

# Church News

## MT. AIRY NEWS

By Violet Locklear



There were so many visitors on Sunday in our church, it was hard to get all by name. We also had some from out of state. I am quite sure every one really enjoyed all services.

The Adult Ladies Chorus really did some extraordinary singing. The pastor also did a special and following Bro. Cummings leading, "Precious Memories." All the singing was so lively and full of the spirit. The pastor's message was very inspiring. It was taken from II Cor. 6 and 7. The subject was "The Unequal Yoke." It was nothing but heart touching.

Baptist Men's Day is this Sunday in our church. Breakfast for all the men at 7 a.m. Bro. Laymon Locklear will be the speaker.

The 11 a.m. message will be by Bro. Junior Hunt for the 7 p.m. service will be Bro. Ronald Locklear. Teachers in all Sunday School classes will be all men. I know we all are looking forward to this Sunday. This is a yearly event.

There will be a Home Missions Study Course at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church next Monday night, Jan. 26. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us with the WMU for this time of study.

Bro. Benford Lowery has returned home from Duke Hospital. We are certainly glad to have him back. He is the oldest Deacon of our church. Looking forward to his being in church this Sunday for men's day.

Mrs. Wilmer (Bet) Locklear has returned home from Chapel Hill Hospital where she underwent surgery to amputate her right leg. Bet has been in and out of the hospital for quite awhile. Her condition is improving.

Rev. King Maynor had some tests on Monday at Chapel Hill. We are very concerned over his condition. Please remember these in your prayers and many more from our community.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Locklear on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Nicole born January 7, 1987, weight 8 lbs. 3 1/4 oz. Born at Southeastern General Hospital. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Therman Jones. Paternal

grandparents are Mr. Joseph Locklear and the late Mrs. Margie Locklear. Leo and Evon, your marriage has been truly blessed... For with your new daughter's birth... God sent an angel down from heaven... To live with you on earth... And so through this tiny angel... He has drawn you together for life... For now you are father and mother... Instead of just husband and wife... And while she is yours to fondle... To care for, teach and to love... She belongs to her father in Heaven... For she came from His home up above... So ask Him for guidance in molding the future of your little girl... For she is a jewel from His kingdom... Sent to bring heavenly joy!...

By the way, the Locklears have been married over 16 years. Of course, they remarked they hadn't given up and they both are members of our church. Wonderful.

## Happy Birthday



Charlina Locklear, daughter of Delenia Sampson, celebrated her first birthday January 14th, 1987 at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Darlene Carter. The party was given by her father, Mr. Jimmy Locklear. Family members and other friends were in attendance. She received some nice gifts and money. Certainly we are very proud of Charlina. She is my great-granddaughter and she is so gorgeous!

## In Loving Memory



departed this life on January 23, 1986. He was the son of James Albert and Rosa Mae Locklear of Pembroke, NC.

Your gentle face and patient smile with sadness we recall, you had a kind word for each and died beloved by all. You are not forgotten loved one nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last we will remember thee.

Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Wife & Daughter  
Sisters & Brothers  
Nieces, Nephews & Uncle

There is nothing more beautiful in this world than a healthy, wise old man.  
Lin Yutang

## PEMBROKE NEWS ITEMS

by Mrs. Bazie Hardin



Mrs. Stella Allen and her daughters Ms. Eula Mae Sanders of Dunn and Ms. Alma Garrity and a niece of Mrs. Allen's Ms. Hilda Faye Hunt spent the past weekend visiting in the home of Mrs. Allen's sister Mrs. Hartman Chavis of Esley, SC. Mrs. Chavis is reported to be in a bad condition with a health problem.

Miss Alicia Joy Hardin of Carrboro spent Friday night visiting with her father Dr. Benford Hardin and his family of Lumberton. Mrs. Ardella Locklear and her cousin Mr. Floyd Locklear were honored Saturday with a dinner for their birthdays. It was held in the fellowship hall of the Baker Chapel Baptist Church and was given by relatives and friends. The beautiful birthday cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Lindburg Chavis and prayer was offered by her husband Rev. Lindburg Chavis, pastor of the church. Mr. Locklear's birthday was January 12 and Mrs. Locklear's birthday was Tuesday, January 13. Both were 65 years old. Approximately fifty guests attended and wished the honorees many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locklear and granddaughter Miss Heather Ragland of Sanford

were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. Locklear's mother, Mrs. Lacy Dial and Mr. Dial.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dial of Lumberton were visited Monday by a cousin of Mrs. Dial's Mr. Chancey Chavis and his friend of John's Station.

Among those who visited Monday in the home of Mr. Lloyd Brewington was his daughter Mrs. Lorrian Maynor and her daughter Mrs. David Carter and sons and Miss Lorstter Maynor all of Clinton.

Mr. Lambert Brewington underwent surgery Monday at the Southeastern General Hospital of Lumberton. Staying at the hospital during the surgery and Mr. Brewington's recovery period in the recovery unit was his father Mr. Lloyd Brewington, Mrs. Lorrian Maynor and Mrs. David Carter.

Mrs. Grace Bell as of Tuesday remained a patient at Southeastern General Hospital.

**Birthday Proverbs For Thursday, January 22**  
I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## ROBESON COUNTY SCHOOLS NEWS AND BRIEFS

BY LORETTA HUNT

**Group Endorses Chapter For NC Council**  
An idea can become a reality! The Robeson County Board of Education has initiated procedures to establish a local chapter of the North Carolina Council for Minorities in Science, Mathematics and Engineering.

The purpose of the NC Council which was established in 1983 is to increase the number of minorities entering technical, scientific and engineering trades and professions.

According to Laura Artis, supervisor of Mathematics/Science with the Robeson County Schools, 23 individuals representative of local education agencies, colleges, universities, business, and industry met Jan. 8 at West Robeson Senior High School to endorse plans to establish a fourth chapter of the NC Council for Minorities in Science, Mathematics and Engineering.

"Membership in the chapter would be available to public and post secondary educational institutions as well as to business and industry in Robeson, Cumberland and Bladen Counties.

"As an organized chapter, we would establish the necessary strategies as a locally-based education improvement project to meet the five primary objectives of the NC Council," stated Artis.

At the local level the chapter would:

- 1) develop an expanded role for math/science learning experiences for students in grades 7-12;
- 2) facilitate improvement in mathematics and science instruction and achievement scores;
- 3) analyze course selections at the middle and secondary levels and develop strategies to increase enrollment of students in these courses;
- 4) maintain ongoing interaction between scientists and engineers, and educators and students;
- 5) create an environment in which local schools work with business, industry, scientific, political and civic organization, in the continued assessment and improvement of math/science instruction.

On the state level, the NC Council conducts an annual statewide conference for students and teachers; a Student Leadership Institute to assist students in developing leadership skills learning effective peer tutor methods, and developing, implementing and supporting peer tutoring programs; and collect data on mathematics and science enrollment patterns in North Carolina and publicize findings.

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## WORDS OF HOPE

By Charles W. Godfrey, Pastor  
Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church

Has God planned your destiny? Did He decide your future before you were born? Do you have the freedom of choice? A popular religious song says of God: "He tells me of the years that went before me. When heavenly plans were made for me to be." If the message of this song is true, what were the heavenly plans made for us before we were born?

Predestination seems to bring to the minds of most people a Calvinistic concept that some persons have been decreed beforehand by God to have eternal life, and all others are predestined for eternal punishment. Many feel that does away with the power of choice and they have a gloomy picture of God and His ways.

The Bible speaks of predestination. Romans 8:29 says, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son." (RSV) Ephesians 1:5 adds, "He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ." (RSV)

In accord with these Bible promises, I believe in predestination. I believe that God has planned your destiny and mine. It is His plan, His purpose, that all of us have eternal life with Him. He wants all to be saved.

The view of predestination attributed to Calvinism is really a double predestination. It says that God has preplanned some to be saved and some to be lost. This is not Biblical predestination. The heart of Infinite Love would never desire even one of His children to miss the joys of eternity.

God decided before you were born what He wants your future to be. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus proclaim emphatically what is His desire for everyone. But in His perfect wisdom He did not make us robots. He made us with the freedom of choice. He did this so that we could intelligently appreciate His character and desire to be like Him when we had learned to love and trust Him. Obedience because of force or fear would not bring happiness to the heart of God--or to our hearts, either. Only love and trust can prompt the kind of obedience that is meaningful.

Thus, in the matter of your future, there is a unique picture. A young girl described it this way: The Lord has voted for you. The devil has voted against you. That makes it one to one. You cast the deciding vote.

While this is a helpful illustration, there is a fallacy in it. In that great election day, the devil's vote will not count. He will accuse you--for he accuses all of God's children--and he especially accuses God. But in the matter of your eternal destiny, he is not a qualified voter. So that leaves only two voters, God and you.

God has already voted, From Bethlehem to Calvary we can read the most beautiful story of all the ages. Here is abundant evidence that God has voted for you.

God's purpose is your salvation. This is the destiny He has planned for you. This, in the true Biblical sense, is the meaning of predestination.

You are the other voter. If you accept what Jesus has done for you--if you respond to Him, desiring to be like Him and to be with Him--then the vote is unanimous. "Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

But God does not force your will. He wants you to choose Him from love. Thus, in this one respect, you have been given the power to veto God. The only thing in all the universe that God cannot do is to save the sinner who refuses to be saved.

God's special project is your eternal salvation. But you can nullify His efforts in your behalf--if you refuse Him. No one else can veto God's project for your salvation. The devil cannot do it. Your relatives, your fellow workers, your schoolmates cannot do it. The choice is yours. At the same time, you do not have veto power over anyone else's salvation. Salvation will be decided between each person and God. No third party can stand in the way of eternal life.

Don't forget to listen to "Springs of Living Water," weekdays at 7 p.m. on WSTS-FM, 96.5 on the dial with your host, Pastor Godfrey!

An Interview on . . .

## That Back Ache Of Yours Is Predictable

. . . With Dr. Harvey C. Schultz, Jr. DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC

One of the most distressing statistics regarding the health of our community's residents is that 8 out of every 10 of them will sometime be struck down by low back pain!

It is downright depressing when you realize that so much of the pain and suffering could be avoided by precautionary checkups or effective treatment at the first sign of the problem.

The high incidence of low back pain is not surprising when we combine the facts that most low back pain is due to mechanical defects of the spine. And that 75% of all forward bending or stooping motion occurs in the low back.

The structural or mechanical defects of the low back usually develop slowly and without pain over a period of many months.

The first signs of the developing defect might be no more than an occasional 'catch' or a slight change of posture, or a vague weakness or tight feeling in the hips or legs.

As the defect develops to a crucial point a slight unguarded move or an unusual exercise is sufficient to disable the victim for days, weeks or, unfortunately in some cases, permanently.

People must begin to realize that their chances of low back disablement are high, particularly if they are over 30.

We urge all to arrange for regular Chiropractic checkups for potential or existing problems and receive proper care and effective treatment if needed.

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