ZIONVILLE'S REV. R. C. EGGERS

A Warm Winter Fire . . .

## **Church Notices**

The Rev. E. F. Troutman,

Coffee hour at 9:30 a. Serving are Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Worship at 11:00 a. m. Luther League at 6:00 p. m. March meeting of Church Council at 7:00.

The Week of Prayer Service will be sponsored by the Wo-men of the Church Monday through Friday at 7:30 p. m. March 4-8. You are invited. World Day of Prayer Friday

March 1st in the Advent Christian Church at 7:30 p. m. Come and Pray.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. W. Todd Ferneyhough, priest-in-charge. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. First and third Sundays, Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. Second, fourth and fifth Sun

days, morning prayer at 10:30 11:00 a.m. Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Church School, 10:30 a.m. Evening prayer and Canter-

bury meeting at 6 p.m. Fridays, Holy Communion at Saints' Days, Holy Communion

at 5 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH -Blowing Rock The Rev. George D. Hyler,

Sunday - Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Training Union at pastor. 6:30 p.m.; Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Mid-week Serhearsal at 8:00 p.m.

WATAUGA METHODIST

William H. Key, Minister. Piney Grove, 9:30 a.m. first Sunday; 2:30 p.m. third Sunday. Valle Crucis, 11:00 a.m. first and third Sundays.

Liberty, 2:30 p.m. first Sunday; 9:45 third Sunday. Mable, 9:45 a.m. second and

ourth Sundays. Henson's Chapel, 11:00 a.m. econd and fourth Sundays.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH The Rev. J. Boyce Brooks

pastor. 9:40-Sunday School. 11:00-Morning Worship. 6:00-Evening Worship. 6:55-Training Union. Prayer Service Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

GAP CREEK BAPTIST

CHURCH Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor Robert Hartzog, Superintend-

Sunday School-10:00 a.m. Worship Services first and study. third Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Services.

CATAWBA VALLEY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP 102 North Woodhaven Drive. Lower Creek Section, Lenoir. Church Service, Sundays,

Church School, Sundays, 10:30

Dial AM 4-3905, Boone, for further information. Visitors welcome.

BETHANY LUTHERAN

CHURCH—Big Hill Road Rev. William E. Smith, pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. second and fourth Sundays; 7:30 p.m. first and third Sundays. Luther League - 6:30 p.m each Sunday. Visitors welcomed.

RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIA NCHURCH

-Blowing Rock The Rev. A. Blake Brinker hoff, paster. Sunday:

Men's Class Coffee Hour-9:30. Church School-10:00.

Morning Worship-11:00. Youth Fellowship Proram

Wednesday: Choir practice-3:15. Prayer and study meeting

POPLAR GROVE BAPTIST

Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor. Ernest Dancey, Superintend. day night.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Worship services each secon and fourth Sundays at 11:00

Evening services each first DEERFIELD METHODIST and third Sunday nights.

Training Union at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night prayer serpastor.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOONE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr.,

> 9:00-Early Worship. 9:45-Church School, 11:00-Worship. 5:00-Wesley Foundation supper and program.
> 6:30—Junior and senior high, youth fellowship.

BOONE METHODIST CIRCUIT The Rev. R. H. Ballard, pastor First Sunday - Bethelview. Pastored 21 Churches

1:00 a.m. First Sunday - Pleasant Valley, 2:30 p.m. First Sunday - Hopewell,

7:30 p.m. Second Sunday - Friendship, 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday night-Bethelhis hand-made rocking chair. Third Sunday-Pleasant Val-

ley, 10:00 a.m. Third Sunday - Hopewell, 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday - Friendship,

Fourth Sunday - Bethelview, 7:30 p.m.

GREENWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. John B. Robinson, superintend-

Worship Services, 11:00 a.m. Training Union, 6:30. Worship Service, 7:30. Family Night-Wednesday-

. The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. A nursery is kept for small the pastor at the Roan Creek vice at 7:30 p.m.; Choir Re-children during the worship Baptist Church in Tennessee.

> Westminster Fellowship at has refused to slow down his 5:45 p.m.; Youth Fellowship at hectic pace. In addition to his 6:00 p.m.; Pioneer Fellowship at heavy schedule of church func-6:00 p.m. Circles of the women of the man. In fact, as he rocked in church meet the first Monday of his chair he occasionally ap-

each month; general meeting plied a sterile pad to an open each third Monday. Presbyterian Prayer Service dial AM 4-2213.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Banner Elk Rev. Elliott Hayes, pastor 10:00-Sunday School

high back of the chair, and re-11:00-Morning Worship 7:00-Training Union minisced of time past. "Back in the olden times it Prayer Service Wednesday used to take a whole day to go evening at 7:00; choir practice from Zionville to Boone. Took

at 7:45. WMS first Thursday evening,

· Visitors welcome, CHURCH OF CHRIST-Boone

Wednesday:

PROFFITT'S GROVE

10:00 a.m.

of Sunday School.

CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

Herbert McCoy, pastor.

Sunday School each Sunday at

Worship each first and third

Sundays at 11 o'clock; Confer-

ence Saturday night before 3rd

Frankie South, superintendent

Julian S. McGuire, Sunday

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union, 6:30

Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY

Elder Carl Wilson, pastor.

Preaching service every first

Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. and every third Sunday

Prayer meeting each Thurs-

Howard Cable, superinten-dent; Dwight Cable, choir lead-

Rev. Joseph C. McMurry,

Church School-10:00 a.m.

Worship Service-11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Everybody welcome.

CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST

School Superintendent.

Boone when all the streets were of dirt and the sidewalks were Sunday meetings - 10:00-12:00 a.m. Bible study, worship, "They haven't had paved preaching, Lord's supper each streets too long," he added as Lord's day. 7:30 p.m. evening he shifted his position in the meeting. rocker. "And lamplights-why, Thursday-7:30 p.m. - Bible

I can remember the days when gas lamplights was a great improvement! ADVENT CHRISTIAN The Eggers have lived in the CHURCH now old farm house since 1910. 'That's when we were married," The Rev. Floyd N. Boston, he said with a boyish twinkle Sunday School-9:45 a.m. as he turned his head in the Morning Worship-10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship-7:30 p.m. minute. An Ingraham clock ticked a Prayer Meeting-7:30 p.m. lazy tock on the fireplace man-

"It was June 5, 1910 when we got married, wasn't it?" the minister asked.

direction of the kitchen. "Ma-

His wife, her warm face aglow with the kindness which sometimes escapes others of like age, entered the livingroom and smiled at her husband's ability to forget their anniversary date. "That's just like a man!" she joshed, after confirming the date.

Mrs. Eggers sat in a straightback chair near her husband. The precaher smiled a proud

PERKINSVILLE BAPTIST

CHURCH K. Maurice Cooper, pastor. Sunday School-10:00 a.m. Worship Service-11:00 a.m. Training Union-6:30 p.m. Evening Worship-7:30 p.m. Prayer Service - Wednesday vening, 7:30 p.m.

ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Services will be held the 4th Saturday and Sunday of every month at the Zion Primitive Baptist Church on Beech Creek.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—Deep Gap Rev. William E. Smith, pastor. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

first and third Sundays. Visitors welcomed. ST. ELISABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Newman's Club meets at 10:00

towards her again and said, A crackling fire from a pot-"She has read the Bible through bellied stove echoed against the from cover to cover some 29 or walls of the Zionville farm 30 times now, haven't you, Mahouse as the tall, aging minister rocked slowly to and fro in

**Baptist Minister Has** 

By DALE GADDY

tain drawl. "In all, I've pastor-

ed 21 churches in my lifetime."

It was the Rev. R. C. Eggers

A big man with a worn copy

of the Holy Bible clutched in

his stout hands, he epitomized

the very spirit of his Watauga

he added with a proud smile.

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, a

church which he once headed

as a younger man for 17 con-

secutive years. Also he is now

At 75, the Rev. Mr. Eggers

tions, he is an ardent outdoors-

cut on his lip sustained a few

weeks before while chopping a

two days to go to Lenoir by

"And there's right many folks

still around who remember

Currently he is the pastor at

"Thirty-one times," she said imbly, dropping her eyes to "I first began preaching back the flowered design of her apron. The smell of beans and corn cooking in the nearby kitchen crept into the living who spoke as he continued rock-

The blue-eyed lady busied nerself by idly, almost unconsciously pinching small pletes in the edge of her apron as she listened passively to her husband who resumed talking.

homeland founders.

"All but two of the churches "We have four children and two grandchildren," Rev. Mr. have been in this county." he Eggers stated. The children are continued. "The ones outside is Ernest Eggers of Kingsport, Tennessee, Dwight Eggers of pointing a broad finger towards Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ella Thomas the Tennessee-North Carolina boundary. "And all of e'm of Maryland, and Mrs. Pauline (have) been Baptist churches," Sherwood of Zionville.

The elder Eggers himself was born June 30, 1888, four days before the first issue of the Watauga Democrat came off the press. (I've been a subscriber to the Democrat for more than 50 years,' he mentioned later in the conversation.)

"My great - great-grandfather -Landrine the first-came to America from London, England. They settled in this same vici-

Landrine I begat the generation of Landrine II who begat (a soldier in the Civil War) who begat John L. Eggers, father of Preacher Eggers. tree down. ("A splinter of wood

"My father was a saw mill flew up and hit me," he exnan," Rev. Mr. Eggers said. "I plained, almost apologetically.) was born just across the hill The minister let the chair here. Had two brothers and a come to an easy halt, leaned sister." his snow-white head against the

Receiving his schooling in Watauga County and "at the Mars Hill school for preachers," the minister has headed as many as four churches at one time. He traveled by horse back from church to church and was able to preach at each of the

four churches once a month. Other than a few attacks of mild fever several decades ago, the only real sickness Rev. Mr. Eygers has had was a case of pneumonia in 1918. "I came near to losing my life then," he observed as his wife listened "I weighed more, than 200 pounds when I took sick. I lost about 50 pounds before I got

Through the years, the clergy man has been active in several building programs, served as moderator of the Three Forks Association (composed of 47 Youth Fellowship-6:30 p.m. ma," he called. "Step here a churches) for eleven years, and throughout North Carolina,

Tennessee, and Kentucky. The worst weather he re nembers "is the flood of 1940 and the winter of 1960."

Placing the Bible, which he had been holding in his lap, on a nearby peddle sewing machine, Rev. Mr. Eggers again rocked in the straw bottom rocker. The chair squeaked a high-pitched squeak with each forward glide.

Laying aside all doubts that

preachers have a sense of hu-

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THE REV. AND MRS. R. C. EGGERS

the generation of Landrine III telling of various humorous ex- said, "Short, very short!" periences which have happened over the years.

"I've seen men at outs with each other," he began. "You know, like extreme Democrats or extreme Republicans. Well, once there were two such men in my congregation. They fought and argued constantly.

"One day I made them a proposition," continued Eggers as a grin crept onto his face. "I told them that if they could shake hands with each other and forget the past, I'd be glad. One of the men said, 'Okay, let's lay down all that's in the past and forget it.' The other one replied, 'Yes, and let's pray for more to come!""

Tugging at his dark suspenders, the minister continued, "Then there was the time when I was walking to a revival meeting. I had stopped in the woods to pray, and while I was knelt down I happened to look up at this limb right in front of my face. There was the biggest black snake I've ever seen, starring me right in the eyes.

"I can tell you now, I didn't pray any more just then. I grabbed me a limb and clubbed that snake to death. Then I changed my place of prayer!"

Weddings can often lend themselves to odd and humorous situations. "Like one not too long ago," the preacher stated. "A young couple came if they wanted a long wedding man rule in 78 A.D.

mor, Rev. Mr. Eggers began or a short wedding. The fellow

As the morning slipped by, the preacher and his wife unspun countless yarns of their experiences. They laughed heartily at their jokes and mused thoughtfully at the more serious talk. They told of one man who testified that he had been swept up into heaven in a funnel and had talked with the Lord. They told of numerous funerals and weddings and revivals and other church functions they had gone to and had

participated in. Time and again, though, they repeated, "And good we may have done wasn't our doings. It was the Lord's."

Remembering the dinner which was cooking, Mrs. Eggers rose from her chair, excused herself, and returned to the

"She's been a big help to me," the white-haired minister said as he moved toward a box of coal near the glowing stove. 'She's been a big help.'

Picking up a chunk of the black fuel, the preacher opened the stove door and dropped the coal inside.

And the farm house walls echoed anew with the sounds of a crackling fire.

WIPED OUT BY ROMANS

The Druids, teachers and priests of ancient Britain, were here to the house wanting to wiped out by the Romans after get married I asked the groom the Britons submitted to Ro-



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## **World Day Of Prayer Services**

A World Day of Prayer Union service will be held this Friday evening, March 1, at the Advent Christian Church of Boone. The service will be conmany friends and neighbor the service will be conmany friends and neighbor the service will be conmany friends and neighbor the service will be conducted by the ladies organiza-And 75 Years Of Memories tions of the various churches

The people of Boone are inbe held at 7:30 p. m.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our dear loved one, Edgar Gleen. May God bless each of vited to attend the service to you. - His wife, Bertha; his mother, brothers and sisters.

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