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Friendship observes 88th church anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Friendship Baptist Church will celebrate its 88th anniversary at the 11 a.m. service Oct. 27.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Clary L. Phelps Jr. pastor of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Phelps is a native of Forsyth County. He received his high school diploma from East Forsyth. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Winston-

Salem State University, his master of divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary and his doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. He was licensed at Friendship Baptist Church and ordained by the Rowan Association in 1978.

He is a member of and involved in varied religious and



Dr. Phelps

civic organizations.

He has received many outstanding awards, including N.C. NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award in 1994 and the James B. Hunt Governor's Certificate of Appreciation.

Phelps is married to Teresa Phelps and they have two daughters, Terea and Maria.

Other items on the program include: special recognition of church family sick and shut-in members by Sandra Armstrong and Barbara Carvana, the Necrology Candle Ceremony by Evelyn Tyndall and introduction of speaker by Rev. Gary Walker.

Anniversary co-chairs are Margaret Mitchell and Deacon Eugene Roseboro. Rev. S.E. Tyndall is the host pastor. The church is at 1317 N. Cherry Street.

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The Rev. Clary L. Phelps in his pulpit.

Who: The Rev. Clary L. Phelps

Where: Star of Bethel Baptist Church

Mini-Profile: He was born in Winston-Salem, and went to school there. He is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology with a minor in physical education; and is studying now for his master of divinity degree through Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury. He was licensed to preach in 1978 and ordained the same year by the Rowan Baptist Association. He has worked with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department, the Winston-Salem Instructional Center, Atkins High School in Winston-Salem and Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, the last while he was pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Morganton. He was vice president of the Burke County NAACP chapter, and otherwise active in civic affairs in Burke County.

Favorite Bible Passage: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

— Psalm 121:1

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from Winston-Salem State University, and is a candidate for the master of divinity degree at Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury. He expects to complete requirements by May 1986. On April 26, 1978, he was licensed to preach by Friendship Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. He was ordained into the ministry Aug. 22, 1978, by the Rowan Baptist Association. He has been a security guard

with State Merchant Patrol, Winston-Salem; was director of recreation for the Winston-Salem Recreation Department; a vocational counselor for Winston-Salem Instructional Center; a teacher's aide at Atkins High School, Winston-Salem; and an instructor at Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, working for the N.C. Department of Corrections; and was pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church from January 1979 until he came to Star of Bethel Jan. 9, 1983. His wife, Thresa, is a registered nurse employed at Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital. The Phelpses have two daughters, Terea, 9, and Maria, 7, both students at Bruce Drysdale School.

Favorite Bible Passage: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

— Luke 4:18

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Star of Bethel to install pastor

Star of Bethel Baptist Church will officially install its new pastor, the Rev. Clary L. Phelps, in special ceremonies at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Rev. S.E. Tyndall, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, will be guest preacher.

Phelps and his family have been here for some weeks, but he has not been officially installed.

He is a native of North Carolina and grew up in Winston-Salem, where he was active in YMCA, church youth groups and high school sports. He is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology with a minor study in physical education. In 1978 he was licensed to preach by Friendship Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He was ordained Aug. 22, 1978, by the Rowan Baptist Association. He was pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church at Morganton from January 1949 until he came here.

He has also been an instructor with the Western Piedmont Com-



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munity College at Morganton, a teacher's aide at Atkins High school, Winston-Salem, a vocational counselor at the Instructional

Center, Winston-Salem, and worked with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department and with the State Merchant Patrol as a security guard.

He has also been involved in community affairs where he has lived, including a term as vice president of the Burke County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a member of the board of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association.

He and his wife, Thresa, have two daughters, Terea and Maria.

Tyndall is a native of Lumberton and has lived many years in Winston-Salem. He was Phelps' pastor for a number of years. He is a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association and Ministers' Conference of Winsto-Salem.

The combined choirs of Friendship Baptist Church and Star of Bethel Baptist Church will provide special music for the event.