

CHURCH NEWS

Follow Me

By Donald Love

In the neighborhood where I was brought up, after I had grown, had a family and even grand children, there was a man who knew me even when I was born. As far as I could remember, this man had never been connected with the church. One evening for some reason this man came into my mind and I just could not rid him from my mind.

I went to pay a visit to this man. As I sat meditating, it came to me what I should say to him. When I reached this home and had gone into the house, company was there and that was a defeat itself. They finally left and this man began to talk. As he talked, he said the thing I went to say. Then I told him my reason for being there. He then opened himself, his home to me. Anytime that I felt to come, I was welcome.

I was invited to go and lead a Bible discussion. I thought about my friend. Going from work home, I stopped by this friend's home and asked: Did he have any plans for that night? No was his answer. I told him to be ready by a said time, I would pick him up. I did get him when time came. He got into the car, did not ask the first question. I did expect him to ask where we were going.

I did the same thing again later. I carried my wife by to get him this time. We were going to my wife's church for prayer meeting and teachers meeting. I had a feeling, this was a good time to load him up with the word of God and move right in to the prayer service. Something just might happen in his favor, and it did that very same night. He has never asked me, where was I going and how long would I be gone. He just followed me.

After his conversation, he could make tears flow from your eyes as he talked. There were other experiences, I will not go into any of them.

As we study the life of Christ, He too singled men out and said: "Follow Me." This is how He chose His disciples, all twelve of them. He started out getting fishermen: Peter and his brother.

James and his brother. He called Matthew from what could have been at that time a professional position. He too asked no question.

There was one He called that did not respond to the call, the rich ruler. Eyan so, Christ had compassion as he turned his back and walked away.

This following Christ is an individual thing. I can not make up your mind for you nor can you make mine for me. The results will not be effective until the individual makes the decision. Then you can be used for God's causes.

A man and his wife decided to cut corners against God by not telling the truth. They had planned this thing to perfection. One would go on early, and the other would follow later and tell the same story. This is how they worked it out and this is how they did it and this is how they just dropped dead.

Acts 5:16. To follow Christ, no tricks can be used, no taking the advantage of others, no part of the way thing. God is real and He expects His children to be real.

How many of you had calls and ignored them? Many of you had something to speak softly to you and suggest that you should be in Sunday School. How many times have you turned a deaf ear to that command? Many of you have been spoken to about not attending prayer services. What about you, when you had this inward feeling to visit some sick friend but you sacrificed your friend to see Flip Wilson? These are calls and the way God speaks to all of us to see about His children. It has been said, God has no hands but ours, no feet but ours, no eyes but ours, so we are to go places for Him. We are to see help and render it for Him. We are to use our feet to walk away from evil for Him or to walk into necessary areas for Him.

There is no excuses for any of us. God does not accept excuses. So my friends, to do the job for God, it is necessary to put on everything, not just part of it. Paul said: Put on the whole armor, not part of it but all.

True Way To Hold Grand Opening Sun.

The grand opening of the True Way Church of God in Christ Jesus, Inc. under the leadership of Elder Willie Allen will observe its grand opening in its new location, 707 N. Mangum Street on Sunday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. Special services have been planned for this grand opening of the church.

Bishop D.S. Scott, Chief Apostle of the True Way Church of God in Christ Jesus, Inc., will be the main speaker. Special music will also be rendered. The church has experienced much growth since moving to the new site. The church was formerly located on S. Roxboro Street in the Union Hall Building.

Local Church News

THE FRAGMENT GATHERERS OF RUSSELL TO OBSERVE 26TH ANNIVERSARY

The Fragment Gatherers of Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church of which Rev. L. H. Whelchel is pastor, will observe its 26th anniversary Sunday, March 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Harold L. White of Cary, N.C. is guest organist, and Mrs. Christine Faucette is guest soloist.

The Church choir, the youth choir and Senior choir No. 2 along with other talents of the church will appear on this program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MT. GILEAD GOSPEL CHORUS TO CELEBRATE 4TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mount Gilead Gospel Chorus will be celebrating its 4th Anniversary on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to hear this most outstanding program of Gospel Music. The Director of Mount Gilead Gospel Chorus is Mrs. Lottie Holloway. The Chairman of the Program Committee is Mrs. Mary Cannady.

Some of the groups appearing on the program are: The Red Mountain Male Chorus, The Rush and Saunders Singers, The Union Baptist Male Chorus and The Gospel Singers of Spring Hope. There are many others that are just as outstanding as the ones mentioned. We're looking forward, with God's help, for an outstanding program.

Mrs. Nannie Roberts, President

MRS. ELLEN BROWN HOSTS WALKER BIBLE CLASS

The E. W. Walker Bible Class of the First Calvary Baptist Church met Sunday at 4:30 at the home of Mrs. Belvin O. Mitchell, with Mrs. Ellen Brown being hostess. Business of interest was discussed. Dues were collected. Mrs. Brown served a delicious repast consisting of assorted sandwiches, nut bread, Russian tea, coffee and mints. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Members present were Rosa Grafton, Sadie Chambers, Semega Solomon, Alene Mebane, Elizabeth Bullock, Hallie Crews, Valarie Livingston, Nellie Hayes, Josephine Joushee, Celestine Cunningham, Mattie Walker, Addie Langley, Margaret Milligan, Bessie Smith, Ellen Brown, and guest, Sudie Hodges.

MRS. MAE W. WEBB HOSTS CALVARY LADY USHERS

First Calvary Senior Lady Ushers met with Mrs. Mae W. Webb, 1209 Rosedale Avenue. Opening Song was Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross. Mrs. Helen M. McClain led the reading of the scripture and prayer, which we all enjoyed after the business was over. Mrs. Webb assisted by daughter Mamie served a delicious repast to the following members.

Madam Belvin O. Mitchell, Rebecca A. Haskins, Rosa R. Grafton, Lena Edward Effie S. Royster, Martha Lyde, Helen M. McClain, Anna D. Hogan, Mattie R. Canty, Mary McIver, Miss Susie Langley. Mrs. Effie S. Royster thanked the hostess for a lovely evening. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Nellie H. Hayes of 1004 Willowdale Ave., April 5 at 8:00 p.m.

From Black

By John Hudgins



Getting around town, there are a few things that I want to call your attention to.

The city council is about to appoint another white boy to the council despite the fact that Blacks in the city are under represented.

So far as we know the superintendent of the county schools is instituting his own program of discriminatory hiring. Despite the apparent wishes of the board, this dottering old carry over from segregation is clear that hiring is his personal business. Thus the county school system is losing Blacks, as this man continues to search out young white wives of Duke and Carolina Law students and medical students.

In the last few weeks I have visited a number of churches in some places I have been quite impressed by what I saw in terms of social commitment and social involvement. Thus

I can say to young people who are told to stay in the church, staying in the church is not the problem, it depends on which church you stay in. My advise is, if you feel a compulsion to attend or join, or be a part of the church process, then look around, there may be a kind of worship more suited to your needs. I now know that it is ridiculous to stay in a particular situation and think that it will change. Try spending your time on the problem instead of beating your head up against a concrete wall.

But you don't know what a RAGMOP is? Well first of all it is delicious. It is barbecued, with a special twist, I am told. A brother named Brad down on Fayetteville Street is selling it. And so far as I am concerned it is Gooooooood.

Are you scared to announce for the November election—now? Think!

Mrs. Ida Roberson Hosts Club

On Sunday, March 18, the Friendly Circle Club of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church held its monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Roberson at 1816 North Alston Avenue. Devotion was opened by the President, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. Minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted.

Members present were: Mesdames Florence Littlejohn, Sarah Cameron, Lena Thompson, Hazel Stevens, Juanita Barnes, Hattie Geer, Ida Roberson, Elizabeth Brown, Louise Frazier, Mafor Geer, Leroy Roberson and Mr. W. L. Thompson.

After the business session, the hostess served a most delicious dinner which everyone

enjoyed. Mrs. Lena Thompson thanked the hostess for a most enjoyable evening. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Helen McNeel, 704 South Roxboro Street.

Everyone left declaring Mr. Roberson the perfect hostess. Mrs. Brown, President Mrs. Cameron, Secretary Mrs. Roberson, Treasurer

George Meany, President, AFL-CIO:

"If any nation closes the door on our products, we should turn around and close the door on them."

Have you ever met anyone who had nothing to complain about?



MRS. ROGERS



MRS. AUSTIN



MRS. SMITH

'Moments of Meditation' Returns to Union Bapt.

"Moments of Meditation" will return, through an overwhelming popular demand, to transcend the thoughts of members and friends of Union Baptist above all the contentions that beset their hearts and minds for, at least one hour, Sunday evening, 6:30 o'clock, March 25, at the Union Baptist Church, 804

North Roxboro Street. "Moments of Meditation" features the talents of an inimitable trio: Mrs. Violet Perry Rogers, soloist; Mrs. DeNina Austin, narrator; Mrs. Margaret Smith, organist. "Moments of Meditation" is another of the Willing

Workers Missionary Circle's finest in classical presentations. "Moments of Meditation" is the culmination of a dream of three Christian women who, through time and effort, have interwoven words and music into a tapestry of beauty, charm and radiance.



MRS. T. C. HORTON

Missionary Union to Hold Mass Meeting

The Annual Mass Meeting of the Durham County Missionary Union will be held Sunday, March 25, at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, on Roxboro Street. Mrs. Eria Norris, Special Worker for the Union, and Mrs. Willie Sneed, president, will be in charge of the meeting.

The main address will be delivered at 3:00 p.m. by Mrs. Thelma Compton Horton of Goldsboro. Mrs. Horton is currently the fourth vice-president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. She is also Supervisor of Wayne County's Junior Missionary Union, Chairman of Public Relations Committee of the Woman's Baptist Convention and part-time Field Worker. She is the wife of the Reverend Isaac B. Horton, pastor of First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Besides her convention and local church affiliations, she is active in the State Interdenominational Minister's Wives Council.

The public is invited to hear Mrs. Horton, and to enjoy the other features of the program.

Area Workshop To Be Held At Mount Vernon Saturday

An Area Workshop will be sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1007 Roxboro St., Durham, Saturday, March 24, from 10 A.M. til 2 P.M.

Three Associations will participate, consisting of nearly one hundred churches: the Durham New Home, East Cedargrove, New Hope are in cooperation.

The General Workshop theme: "The Nature and Function of the Church" will be divided into four sub-themes: Worship, Christian Education, the Preaching Ministry and Laymen Support.

Workshop leaders will be the Revs. Corbin Cooper C. Craig, Leo Williams, Hen-

Mrs. P. Page Hosts Torrence District Meet

The A. T. Torrence District of White Rock Baptist Church had its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Pearl B. Page of 1302 Fayetteville St. at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18th. Mrs. Addie T. Torrence, president of the group presided.

The devotional portion of the meeting consisted of a song led by Mr. York Garrett, prayer by Mrs. Pearl B. Page, scripture by William D. Page. A discussion based on the topic "I bring you good news," as found in the Secret Place is a book published by American Baptist Churches in the USA Board of Educational Ministries. Mrs. Louise Overby and Lorenzo Lynch, Jr., visitors to the group were recognized. The business session of the meeting was followed, Rev. Robert Page gave the closing prayer.

During the social hour the group was served open-faced sandwiches, congealed salad, lemon meringue pie, coffee and peanuts and mints. Mrs. Addie T. Torrence thanked the hostess. The next meeting will be held April 15th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. York D. Garrett, 1502 Fayetteville St. at 5 p.m.

Members present were Mrs. Mary Taylor, York Garrett, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Page, Miss Ida Page, Miss Renee Page, Miss Annette Page, Mrs. Jennie Fuller, Mrs. Mamie Weaver, Mrs. Mildred Page, Miss Karol Page, Miss Emily Page, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Page, William Page, Mrs. Addie Torrence and Mrs. Pearl Page.

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR C. 'B' COLEY TUES.

Funeral rites for Cornell "B" Coley were held at the Amey Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m. Bishop Jerome Brown officiated.

For many years he served as concessions manager at the Center Theatre in Lakewood Shopping Center.

Survivors include his sister Mrs. Flora McBride Patterson of 501 Elmira Ave. with whom he lived; and two other sisters, Mrs. Ida Mae Fair and Mrs. Helen Jones; and a brother, Roy Frank Coley, all of Philadelphia.

Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

ry D. Cooper, with the Rev. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention as Resource Participant.

Moderators are: Rev. J. R. Burt, Rev. S. P. Biggers, Rev. R. L. Fuller. Area Coordinator is the Rev. Dr. E. T. Thompson. Refreshments will be served following the workshop. The meeting is open to all Baptist ministers and laymen.

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DR. VERNON CLARK

Dr. Clark New Secretary of UNC Assembly

Dr. Vernon Clark, Associate Professor of Biology at NCCU was elected Secretary of the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina System at the February meeting of the organization.

The Faculty Assembly gathers and exchanges information on behalf of the faculties of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina; through appropriate channels, advises the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, the General Assembly, and their governmental agencies and officers on matters of university wide impact.

The Assembly also advises and communicates with the President of the University of North Carolina with regards to the interests of the faculties and other matters of university wide import.

In April, Dr. Clark will be attending the Association of Advisors for the Health Professions in Williamsburg, Va. In mid-April, Dr. Clark will preside at, and present the main address at the annual meeting of the National Institute of Science at Lincoln University.

Candid Comment You never realize how levelheaded a man is until he starts to lose his hair.

—Wall Street.

It is The only international language that has endured is double talk.

—Morning News, Dallas.

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I LOOKED AND I SAW

By REV. C. R. STONE

"PERFECT WORKS OF PATIENCE"

If a man could secure all if life's necessities without sweat, what would this world be like? Surely the ordinary things to sustain us today are easier to get compared with the days of old, but the idea of patience has been long demonstrated among all nations of God's world. The prophets of old call to the attention of their followers and expressed the importance of waiting for a cycle movement in their favor. With this in mind, a man's life consists of many cycles that bring pleasures and displeasures.

If one has a kind of patience that is supported with hope, he reaps fruits from his ability to endure. Patience is that ability to wait or endure without complaint until things are brought to pass. Furthermore, patience that is expressed by those who have faith in what they believe will bring a realization that waiting is not in vain.

For the most part, the things we decide are brought to pass on a gradual basis rather than a fly-by-night



REV. STONE

kind of experience. Here, I do not mean to infer that miracles don't happen today because they do. Miracles may not always happen the way that they did during the times of prophecy but the existence of such is present today. Again, one may find that effective patience is supported by works on the part of the believer.

James 1:4-6 reads, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, not wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." Through constructive waiting all things are possible for those who believe in Him.

He who hath ears to hear —let him hear.

Spring Revival Begins Monday At Fisher Memorial

Spring revival will begin Monday, March 26th, thru April 6 at Fisher Memorial United Holy Church, 420 E. Piedmont Avenue. Guest speaker will be Rev. William Turner, formally of Richmond, Va. Services will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. each night. A special invitation to the youth and a cordial welcome to the public.

Annual Family Day At St. John Baptist Church

St. John Baptist Church of 917 Onslow Street will celebrate its Annual Family Day at the Eleven O'clock A.M. Service. The pastor, Rev. L. M. Gooch will speak from the subject "Christian Fellowship."

All members, friends, and their families are invited to worship with us.



WORDS FOR THE WORLD

THE HEART which receives a portion of the bounty of the Spirit becomes . . . purified and sanctified from the impurities of the world of nature. These natural impurities are evil qualities: anger, passion, worldliness, pride, lying, hypocrisy, fraud, self-love, etc.

—BAHAT WRITINGS

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Sunday, March 25, 1973
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

10:55 A.M. WORSHIP
SERMON: "On the Shepherd's Song—One Distinctive Feature of His Shepherding (Leadership)!" (Psalms 23:5b)
The Gospel Choir leading the singing, Mr. Albert Cain, Director

7:30 P.M. Conversations between Epworth Methodist and White Rock Baptist Churches, at Epworth, corner of Hope Valley Rd. and University Dr.

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