



## Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chavis of Wakulla announce the engagement of their daughter, Julianna Chavis to Eugene Wilkins III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilkins Jr. of

Rennert. The wedding ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. October 17, 1998 at Cherokee Chapel Holiness Methodist Church.

## Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

### MORE ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

As a life long Methodist (a member since age 10) I'm grateful to my denomination for many things, including our church's combination of the "Personal" and the "social" Gospels.

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend Scarritt College for Christian Workers (1951-53), with board room, and tuition paid by the Women's Division of the Board of Missions. The opportunity to be commissioned as a deaconess, along with Ethelnde Ballance, from Hyde County, N.C. (1954). Even more important, the opportunity to carry out what I still believe was a "call" I received from God as an early teen attending a youth camp in Montana (1940), by doing rural work on the Blackfeet Reservation (1950-51), in Iowa, Tennessee and West Virginia, then in Caswell and Robeson Counties (1953-58).

However, I've long considered myself a Methodist Christian with "Christian" being the common denominator of "mine" and a multitude of other church groups. Through the years I've attended (and learned from) many other denominations. I continue to watch and listen to speakers from other branches of Christianity, including Southern Baptists, along with the United Methodist Church.

On September 17, I heard a message by Pastor Bill Monroe (of Florence, S.C.) which seems to me to be extremely relevant to our nation's current "crisis."

Pastor Monroe referred to our president's apparently sincere state-

ments of contrition at the recent Prayer Breakfast in Washington. Bill Clinton compared himself to King David, who finally admitted that he was the guilty man whom the prophet Nathan had been describing to him. Monroe also mentioned remarks

by the Rev. Philip Wogaman, pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church (where by Scarritt room-mate once worked), the church Bill and Hillary Clinton now attend.

True. In spite of his crimes of adultery and then murder, when he was truly sorry and asked from the depth of his heart for God's forgiveness, David was forgiven. We are all indebted to him for his contribution to helpful, soul searching biblical literature. David has even been called "a man after God's own heart."

But, as Pastor Bill Monroe pointed out, David (like all of us) had to live with the consequences of his sins. When we go to God with a truly sincere, contrite heart. He gives us His grace.

But our lives are never quite the same. We must submit to the laws enacted to protect citizens of our country, just as Tanya Faye Tucker did this year in Texas, in spite of what appeared to be a TOTAL turn-around in her personal life.

(I am not endorsing the death penalty, or impeachment, just passing on what I believe to be a crucial point often overlooked by those of us who have become so immersed in the concept of unconditional love for every person in this world that we fail to even consider the issue of punishment.)

What concerns me the most is the fact that many of the actions of Bill Clinton (like so many other past and present leaders and so much of our daily TV fare) have tended to MIRROR our nation's current average (or below average) philosophy, as well as behavior. For example, "Cheating (on tests or on your spouse) is okay if you can get by with it." And, for many, the Golden Rule means: "Do unto (take advantage of) others before they can do unto you."

What "the world need snow" along with love (I believe) is heroic leaders willing to sacrifice instant personal gratification (of all kinds) in order to point this nation (and other nations) to a HIGHER way of life.

Of course this applies to every person who claims to be a follower of Christ as much or more than it does to presidents.

Perhaps Bill Clinton is right in suggesting that his personal moral crisis can be a Turning Point for this nation. Before we cast the first stone, let us each search our own heart, and our own life, seeking genuine forgiveness for our OWN varied sins of commission and omission, as well as for the president and all the other players in the sinful experiences we are hearing, seeing, and reading about each day.

Beyond that, let's each try to remember to pray every day for our America, a nation which (despite its many flaws) has often opened its arms

to persecuted "believers," a nation once considered the moral idea of the world, where God and the Ten Commandments were valued as essential to personal, family, church, national and international life!

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## Treasure found during cleanup

The 12th annual First Citizens Bank Big Sweep may not have broken records this year, but some very unusual discoveries were made. The results are still coming in for the annual statewide cleanup held on Sept. 19. With 86 out of 100 counties reporting thus far, more than 12,600 volunteers retrieved almost 450,000 pounds of debris along North Carolina's waterways.

Among the unusual finds were a saw from an old saw mill in Camden County and antique Coke bottles in Gaston County. Several counties even found bowling balls and road signs in their waterways.

"We found everything—including the kitchen sink," said Terry Haggerty, treasurer of Big Sweep and an employee of First Citizens Bank. "You name it, and chances are we probably found it during the cleanup."

All kinds of kitchen appliances

were retrieved, including microwaves, refrigerators and stoves. Washers, dryers and wall to wall carpets were also found, even toilets, vacuum cleaners and mattresses were pulled out of the waterways.

"Although this list may seem humorous at first glance, it is unbelievable that people dump things like these in our waterways," Haggerty said. "We are just so thankful that so many volunteers sacrificed their Saturday to make the world a better place to live—especially for creatures like the turtle a Forsyth County volunteer found trapped in a tire."

First Citizens Bank Big Sweep is the North Carolina component of the international waterways cleanup. Approximately 90 countries and 55 states and territories participate in the cleanup, which is always held on the third Saturday in September. In North Carolina, all 100 counties participate in the First Citizens Bank Sweep.



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- \*Educated in Robeson County
- \*Graduate of Pembroke State College and George Peabody University
- \*Charter member and 37-Year Member of Pembroke Kiwanis Club
- \*Retired Educator with 39 Years Experience as School Principal and Central Office Administrator
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