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Woodland Baptist Plans Bus Ministry Forum

By VIRTIE STROUP
Sentinel Religion Reporter

A meeting to explain how to operate a church bus ministry will be held Monday and Tuesday at Woodland Baptist Church at 3665 Patterson Avenue.

It is open to Baptists — Independents and Southern Baptists — interested in this method of church growth and evangelism, according to the Rev. Zeno Groce, host pastor.

Groce's church probably has the largest church bus ministry in the city. There are over 1,500 children — and some adults — who ride the bus on Sundays. Groce now has 22 buses running throughout the city each Sunday to bring members to Sunday school and church. John Shore is the director of the bus ministry at Woodland.

Gospel Light Baptist Church in Walkertown is believed to have the largest bus ministry in the county.

The Rev. Gariner Gentry, bus evangelist and author from Louisville, Ky., will lead the program. He will be assisted by the Rev. Dennis Farley, bus director of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pontiac, Mich.; the Rev. John Rawlings, pastor of Landmark Baptist Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Rev. Jim Sower, assistant pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

Those interested in bus ministry from churches in North and South Carolina and Virginia are expected to attend the convention. Discussions of children's church, soul winning, visitation, Sunday school and story telling will be included in the bus ministry study.

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Union Grove Baptist Church in Yadkin County, where Zeno Groce grew up, has a revival of unusual dimensions in progress.



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The deacons, in conference with the pastor, the Rev. Billy Washburn, decided they wanted to approach their annual revival in a new way. They wanted it to deal with relationships.

They selected the Rev. Dr. Kirk Neely, an associate minister at Knollwood Baptist Church who specializes in family life and youth, as the speaker.

Sunday he spoke on resolving inner conflict. "It is our temptation to underrate ourselves and not use our Christian potential," Neely explained, or on the other side of the coin "to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In order to set our priorities and resolve conflict within ourselves, we first have to align ourselves with God and see that our worship is in him."

Monday he spoke on resolving conflict in marriage. The six major conflicts in marriage, Neely said, are money, sex, role adjustments, children, in-laws and religion. "The basic key in marriage is not our ability to love our marriage partner but our ability to forgive them."

Tuesday the subject was resolving conflict in a family with small children. "It is necessary to see children," Neely said, "as a gift from God, not a gift to be possessed but to be dedicated back to God."

Wednesday he spoke on resolving conflict in a family

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with teenagers and this is the time four major questions must be answered, he said: "What is happening to me?", "What is expected of me?", "How far can I go?", and "Who is my father?" The latter question is the most important, Neely said, as far as religion is concerned because from it the adolescent finds out who he really is.

Last night he spoke on resolving conflict in a family with mature family members or the losses and gains of aging. He challenged the church members to abandon the usual thought that to be aged is a dead-end. "The Christian view," he said, "believes that we grow at every stage. Life does change but it does not necessarily decline."

Tonight he will speak about the conflict in a relationship with God. He will say that "all of us experience conflict with God because all of us sin, which is one area of our conflict, and because we do not have complete understanding of God's purpose."

To live in harmony with God, Neely says, "we must do three things: we must confess our weaknesses and shortcomings; we have to accept

His forgiveness, and we must accept His will."

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291 Migrant Ministries No Longer Seasonal

A once-upon-a-summer-time ministry has turned into a year-round outreach in Forsyth County.

But churches working with Spanish-speaking people do have to increase their assistance when the seasonal and migrant farm workers come into this area to pick tobacco and help with other crops.

And that time is now.

At Woodland Baptist Church, the Rev. Zenó Groce, pastor, said his church's year-round ministry is seven years old. That includes Spanish Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

Currently, the work is under the care of the Rev. Carlos Oliveros, a native of Colombia, South America, who also teaches in the church's day school. He is assisted by James and Hulda Creasy of King and Charles and Loida Fletcher of Winston-Salem.

The average attendance on Sundays jumps from the 20s to the 80s when summer begins, Groce said, reflecting the arrival of the migrants.

Woodland sends a bus into Surry, Stokes and Yadkin

counties to bring the people to church on Sundays, he said. "We go wherever we can to find them."

In addition to providing the families and children with Christian nurture, Groce said, the church provides them with clothing, food and medical assistance. Should the families decide to remain in the area, Groce said, the church assists them in finding housing and employment.

"Our church has always been involved in trying to reach out to people who by accident are down and out. We've always had a heart for that."

The Spanish people, he explained, "have to have confidence in you — find out if you are real and genuine — but then they will come and respond. We have found them to be very sweet people."

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The largest ministry to Hispanics is found at Union Grove Baptist Church near Kernersville which is under the leadership of the Rev. John Jones. A native of

Mocksville, he grew up in Ecuador while his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Archie Jones, were serving as Southern Baptist missionaries.

His work here is supported by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the Baptist State Convention, the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and Union Grove, where Jones serves on the staff.

Jones also provides year-round worship and special services for Hispanics.

Since January, he said, the average Sunday school attendance at 10 a.m. on Sundays is 15 and 20 for the 11 a.m. worship. Starting June 3, he said, there will be a migrant worship at 3 p.m.

After his first summer in the jointly sponsored program, Jones said he began earnestly in October to create a congregation and to minister to the people who remain in the area.

He said it is his ultimate hope to build up the work until the Spanish people can take it over. He said it is his job to explain the people and the culture to Baptists in the

area as well as the Baptists to the Spanish.

Helping the Hispanics requires more "than a little bit of high school Spanish, too," Jones said. Because interpretation is so necessary, he spends one day every two weeks in the Yadkin Baptist Association helping with the Hispanics there.

While providing for their spiritual needs is his priority calling, Jones said, he must also address their housing, employment and health needs. "You just can't say to somebody that doesn't understand: 'I hope the Lord saves you and you won't be hungry.'"

He also has taken on a prison ministry. "I go to the jails and talk with them. Very few people in jail can speak Spanish. So I go there and just talk with them. I also correspond with them."

Jones said the Spanish colony is getting larger in Forsyth and in the Piedmont Triad.

Two other Kernersville churches have provided assistance in the summer ministry, Jones said. They are the Wesleyan Church and Holy

Cross Catholic Church. They also center on the sacred and secular needs of the people.

All of the churches help in the annual sponsorship of a Spanish fiesta day, which will be held this year on July 15. Jones said Spanish people from across the state will come in for the day. A Spanish band from Washington, D. C., will be here to provide entertainment, he said.

Jones feels it's most important that Americans learn to be neighbors if the Hispanics are going to live in their area. He sees this as his calling, to help people understand the people even though their language is foreign.

Jones hopes to work in this area for a two-year period and then get his theological degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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St. Leo's Catholic Church will have a migrant ministry workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow in the school gym. It is for people who want to be volunteers in the ministry, whether they speak Spanish or not. There is a \$3 fee.

TODAY'S TEENAGERS

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Initiation for Honor Group at Woodland Baptist

There was much clowning in outlandish garb when new members of the National Honor Society at Woodland Baptist Christian School were initiated May 3. The initiates were required to dress foolishly, and here you see the results: Robin Myers, Diane Dixon,

Renee Liles, Jeff Gammons (behind), John Wakefield, Teresa Ashley, Martha Binkley, Tim Chilton and Curt Jolley — having a lot of fun.

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Zeno Groce ✓

Temple Baptist Church will hold revival services beginning this Thursday and will continue until Saturday. There will be special singing each night and a nursery will be provided.

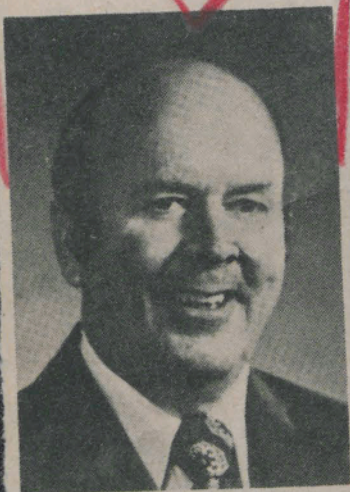
The guest speaker will be the Rev. R. Zeno Groce, pastor of Woodland Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The services will begin at 7:30 each evening and the pastor, Teaque Groce invites everyone to attend.

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Temple Baptist Plans Revival

A revival will begin today and continue through Saturday at Temple Baptist Church, Highway 601 and Forrest Drive, with the Rev. R. Zeno Groce, pastor of Woodland Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, as the speaker.

Services will begin at 7:30 each night and special singing will be presented. A nursery will also be provided.

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