

o Jacksonville, Ill. Go Rev., Mrs. Jones



Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Jones left early Tuesday morning for Jacksonville, Illinois, where Rev. Jones will take over the pastorship of the Mt. Emory Baptist Church. Members and friends greeted the new comers with a newly decorated parsonage and hospitable living conditions.

Rev. D. C. Jones came to Champaign in 1899 a mere boy. As years rolled by with his mind on

activities of Rev. Jones are too numerous to name, but particular fame came when Jesus called him by name and said "Go preach My Gospel".

Danville will hold a monument for him, Lincoln, Ill., and Mattoon, Ill., and many other surrounding communities. His hometown, Champaign, will well remember the noble deeds and stewardship done by Rev. Jones. He was willing to serve his race many were given aid. His living conditions always met with the highest standings. Salem Baptist Church was his home, also where he labored as pastor.

Mrs. Jones is quiet and conservative, and all who know her have to love her. The ladies aid will remember her as their faithful secretary.

Mr. John Beard is responsible for the grand farewell affair given by members and friends of Salem Baptist Church. Assisting him were Miss Eddie B. Williams, Mrs. L. Wilson, R. Edwards, E. Pearce, brother of Rev. Jones, Irving Jones and Sister H. J. Wells and Blanche Jamerson. Music by Mrs. W. Cooper, H. Anderson and I. Saunders. Wings Over Jordan and Highway To Heaven were enjoyed by all. Prayer by Mother Harris. Among the other ministers present were Revs. Withspoon, of Kentucky, C. W. Saunders, F. M. Martin and Webb.

We will fondly remember and keep in mind Rev. D. C. Jones' favorite quotation which is as follows: "There is a little good in all of us, so it behooves none of us to talk about the rest of us."

They Entertain Public With Song



Heading, left to right, Mrs. R. Steele, Rev. F. M. Martin, assistant pastor of Salem Church; Mrs. Lucile Clarke, president; Rev. A. S. Webb, pastor; Mrs. Eliza Mae Wallace, Theo. Bowles, A. Rivers, E. Dowling, B. Jamerson, L. Benton, H. Anderson, L. Bennett and Mr. Benton. Other members not on the picture, Mrs. E. Johnson, W. Drake, W. Green, H. Hite, M. Caldwell, E. Brown, J. Johnson, pianist and chorist; Mrs. Leroy Pickens.

The Gospel song fest in the form of a musical

program, is to be enjoyed Sunday evening, September 29 at 8 p. m. at the Salem Baptist Church on east Park street, given by this chorus. Visiting soloists will take part in the fest on that night. Such songs will be heard as "Old Ship of Zion," "Gospel Railroad" and "Highway to Heaven. You will miss a treat by not hearing them on the fifth Sunday night. This also closes the auxiliary and membership rally given by the church.

She Will Preside



Mrs. Minnie Lee, President of the Danville District Teacher's Institute for Sunday School and Baptist Training Unions, announces that the 1941 session will convene in Danville Thursday, June 12th, at the Shiloh Baptist Church. Representative and delegates from churches in Batestown, Georgetown, Salem, Champaign, Kellyville, Westville, and Paris are expected to attend. In addition to the out of town representation delegates from all of the churches in Danville will be present. Included among the delegates will be superintendents, educational advisers, general secretaries, associate directors, and laymen.

Lunches and dinners will be served between the sessions. Programs for this convention are available from Mrs. Lee, Miss Grace Reid the pastor of each church, and all officers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Appears At Westville



Mrs. Hattie Anderson, the popular Gospel song bird of Salem Baptist Church Chorus recently appeared on a program at Westville for Mrs. Juinus Woods in her Missionary work at the Baptist Church accompanying Mrs. Anderson to Westville were: Mrs. A. Merrifield, her daughter, Francis, Mrs. W. Pickens as pianist and Sgt. and Mrs. Hershel Anderson. Mrs. Anderson has also been invited to appear again for Mrs. Hall at Georgetown Baptist Church where she will be the guest of the family of W. and

Likes Church



Master Billy Melker, 10, son of Staff Sgt. Lawson Melker, now stationed at Camp Butner, N. C., has a peculiar liking for the church. He is as regular at Salem Baptist Church as any of its members. And he sits on a front pew too. Billy is a fourth grader at the Gregory School, is a student in music by Mrs. Julia W. Valentine, attends the Child's Health Clinic three times each week and is one of the most dependable paper carriers employed by the Illinois Times. Billie resides with Mrs. Edna Johnson on East Columbia Avenue.

Urbana Girl



Miss Lillie B. Bruce of 110 North Goodwin Ave., Urbana, Ill. has accepted a job in Washington, D. C. as typist, which she received through civil service. Lillie graduated from Urbana High School in June 1941. She was one of the top students of the secretarial class of 1941 at the age of 18 years. She worked in the school office for a year 1940-1941. Before graduating she received a Gregg shorthand speed certificate having written 100 words a minute. On for complete theory in shorthand and typing from John R. Gregg. Her teachers were very proud of her, Miss Sarah Fisher, Miss Cook were her favorite teachers. She was secretary for three teachers during her senior year, which included Mr. Tillbury. Her mother, Mrs. Esteele Bruce received a telegram that Lillie had secured a nice home. She is also a member of the Salem Baptist Church, served secretary of the Sunday School.



Reverend Glynn T. Settle and his "Wings Over Jordan" choir, shown giving their 374th performance during their seven years on CBS, leave soon on a USO Camp Shows tour overseas.

Sales

December 9, 1985

Dear Friend in Christ:

The first observance of our national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be January 20, 1986. The third Monday of January has been designated by legislation as the official Federal holiday.

According to the act, "the holiday should serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr."

Governor James R. Thompson created the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Council and gave it the responsibility to plan and coordinate state activities for the observance. His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardine, Archbishop of Chicago, and the Reverend Clay Evans, pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, serve as co-chairmen of the council.

The theme for the first national observance honoring Dr. King is "Living the Dream." The Illinois Council has also adopted this theme.

The Major celebrations are being planned involving all segments of our society, including religious, labor, education, business, government, youth, etc. There have been a number of suggestions by the Religious Community Committee as to the events that could be planned for celebrations all over the state. Out of the many suggestions, I have selected those that I feel would work best in our area.

You are requested to assist us in making the Illinois observance the best in the nation. For your response, I have enclosed a list of things that we are planning in order that we can have a meaningful observance. As regional co-chairperson of the Dr. King Council and coordinator of religious activities in our region, I sincerely hope that you will join us in this worthwhile effort.

Yours in Him,

Claude E. Shelby Sr.

Claude E. Shelby, Sr, the Reverend
Religious Community Committee
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Illinois Holiday Council

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stan Davis, Chairman, R.C.C.
Mr. Syd Finley, Special Asst. for Minority
Affairs, State of Illinois Center

M. L. King Celebration

The following are the suggested events planned for this area. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate which events you and/or your organization would be willing to participate in and return promptly to:

Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.
Salem Baptist Church
500 East Park Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. <u>Church Bell Ringing</u> - Wednesday, January 15 and/or January 20, 1986 at 9 a.m., 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. for 1-3 minutes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. "Living The Dream Service" of Songs, Prayers, Reflections, Inspiration and Aspiration Sunday evening, January 19, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. <u>Exchange of Pulpits</u> - Sunday, January 19, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. Speak on the theme of Freedom, justice, love, etc. (theme suggestions optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. <u>Prayer Breakfast</u> - Monday, January 20, 1986 at 8:30 a.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. I would be glad to join the planning committee |

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

DRAFT FOR NEWS RELEASE

An Illinois commission was formed earlier this year by Governor James R. Thompson to find ways to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday as a national holiday. The Governor, who serves as Vice Chairman of the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday Commission, has given the Martin Luther King State Holiday Council the responsibility of planning and coordinating activities in Illinois when Dr. King's birthday becomes a national holiday on January 20, 1986.

The Reverend Claude E. Shelby, Sr. pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Champaign, was recently appointed by Governor Thompson to the Martin Luther King Holiday Council and serves on the Religious Community Committee and is responsible for coordinating religious activities in the Fifteenth Congressional District.

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The following are the suggested events planned for this area. If you are able to support or help in any way, you may contact:

Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.	PHONES:
Salem Baptist Church	356-8176 Church
500 East Park St.	
Champaign, Illinois 61820	359-6786 Home

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2. "Living the Dream Service", of songs, Prayers and Reflections Sunday ^{5:00 P.M.} ~~"I Have A Dream Service"~~ ^{JEFF BELMONT}
3. Exchange of Pulpits - Sunday, January 19, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. (morning) worship. ..Speak on themes of freedom, Justice, love, etc. (theme suggestions optional)
4. Prayer Breakfast - Monday, January 20, 1986 from 8:30 - ^{1 SUMMER}

KING SCHOLARSHIPS

June, 1992

One of each three public school students in Champaign-Urbana comes from a family that lives in poverty. With more than 13,000 children enrolled in the public schools, the indication is clear that we must do more--for more young people--with our King Scholarship program.

The cost in 1992 for one year of college exceeds \$9,000. We need to increase the size and number of scholarships if they are to be more than a token honor to recipients. Until now, our support has been \$500. to \$1,000. for each of six awards yearly, which is simply too little for too few.

We have mounted an annual giving campaign to raise \$64,000. annually in cash for educational scholarships for low income graduates of the three Champaign-Urbana high schools. Need is the pre-requisite and, secondly, the scholarships will be based upon academic excellence and personal qualities.

If fund-raising accomplishes our goal, we will give nine scholarships yearly, five with a value of \$8,000. each to the University of Illinois and four with a value of \$6,000. each to Parkland Community College. A scholarship holder must successfully complete college courses yearly to receive the U. of I. awards of \$2,000. a year for four years and the Parkland awards of \$2,000. a year for three years.

Because the Champaign-Urbana community has extensive poverty among its school students' families, we feel the best possible form of crisis intervention is to make the King Scholarships available at a viable aid level. The artificiality of educational poverty must not be allowed to stand as a concrete barrier to equal access to learning for all bright, caring young people.

Currently one-half of all school lunches served in Champaign-Urbana public schools go to children who qualify for free or reduced-fee meals. A dramatic example, in one Champaign elementary school, with 425 children, eighty-five percent of the students receive free lunches.

Champaign-Urbana school administrators indicate recruitment of minority teachers is severely handicapped by a lack of local qualified applicants. Yet thirty-five percent of students in C-U are minority.

In this great Land of Lincoln, we must not let poverty and social discrimination stand in the way of young people completing educational studies. The results of fulfilled education will manifest themselves in productive lives and greater achievements as a community.

May the spirit of education draw upon the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and use his example to achieve success in helping the children of the poorest of the poor receive equal opportunity in their lifetime.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SCHOLARSHIP

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by providing scholarship assistance to high school seniors bound for higher education, who demonstrate by word and deed commitment to Dr. King's dream for America.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

1. The amount of the award will be up to \$1,000, renewable for each year of satisfactory academic performance for as many as four years of undergraduate work.
2. If an award winner cannot accept the award, it will go to the next qualified candidate in order of merit.
3. The candidate will be notified by mail of any award and the method and terms of payment.
4. Recipients of the award will be recognized at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration in January.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be high school seniors, attending school in Champaign-Urbana, who will graduate during the current school year. Only students of demonstrated financial need will be considered for this scholarship.

OTHER AWARD CRITERIA

1. Academic excellence
2. The quality of an essay of how the applicant's educational and career goals are consistent with Dr. King's dream.
3. Demonstrated commitment to Dr. King's dream.
4. Demonstrated positive influence on others.

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SALEM MAN OF YEAR

Chief M. Sgt. Otis Scott, center, receives the "Salem Man of the Year" award Sunday from the Rev. A. T. Rowan, pastor of Salem Baptist Church.

Looking on are Mrs. Scott and their daughter, Pamela, 9. The Scotts live at 1301 Carver Dr. Sgt. Scott, who is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, was

named Salem man of the year for his leadership in reorganizing the functioning of the church and for other contributions.

* The one thing African Americans could own were churches and they perserved in organizing and building them. And it is not unusual then that African American churches undertook an active leadership and maintenance role in the political, economical, social, and cultural lives of the community. Although religion gave many African Americans solace, reality did not allow them to develop a "false consciousness." It often provided them with the ability to channel an inner strength into action. Churches were the center of a community's activities. In addition to providing a place for worship, it provided a place for meetings, socials, and oftentimes served as a school.

* Salem would have their Sunday school, and then in the afternoon Bethel would have theirs, and we went to both Sunday Schools. Of course that took in both crowds of groups of young people. After the Sunday School at Bethel, we'd mostly go the Crystal Lake. We'd ride in the boats and we'd have to go back to Salem for BYPU. Carrie Nelson (1982)

* List of deeds recorded "Sarah and Jas. Dean to Trustees of the Second Baptist Church, Dec. 4, 1870. Lot 46, Su. Lot 1, S.W. 7, 19, 9."

"The members of the African M.E. Church held a little festival in their homes of worship on the 3rd. inst., and cleared \$35. They have an indebtedness resting upon their building of about \$200." (Bethel Church Abstract of Title)

✓ "In July 1951, Rev. Donaldson established Boy Scout Troop #11. Blaline Ramsey was the first Scout Master, James O. Wilson was the second and Otis M. Scott was the third." (Salem Baptist Church)

"On April 4, 1969, Helen Johnson asked permission to use the facilities of Salem for a six-week Montessori School. Salem agreed to donate the use of the facilities. The children at the school ranged in age from 2 1/2 to 5" (Salem Baptist Church)

* "In 1800, the 'Freewill Baptist Church' adopted the name Morning Star from the local newspaper "The Morning Star" so opposed to slavery." On Sunday, February 22, 1911, the "first" Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church of Urbana, Illinois was organized. (Historical Background of Urbana Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church)

* "The Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church was organized on May 7, 1925 in Champaign as a prayer band. Rev. R. A. Hayden was it's first Pastor, the Tisdale Hall, 411 East Grove Street was it's first site, and its first day of worship was Christmas Day." (Brief History Of Pilgrim)

* "The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church was legally organized March 16, 1916 by Rev. D.J. Tyler as chairman. The Church originally began with a prayer meeting in the living room of Bro. and Sis. Nun. The group attending called themselves "The Prayer Band." They invited all the neighbors, friends and anyone else who would meet. "The

Prayer Band” began going house to house “Singing, Praying and Praising the Lord.”
✂ Shortly thereafter, “They bought two small houses on a lot at 111 North Fourth Street for \$1,000.00. They used one of the houses for services and rented the other for \$5.00 a month. The houses and land were purchased from the Alexander Lumber Company and the payments were \$15.00 per month and a payment of \$100.00 each August.” (History of Mount Olive Baptist Church)

✂ “The Members had to carry their own chairs from their homes to sit on and donated coal from their coal sheds to make fires. Practically everyone went to Sunday School and Prayer Meetings and all were willing to lend a helping hand.” (History of Mount Olive Baptist Church)