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ARCHIVES—The Past Is a Key to the Future

This past Saturday the Archives Department sponsored a training opportunity for pastors, local archives directors and interested person. It was a great day. Director Betty Thompson and her board are to be commended for a job well done!

The primary speaker was Doctor Vinson Synan. Dr. Synan is well known in our church. He has been a pastor, college professor, and general official of our denomination. He has authored sixteen books and has three others waiting to be published. He continues to work with Regent University in Virginia. Dr. Synan did a fantastic job.

History is important to us all. It is imperative that we know what the Lord has spoken in the past. How can we know unless the history is recorded and/or passed on?

Every church needs a Local Archives Director. Many of our pastors have appointed such individuals. Many of these have written/collected local church histories. Many others have begun the process.

These histories can be of great value in giving direction to the church for the future. They certainly should be consulted. God's words in the past are very important.

Pastors, be sure to assist your directors in the collection of materials. Share with them copies of the reports, board minutes, and certain legal documents. Yes, certainly some items may need to be held in confidence. However, nearly all items in time could be made a part of the local history.

Records should be carefully preserved. Not all re-

cords need to be kept. Contact the Archives Department at the Conference office. Director Betty Thompson has much information that can be provided to the local church. Such information will describe what needs to be saved and how. The how is very important.

The Conference office has much information dealing with the local churches and with clergy. Our director can not do the research for you. That is not her job. However, she can give direction and make certain materials available for research. We have complete copies of all the Conference Minutes, Manuals, and Conference Evangels.

The Archives Department is not open every day. Call Director Betty Thompson for the best time to come. Her schedule is flexible.

God is at work! He will perform miracles! He has done miracles! Let's know the past. We then can be better prepared for the future.



URGENT PASTOR's and SECRETARY TREASURES



The church's annual report is past due into the Conference Office. The statistic information—church membership, church a.m. attendance, and systematic Bible Study (Sunday School) - is needed immediately. This information must be forwarded to Oklahoma City in preparation for General Conference. It is already late. If you have not responded, please do so immediately. The snow slowed us down.

Praise Corner:

- For the 5 inches of snow. It came beautifully, was enjoyed, and left in a timely manner.
- For the School of Ministry with Rev. Terry Tramel. It was fantastic.
- For the January District Conferences. The meetings were well attended. I praise the Lord for our pastors and local leaders. They are gifts of God.
- For the SAC Meeting—Strategic Advisory Council meeting on January 22. This is a meeting of all the Department Leaders, certain invited participants, and the Conference Bishop. These leaders provide great input and support.
- For Dr. Synan and the Archives Training.
- For the Spirit anointed General Executive Board meeting in Oklahoma City. (I got ice/sleet bound for two days. Thank the Lord for cell phones, PDA's, and four wheel drive rentals)
- For the Conference Day of Prayer on January 7th. Conference leaders gathered in Falcon. Prayer does make a difference.
- Praise the Lord for the new Medical Ministry Vehicle in Chadbourn. Well Done, Pastor Richard Robinson and team. We will be dedicating it on Sunday, February 8th.
- Pastor Dallas Gurganus, Robersonville, praises the Lord for 13 saved in January. Some over 20 have been healed in the last few months. Five will join the church.
- Pastor Paul and Loala Evans praise the Lord for their first grandchild. A boy—Wyatt Gavin Tudor. 9 pounds 4 ounces.
- Pastor Gerald Holloman praises the Lord for the attendance doubling from 40 to 80 in the last two months at the Nakina Church.
- Reverend Luis and Lilliana Avila praise the Lord for the birth of their first grandchild. A girl—Pricilla Elizabeth. 7 pounds 11 ounces.
- Kinston First reports 44 present at the Crown Financial Workshop on January 24th. Praise the Lord.

Prayer Corner:

- Rose Nelson and family. Her father, Major O'Neal went to heaven
- For the family of Mac Draughon. Mac went to heaven. He was a resident of Falcon.
- For the Polity Committee at General Conference. Their first meeting is February 2-5. Linda Thomas serves as our representative.
- For the Finance Committee at General Conference. The Committee meets March 30 & 31. I represent the Conference on this one.
- For Holmes Trustees. They have begun the process to interview for a new president.
- For the Minister Spouse Retreat.
- I will be in Revival—February 22 –25 at Harker's Island
- I will be speaking at the South Carolina minister Spouse Retreat—March 1—4th
- For the Revitalization Meeting in Goldsboro—March 26-28
- For the family of our minister—Rev. Manuel Reyes. Brother Reyes went to heaven on January 29th.
- Gloria Dixon—Chemotherapy
- Paulene Knowles
- William and Edith Page
- Christine Norris
- Calvin and Lois Trueblood—Transition
- Bert and Karen Sapp - Transition
- Christine Tyson
- T.L. Byrd
- Gladys Johnson
- Betty Dowdy
- Raleigh Horton
- Conrad Hall
- Myrtle Marshburn
- Ella Whichard
- Tim Henry
- W.M. Cordon
- Betty Tolar
- Kenneth Tart
- Lib Collins
- Kathleen Williams
- General Conference

James 5:15 and 16

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



Open Churches:

Wakelon—Interim Pastor Bill Dunning

Pinetown—Interim Pastor Raymond Potter

Mt. Paran in Wilson —Interim Pastor Emmett Turner

Capital in Raleigh

Hamilton—Interim Pastor Ralph Leggett

Rehoboth—Interim Pastor Jimmy Williams Bethany in Williamston

Carson Memorial in Greenville

Ministerial Changes:

- Winnie White of Grimesland has been approved for the Local Church Minister's License. She is the wife of Pastor Ken White.
- Reverend Alex Sprinkle has withdrawn from the Conference. He lives in Oklahoma.
- Reverend Allen Mayo is on a two month sabbatical. Reverend Bobby Williams is the sabbatical pastor at the Saint Paul Church until pastor Mayo's return.



Attention Clergy—The CEU reports for the last two year cycle will be mailed soon. Those under the required 48 will be asked to attend the School of Ministry until their requirement is met. Those who joined the Conference within the two year cycle are required to earn CEU's on a prorated basis.

Manual School of Ministry—I will be teaching the Manual Course the weekend of **February 6 and 7**. It is not too late to register. On Friday night I will teach the Articles of Faith. On Saturday the 7th I will teach the Local Church and Conference structures of governments. All new clergy, deacons, elders, and official board members should attend. There is a nominal registration and food cost. Registration is requested.

Minister Spouse Retreat—February 26-28. It is not too late to attend the 2009 Minister and Spouse Retreat . The event will be held at the Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach. Contact Secretary Gina Page immediately.

Mount Carmel Leadership Meeting—Pastor Wiley Hughes and the Mount Carmel Church is sponsoring a special leadership meeting on **February 23 –25th**. The church staff will be conducting daily workshop. Bishop Tony Miller will preach at night.

Church Education Ministries Convention—March 6-7

Remember the annual C.E. Convention. Director Jon Oliver and board has planned a special time of ministry for those who teach and minister on the local level. Bishop Ricky Sinclair from Louisiana will be the primary presenter.

Tax Workshop—Saturday, March 14th

Reverend Oris Hubbard, the Conference Loan Officer, will be conducting a tax workshop on Saturday, March 14th. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will benefit church treasurers, other church lay leaders, and all clergy. Note the enclosed registration sheet. The cost is \$10 or \$15 if you eat lunch.

School of Ministry



School of Ministry Classes: This is a great time to earn some CEU's Many are behind. Some will be required to catch up from 2008. Anyone can take these courses.

February 6 and 7—Instructor Reverend Oris Hubbard
Topic—Leadership handbook on Preaching and Worship MCP 1.09

February 6 and 7—Instructor Bishop Chris Thompson
Topic—IPHC Articles of Faith & Government MCP 1.02

March 13-14—Instructor Vince Arnold
Pastoral Care and Counseling MCP 1.09 (Spirit Centered Counseling)

April 3-4—Instructor Frank Tunstall
Our Awesome Lord—Please visit www.ourawesomelord.com for book and study guide info.

Pastors—Please share the information about the School of Ministry with your people. The School is open to anyone. They would benefit greatly by attending and be blessed as well.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Those certified should register with Oklahoma City using the proper form. Brochures are available from the Conference office.

Each local church may have a delegate . The name should be sent to the Conference Office for certification. The delegate then may register with Oklahoma City.

Please call the Conference Office if you have any questions.

MARTUS SOLUTIONS

Enclosed in the newsletter is an insert. It is from Bill Cox, President of Martus Solutions. Bill is a fine brother. He is the Vice-President of the Emmanuel College Board of Trustees. His material could be very helpful.

ICE DIASTER

Drusa USA is receiving funds for the Ice Disaster in Kentucky. Funds should be sent to the conference office labeled Ice Disaster. The S.C. Feeding Kitchen has been mobilized. Our chainsaw team, led by Gordon Knox, has been mobilized. By all means pray for those people affected.