of all black males smoke compared to 31 percent of white males, he said. Twenty-nine percent of black females smoke compared to 27 percent of white females.

The incidence of all forms of cancer is about 30 percent higher in the black population than among the white population, according to the National Cancer Institute. Institute figures show 168 white people per 100,000 die annually from cancer, compared to 218 black people per 100,000.

More than 360,000 people die annually from cigarette smoking related diseases, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Darity said the project has four full-time employees who will work with volunteers to conduct the workshops and educational programs. "We want to make it something that is more permanent" and creates an anti-smoking consciousness in the community, he said.

A survey of more than 2,000 Durham residents, completed less than a week ago, gives the project this information to work with:

■ There is at least one smoker age 18 or over in every three black households. The smoker averages 15 cigarettes per day.

■ Two of five black smokers say they

have tried to stop smoking in the last year.

■ Seven of 10 indicated they wanted to quit and five of 10 believed that they will not be smoking one from year now.

Durham Mayor Chester Jenkins attended the morning press briefing at NCCU's Health Sciences Building and welcomed the effort to correct a health problem he said is exacerbated by heavy billboard advertising of tobacco and alcohol in the black community.

Asked if there was anyone on the City Council he would like to have attend a stop-smoking workshop, he offered a tight-lipped smile and a "No comment."

This spring, City Councilman Johnny "Red" Williams defied a city ordinance against smoking in the council chambers by standing in the council chambers door and smoking during a meeting.

The workshop that begins June 25 at First Calvary Baptist Church will be conducted by volunteers and will be attended by people who have expressed an interest in stopping smoking. There will be eight sessions of one to two hours each spread over six weeks. Participants will pay \$10 to participate and will have the money refunded if they attend all the sessions.

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Three and one-half years of the six and one-half year project have now elapsed. After the workshops are completed in two years, follow-up surveys will be conducted.

Black people interested in participating in the project can call Durham Quits Smoking Project at its office on the N.C. Central University campus at 560-6009.

Other cities where black smokers will be targeted are Springfield, Mass.; Hartford, Conn.; and Columbia, S.C.



Above are the 11 contestants who raised money in the First Calvary Baptist Church "\$1,000 Wedding." The wedding contest was a preliminary event of First Calvary's Oct. 9 Men's and Women's Day Program.

Church Sponsors \$1,000 Wedding To Raise Money

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the winning bride was Mrs. Eloise Price, Women's Group No. 3 of First Calvary Baptist Church sponsored a \$1,000 wedding. Eleven contestants raised money in competition to become the bride. The money raised will be used to sponsor the Men's and Women's Day program.

Mrs. Willie Lowe of Shiloh Baptist Church was the winning bride by reporting the highest amount of money. The first runner-up was Mrs. Audrey Hicks of First Calvary Baptist Church; second runner-up was Mrs. Lucille Mercer, First Calvary Baptist Church; and third runner-

Other brides participating were Mrs. Pricilla Hedrick; Mrs. Talathia Houston, Mrs. Minnie Floyd and Ms. Natalie McCarroll, all members of First Calvary; Mrs. Virginia Barr of Shiloh Baptist Church, Mrs. Geraldine Eaton of Gallilee Baptist Church and Ms. Jackie Allen of Church of God in Christ in Clemmons.

The officers of team No. 3 are captain, Mrs. Barbara M. Dula; co-captain, Mrs. Eloise Price; secretary, Mrs. Mildred Hedrick and treasurer, Mrs. Macie Sibert. *ll*

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291 First Calvary To Observe Pastor's Fourth Anniversary

First Calvary Baptist Church, corner of Morehead Ave. and Kent St., will observe the pastor's fourth anniversary Sunday, March 4, at 11 a.m.

The message will be delivered by Dr. O.B.J. Burson, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Music will be provided by the Male Chorus of the church under the direction of Ms. Brenda F. Lyde and Mrs. Hortense M. Jones.

Dr. Burson, a native of Shelby, is a graduate of Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain, Shaw University and Friendship Baptist Seminary in South Carolina. He has pastored at Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, Coley Springs Baptist Church, Warren County, First Baptist, Lambert Point, Norfolk, Va. He is affiliated with the National Baptist and New England Baptist conventions, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and 32nd° Masons.

Rev. Vernon S. Thompson is pastor of First Calvary.

Church Repairs Houses

By CHARLES ROWE

After 20 months of prodding by city housing inspectors, residential property owned by First Calvary Baptist Church has been brought up to standards set by the city's minimum housing code.

Inspectors said all five houses cited for a variety of defects now have been improved by the church, located at 1309 Morehead Ave.

The inspections division sought City Council condemnation of houses at 1301, 1303, 1305 and 1307 Morehead Ave. and 1004 Cornell St. in mid-1979 because the church failed to maintain properly the property.

Council action was sought after months of trying to get church officials to make the needed repairs, inspectors said.

Inspectors said the property then was not fit for human habitation, although all of the units were occu-

pied.

The council deferred condemnation action against the property several times upon the request of church officials who said they were trying to have the property repaired.

In October, repairs were completed on two structures, and the remaining three were repaired by the end of last month; inspectors said.

According to city officials, there is not enough housing in Durham that poor people can afford. When a home is condemned, the residents must move until repairs are made.

The council, therefore, has been lenient with landlords who have sought extra time to make repairs to their property. At the same time, the council has sought stringent inspections of houses for code violations, in an effort to improve housing for poor people in Durham.

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Church Must Fix Residences

By CHARLES ROWE

First Calvary Baptist Church at 1309 Morehead Ave. owns five substandard houses the city inspections division wants them to either repair or demolish.

According to inspections records, the houses at 1301, 1303, 1305 and 1307 Morehead Ave. and 1004 Cornell St. are not fit for human habitation. All are occupied.

Frank Jacobs, chairman of the church's board of trustees, however, assured the City Council's Community Services Committee today that steps are being taken to repair the homes.

It was the second time in a month a representative of the church had asked the committee for more time to repair the homes.

The City Council's Community

Services Committee reluctantly granted two more weeks for the church to repair the homes, but not before several councilmen expressed dissatisfaction with the church's failure to act more quickly.

"We are going to have to serve notice on the public that we are going to get tough with these matters," said Councilman Stewart Pickett. "If we don't, we're not going to get rid of substandard housing in Durham."

Councilman Bill Smith, also a minister, said he was disturbed that a church would continue to rent property in such an advanced state of disrepair.

"They should either fix it up or tear it down," Smith said.

Chief housing inspector Tom Tippet said representatives of the church failed to show up at hear-

ings held by the inspections division to discuss the condition of the property.

The Community Services Committee recommends action to the full council on housing matters. It has urged stringent enforcement by the inspections division on substandard housing in the city.

But, because of the city's shortage of available housing that poor people can afford, the committee has been lenient with property owners who want to repair their property.

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First Calvary Will Observe Men's Day

First Calvary Baptist Church will hold annual men's day observance tomorrow.

Speaker at 11 a.m. will be C. C. Malone Jr. Arthur Alston, chairman for the event, will preside, and the male chorus will sing.

At 3:30 p.m. the male chorus will present a musical titled "Arise, Let Us Go Hence." Those appearing on the program will include Wakefield Thompson, Raymond Hayes, Willie Haskins, Willie Mebane and the Rev. Edward Hoskins.

The Rev. A. L. Thompson is church pastor.

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Hearing Set On Church-Owned Units

By CHARLES ROWE

Condemnation proceedings on five substandard dwellings owned by First Calvary Baptist Church have been taken another step by the City Council's Community Services Committee.

The church, located at 1309 Morehead Ave., owns five houses at 1301, 1303, 1305 and 1307 Morehead Ave. and 1004 Cornell St. that are not fit for human habitation, according to city housing inspectors.

The committee yesterday ordered public hearings on housing code violations cited after inspection of the structures. The hearings would be preliminary to condemning the dwellings.

All of the dwellings, except one, are inhabited.

John Parham, supervisor of the city's housing inspections division, said inspectors have tried to have the houses repaired for more than a year.

With the exception of one duplex now under repair, little has been done at that time, he said.

Frank Jacobs, chairman of the church's board of trustees, yesterday assured the committee again that repairs on the structures will be made as soon as possible in accordance with the city's minimum housing code.

"All I need is some more time," Jacobs said. Representatives of the church have requested additional time to repair the structures at each of the last three meetings of the committee.

Parham said, "At the rate they are doing the repairs, it might take two years to finish all five houses."

At the motion of Councilman Bill Smith, the committee agreed to send the matter to a public hearing before the full council.

"We feel this matter has been before this committee long enough," Smith said. "If the council determines they (the houses) are unfit for human habitation, then it will order them vacated and closed."

If the dwellings are vacated of tenants, "that will give you all the time you need to fix them up,"

Smith said.

Smith, who also is a minister, earlier had expressed concern that a church would continue to rent residential property in such an advanced condition of disrepair.

Following the committee's action, Jacobs said he will seek further assistance from church members so repairs can be made more quickly.

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1st Calvary Baptist Schedules Religious Education Institute

An institute on Religious Education will be held at the First Calvary Baptist Church Monday through Friday on Morehead Avenue.

The East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association is sponsoring the institute. The theme will be "Sharing Our Resources For Christian Growth."

The Rev. Richard D. James is dean of the institute, Mrs. Mary Vanhook is associate dean, and the Rev. L. M. Gooch will be moderator.

Registration for classes will be held from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m. Monday. Classes on Monday will begin at 7:40 p.m., and classes Tuesday through Friday will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Some 15 churches in the Durham area will participate in the institute.

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Rev. Whelchel First Calvary Guest Speaker

The 53rd anniversary of the First Calvary Baptist Church Senior Usher Board will be held on Sunday June 16th at 3 o'clock p.m. Guest minister for the occasion will be the Rev. L. H. Whelchel Jr., pastor of Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church.

The Male Chorus and Gospel Chorus will render music for this service. Members of the program committee are Mrs. Nancy Cameron, chairman, also Mrs. Effie Royster, Mrs. Doris Reddick, Mrs. May Willie Webb and Mr. David Young.

Wenton: Davidson Record
Dunn Dispatch
Durham: Casellie Times
Eden News
Edenton: Chowan Herald
Elizabethtown: Bladen Journal
Elkin Tribune
Enfield Progress
Fairmont: Times-Messenger
Farmville Enterprise
Forest City Courier
Forest City: This Week
Franklin Press
Fuquay-Varina: Independent
Gatesville: Gates Co. Index

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Senior Choir To Observe Anniversary

The senior choir of First Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Morehead Avenue and Kent Street will observe its 63rd anniversary with a program of music at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the church auditorium.

Appearing on the program will be the chancel choir of Mt. Olive AME Zion Church, the Second Baptist Chorus of Chapel Hill, the Bertha Williams Gospel Chorus of Morehead Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Singers. Readings will be by Earl Artis of West Durham Baptist Church.

Wallace Hinton is president of the senior choir, and the Rev. A. L. Thompson is minister of First Calvary.

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Gastonia Gazette
Goldsboro: News-Argus
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1st Calvary Church To Hold Men's Day

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe Men's Day tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services.

The Rev. Herbert C. Edwards will speak at 11 a.m. services, and the evening program will consist of a program of music to be given by the male chorus of the church.

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Church Will Honor Pastor At Service

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe the 21st anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. A. L. Thompson, at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

All choirs of the church will participate in a musical tribute, and a reception will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Burlington: Times-News
Charlotte News
Charlotte Observer
Concord Tribune
Dunn Record
Durham Herald
Durham Sun
Elizabeth City Advance
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Homecoming Day

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe homecoming Sunday with the 11 a.m. message by the Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor. For the 3 p.m. service the Rev. E. Perkins of Apex Baptist Church will speak. Lunch will be served after the morning service.

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Young Adult Day At First Calvary

Young Adult Day will be observed Sunday at First Calvary Baptist Church. Speaker of the 11 a.m. service is to be Mrs. Wanda Garrett, hostess and producer of Black Unlimited. Dr. Harold Timberlake is scheduled to speak at 3 p.m. The young adult gospel choir will provide music.

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1st Calvary Baptists To Observe Birthday

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 90th anniversary at 3:30 tomorrow.

The Rev. R. W. Mangum of Ledgerock Baptist Church of Creedmoor will be guest speaker. He is pastor of New Ephesus Baptist Church in Virginia and White Rock Baptist Church in Berea.

The Rev. A. L. Thompson is pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, and Mrs. Doris Reddick is the chairman of the program.

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Special Scheduled Program

The senior choir of First Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Morehead Avenue and Kent Street will observe its 62nd anniversary with a program of music at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the church auditorium.

Appearing on the program will be the Mt. Calvary Chorus, the New Bethel Gospel Chorus and the choruses of First Calvary Baptist Church.

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The senior choir of First Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Morehead Avenue and Kent Street will celebrate its 62nd anniversary with a musical program in the church auditorium at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Appearing on the program will be the Mt. Calvary chorus, the New Bethel Gospel chorus and musical groups of the church. The public is invited.

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59th Anniversary

The senior choir of First Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 59th anniversary Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church.

Among the musical groups scheduled to appear during the program will be the Bertha Williams Singers of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, the Arney Jubilee Singers, the Goldenaires of Haw River, the Gospel Chorus of Second Baptist Church, Chapel Hill; and the Calvary Baptist Singers.

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1st Calvary Choir Slates Observance

The senior choir of First Calvary Baptist Church at the intersection of Morehead Avenue and Kent Street will celebrate its 61st anniversary at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. John Bigelow of Greater St. Paul's Church will be guest speaker. Two choirs from his church will accompany him.

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90th Anniversary

First Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The R. W. Mangum of Ledgerock Baptist Church of Creedmoor will be the speaker. Music will be provided by choirs from New Ephesus Baptist Church of Virginia and White Rock Baptist Church of Berea.

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First Calvary Will Hold Homecoming

Homecoming will be observed tomorrow at First Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of the church, will deliver the 11 a.m. message and music will be rendered by the senior choir.

The Rev. J. E. Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Apex, will deliver the 3 p.m. homecoming sermon.

Lunch will be served immediately following the morning service.

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1st Calvary Baptist To Mark Men's Day

First Calvary Baptist Church will observe Men's Day with two services Sunday. Rev. R. W. Dalton will speak at 11 a.m. and Rev. William Richardson at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Dalton, manager of the Central Records Division of N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., is well known in Durham. The Rev. Mr. Richardson is presently attending Southeastern Theological Seminary.

A goal of the Men's Day celebration is to raise money to provide more adequate facilities for the church school. The captains for the financial effort are Arthur Alston, John Cornigan, Edgar Day, Wardell Harvey, Willie Hogan, Frank Jacobs, Willie Manley and Ulysses Singleton.

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First Calvary Baptist to Celebrate Annual Men's Day

On Sunday, November 13, 1966, the men of First Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate the Annual Men's Day. The theme for the occasion is: WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH? Two services will highlight the day.

At 11:00 A.M., the Reverend R. W. Dalton will address the congregation. Rev. Dalton is a native of Statesville, N.C., a graduate of North Carolina College, a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, manager of the central records division of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church and past president of the Layman's League of the Lott Cary Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U. S.A. Rev Dalton will be introduced by the Reverend A. L. Thompson, pastor of First Calvary.

At 7:30 P.M., the Reverend William Richardson will deliver the evening message. Rev. Richardson is a native of Durham where he attended public schools. Recently ordained to the gospel ministry, he is at present attending the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

Presiding at the morning service will be the Reverend W. J. Wilson and at the evening service Mr. Ellis Smith. The Men's Chorus will sing at both services and the Men's Ushers will be in charge. Mr. John Cornigan will be special soloist, and he will be accompanied by Mrs. Alice M. Stewart.

The special feature of the Mens Day celebration is to raise money to provide more adequate fa-

cilities for the church school. The captains for the financial effort are Arthur Alston, John Cornigan, Edgar Day, Wardell Harvey, Willie Hogan, Frank Jacobs, Willie Manley and Ulysses Singleton. The young men and boys of the church are soliciting contributions from patrons and persons who wish to make contributions in honor or in memory of other people.

The Men's Day Committee consists of John L. Stewart, chairman, Elvin Haskins, Felix Walker, Louis Laster, Willie Jones, Frank Jacobs, Sr., Peter Joyner, Jr., Willie Haskins and Rev. A. L. Thompson, ex officio.

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