

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEWIS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I ask my colleagues to please join me along with the church's pastor, Rev. John D. Fuller, Sr., and his nearly 4,000 parishioners, in celebrating this significant milestone. In honor of the occasion, I would like to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a detailed historical overview provided by Lewis Chapel chronicling the church's incredible growth throughout its many years of spiritual service to families in Fayetteville and throughout the world:

A HISTORY OF LEWIS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

During the early 1900s, a small group of devout believers began meeting in a small one-room building located near the present Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. This one-room building was used at that time as a school for the training of Negro children in this area for a period of 6 months during the year. This group of believers felt a burning desire for spiritual food at least once a week. They obtained permission to start a Sunday School class in this building where they could assemble each week to study God's word. Foremost in this endeavor were three young men who were cousins from Pender County—Mr. Seavy Lewis, Mr. Henry McAllister, and Mr. Andrew "Jack" Newkirk.

In the year of our Lord, 1911, these three cousins were instrumental in organizing the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. The church was named in honor of Mr. Seavy Lewis. Rev. William McGuire was called to serve as the first pastor of the church and he served from 1911 to 1913. The church united with the Middle District Association and remained with this association for more than sixty years. It was under the leadership of Rev. McGuire that the first deacons were ordained. They were Brothers McAllister and Lewis. Brother Newkirk served as the first superintendent of the Sunday School with Sister Hattie McAllister and Rev. Dock Gerald as the first teachers.

Brother Clarence Bridges served as the first sexton (janitor) and Rev. Dock Gerald was the first Church Clerk. Working diligently along with this courageous group were sisters Minnie Lewis, Annie Liza McAllister, and Hattie McAllister. They

were now officially ready to move forward in the business of saving souls.

Rev. William Rome became pastor in 1913, serving until 1917. During this period, the church purchased some real estate in the Seventy-First Township on Highway 401 South. Rev. W.M. Boykin served as pastor from 1917 to 1921. It was during this period that church members and friends put their means together and donated materials to erect the first Lewis Chapel Church building. It was located on the site of the present church offices.

In 1932, a fire destroyed the church structure and services were temporarily held at a nearby elementary school. Soon a second sanctuary was erected on the original site, using the proceeds from the church's insurance, along with contributions from members and friends.

In May 1937, the Rev. Robert L. Carr of Rose Hill, North Carolina was called to pastor Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, a position he held until September 1973. A father figure to many and a man of great insight, he encouraged home ownership and education. With Rev. Carr's guidance, a vestibule, two classrooms and stained glass windows were added to the structure. Outdoor bathrooms and heating were installed.

During Rev. Carr's tenure many organizations were established, including the Home and Foreign Missionary Circle, the trustees and several choirs.

On June 29, 1973, the Rev. R.L. Carr resigned so that the church might secure a full-time pastor. On July 19, 1973, the deacons and trustees recommended to the church conference that the Rev. John D. Fuller, Sr. become the church's eighth pastor. Rev. Fuller assumed that responsibility on the third Sunday in November 1973.

For 38 years Rev. John D. Fuller, Sr. has shepherded the congregation and guided the members in understanding the biblical concepts of tithing and giving offerings. These sound practices have led to the building of two sanctuaries, the first in 1975 and the second in 1992. Offices and educational wings have also been constructed.

The church has built a 47-unit senior citizens complex and a recreation athletic complex. Both complexes serve the community. A new ministry site established as Lewis Chapel-West was planted in Raeford, North Carolina in June 2009.

Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has been supportive of young congregations and has undergirded First Spanish Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina and Manna Fellowship Baptist Church, Spring Lake, North Carolina.

True to the word "missionary", Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has sent missionaries abroad, including South Africa and Liberia, Africa.

Over 4,000 persons hold membership in Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Members understand that Salvation by God's

grace should be followed by compassion and good works. Through the years, God has blessed this church to engage in diverse ministries that advanced the "Cause of Christ" on local, state, national, and international levels.

Needs of the hungry, thirsty, stranger and naked have been addressed. For example: Lewis Chapel responded promptly and generously to those distressed by Hurricane Floyd (Eastern North Carolina, September, 1999); Tsunami (earthquake in Indonesia off Sumatra, December 2004); Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans, Louisiana, Gulf Coast area, August, 2005); and Haiti (January 2010). Prayer, help, and comfort was provided for the sick. Visitations and messages of hope were delivered to the imprisoned. When necessary, mortgages were paid so that persons may keep their homes. The twenty-six graduating seniors were eligible for college grants. Support was given to Fayetteville State University, Morehouse School of Religion, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School and Ricks Institute, Virginia, Liberia.

Realizing that there is strength in unity, Lewis Chapel joined with other organizations that engaged in missionary work. They include the Union Baptist Association (56 churches in Sampson, Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen, Robeson Counties), the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, USA, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., American Baptist Churches of the South, North Carolina Council of Churches and the Baptist World Alliance.

Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Incorporated seeks to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in these ways:

—To worship God in Spirit and in Truth and to nurture each other in Christian faith and love;

—To live a life worthy of our vocation and heritage as Christians while we strive for justice, peace, and love of Christ in this community and beyond;

—To follow Jesus Christ and announce the Gospel by means of preaching, teaching, studying, and witnessing;

—To serve God by meeting human needs in all the forms they are manifested through our local outreach, state, national, and global ministries;

—To lead our community into the obedient and abundant life to all who will follow Christ and walk in the Spirit.

As Lewis Chapel gathers to celebrate its centennial, the Church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Fuller, and all of the members of Lewis Chapel on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I wish them 100 more years of dedicated service to the community.

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SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 13

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.

Room to be announced

9 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, S. 680, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum, and S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, focusing on ethanol and advanced biofuels.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling our commitment to support victims of crime.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

SR-301

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' employment, focusing on improving

the transition from the battlefield to the workforce.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 United States Pacific Command (PACOM).

S-217, Capitol

11 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, S. 772, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards, S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, S. 762, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, S. 514, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. Res. 128, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 1 through 7, 2011, and the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management.

SD-342

1:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine international development policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 budget.

SD-419

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the reform of the medical device approval process.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-232A

3 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

APRIL 14

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-192

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine issues for surface transportation authorization.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on how to best advance the public interest.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Army and the Department of Air Force.

SD-124

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 636, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, S. 703, to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, and S. 546, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing the fiscal year 2012 budget for Africa.

SD-419

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for