

# Church Page



## Mt. Vernon Ushers Honor Bros. Joseph Sims

The Senior Usher Board of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church honored Brother Joseph Sims (former President) for the past 15 years of his dedicated service to the board. Under his leadership the board grew spiritually and in numbers. His dedicated service didn't stop at home, it spread abroad. He was elected treasurer of the National Ushers Auxiliary and

received a Certificate of Merit for his outstanding service rendered there. He is a member of the T.L. Rowland Bible Class and serves on the Trustee Board.

Brother Sims is married to Mrs. Louella Sims and resides at 803 Plum Street. The plaque was presented by Brother Chester Spells, president. Standing left to right Rev.

Percy L. High, pastor, Chester Spells, president, Johnny Phil-yaw, first vice-president, Joseph Sims, past president, Mrs. Sims, and Brother William Bullock, second vice president.

Back row right to left: Sisters Bertha Dodson, Chairman of the Ladies Department, Pearl Gibson, first vice chairman, and Cora McLeod, second vice-chair man.

## I LOOKED AND I SAW

By Rev. C. R. Stone, D.D.

**"LITTLE THINGS"**  
It is not by far how much one has at his disposal that makes him successful, but how well he uses what he has. The quantity of a particular thing is important but



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the quality of that same thing is of greater importance. I believe that most of us will agree that an individual needs something with which to work otherwise he is a helpless creature. I know only one creator who, for the most part, started with nothing and came forth with something;

that being the "self-sufficient" creator. Man, however, can do more than he realizes because he is made in the image of God.

How does one know the extent of his capacity to perform well? For the most part, one does not know from the outset, but as man begins to work with little things a force called God enlightens his mind causing him to use his

hands if the things involves the use of his hands. If, on the other hand, the matter involves the mind, the hands of man may not play a major role.

A man who builds a sand pile may never accomplish his goal unless each grain of sand plays its role. We need not ask such questions as which grain of sand is the most important, or can num-

ber one survive without number four thousand and one. As one knows, without all grains working together as a whole there can be no sand pile.

Many times man forgets that little things help to lay foundations for larger things to brighten our pathway. In fact, without little valleys there can be no mountains, nor rivers without lakes.

## Club Presents 12 Tribes of Israel Feb. 4

The Pastor Aid Club of Cox Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 1623 Riddle Road and Dirby Street, presented the "Twelve Tribes of Israel" on February 4th at 6 o'clock. Rev. J.C. Cheek of Mount Calvary Church presided. Rev. B.H. Mack was guest speaker. Rev. Mack was accompanied by his congregation. Ministers present were Rev. Burton, Rev. Duff, Rev. Gattis, Rev. Simms, Rev. Sutton and Rev. Branch.

The Tribe consisted of the Mount Calvary Gospel Choir, Pilgrim Gospel Choir, Henderson Grove Choir, Spring Lake Choir, Ebenezer Gospel Choir along with the Interdenominational Gospel Choir from Reedsville, N.C. highlighting the program. The purpose of the program was to send the pastor to the Holy Land. Rev. D.H. Bell will leave on March 5th. The amount raised for this event was \$1,200.15.

## Ushers Union Monthly Meet At Pilgrim Bapt.

The monthly program of the Durham Interdenominational Ushers Unions will be held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Roxboro and Cornwallis Road, Sunday, February 11, at 3:15 p.m. The theme will be "Striving Toward Greater Growth."

The speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Nezzie Carter of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Mrs. Carter is a member of the Durham County School system and serves as Guidance Counselor at Jordan High School. She will be introduced by Mrs. Emma Devine. Music will be furnished by the senior choir of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Clyde Moore, Jr., serves as president of the Ushers union and Burch Coley is the program chairman. Rev. Willie Thornton is pastor.

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## Power of the Spirit

By Donald Love

Man has been chosen by God to do His will. God is not looking to any of His creation to do the things that is required of man. Man was made by God to duplicate Him, this is the likeness of man toward God.

Before man sinned, his responsibilities were then as they were after sinning. The difference, before sinning, there were or would not have been any after effect but since sinning, to earn his living, some hurt, some disappointments, some grief and some bitterness were the curses God put on man due to his sinning.

Now we have two powers—the power of evilness or the spirit of the Devil and the power of righteousness or the Spirit of God. Man has placed himself between these two powers. He is fenced in and there is no outlet, so, he has to choose one of the two ways. This decision is for each individual to make. Help cannot be solicited. Each is on his own as to what spirit he is to choose. Christ, on one occasion stated, you either have to be hot or cold, you cannot be both.

We find man today trying to mix right and wrong, good and evil. This kind of conduct is absolutely contrary to the will of God. He will not accept anything short of right. We lean heavily in the direction of evil or wrong. Why can't we have our minds centered on righteousness preference to unrighteousness? This is the power of this evil force causing us to do that we shouldn't, wanting that we shouldn't have and going places we shouldn't be going. It appears that the Devil has more influence over us than God. We do not think that God made us and He also made the Devil. God can and will fold everything and all of us, the Devil too, one day in one ball, pitch us into the lake of fire where we will spend eternity for transgressing. It isn't but one thing God dislikes, that is sin. Revelation calls it death. The wages of sin is death.

The apostles saw Christ work and thought nothing of it. He did something today we never saw before. He said something today we never heard before. This went on for three years. One thing they were aware of and that was the danger. Peter lied and cursed because of the danger. The other disciples ran away due to this danger.

They remembered Christ had told them, He and His Father would send one day, something in His place. It came and it was on the day of Pentecost. Now everything He had told them and everything He had done came back to their memories. There was no more fear. Peter was so overcome with this new power, this-power that took all

the fear out of them, he stood before that throng of people and defended their causes and their actions that day. Then told them to repent, everyone of you from your sins. From this sermon Saint Peter preached, the little crowd that had followed them, 3,000 more were added that very same day and hour.

After this particular day and time, they were able to see and experience the power of God through them. They also were able to know and then say, the things you just saw. We do not claim the credit. It is all due to Christ who killed a few days or weeks ago. The boldness we now have, at one time did not come on its own. It came by this great power that Christ told us about. There are witnesses today that can make the same claims. They were fewer than they are now.

When we speak of the power of God, Power of Christ and the power of the spirit, we can only say the same things. This shows just how united they are. We cannot separate them when we talk or write about them. When you relate, the same things come out. Christ even explained how entangled we are once we become a child of God. God is the husband man, Christ is the vine and we are the branches. This is the power of the Spirit.

## THE SABBATH

Genesis 2:2—And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made: and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.

Jesus rested in redemption the very same way and it was the very same day. Luke 23: 56. Last part Luke 23:52. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 53. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a Sepulchre that was hewn stone, wherein never before man was laid. And that day was the preparation and the sabbath drew on. 55: And the women also, which came with him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the Sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments: and rested the sabbath day according to the commandments. Hebrews 4: 11. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after that same example of unbelief. Proverbs 4:4. Keep my commandments, and live.

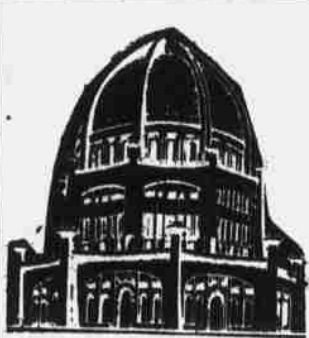
In God I Trust,  
Heavenly Light

## SURPRISE SHOWER HELD FOR MISS DIANE ESTES

A surprise miscellaneous shower was held this weekend at the home of Mrs. Joseph Nuchurch for bride elect, Miss Diane Estes.

The Neuro-Surgical Unit Staff of Duke Hospital, who have been her co-workers for the past year and a half were invited. The decorations consisted of candlelight and wedding bells. Punch and cake were served.

Miss Estes received many personal and household gifts. Guests included Ms. Patricia Parker, Margie Maddox, Nancy Goodman, Vedica Jones, Althea Inghram, Cynthia Inghram, Patricia White, Barbara Edwards, and Chris Zahniser. Hostesses were Mesdames Jeannette Howard and Phyllis Nuchurch.



## WORDS FOR THE WORLD

IN MAN there are two natures; his spiritual or higher nature and his material or lower nature. In one he approaches God, in the other he lives for the world alone. . . . If a man's divine nature dominates his human nature, we have a saint.

BAHA' WRITINGS

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