



African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop and Mrs. Frank Madison Reid
7th EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Rev. J. J. Holmes, Pastor

The Christmas was ushered into historic Bethel in grand style. The celebration of the coming of the Christ Child took full flight around Bethel, beginning with the Sunday School. The attendance by children in this department was greatly increased, in spite of the cold weather. It seems that the teachers and students have rededicated themselves to keep pace with the modern day trends of a modern Sunday School. Since the modern completion of the Sunday School Department, which our pastor labored so hard to bring to past. The people of the city, as well as the members are praising our pastor and his cabinet for the completion of the church needed for the Lord Sunday School Department.

It was highlighted during Christmas program by the children of the Sunday school in their annual Christmas celebration. Over one hundred people of this department were present to greet the pastor.

The morning congregation felt the spirit of the Christ Child, as they lifted their voices in the Yuletide call to worship, using as the first hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Our pastor read his text from the book of Isaiah 40:3 which was: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," using as his theme "Gettin Ready For Christmas." With stirring voices he proclaimed, "Oh how we can get the festivals we observe in God's name. He stated further that at Christmas one can happily hear the songs of the angels and the message of God, because we are too busy getting ready for everything else, except the coming of the Christ Child. This was another masterpiece by our pastor. The missionary baskets to the members of the church. They brought a huge amount of food and placed it in two large barrels. As they entered the vestibule of the church. These baskets will be distributed by our pastor.

The 7:30 P.M. worship was also highlighted by a pageant "The Star Lighted Path" presented by the members of the Junior Missionary Department of the church. This Christmas pageant was supervised by Mrs. E. R. Holmes.

The pastor stated, "with the spirit of Christmas as high as it is, we will begin a Sacrifice Program for 1952 at the beginning of the new year to complete our church work for the conference year."

Our pastor will complete his series of sermons, beginning January 2, 1952 at 2:45 p.m. instead of the previous dates published over WIS-TV.

MACEDONIA BAPT. CHURCH

Rev. W. L. Wilson, Pastor

The funeral services for Mrs. Ollie Jackson, a faithful member of our church will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 3:00 o'clock. Our Presiding Elder will preach for us in his first quarter session at this conference year on next day morning.

May God continue to bless our pastor as he continues to labor for His church.

John Martin, Rpt.

8 S. S. began 10 a.m. with the Supt. in charge. The Christmas program sponsored by the S. S. will begin Sunday December 25 at 7 p.m.

The pastor delivered the morning message which was very inspiring. Text Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Theme: The mystery of the birth of Christ. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that throughout ages, man has tried, but all have failed to explain the mystery of the birth of Jesus. At the incarnation, one person came forward and connected himself with the church as a messenger for baptism.

The evening message was given by the pastor also and announced a wonderful message to be spoken from Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Had it not been for faith in God through people throughout the ages, the birth of Christ would have gone into oblivion. Appropriate music for the Christmas season was rendered by the senior and Jubilee choirs.

Among our students home for the holidays are: Misses Thomas Trap, Gloria Lyles and Lucille Workley, Benedict College; Mr. Fred Porter, Jr., S. C. State; Mr. Jimmy Brewton, A. & T., Greensboro, N. C.; and Miss Ruth Gast. Miss Workley will be in Spartanburg for eight weeks, while doing her practice work at Luman, S. C. Rev. & Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Jessie Mae Rice, sister of Mrs. Queenie Boyd were dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Boyd Sunday, Dec. 19th. Mrs. Rosa Stenford of Highland Ave. is a patient at General Hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Queenie E. Boyd, Rpt.

ELISHA A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. C. V. ALSTON, Pastor

S. S. opened on time with the Supt. presiding with his faithful co-workers by his side. The lesson was taught with much interest. Being a Christmas lesson all were familiar with it. The Supt. gave a fine review and he then presented to the group our beloved pastor. He gave a beautiful illustration of the lesson in which we all enjoyed. The group decided the Christmas tree for December 25. Following the program, Class no. 1 was the banner class, Teacher Mr. A. R. Robinson.

The pastor read for the Scripture lesson, St. Luke 2:1-22. He selected his text from Isaiah 9:6, "The Coming King." The pastor preached a really delightful Christmas sermon. Everyone enjoyed it. A Missionary collection was taken by the Missionary president, Mrs. Ida M. Longshore. The contestants as follows: Miss Juanita Fair, 3.45, Mrs. Pauline Thacker, \$7.65, Mrs. Lavenia Longshore, \$5.18, Mrs. P. Thacker was crowned queen by her pastor, total 116.28. The contestants will still be working for the final crowning of the queen who will be held at Allen University.

We are happy to say all on our sick list were out to service on Sunday. We will be expecting Hannah A. M. E. Church, S. S. and Welch Zion Baptist Church, S. S. to participate with us in our Christmas program our Sunday night, and our pastor will preach at Welch Zion Sunday evening.

M. Lake Rpt.

BETHELEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. Odum, Pastor

Sunday School began at the usual hour with Supt. assistance. Supt. on duty along with our teachers. A very interesting lesson was discussed through out the classes, and was reviewed by the pastor.

Our worship services began at 11:15 a. m. Processional choirs, Responsive Reading: 6th chapter of Revelation 1-10. Scripture lesson, 7th chapter Revelation 1-4. Prayer and Missionary offering. Announcements by the church clerk, Prayer and General offering. The pastor text was taken from the 5th chapter of Revelation 9th verse and they sang a new song, saying thou art worthy to take the book, and to open and seal thereof; etc. He preached from the depth of his heart. Devine worthiness. No man was found worthy to open the book of that seven seal.

After an evening of devotion. The pastor took his text from 7th chapter and 9th verse of Revelation. After this I behold, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number; John's vision of the Redeem of the Lord. A very spiritual and uplifting sermon.

Very fine music was rendered by the choirs singing in unison.

A number of visitors worshipped with us. On the sick list, we have Bro. Joe Barnes, Dea Capes, Sis Carrie L. Hankinson, Sis Kansas Jones, Sis Martha Patterson, Sis Rosa Sims, Dea Kelley and Sis Margaret Thompson.

Let us continue to Pray for our sick members.

Our program sheets are very interesting each Sunday.

Let us not forget our prayer service each Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Also our Missionary meeting at usual hour Sis Karen Joyce is president.

The pastor along with the members wishing you a merry X-mas and Great happiness through out the New Year.

Betha, Rpt.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Coker, Pastor

The happiest season of all is upon us, Christmas has come again its star is gleaming in the sky, its magic is all over the land. How wonderful it would be with every heart singing the songs of the angels, the song that echoed over the hills of Judea in the long ago. "Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace, good will to men."

S. S. opened with officers and teachers at their post of duty. The

UNIONVILLE A.M.E. CHURCH

There was quite a crowd attending service Sunday morning. It seemed that Rev. Felder is really a drawing card. Believe you me he is really feeding his flock with spiritual food. His text was the second chapter of St. Matthew "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Everyone was lifted.

We had quite a few visiting friends to worship with us and we are glad to have them any time.

Brother William Ford is on the sick list and we are praying that he will soon be well again. We miss him from his post.

Here's wishing each and every one a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR. The Lord has been good to us so let us give thanks to Him this Blessed Yuletide.

(Mrs.) L. H. Fladger, Rpt.

BROOKLAND BAPTIST NEWS

Rev. T. T. Marsh, Pastor

S. S. was held at the usual hour with Supt. and teachers at their post of duty. The lesson was beautifully taught and discussed. The morning service began at 11:30 with prayer service conducted by Dea. Julius Brown and others taking part. Scripture was read by the pastor. The musical and vocal choirs rendered music. The pastor brought a wonderful message from the theme "The Virgin Mary". It was enjoyed by all. The night service was at the usual hour. We heard another wonderful message. It also was enjoyed.

Lorraine Davis, Rpt.

ST. PHILIP A.M.E. CHURCH

Eastover—The members had a Christmas sermon delivered by Rev. N. A. Gary. His text was taken from Luke 2:8-10. Theme "Edging of Great Joy." We would like for more of you to have heard this sermon. Music was rendered by the choir. Collection and Benediction.

Following the service the Brown Brothers rendered service. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Dorothy Jenrette, Rpt.

FRIENDSHIP A.M.E. CHURCH

Rev. D. J. Zeigler, Pastor

Sunday was a cold day but the faithful few were out to worship. Presiding Elder Dr. W. S. Mims held his first quarter in the new conference year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Special Notices, Cards of Thanks Memoriams, Birth Announcements Marriage Announcements, etc., are charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line. Cash must accompany the order. Minimum charge \$1.00.

IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of my dear husband the Rev. C. A. Dunlap who departed this life December 23, 1946, eight years ago. Gone but not forgotten.

Wife, H. Dunlap

IN MEMORIAM

In sad, but loving memory of our Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Martha Richardson who departed this life one year ago, December 27, 1953.

Sunset and evening star—
And one clear call for me,
May there be no moaning at the bar—
When I put out to sea.

—Tennyson
Mr. Major, Lewis B. and Samuel Richardson, sons
Mrs. Clara M. and Dorothy L. Richardson, Daughters-in-law,
Grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The activities of the aged home of Columbia.

I am the founder of Columbia aged home and worked hard for its organization with the cooperation of my white and colored friends.

Signed:
(Mrs.) Jennette White

The Millers

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Happy New Year

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