

The Bandon Notebook

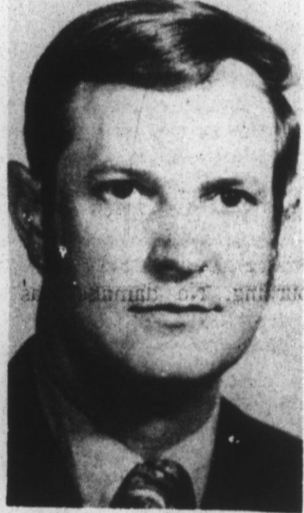
By MAGGIE B.

Good Morning, Lord! The yard is alive with activity and pleasant sounds, birds singing, busily gossiping, some gracefully across the sky; squirrels scurrying up and down the trees, slipping into the birds' feeding box for a look, then chased away by hungry birds! I hear your delight with all you have created as I gaze at the beautiful Chowan and listen to the sounds of nature, I rejoice that I am a beloved part of Your creation. I am never afraid of giving up my best because I know God will give me His better. What more can I ask than to know that Your love endureth forever, prayers never go unanswered and Your mercy and grace never fail.

Supt. H. T. Bunting welcomed those assembled for Sunday School at Bandon this lovely Sunday morning. He reported that our Covered Dish Supper Friday night was well attended and good fellowship prevailed the atmosphere. The food, as usual, was absolutely delicious - over 25 different dishes to choose from! Don't forget to mark the 3rd Friday in every month on your calendars now so you'll be sure to make this evening of good food, fun and

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fellowship. Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Gil Holt who so graciously served as Host. Our Hosts for next month will be Mr. & Mrs. H. T. Bunting.

Bible Study will be Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. in Fellowship Hall with Dr. Bill leading the discussion. This hour is very enjoyable and rewarding. Choir practice will follow.

BCWG exercise class begins at 10:30 A. M. on Thursday, followed by regular meeting from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. all ladies in community are invited. Bring a sandwich, your favorite project and join in the fun.

Prayer List: Roy Housden underwent surgery last Wednesday at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. Dr. Bill was there; and Roy's wife and family. He came through the operation with flying colors. Please pray that God will work a miracle in his life so that he will be able to return home and witness to others about the "two roads" he mentioned in his letter, also pray for Kitty, his wife; Mrs. Laura Evans is improving; Mrs. Virginia Hobbs is still hospitalized; please continue to pray for David Smith; George Bunch, Jr.; "Duck" Reid; Peggy Baker; Tipton Patry and Robert Lepley. Mrs. Myrtle Mathews was transferred to the Medical College of Virginia for an arterial bypass operation. She desperately needs your prayers. Please add Mrs. Margaret Smithson too. Remember our missionaries and our beloved pastor in your prayers.

Bandon Chapel will join with Rocky Hock Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School this year from June 13 thru 17, 8:30 A. M. to 11:15 A. M. The bus will pick up children in front of the Club House. Ladies from Bandon will help.

Our Juniors, taught by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Beach, had as their subject "Learning To Be Trustworthy," Gen. 39:1-41. Aim was that the student may carry out distasteful tasks faithfully.

"Guidelines To Faith", James 4:1-10; 13-17, was the topic for our adults, taught by Mrs. Margaret Bunting. Aim was the adult Christians humble themselves before God, appreciating the practical

values that result from this.

The fine group present for our Worship Service were warmly welcomed by Dr. W. J. B. Livingston, especially our first timers. He introduced Rev. Fritz Stegeman, pastor of The Open Door Chapel at Virginia Beach and told of the inspirational conversations the two had enjoyed together. He read the scripture selected by Rev. Stegeman, I Sam. 17:38-47, and gave the morning prayer.

Rev. Stegeman spoke briefly of his first sermon at Bandon, how the beautiful stained glass window of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, with the light of God shining through showing the glory of God, touched his heart as he entered the sanctuary. "I wanted to be the pastor of this church where you could feel the presence of God and where the dedicated people here had accomplished so much without the guidance of a regular minister - but that wasn't God's will". He then told of his experiences prior to founding the Open Door Chapel, and added "we bought that old barn for \$100,000.00 I was broke - had only \$40.00 in my pocket and a congregation of 70 people. Today, less than 26 months in operation, the church is fully paid off and is now appraised by the city for \$200,000.00." Quite a feat!

Rev. Stegeman's powerful message was "Is Your God Big Enough?" are you taking God for granted? It's so easy to set aside God. He should be the Center - His name should be higher than any other. We have to be willing to serve God's blessings. Because of King Saul's disobedience, God told Samuel to appoint a new king of Israel, a man the Lord had sought out himself. He told Samuel "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature for God does not see as man sees; for a man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart". Samuel anointed David by pouring olive oil upon his head, then the spirit of Jehovah came upon him and gave him great power from that day forward. David was a man after God's own heart although he blew it many times. God overlooks shortcomings if you will stop and let God take over. When you call on God in any situation, He will take over. James says "You have not because you ask not". No matter what your position is, you must have God in your life.

Goliath, the Philistine champion was 9 ft. tall - had a spear that 25 pounds and 200 pounds of armour. Compare this Philistine to your problem. All of us have things facing us and we can't see any way out - if you let them, they will make you a slave. Call on someone bigger than you - God. There is no problem too big for Him to solve. This Philistine giant came forth morning and night, taunting the army of Israel. God sent David, this young man, recently anointed, only knowing that His God

is who He said he was. David found out what was going on and said "Who is the uncircumcised Philistine that he should taunt the armies of the Living God". David persuaded Saul to permit him to take on Goliath. The Philistine met David eyeball to eyeball and the Philistine was astounded! David said "You come to me with a sword, a spear and a javelin but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, The God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands and I will strike you down and remove your head from your." David pulled out his slingshot and hit him right between the eyes, then used the Philistine's own sword to cut off his head. God will use the equipment you have on hand. His has dominion over all - He is the Highest. God's word is the same yesterday, today and forever. Receive and obey your God. He will solve your problems and set you free.

First timers to Bandon this week were Mrs. Virginia Moore, Chowan Beach; Mrs. Betty Burton, Virginia Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hawkins, Suffolk; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ricks, Edenton, Julia Collins, Rocky Mount, N. C. Karen Small, Edenton, Claude E. Small, Jr., Edenton; Robin Adcock, new resident of Arrowhead; Arthur Franklin, Virginia Beach; and May T. Garris, Tyner, N.C. Welcome. We hope you enjoyed our service and return soon.

IMPORTANT DATES: Saturday, June 4th - reception for Nita Pride, 7:30 P.M.; June 5th - Open House at the William (Bill) Smiths from 2 to 4 P. M.; June 6, 7 & 8 - New Creation Crusade at Norfolk SCOPE; June 24th - Bandon Day at the Briar Patch! We meet at the church and go over to Dr. Bill's place in Yorktown 9 A. M.

Congratulations to Residents of Chowan Beach! For the first time in Many years the residents of Chowan Beach banded together to raise funds for improvement of their community, especially the beach and swimming area. A Bar-B-Que Dinner was held Saturday afternoon in which the residents participated. A big "thank you" goes to Shelton and Wanda Butler, Anita and Al Driscoll (Al made the delicious sauce used), Wiley and Donna Hardison, Pat and Charlie Ullom (Wiley & Charlie Bar-B-Que'd the pig) and to the many who brought covered dishes, also to all those who participated. It was a great success and it is hoped that many more similar projects will be enjoyed by the community.

Please add Kermit Layton to your prayer list. He suffered a heart attack Monday night and is in the Intensive Care Unit at Chowan Hospital.

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