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Men at work

The Baldwin Branch Baptist Church is getting a new fellowship hall, thanks to the efforts of the men of the church. The men are volunteering their time to build the new structure. Baldwin Branch is located on NC 242 west of Elizabethtown. Rev. G. F. Pone is pastor.

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Choir Anniversary

Baldwin Branch Baptist Church will hold their 31st senior choir anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m.

Sponsors for the event are Mrs. Louise McKoy, Mrs. Adla McDowell, Mrs. Willie Mae Gillespie, organist Mrs. Geraldine Washington and president Leroy Gillespie.

The public is invited.

Elizabethtown: Bladen Journal

Elkin Tribune

Enfield Progress

Fairmont: Times-Messenger

Farmville Enterprise

Franklin Press

Fremont: Wayne-Wilson News

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Rev. G. F. Pone receives Key to the City

Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church honors pastor

Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church celebrated a special ecumenical service on Sunday, November 22, during which its pastor was presented a Key to the City.

The church's men's choir sang songs of praise for the service and Rev. David Wade, pastor of Wesley's Chapel United Methodist Church, was the guest soloist.

Arthur Bullock and Dennis Troy spoke on the topic: Thankfulness and Gratitude, and the keynote speaker was Mrs. VaRonda Lewis.

The highlight of the service came when the pastor, Rev. G. F. Pone

was presented the Key to the City by Elizabethtown Commissioner Dewit Lloyd. It was a surprise to Rev. Pone, and all of his family was in attendance.

All of the auxiliaries of the church received a plaque for outstanding service to the church.

The Voices of Joy closed the service by singing several selections. Rev. Otis Knowling and Rev. Victor Singletary made remarks, and Mrs. Gloris Lloyd gave responses of the program. Bill Gillespie was program coordinator.

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Services Mark Palm-Easter Sundays At Baldwin Branch

Elegance was displayed at Baldwin Branch Baptist Church Sunday, March 23, as Palm Sunday was observed. Mrs. Addie Lee McDowell was given special thanks for promoting and putting on a program of this type in action at the church.

The church was beautifully decorated with huge palms. Church missionaries were dressed in white. They were also sponsors of the elaborate affair. The missionaries marched in on "When The Saints Come Marching In", followed by the scripture taken from Psalms. Rev. John I. Robinson prayed.

Mount Olive Sr. Choir and pastor, Rev. Schrool were special guests.

Mrs. Ruby McDowell recited a hearty welcome. Mrs. Norma McDowell gave the meaning and reason for celebrating Palm Sunday. Pastor, Rev. B. L. Smith, dedicated the palms. Miss Geraldine Burney sang while the ushers passed each individual a palm leaf and pin, to pin on their attire and to take home.

Mrs. Addie Lee McDowell stated when the palm leaf dries, it's to be sprinkled throughout the home as "Good Luck." Mrs. Louise McKoy, Mrs. Vermel Lyons, Mrs. Willie Gillespie, and Mrs. Edgar McKoy further promoted the program on the behalf of donating and extending an invitation to the audience as well. This too was highly successful.

The Jr. Church of Baldwin Branch performed at sunrise, Easter Sunday morning, in a play "The Crucifixion." Mrs. Lila Saunders, producer of the play, gave a brief reading in relation to the play. The cast included:

Mary - Joyce Gillespie; Mary Magdalene - Frances McDowell; Pontius Pilate - Charles Gillespie; Wife of Pilate - Angenette McKoy; Mary - Faye Adams; Serene Simon - Edward Lewis; Two thieves - Lemmy Lewis and Earl Cromartie; Lady who loved Christ - Lewis; Little Child - Dwain McDowell; Christ - Jerry McKoy; and Narrator - Gwendolyn Gillespie.

The disciples were: Peter - Richard Jones, Jr., John - Donnell Adams, Judas - Kenneth Rhodie, James - Vernon Lewis, Andrew - Keith Smith, Phillip - Gerald McKoy, Bartholemew - Ventel McKoy, Thomas - Carl Smith, Matthew - Leonard Monroe, Thaddaeus - Tommy Lewis, Simon - Steven Lloyd, and James - Terry Lewis.

The Jr. Choir rendered a program of music. The scripture was read by Vanessa McKoy. Richard Jones prayed. Verses were taken from various

portions of the Bible and recited by Lorraine McKoy, Gwendolyn Gillespie, Cereca McKoy, Vanessa Lloyd, Gregory McKoy, and Brenda Rhodie. Agatha Rhodie sang a solo.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cromartie of Sharon, Penn. and many visiting friends. Our pastor, Rev. B. L. Smith had the final remarks. He was very inspired by the Jr. Church.

Eden News
Edenton: Chowan Herald
Elizabethtown: Bladen Journal
Elkin Tribune
Enfield Progress
Fairmont: Times-Messenger
Farmville Enterprise
Forest City Courier/Sun

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Special Service

For Rev. Smith



REV. BENNIE SMITH

A Service of Appreciation was observed at the Baldwin Branch Baptist Church by the members November 25 in Elizabethtown, in honor of Reverend Bennie L. Smith for 23 years of service.

The evening was highlighted by a sermon by Rev. A. Q. Jones of Whiteville, pastor of Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Church, Clarkton District, Clarkton.

Rev. Smith is a graduate of Bladen County Training School now known as Bladen Elementary School. He took further studies in the School of Religion at Shaw University, Raleigh. He is a widower and the father of three daughters. Mrs. Mrs. Eleanor Saunders of Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Martha Cromartie of Sharon, Pennsylvania and Mrs. Mary Bethea of Fort Myers, Florida.

Rev. Smith expressed thanks to the members and many friends for their loyal support during these twenty-three years.

Dunn Dispatch
Durham: Carolina Times
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**Baldwin Branch
Baptist Church
Revival Set**

Revival services begin at Baldwin Branch Baptist Church, located on HWY 242, on Monday, October 1, and ends Friday, October 5. Reverend B.L. Smith is pastor.

Guest speaker for the week is Doctor A.C. Jones of Fayetteville. Dr. Jones is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bladenboro.

Services begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.