

Church News Continued

The Church Editor Speaks

By W. R. Bowman

Last Sunday found us at Summerton with Rev. J. W. Seals. The life of Joseph was a lively discussion by the class. The morning sermon was preached by the Rev. B. L. Hall of Columbia. Two teenage girls, Misses Annie Mae Washington and Gusenbryn Washington, read reports which reflected scholarship upon their reading. Other Ministers would do well to let their young people have an opportunity in their local Church work.

Sunday night found us at Free Hope, eight miles north of Columbia. We were the guest of Presiding Elder I. O. Simmons, who forced us to preach. We were glad to see so many of our former students, who are now officers in the Church. Dr. Simmons is much beloved by the congregation. They think no one can equal him in the pulpit.

The Allen-Benedict summer school is making much favorable comments in Columbia. Early in

the morning, hundreds of teachers can be seen rushing to classes. The usual of loafing around on both campuses is a thing of the past.

Scores of teachers can be seen with their eyes buried in books.

Dr. Frank R. Veal, president of Allen University is working like a trojan in the educational field. He is in great demand as a speaker. Under his leadership Allen University is holding its own and making much progress. The only thing Allen University needs now is a new building for the boys. Allen University must continue its progress.

Bishop I. H. Bonner returned from his New York trip looking the picture of good health. South Carolina is following the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Bonner.

Mrs. Matilda Watson has returned from Denver, Colorado, after spending several months there.

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PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. B. T. Blocker, Pastor

Sunday School and Preaching Services were well attended, the first Sunday in July, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sarah Ellis was elected delegate from the Sunday School, to attend the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, to be held at Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., July 17-19.

We are hoping others from our Sunday School will attend this meeting, and be present in the primary group, Friday morning from 9:30 to 9:45 A. M. to hear our pastor's wife, Mrs. Maggie Blocker, speak on the subject, "Making the Primary Child feel at Home in the Church." Mrs. C. A. Cherry is the instructor of the primary group.

Mrs. Mary Lee Williams has completed her course in cosmetology at State College, Orangeburg, S. C. At the present time, she is home on North Market Street waiting to serve the public in her usual way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cub Scout Pack number 147 will meet at the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Blocker Tuesday afternoon, July 16, 1957 at 5 o'clock. All members are asked to come and bring a joiner with you. Joining fee is 50c.

Again we appeal to the Lancaster Citizens to give any news you would like to be published to your "Paper Boy," Master Booker T. Blocker, Jr. Rev. G. A. Thomas responded to this request by sending in news.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH

Rev. M. G. Williams, Pastor

WATTS—Sunday School on the last Sabbath was opened at the usual hour by the Supt. J. P. Pressly. An interesting discussion of the lesson under the caption "Recognizing of God's Providence," was carried on in an interesting manner by officials and scholars. Financial banner, Senior class; Attendance banner Beginner's Class.

At 2 P. M. the 45th Anniversary of the Free and Accepted Masons No. 181 of Calhoun Falls was held in named Church with Robert L. Edmunds presiding. A brief and interesting program was presented to a large assembly by the members. The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. M.G. Williams. He chose as texts Ps. 133:1 and Gen. 35:10. His sermon in behalf of the Masons was inspiring.

Sunday June 16, the pastor and loyal members of the church rejoiced from the result of the financial success that was had in the rally to cancel the renovating debt of the church.

The names of respective captains and amount of money reported by them follows: Sisters Eloise Jackson \$66.25; Mary Pressly \$30.00; Lillie Cain \$31.25; Ruth Brown \$20.75; Cora Knox \$123.50; Emma Ware \$64.10; Georgia Gray \$33.00; Janie H. Williams \$120.20; Mary Wade \$8.00; Minnie Jackson \$28.50; Alma Marshall \$111.00; Annie M. Allen \$46.25; Grand Total \$682.80.

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ST. PAUL AME CHURCH

Rev. G. A. Thomas, Pastor

LANCASTER — June 30th marked the 5th Sunday of the month when some church goers usually visit other churches and unite with them in worship service while others "take off" on that day for other purpose. St. Paul A. M. E. Church was fortunate to have Rev. John R. Wilson, Pastor of Gethsemane and Olive Branch Baptist Churches located in Strother, S. C. and Batesburg S. C. and his fine family to worship with us. Rev. Wilson is known as a great preacher and willing to render services any time, so he took a very active part in the services in delivering the morning message. Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Rev. Wilson was expecting to hear the pastor of St. Paul deliver the message but the tide turned in favor of her husband. Other members of the family including Mr. Heyward, one of the instructors of C. A. Johnson High School and his wife, the daughter of the Rev. Wilson, one is the wife of Mr. Taylor Clinton, one of the instructors of Barr St. High School and the mother of Mrs. Wilson and her friend from Columbia, sat attentively while the pastor introduced the speaker of the hour.

He came forth and took his text from St. Matt. 5:14. Ye are the light of the world, following the singing of the hymn, Go Preach My Gospel Saith The Lord. The congregation was lifted high with inspiration that came as a result of Rev. Wilson delivered a message that stirred the very hearts of the listeners.

The listeners carried the message to those who "took off" and they were sorry that they were not there to hear him. We pray that Rev. Wilson will live long and continue preaching such sermons that revive and help make hearts glad.

After the Benediction the officers and members extended appreciation to Rev. Wilson for the message and to his family for worshipping with us.

Later Rev. Wilson and his family returned to the home of his daughter Mrs. Shirley Clinton and her husband Mr. Taylor Clinton for dinner. Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Thomas joined them there where they enjoyed a very delicious dinner.

After dinner the family rode around the city and met old friends and class-mates including Prof. W. J. Gordon and others. Later in the afternoon they returned to Columbia.

Mrs. T. D. Thomas, Reporter

BAILEY BETHEL CIRCUIT

GREENWOOD The 3rd Quarterly Conference of the Bailey Bethel Circuit of the Abbeville District convened at Oak Grove Church, with Dr. C. G. Glover, presiding. A warm devotion was conducted by the pastor of the circuit, the Rev. T. P. Baylor. Then came the minutes of the 2nd quarterly conference, followed by the financial report which amounted to \$65.85. The disciplinary questions followed.

The 2nd day the service went on in its usual way. After devotion, the pastor, Rev. T. P. Baylor, presented the presiding elder, Dr. Glover, and he chose his text from the 5th chapter of St. Luke, from 4th and 5th verses. Subject: "Have The Master With You."

A WARNING

Reliance on government is more than an insidious disease. It is the robbing of men, first of their initiative and finally of their freedom. "Whose bread I eat, his song

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Coker, Pastor

Sunday School opened at 10:00 A. M. with Supt. Ruth presiding. The July Theme is: "God's Will For Our Life Today, as True Citizens." The attendance and Finance were good.

Proceeding the morning devotion, Music was in charge of the Senior Choir. Scripture lesson 123 Ps. After the mission hymn, the mission prayer by Deacon James T. Kennedy. Being Communion the message was appropriate for the occasions. Theme: "Bless Be The Tide That Bind," taken from Ps. 133-1. Visitors were presented by Mrs. Annie L. Kerens.

Our Continual Prayers for all of our shut-in-members and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Levester and daughters of Georgia were weekend guests of Mrs. Levester's mother, Mrs. Alice Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, and Mr. Gus Turner of Detroit Michigan are spending a vacation with Mrs. Anderson's sister, and Mr. Turner's mother Mrs. Helen Cawford.

PINE GROVE AME CHURCH

Rev. T. H. Weathers, Pastor

Sunday was a high day at the above named Church beginning in Sunday School and throughout the services. The Supt. and co-workers were at their post. First and second classes were combined and taught by Mr. Wade Trapp; Bible class by the pastor; Primary class by Mrs. Estelle W. Boyd. A very fine review was given by Mr. Collie Weathers. Closing remarks by the pastor.

Morning worship began after a warm prayer service. Prayer was offered by Miss J. L. Boyd, Scripture lesson read by the pastor, 10 verses of the 1st Samuel, 16 chapter. Notices read by Mrs. Julia Ringer. Mission offering lifted. Mr. Boyd offered Prayer, then Rev. Weathers came forward and delivered a heart touching message, text first Samuel 16th chapter, and the latter clause of the 7th verse. "Behold to obey, is better than Sacrifice. Two infants, and two children were Baptized.

On Father's Day, a short but very fine Father's Day program was enjoyed. Mr. Wade Trapp was chairman. Mr. H. M. Boyd was honored as Father of the Church. A donation was taken and given to him and Mr. Willie Boyd.

The Ever-ready Club of Columbia celebrated their second Anniversary. We enjoyed another fine program. Mrs. Emma Johnson was Mistress of Ceremony. Mr. Simon Bouie, pianist. We were indeed proud to have Mr. Smith from Chappelle Memorial Church, Columbia, who accompanied them. He made fine remarks.

At the close, lunch was served. The pastor had to leave in order to get to the hospital in time to visit sick.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families in the passing of these noted persons: Mrs. Marie Young, a member of Providence Church, and Mrs. Frances Schumpert of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Trapp reported a pleasant stay in Knoxville, Tenn. where they visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trapp and little daughter.

J. L. Boyd, Reporter

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Coker, Pastor

Sunday brought an end to youth month, which was successfully carried out by the youth.

Sunday School opened with Mr. James L. Flemming acting as Superintendent. After the morning devotion, music was rendered by the Junior choir, Miss Vida Pruitt, pianist.

Rev. Coker delivered a wonderful message from the theme "Joseph The Prince" One person joined the Church.

Last week after a successful Bible School, the closing exercise was held Sunday night.

Mrs. Sallie L. Finney was hostess to the Sunshine Club at her home. Guests included Mesdames Estella Davis, Claudia D. Ferguson, and Miss M. M. Young. After the devotion, business session and Bible lesson, Mrs. Annie L. Kerens assisted in serving a salad and sweet course with punch. Mrs. R. L. Pitts thanked the hostess. The Club adjourned to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Mattie W. Hudson, the second Sunday in September.

Mrs. Mary B. Rice entertained the Busy Bee Club at her home on Centennial Street. Mrs. Laura Thomas president, presided over the business session. A very good meeting was held. Mrs. Amanda Wilson assisted in serving a tasty repast and will entertain the next meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Coker and daughters and Mrs. Mary S. Williams were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rice.

Mr. David Pope of Phila, Pa., is visiting the home of Mrs. Mittie Taylor. Mrs. Bessie Basset of Norfolk, Va. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bannah Campbell and brother Mr. J. B. H. Ruth and Mrs. Ruth. Mrs. Campbell has been confined to her home due to illness, but is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Mamie N. Coker and Mrs. Pearl B. Ruth attended the Woman Missionary Convention in Aiken last week.

Sunday, June 30, at the morning services, Rev. O. R. Reuben, president of Morris College, delivered the sermon.

FRIENDSHIP AME CHURCH

Rev. E. A. Vance, Pastor

Sunday School at the usual hour Assistant Superintendent Mr. J. T. W. Mims presiding. Classes No. 6 and 8 banners; Class No. 6, Finance, and class No. 8 Attendance.

11:00 Morning worship, Senior choir rendered music.

Rev. Vance's Sub. was: "Chose Ye This Day Whom Ye Shall Serve."

The Pastor and Deacons visited the shut-in-members. Visitors were given a cordial welcome.

In the city—Master Leon Purnell of N. Y. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford.

Miss Faye Nelson of Spartanburg, S. C. Guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. C. B. Rollins were Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Gauden of Newberry, S. C., Sgt. C. G. Washington of Little Rock Arkansas, Mr. Brownlee of Anderson, S. C.

Messrs David V. Clinton, Johnson, Miss Elsie Johnson, all of Philadelphia, Pa., visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on West Car Ave.

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CROSSROAD AME CHURCH

Rev. J. S. Reid, Pastor

We had a wonderful Sunday School opened with the Supt. and teachers at their post of duty. The lesson was nicely taught by Bro. Glasco, subject: Recognizing God's Providence, Gen. 39:1-11:32.

11:30 Morning worship began and hymn No. 1 lined.

Prayer by Bro. Glasco. Scripture reading, Matt. 3:36. Second hymn No. 12. Missionary offering. The pastor came forward and preached a wonderful sermon from the subject: Go Home To Their Friends.

Visitors are always welcome at all time.

We are looking forward on the 2nd Sunday night in July to have a Usher Board Rally. We are asking all that can and will come and help us out in our program.

Rosa P. Wells, Rpt.