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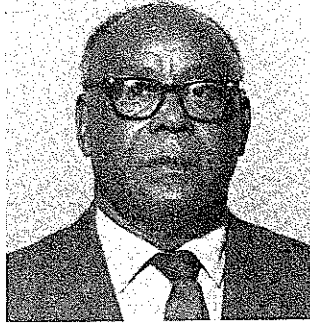
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GARLAND LASH WARREN

May 26, 1916 — April 3, 1984



Garland Lash Warren was born on May 26, 1916, in Kernersville, North Carolina. His parents, Ernest and Mamie Lash Warren, led him early in life into the membership of St. Paul's Methodist Church in the same city.

On April 10, 1937, Garland Warren was united in marriage with Lucille Margaret Chambers, and to this union were born seven children: Sylvia Frances Warren Brooks (on September 19, 1938), Ronald Lash Warren (on February 3, 1940), Shirley Louise Warren White (on September 28, 1941), Gary Michael Warren (on February 4, 1944), Reginald Walter Warren (on December 13, 1945), Aaron Devon Warren (on September 17, 1952), and Malcom Niles Warren (on January 2, 1960).

Those of us who knew and loved Brother Warren were made to think of Moses, for each of them began his ministry late in life. After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1935 and studying for the next two years at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro (1935-37), he went to work in industry, was married, and welcomed into the world his seven children. During those years, he was in training for a ministry that was yet to come. In Kernersville, he became known as the man who led his children through the downtown area at Christmas, rejoicing at the birth of Christ by singing hymns and carols.

This man of God was so loved by all the citizens that he was looked to for guidance during the civil rights movement. He defused tense moments and brought people together in a spirit of love.

Late in life, at age forty-six, Garland Warren answered the call to preach and was assigned to Stout's Chapel and Shady Grove in the High Point District, where he served faithfully from 1962 until 1968. For the next four years, 1968-72, this good pastor served the Empire Circuit in the High Point District, while at the same time taking courses from Shaw University to qualify as a local pastor. He had received a license to preach in 1956, had become an approved supply in 1959, and was licensed as a local pastor in 1969.

Brother Warren would serve his next and final pastoral appointment, the Mount Airy-Pilot Mountain Charge, for only two months less than twelve years! The Mallalieu-Jones Church and the Lovell's Chapel Church, which comprise that charge, influenced the life of their respective cities under the able leadership of this good man. He served on human relations boards and in other areas of civic responsibility. A parsonage was purchased, and a new church was built in Mount Airy. The years 1972-84 in Mount Airy and Pilot Mountain will be known for a long time as the "Warren years." Like Moses, this pastor had a strong desire to lead his people to the promised land.

Heart failure brought an end to the earthly life of Garland Warren on April 3, 1984, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The funeral service was held in the sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kernersville, on April 7, 1984, with interment in Eastlawn Garden of Memory in that city.

In Hebrews 3:5 we read, "Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later . . ." So it was with Brother Warren, who was "faithful in all God's house." His continuing prayer for all of us who remain was that we should press on to the promised land.

G. Howard Allred

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