

CHURCH NEWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHAPPELLE STATION A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Bryant, Pastor

Santa Claus made a large vacation in our Sunday School Sunday morning December 27. Though Santa Claus had come and gone it seemed as though some were still looking for Santa to come. However we had a splendid Sunday with those that were present.

11:30 the pastor spoke from the text Eccl. 1:7; subject "Rivers that run into the sea." He spoke very interesting which all enjoyed. We had many visitors among them were students from the campuses and four nurses from the Good Samaritan Hospital. We were very pleased to have them come and will be glad to have them plus the faculty come again.

6:30 the League met with a splendid program arranged to suit the occasion. Miss Mary Bowler acted as pianist for the League. Mrs. Bowler sang a very beautiful solo. She is one willing to respond to every call.

7:30 Rev. Ford brought the message for the evening service. Rev. Ford was not in the spirit to preach at first but something happened to shock Rev. Ford, however after he got over his fright he spoke very interesting from the text "For if a man knows not how to rule his home how can he rule the church." Subject "What must we do to develop the progress of the church." We enjoyed this message very much and will be very glad to hear him again soon.

We were blessed to have a good many outstanding visitors with us on Sunday night. Revs. Harper, Nash, Williams, and others. P. E. Adams and McClellan. Elder Adams opened the doors of the church. Elder McClellan made a few brief remarks. We are always glad to have them. The district meeting will be held at Chappelle Station Monday December 28; shall mention more facts about it in next issue.

The League planned to go to the camps during the holidays to carry those who are less fortunate seasons. We are in sympathy with those folk and it is always appealing to us who will be the next to go out there to be shut in for a period of time and can't enjoy these beautiful days as we are enjoying them neither can they be happy in this blessed sunlight of freedom.

Miss Plair and Miss White who have been away teaching came home for their Christmas holidays. Mrs. White was the pianist for us Sunday. We wish them a prosperous New Year.

SIDNEY PARK C. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Anderson, Pastor. The Sunday School opened at its usual hour with Supt. Starks conducting. The lesson was beautifully discussed, subject "The Outreach of God's kingdom." Isa. 11:1-10, Rev. 21:1-2.

At 11:30 Rev. W. L. Gladden delivered a wonderful sermon subject "God's Inexpensive Gift," which was enjoyed by all. There were a number of visitors present. We always extend a hearty welcome to our many friends to worship with us. The Epworth League held a very enjoyable session at 6 o'clock, a splendid program was rendered.

At 8 the Epworth League presented a Candle Light Service which was enjoyed by all. The Sunday School Baby Contest enjoyed by all. Sunday Jan. 3, 1932 being the first Sunday in the New Year and Communion Sunday the pastor is urging all members to be present as he has a special sermon for you. If you miss it you will miss a treat. All members are asked to bring a friend. Strangers and visitors always find a hearty welcome to all the services at Sidney Park.

The Sunday School Christmas tree was held on last Wednesday night.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Union, S. C.

We all were so enthralled over the return of our pastor for another year, we were afraid once that we would not get him back again but God always knows what we need, and stand ready to supply our need. On the return of our beloved pastor Rev. Bowman our church has been reorganized into fifteen different boards and auxiliary and we are doing greater work under his administration. We thank the presiding Elder and Bishop for returning to us this Moses. For it would have been rather difficult for a pastor to come to Union and take hold of the affairs of the church as they now stand, and run smoothly as we are running now. Not knowing where to take hold.

On last Sunday we heard two of the most beautiful messages delivered by Rev. Bowman using for a text Luke 14:18 subject Excuse. The message was very inspiring and instructive at 7:30 P. M. He preached an impressive and far reaching sermon to a splendid audience mixed with many friends and visitors text St. Luke 18:38 subject A Sinners Friend. The Holy Ghost was upon him and he preached as never before. The night service has been very poorly attended, but since we are now in our new location, and being led with such Gospel messages the night services now our number the day services.

Miss Deian Hardy a teacher in Spartanburg Co. is home for the holidays with her aunt Mrs. T. de Davis. Miss Lucile Windham student of Anna University is home to see family. Miss B. B. Miller, student of Carolina University is home for the holidays with her mother and sister. Mrs. Alice E. Echam home on Henric street was destroyed by fire recently and all the contents therein were destroyed. She is a faithful member of Bethel one of the stewdesses and president of the pulpit aid board. The pastor announced last Sunday that a special collection will be taken up for her on a later date.

Mrs. Eppie Epps one of the stewdesses who has been indisposed for a number of weeks is much improved. Mr. Guss Feaster a steward who has been sick with the Flu has recovered. On last Monday night while it was yet raining a group of ladies led on by sister Eva Youitz president of the Missionary Society and Chairman of Stewardship board No. 1 assisted by sister Mary Turner sister Mary Ray, sister Mattie Porter, Mary E. Eubanks, Mary J. Rice, T. Young, Mrs. Lucy A. Gilliam, Elsie Lipcome, Fannie Gibson, Mary Bryant, Corene Kirshaw, Ballie Mitchell, Mary Ray, Rosa A. Sims and many others, marched down from the church to the parsonage, singing bringing in the sheaves. Each of them carrying Santa Claus, and many good things to eat.

Rev. Bowman with his best loving wife welcome us very happily and asks all who will to come again soon.

MT. PISGAH A. M. E. CHURCH

Sumter, S. C.—The Booster Club of Mt. Pisgah held its regular meeting Monday, December 6 at the beautiful and hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Elder on Oakland Ave.

The members of the club are full of enthusiasm and are anxious to put over a big financial program this year. Our President, Mrs. Almetta Gregg was re-elected at the last meeting and has the work of the Boosters at heart. Mrs. Frances Moore was elected vice president and we are very proud for she has been a most loyal worker. Mr. A. G. Spears Jr. our worthy treasurer who has served wonderfully in the past was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Mamie Smallis efficient secretary who has given faithful service was also re-elected.

A very interesting talk was given by Elder Spears who is a staunch member of the Boosters. Dr. N. W. Jannerette our beloved pastor was not with us at the last meeting but was out visiting the sick and administering Holy Communion. He takes special interest in all our church clubs and is a real booster. We are glad to have him returned to us. If you want to have the right spirit, live a right life, die a sweet death, join our organizations and do the work of the Lord. Mt. Pisgah will ever hold her rightful place with these organizations at her back doing the will of the Lord.

A splendid financial report was given. Business was discussed after which the hostess served a delicious sweet course. A vote of thanks was tendered for her generous hospitality and she was invited to meet with Miss Unice Wilson, Jan. 4th.

W. B. Carter. The evening was a continuity of merriment from beginning to end. All enjoyed being present. Sunday marked a high day in Zion. Dr. Flowe preached morning and evening, and soul reviving. The spirit was high in both services. Sunday night marked the close of one of the best quarterly conferences held in Paradise church. The Presiding Elder informed us that we were in lead. This we are determined to hold by God's help.

MINISTERS' WIVES ALLIANCE

An all round inspiring meeting of the Alliance took place on Thursday Dec. 7th at the home of Mrs. G. M. Miles, 1230 Pine Street. An appropriate program was arranged at the previous meeting that would be in keeping with the Christmas season at the December meeting. This program was arranged by the committee on Literary Program of which Mrs. R. C. Chappelle is the chairman and it was most pleasingly rendered.

For an opening song, "Joy to the world," was sung; Mrs. Sims acting at the piano and conducted the program in the absence of Mrs. Chappelle. Mrs. C. J. Carroll read the Scripture on the birth of Christ, followed by another song. Mrs. E. M. Owens, offered a very pointed prayer in keeping with the program, after which Mrs. Sims sang very sweetly, "Silent Night." At the close of this selection each one recited a Scripture quotation bearing on the birth of Christ. The President, Mrs. Dillard then asked Mrs. Starks to tell the Christmas story which she did in a very interesting manner.

When the program was over the "Santa Claus" subject was discussed. Everyone promised to see "Santa Claus" in person for each individual child of the Williamson Orphanage. A committee consisting of Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Duckett, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lowery as chairman will receive and deliver these gifts for the children. There were present as visitors: Mrs. Alice Williams and Mrs. L. M. Myers. A new member joined in the person of Mrs. L. C. Mance. The members of the Alliance will be sorry to learn of the death of the father of Mrs. Duckett, who died since the adjournment of the meeting and also the death of Mrs. Elliott's cousin. She was away at the bedside of her ill cousin during the time of our meeting.

More Ladies I know, have the deepest sympathy of the Alliance. At the close of the meeting the hostess, Mrs. Miles, surprised the Alliance with a most delicious six o'clock Christmas turkey dinner which was in keeping with the entire program of the evening. Who will give the next Christmas dinner?

GLEANINGS FROM SALTER MEMORIAL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. A. Neen Hour, Minister, Residence and Study 1425 Oak St. With the beautification repairing, and renovation of our church building and grounds in progress, the plot in rear of the church, has been broken up, preparatory to the laying off of a botanical garden set off by hedges. This attempt is being made and fostered by Messrs T. Cook and S. E. Alford, who have promised to demonstrate in a tangible way to the city at large, what the "Young Negro Co-operative League" stands for.

We were greatly surprised at the large audience which greeted Prof. A. A. Banks, Friday, December 12. His lecture demonstrating the gravity, and ill accrued by the use of "bootlegged whiskey" was appalling. The first gun fired during the first series rebounded with the gunner, shooting himself into the church and is now an active member. Guess? Our series of meetings have been in progress since December 14, and will continue until Jan. 17, 1932. Crowds are following the pastors and their respective choirs and congregations. Why not you?

From the outlook a very large number of boys and girls will enroll in our Sunday School, Sunday January 3, 1932, 3 P. M. Our Supt. Dr. Leon McKeefield and his corp of officers and teachers are making elaborate preparation for this Annual Opening. Each one who enrolls, (boys, girls, men or women) will be given a beautiful gift donated by Dr. Webb, pastor of First Baptist Church in this city and other white friends out of the city.

We are again thanking the following Presiding Elders, and ministers with their respective choirs and congregations for their invaluable contributions given during the first and second series of our Pre-Yuletide services. Presiding Elders: J. C. McClellan, T. J. Miles, E. P. Ellis, J. E. A. Adams, also Dean E. G. Durr, Revs. S. S. Youngblood, H. H. Peace, Simmons, Eldon, Nash, Green, Larkin, Pevant, Harber, Anderson and Green.

Sunday afternoon, December 2, was a record breaking day for Salter Memorial, being the largest gathering and collection for some time. It was on the occasion of the opening of the second series of Pre-Yuletide services being conducted by the astors of the several denominations of the city. Special music for the afternoon, consisted of Xmas Carols and appropriate anthems in keeping with the season were credibly sung by the Glee Club of First Calvary Baptist Church. This chorus consisted of 32 voices with Mrs. S. S. Youngblood as organist and director.

The speaker was Dr. S. S. Youngblood, pastor of the afore-mentioned church who spoke from the words "The rock I shall build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The mountain peaks of this master-piece were: 1. The church means full co-operation and 3. The church is eternal.

President D. H. Sims of Allen University who was in charge, as usual fitted himself to the occasion with seasoned and timely remarks and dignity. After extending thanks and appreciation by the pastor and the rendition by the speaker of the afternoon a well spent hour was the by words of those who were present. We are again asking you to keep posted by our Calendar and the papers of the meetings which are to continue to January 17, 1932, and on.

ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Allen, S. C. The members of St. Mark Baptist Church were gathered for their regular meeting on Thursday, December 2, 1932, at 7:30 P. M. The subject of the evening was "The Outreach of God's Kingdom." The pastor, Rev. J. H. Bryant, delivered a most inspiring and timely message. The service was well conducted and the collection was unusually large.

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