

THE MARTIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER "The Tie"

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FEATURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE THEME:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE BLACK AMERICAN"

THE SONG:

"THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM"

DR. CARTER G. WOODSON
FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY

TEN BLACK PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO BUILD AMERICA

Dorie Miller

A hero of World
War Two

**Marian
Anderson**

A Great Singer

**William C.
Handy**

A person who
loved music

Scott Joplin
Music-Maker

Ralph Bunch
A worker for
world peace



**Martin L.
King, Jr.**

A person with
a dream

**George W.
Carver**

A scientist who
studied plants

Charles Drew

The person who
found a way to
save blood

**Wilt
Chamberlain**

A great basket
ball player

**Jackie
Robinson**

A major league
baseball star

"If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

Carter G. Woodson

Chronicles of Black Courage



GEORGE WASHINGTON WILLIAMS produced first major work on Black History, "History of the Negro Race in America," 1619-1880.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON founded Tuskegee Institute and created a new and controversial style of Black leadership in the 1890s. The educator married for the first time at the age of 26.



W. E. DUBOIS, Educator & Co-Founder, NAACP.



High Unemployment

Reagonomics

High Interest Rates

Inflation

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"I know that these are troubled times, but remember what I said to you in 1959: 'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands at times of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others. In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways he will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life'."

A TRUE LEGACY THAT DR. KING LEFT US, SO LET'S REACH OUT AND HELP ONE ANOTHER.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity — 133 Psalm

This period is the first within 39 years that Martin Street Baptist Church has been without a pastor. Many of the members of our flock can hardly remember the time when our Pastor Emeritus, The Reverend Dr. Paul H. Johnson, was not the shepherd of our flock. Through the years, his leadership, love and care became synonymous with what our church is striving to be and to do. Certainly we are deeply appreciative to him and thankful to Almighty God. It became necessary, fitting and proper that he retire and be relieved of such great responsibility.

However, God is still in the midst of us and His spirit is round about us, helping us to continue to be a Fellowship of Love, a Conquering Victorious Body, Properly Organized, and True to the Scriptures.

It has been our good fortune to have the pulpit filled each Sunday, with an able man of God; beginning with our very own, Dr. John W. Fleming, who set the pace for others following.

There is still work to be done. We are called by Christ to work with Him in His mission. Strength equal to the task will be provided as we trust and obey; as each person applies his or her talent and ability; and we cheerfully and willingly pool our resources collectively.

As we continue our venture into this Near Year, we ask God to continue to bless us together.

The Publicity Committee

THE BLACK CHURCH AND MANHOOD

by
John W. Fleming

*"When this Negro man and this Negro woman come to
their church . . . for one terrible fulfilling moment
they are somebody."*

Howard Thurman in *The Luminous Darkness*

For 12 years I served as Director of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc. In church after church, from the mountain to the sea, the black man's approach to religion had a recurring theme: joy, celebration. The zeal of this joy and celebration, without a doubt, stems from an unwavering faith in a providential God, of gratitude and of thanksgiving, and of a sense of belonging expressed in the realization of one's manhood.

It is this last idea, the idea of the black church and its contribution to black manhood that I wish to stress.

As a boy I often wondered why the adult males in my church talked so much. Looking back, I now have the answer. Living under the oppressive system of segregation, the church was often the only place where they could talk freely and realize their manhood. It was often the only place where they felt the "we" feeling, the only place where they could feel a sense of belonging.

As a boy it puzzled me why we stayed in church so long. Looking back, the answer comes through clearly to me. The church was our only forum in the black community. Through it news was disseminated, the fellowship was expanded, hope was enhanced, and courage to face the daily problems was undergirded.

Even today for many the black church is still the one place where manhood is realized and where a sense of belonging is promoted. We would not want to think what a black community would be like without black religion and without its organizational manifestation, the Black Church.

It was the church from which came those socializational agencies — schools, politics, businesses, social movements — so necessary to the establishing of a sense of belonging. As a socializing agency, the black church established economic, social, civic and ethical institutions. Because of the ethical content, the Black Church has supplied the model of manhood that has echoed the words of Amos, "let justice roll down as waters and righteousness as an ever-flowing stream." This has fostered an effort to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

In the North the role models were supplied by the Free Independent Black Churches. Rather than worship in predominantly white churches whose segregated seating denied their manhood, they went out to start their own churches where manhood could be asserted.

In the south the role Models were the "Invisible Institutions," so called because they were the illegal, non-structured churches of the slave — often meeting in the brush arbor after the lights had gone out in the big house. It was the Invisible Institution that the slave songs were born, where the slave looked forward with hope when he would be

Free at las,
Free at las,
Great God-Almighty,
Free at las."

This wonderful heritage should be remembered in this the Black History Month. The Black Church has given us a sense of belonging, a "we" feeling, a knowledge that we are men and women created in God's own image.

ANOTHER YEAR

*Another year is but another call from God
To do some deed undone and duty we forgot;
To think some wider thought of man and good,
To see and love with kindlier eyes and warmer heart,
Until, acquainted more with Him and keener eyed,
To sense the need of man, we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier hand our kind.*

— Author Unknown

Thank God for the ending and beginning of another year as we continue in the service of our Lord and Saviour by sharing, caring, teaching and witnessing for the least of our brothers and sisters.

1982 was a fruitful and productive year as we went about doing good, and our yearly activities took on shape and became a reality and a great success.

I challenge the Ladies Auxiliary to make 1983 the best year ever by searching our hearts and mind, and be concerned about mankind everywhere. Let us not wait for Thanksgiving or Christmas to spread joy and happiness to the old and needy, but let us go about our Father's business **NOW**. Let us begin in January, 1983, without ending. There are families who need us. It is our Christian duty to seek and find, and as the least of these knocks, we must be there to open the door to their needs.

As we go forward, may we commit ourselves to the task of following where Jesus Christ leads, forgetting self and meet the challenge head-on with a stronger conviction and a greater determination. Let us work together in peace, love and unity.

The Ladies Auxiliary
Bettie J. Chislom, President

LADIES AUXILIARY Program Committee

The Program Committee is looking forward to a very exciting year. In addition to our annual programs we are looking forward to a new program called "PARTNERS" that has already been adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary, hopefully to be in conjunction with the Brotherhood.

The purpose of the program is to get the church, both men and women, involved in the community to assist our black youth in developing more positive attitudes toward school and life in general.

Many youth in our community live in a one parent home and would welcome the opportunity to develop a close relationship with an adult. Some of our youth just enjoy meeting and working with new people.

Role-Models here at Martin Street Baptist Church are numerous. Please help us and our youth by participating in this program.

Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary for the 1983 year are as follows: President, Bettie Chislom; Vice President, Pauline Vandergrift; Secretary, Inez Lee; Assistant Secretary, Vera Morgan; Treasurer, Lucille Thorpe. Committee Chairpersons are: Amenities, Ruby Poole; Bulletin Board, Mae Delaney; Family Service, Mary Graham; Floral & Beautification, Addie Perry; Hospitality, Willie M. Cox; Membership, Docenia Hammond; Program, Pauline Vandergrift; Project Inventory, Dorothy Sanders; Publicity, M. W. Dunn, Mary Whitley; Social, Ella Solomon.

Please contact these persons if you wish to be a part of either of these committees. We welcome your support.

THE LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

Men grow when inspired by a high purpose, when contemplating vast horizons. The sacrifice of oneself is not very difficult for one burning with the passion for a great adventure.

— Alexis Carrel

The Laymen's League had its first meeting January 9, 1983. The purpose of the meeting was to select officers for the year of 1983. The officers are: President, Mr. Lloyd S. Moyer; Vice President, Mr. Benny Baker; Treasurer, Mr. Thomas E. Kee, Jr.; Secretary, Mr. Charlie Thomas; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Frederick A. Mials.

Committee Chairpersons are as follows: Program Committee, Mr. Benny Baker; Amenities, Mr. James McLean; Social Committee-Hospitality Committee, Mr. William I. Curry; Finance and Membership, Mr. Robert Mathes; Publicity and News Committee, Mr. Paul Vandergrift; Transportation, Mr. Lawrence Bradley.

As president of the Laymen's League, I hope that all of the men in the church will support us in making this a successful year. We invite all men to take part.

Lloyd S. Moyer
President

Bennie Baker, Vice Chairman — Laymen's League

The Laymen's League propose to undertake the following projects during this year:

1. Sponsor four breakfast meetings in the Johnson Building. Each meeting will present someone of prominence within the community.

2. Sponsor a "Partners" project in a joint effort with the Woman's Auxiliary to reach out to the youth in the community.

3. Solicit the membership of all the men who are not taking an active part.

4. Reduce the deposit on the portable public address system in the Johnson Building.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Stephanie Sanders who served as a Page to Governor Hunt, January 31 and February 1, 1983.

Alfred Mack who appeared on the NBC Television Show, "The Edge of Night."

Charles Haywood, Jr. for being instrumental in building a ramp at the State Street entrance of our church for the handicapped. This project was undertaken as part of the requirements for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Youth Group for the first live, lighted Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Brendalyn Bradley, Gregory Thomas, Charles Mitchell and Kenneth Joyner for being appointed Deputy Superintendents for our Sunday School.

Our Sunday School for the increase in attendance during the month of January, 1983 from 166 to 249.

Brother Norlington Mitchell for having the most rapid attendance growth.

Brother Lawrence Clark, the Board of Christian Education and the Youth Department for keeping the struggles endured by Dr. Martin Luther King a living reality.

We salute Group No. 6 for adopting projects for two Rest Homes, namely, "Ricks" located on Garner Road and Tee Dee Street. They have divided themselves into four teams with designated Chairman and Co-chairman. The purpose is to entertain, fellowship and provide needed articles for the patients, as well as remember them on special days, especially Christmas. It is an Annual Program and Group No. 6, we congratulate you for this effort and we pray God's choicest Blessings will be yours as you go forth in 1983.

THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The Missionary Circle personifies the spirit of the church and the Woman's Convention as doers of the Word. The members continue their outreach programs of remembering and embracing others with their sharing and caring.

The meetings for the first two months have been inspirational and well attended. The members have accepted the challenges of the New Year, spreading the gospel and believing in God's Word as the final authority.

The members of the Circle support the Convention's motto, "Christ in Every Home" and invite you to meet with them on the first Sunday of each month in the Anderson Building for a spiritually rewarding, devotional, and business meeting. Members meet one Saturday during the month to work on crafts and items of interest.

Circle President Mintz invites sisters and brothers (we had a brother to join January 16, 1983) to heed the call and work through the Circle with service and unified action for our Savior.



FOUNDER was center of attention as she walked across campus of Bethune-Cookman College, which she started in Daytona Beach.



*Mary McLeod Bethune
started college with "\$1.50 and faith."*

*Be a Daniel. Take the vow of courage.
— Mary McLeod Bethune*



HARRIETT TUBMAN
Negro Soldier and Abolitionist

KNOW SOME OF YOUR GREAT BLACK POETS



BLACK ARTISTS

William Warfield, American baritone is born in Helena, Arkansas, January 22, 1920.

Leontyne Price, American soprano, world "prima donna" is born in Laurel, Mississippi, February 10, 1927.

Marian Anderson, American contralto, the first black member of the Metropolitan Opera, is born in Philadelphia, Penn., February 17, 1902.

Nat "King" Cole, American jazz pianist and singer is born in Montgomery, Alabama and was the first black artist to have a radio sponsor (born March 17, 1917).

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD PANTRY:

The Fellowship of Christian Women have opened the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry in The Anderson Building. It will be opened each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of distributing garments or food (canned) to anyone who is in need.

For further information, you may contact the following persons, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Beatrice Lewis	821-5248
Ruth Montague	833-5681
Clarice Springs	833-6592

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12 — One Day Session, State S.S. & BTU Congress
New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston Salem

February 14 — Valentine Day

February 16 — Ash Wednesday

February 20 — First Sunday in Lent

Kindergarten Salute to Black History Month
Church Workers Reception — 6:00 p.m.

February 26 — N.C. State Ushers One Day Session
First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh

March 13 — Founders Day — Girl Scouts of America

March 18-19 — Lott Carey Laymen's League Mid-Year Session
Columbus, Ohio

March 20 — Annual Youth Day

March 26 — Palm Sunday

April 1 — Good Friday

April 3 — Easter Sunday

April 24 — Annual Men's Day

April 29-30 — State Laymen's Fellowship Banquet, One Day
Session of Laymen's League
Fayetteville, North Carolina

LENTEN SERVICE 1983

February 16 — Wake Baptist Grove Church, Garner, N. C.,
Rev. C. B. Walton, Jones Hill Baptist Church

February 23 — Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.,
Rev. Leonard Farrar, Wake Baptist Grove Church

March 2 — Wilson Temple United Methodist Church, Raleigh,
N. C., Rev. Marian Glenn, Watts Chapel Baptist Church

March 9 — Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church, Clayton, N.
C., Rev. George Jones, Jr., Wake Chapel Baptist Church

March 16 — Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.,
Rev. Luther Coppedge, Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church

March 23 — Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell, N. C.,
Rev. W. H. Brock, New Providence Baptist Church

HOLY WEEK SERVICE

March 28 — St. Matthews A.M.E. Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. Ronald Swain, Shaw University Choir

March 29 — St. Paul. A.M.E. Church, Raleigh, N. C., Rev.
Charles Ray, Wakefield Baptist Church

March 30 — Davie Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., Rev.
Ralph Stephens, St. Matthews A.M.E. Church

March 31 — Laodecia United Church of Christ, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. Joseph Ratliff, Oberlin Baptist Church

April 1 — First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. Dr. W. B. Lewis,
First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church

(SUNRISE SERVICE)

April 3 — First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. C. W. Ward, First Baptist Church

RADIO SCHEDULE FOR 1983

January — St. Paul A.M.E., James Shearer, 832-2709

February — Wake Chapel Baptist, G. A. Jones, Jr., 821-4888

March — Poplar Springs, U.C.C., J. W. Morrison, 772-4650

April — New Providence Baptist, W. H. Brock, 733-7842

May — Wilson Temple U.M.C., T. V. Carter, 828-9989

June — Oberlin Baptist, Joseph Ratliff, 828-0038

July — Wake Baptist Grove, Leonard Farrar, 733-6396

August — St. Matthew A.M.E., R. L. Stephens, 834-0509

September — Pleasant Grove Baptist, John Mendez, 467-2874

October — First Cosmopolitan Baptist, W. B. Lewis, 833-3283

November — First Baptist, C. W. Ward, 832-1649

December — Elevation Baptist, T. B. Jiles, 833-1102

RADIO STATION WLLE