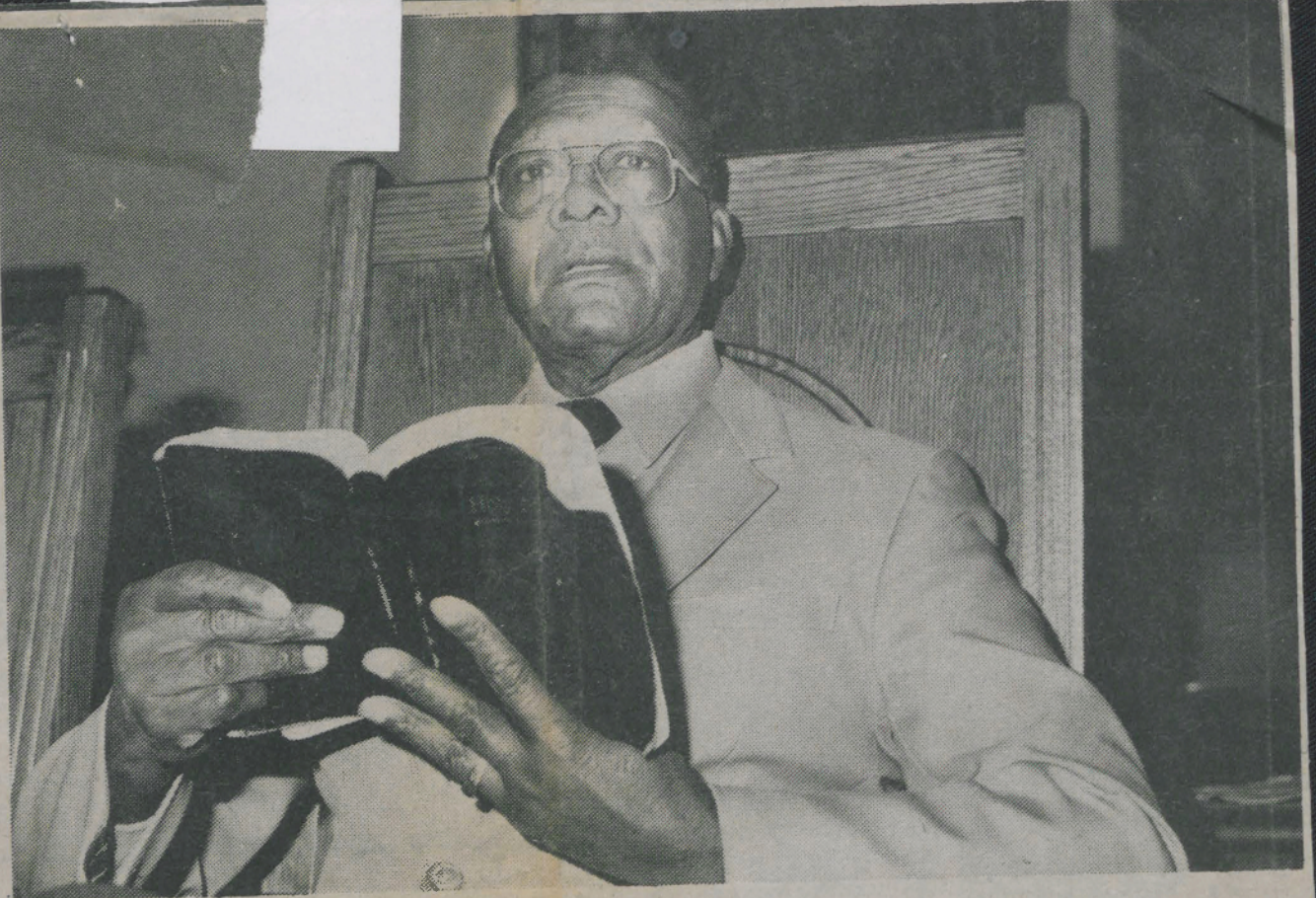


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The Rev. Josiah Mickens, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, believes in filling his young congregation with the old time gospel (photo by James Parker).

Church of the Week

White Rock Baptist Church

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

Several years ago, the Rev. Josiah S. Mickens was watching television when a commercial depicting world hunger appeared. Mickens was so moved by the ad that he decided his church, White Rock Baptist Church, at 14th Street and Claremont Avenue, needed to do its part to help the hungry children of the world.

Since then, the church has adopted two African children. "People are in need and are hungry and I tried to do what I could to help somebody who needs the help," Mickens says.

The church also gives aid to Shaw University in

Raleigh in addition to helping any other groups or individuals who need help, Mickens says. "You don't have to be a member here to get help. If you are in need, we do something about it," he says.

"Yes, we really love the Lord at White Rock. And carrying out the Lord's work is our main mission."

-- The Rev. J. S. Mickens

But the major thrust of the church and for any church, Mickens feels, is "soul-saving! That is what the church is all about. Yes, we really love the Lord at White Rock. And carrying out the Lord's work is our main mission."

Mickens contends that,

while he feels that man ought to be "three-dimensional," the church should just be a place to "preach the Gospel and worship."

Mickens has been the pastor of White Rock since

it was founded as a Baptist church in late 1947. He says he was invited as pastor by a group of 13 people who had organized a non-denominational church called United Metropolitan. The group held its services in a two-story house.

But Mickens says he told

the congregation he could not preach to a group of people who had no direction. "I told them I was a Baptist preacher and, if they wanted me, they would have to change," he says.

So the group made the decision to affiliate with the Baptists and the church was reorganized and renamed White Rock. Its sanctuary was built in 1950 and Mickens says, "We have continued to grow and prosper since that time."

Because he has been the only minister White Rock has ever had, Mickens notes that he has witnessed both the church and its congregation progress over the years. "I have seen a whole lot of changes in the church," he

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says.

"And I am really proud of the changes we have made," he adds. "We started with 13 members and have grown to almost 300. We have grown to be a family. It's just like when you get a new house. You have to get to know it before it becomes a home. This is my relationship here. I have come to love the congregation and now they are my family."

Although Mickens himself is not a very young man, his congregation is comprised mainly of young people. And instead of using a special formula to lure younger people to his flock, Mickens says, "I just try to get the Gospel to them. This is an old-fashioned church. But this is the way it is supposed to be. And it must be meeting the needs of the young people."

"We have a spiritual church. I don't believe in nothing dead. I believe in a church where the power of the Lord is somewhere around."

White Rock To Celebrate Anniversary

White Rock Baptist Church on East 14th Street will celebrate the 24th anniversary of the church and of its pastor, the Rev. J. S. Mickens, with a week of services beginning Sunday. Theme for the week is "Traveling by Faith."

The Rev. W. L. Owens of Mount Carmel Baptist Church will deliver the opening sermon at 3 p.m. Services will be held at 7 p.m. daily Monday through Friday with various ministers and their churches in charge. The final service will be next Sunday.

The Rev. J. A. Floyd of Dreamland Park Baptist Church will preach Monday; the Rev. S. F. Hairston of New Light Baptist Church, Tuesday; the Rev. B. F. Daniels, dean of the Missionary Baptist Fellowship and pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, Wednesday; the Rev. J. L. Coleman of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Thursday; and the Rev. W. O. Terry of Second New Bethel Baptist Church, Friday.

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The Rev. J.S. Mickens

Rev. Mickens to celebrate

The members of of White Rock Baptist Church at 1233 East 14th St. will celebrate the 35th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. J.S. Mickens, beginning Sunday, May 20, through Sunday, May 27.

The guest church at the 3 p.m. service Sunday will be Elm Grove Baptist Church of Greensboro, with guest speaker the Rev. C. Johnson.

Services beginning on Monday will start at 7 p.m. throughout the anniversary.

Other guest churches will be Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. William Morris as guest speaker, Dr. H.L. Moore and the congregation of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Zion Hill Baptist Church and the Rev. O.B. Cook, the Rev. Willie Jones and the congregation of Carver Road Christian Church, Exodus United Baptist Church and the Rev. E.C. Austin and the congregation of Jones Chapel Baptist Church and their pastor.

Fire Damages Baptist Church

White Rock Baptist Church at 14th Street and Claremont Avenue was damaged by fire last night.

Assistant Fire Chief A. B. Bullard said the fire apparently started from spontaneous combustion in the basement, where some painting supplies were stored.

Bullard said the fire, which was reported at 8:48 p.m., was kept to the basement area and a stairway leading to the ground floor.

No estimate of the damage was available last night.

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White Rock Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday at 5 p.m. with a banquet at the Anderson Center, on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. The Rev. E.L. Clark will be the speaker.

Here is a brief history of the church:

United Metropolitan Non-Denominational Church was having services in an old, two-story house on the corner of East 14th Street and Claremont Avenue. The few members of the church purchased bricks with intentions of building a church. The bricks lay on the lot at the corner of 14th and Claremont for years. Members were unable to build the church.

In October 1949 the late Rev. J.S. Mickens was invited

to preach for United Metropolitan Non-Denominational Church. He preached for them several Sundays, then he was called as pastor. After accepting the call, Mickens changed the church to a Baptist church, and it was named White Rock Baptist Church.

The church had 16 members who worked extremely hard raising money to build a church.

The first rally for the new church was a \$50 per member rally. A total of \$1,600 was raised. A contractor was chosen and work on the new church was started. In the spring of 1952 work was completed. Bricks that stayed there for years were used in the new church, which has a sanctuary, Sunday school classrooms and dining facilities in the basement. While the



White Rock Baptist Church

church was being built, Mickens had a pulpit set made. When the new church was finished, the pulpit set was put in the church and is still being used.

As time went on, the church had its ups and downs, even a fire that destroyed some of the sanctuary. In 1978 the entire basement was renovat-

ed. An assembly room was added, and the dining area and fellowship hall were remodeled. Mickens remained pastor until 1990, when he retired after 41 years of service. On Feb. 28, 1991, he went home to be with the Lord. On the third Saturday in April 1991, the Rev. V.C. Crawford was chosen as pastor.

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White Rock Baptist to celebrate Mickens' and church's 38th year

White Rock Baptist Church has planned a slate of serices to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the church and its pastor, the Rev. J.S. Mickens.

The church will hold observances each Sunday in May.

The Rev. Joe McDaniel, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, will be the featured guest at services Sunday, May 3. Other participants in Sunday's program, sponsored by the deacons, trustees and deaconess board, will include Clarence Johnson,

Deacon Wolfe, Deacon Pollard and Deacon Dubose.

Guests for the month will include the Rev. E.T. Lee, pastor of Davidville Baptist in Statesville, May 17; the Rev. Willie Jones, pastor of Carver Road Christian, and Elder James Johnson, pastor of Church of God in Christ in Mocksville, May 24; and the Rev. Alphonson Harvey, pastor of First Baptist Church in Martinsville, Va., May 31.



J.S. Mickens

Robert Miller

Missionary Group to Meet

The 15th annual session of the Guilford Educational and Missionary Baptist Association will begin Wednesday at White Rock Baptist Church, 1233 E. 14th Street. The Rev. J. S. Mickens is host pastor. The Rev. W. M. Harris of Winston-Salem is moderator.

The three-day session will open at 10 a.m. with an introductory sermon by the Rev. C. C. Clayton of Antioch Baptist Church. Harris will give the welcome remarks before the sermon.

The Wednesday afternoon session will begin at 2:30 and will include the roll call of ministers and churches.

H. V. Bryant, president of Central Orphanage at Oxford, is scheduled to deliver a message at this time.

The Baptist group is a major contributor to the orphanage and to Shaw University, a Baptist-affiliated school at Raleigh.

Mickens and his church officers will be in charge of a welcoming ceremony at the 7 p.m. worship Wednesday, which will be followed by a sermon at 8 p.m. by the Rev.

W. H. Moore of Greensboro.

The Thursday morning activities will get under way with a panel discussion and a sermon by the Rev. J. L. Roundtree of Fellowship Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Prayer Service

The Deliverance Prayer Band will hold a service at 8 p.m. today at the home of Mrs. Catherine Arnold of 2213 Lime Avenue.

The group will hold a second service at 8 p.m. Friday at the home of Mrs. Katherine Carter of 1307 Howie Street.

Both services are open to the public. Evangelist Carolyn Teasley is leader of the prayer group.

Community Club

The Bowen Park Community Club will sponsor a bus trip to Atlanta, where they will watch the Cincinnati Reds and the Atlanta Braves in a baseball game on Aug. 12. Registration for the trip and the game can be made through Robert Jackson of 1438 E. 12th Street or C. L. Fair of 2437 Caledonia Avenue.

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feel so unworthy, but I still thank him for choosing me."

After being called and accepting the call, Jennings faced another obstacle. In the Baptist church, it is not common practice to have female ministers.

"So many people told me that I wasn't going anywhere, especially in the Baptist Church," says Jennings.

But on Feb. 17, Jennings was licensed at White Rock Baptist Church by the church's pastor, the Rev. J.S. Mickens.

"It's been seven years since they licensed a woman in the

Baptist Church," she says. "Everybody doesn't accept me, but that doesn't matter; I'm still going on."

Jennings cites the Scriptures to back up her ministry, including Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

"I never felt that God didn't call women," says Jennings. "I never had any doubt."

She also quotes Acts 2:17 and 18: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all

flesh; and your sons and yours daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Of course, Jennings says, those who oppose the idea of women as ministers quote the Bible, too. I Corinthians 14:33 and 34 says:

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

"We should always consider the time as well as the conditions as to when the Scriptures were written or given," Jennings says.

She says her mission is to be like St. John. "I want to always decrease so God can increase in my life," she says.

She says she hopes her step into the ministry as a female will help

other women. "God is continuously opening doors for me, and I feel they will also be opened for other women ministers in the Baptist Church," she says.

Jennings, a secretary for the Forsyth County Health Department's Health Education Division, adds, "I just want to have the power of Christ so that some will see the Christ in me and want to be saved."

She says her children are very happy with what she is doing. "They know I'm sincere by the life I try to live," she says.

Jennings says she has received a lot of encouragement in the ministry from her pastor, Mickens. She says he and his wife have treated her as if she were a daughter.

"When I preached for the first time at White Rock," she says, "Rev. Mickens came into the pastor's study and continually said, 'You can do it.'"

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Focus On Religion

Minister: 'I know I've been called'

By BRENDA ROBERTSON
Chronicle Staff Writer

Despite some denominations' beliefs that women are not to preach the word of God, the times are changing, and a number of women say they have been "called" to the ministry.

The tradition of the women in church only sitting in the "amen" corner, serving as missionaries or pastor's aides, is yielding to women sitting on

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-- Evangelist Jane Jennings

deacon boards, and in recent years, standing in the pulpit.

Jane Jennings, a member of White Rock Baptist Church, is one of those women. "I know I've been called to preach," she says.

Jennings, who says she doesn't necessarily want to be referred to as the Rev. Jennings -- maybe "Evangelist Jennings" instead -- says she was called to spread the word of God about a year ago and has since delivered more than 13 sermons.

She says she taught Sunday school in her church for about a year and a half before being called, but "I knew that there was something else for me to do.

I thought that maybe it was door-to-door ministering."

Jennings, 36, says she was 28 years old before she was saved, but "all I desired to be was a good Christian."

Before Jennings recognized her calling, she says, she didn't know what was happening to her. "My sleep was not peaceful," she says. "Scriptures would come into my sleep. Sometimes it was frightening. I kept fighting it for about a year."

She says she also became withdrawn from her friends and members of her church.

Then, on May 7, 1984, Jennings says she was convinced her life had to change when a frightening and unusual thing happened. Jennings says she was working on a Mother's Day program for the church and that she went to pick up one of the ladies of the church for help.

When she arrived at the woman's home, she was told that her house was on fire. When she returned home, she says, she found her three children fine and her house intact. The hot water heater had exploded, causing the fire, but none of the rooms in her five-room house had burned, she says. There was not even smoke damage.

She says she and her family only stayed out of the house for three days so the house could be completely checked for damages.



Evangelist Jane Jennings, holding the Bible which she says declares her a minister, stands near the pulpit at White Rock Baptist Church, where she received her license to preach (photo by James Parker).

"I was in a state of shock," she says. "I found out just how real God is when he revealed himself to me in that fire."

Jennings says she thought of how one of her

children could have died in the fire. She knew God was telling her something.

"I don't know why he chose me," she says. "I Please see page B13 ✓"