

Church News

Ball City Plans Revival

Ball City Baptist Church, located in the upper Spring Creek area, will hold revival services Sunday through Oct. 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Lower Big Pine Sets Singing

Lower Big Pine Baptist Church will conduct singing services Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. The David Shelton Family will be featured.

Fall Festival Scheduled

Bright Hope Laurel United Methodist Church, located at the intersection of Punchedon Fork and Windy Gap, Mars Hill, will hold a fall festival Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. There will be apple butter and apple cider making, outdoor cooking, clothes, food, furniture, crafts, cookbooks of local recipes for sale and an auction for a quilt.

Big Laurel Plans Singings

Big Laurel Missionary Baptist Church will hold singing services Oct. 11 featuring Emanuel Brisco and the Mt. Olive Singers. The church will also hold singing services Oct 18 featuring the Traveling for Jesus Quartet. Both services will begin at 10 a.m.

Salvation Army Homecoming Set

The Salvation Army Church of Sleepy Valley will be having its yearly homecoming service on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Major and Mrs. Earl Woodard and the Pilgrim Heirs from Newport, Tenn. The Salvation Army Sleepy Valley Church will also begin revival services Monday and will run through Sunday morning, Oct. 11. The revival services will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Major Earl Woodard will be the guest speaker.

Easter Gap Plans Revival

Revival services will begin Sunday starting at 7:30 p.m. at Easter Gap Baptist Church. The Rev. J.R. Plemmons will be the guest speaker.

Singing To Benefit Chandler

A benefit singing for Jack Chandler to help defray recent medical expenses will be held Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. in the auditorium at Laurel Elementary School. Featured singers will be the Laymen, Donnie Harris Family and the David Shelton Family Singers.

Obituaries

Clyde Massey

Clyde Massey, 82, of 467 Big Pine Road, Marshall, died Sept. 21 at his home.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a son of the late Zack and Lillie Raines Massey. He was a

retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Kate Payne Massey; two daughters, Audrey Henson of Farmer and Elleen Hicks of Sanford; two brothers, Wade Massey of Marshall and Woodrow Massey of Pinckney, Mich.; three sisters, Eva Fortner of River Rouge, Mich., and

Ann and Holly Mehaffey, both of Winston-Salem; five grandchildren; and, three great-grandchildren.

Services were held last Wednesday in North Fork Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. Bruce Buckner and Lester Crayton officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Haywood County, she had lived in Buncombe County for most of her life and was a member of Church of God in Black Mountain. Her parents were the late Pinkney and Lorie Darnell Inmann.

Surviving are six sons, James and Sam Branch of Black Mountain and Bill, Henry, Lawrence and Robert Branch, all of Hickory; two daughters, Josephine Hinson of Black Mountain and Lorraine Price of Marshall; 28 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; a great-great-great-

How To Chose The Right Church

By TERREL WITHERRITE

One of the questions most frequently asked is, "How can I find the right church to join?"

Many who are saved and ready to get into the Lord's work find themselves naturally seeking a good local congregation to join where they can begin to grow and serve.

The Bible is the standard of authority for everything we do as God's children, including and especially where we go to worship our creator. Contained in the Bible we discover why Christ established the church and how it is to function. It's vital that we know these things as we make our search for that group of believers that really pleases our Lord.

The Holy Spirit of God lives within us to serve as our guide. Ask the Lord to give you specific guidance to the church He wants you to join . . . where, under the leadership of a concerned pastor, you can find a meaningful place for fellowship, growth and service.

The local congregation of which we become a member ought to be:

• 1. Christ-centered: (Col. 1:18-19) - The church magnifies the Lord Jesus in everything it does. Something is wrong with the church that does not present Jesus as, God in the flesh, virgin-born, sinless, Son of God, who is the only saviour for the sins of men.

• 2. Bible-centered: (1 Tim. 3:14-2) - The Bible must be the sole source of authority for everything the church is and does. The pastor must hold it in reverence as the inspired, infallible and inerrant word of the living God, and preach it faithfully. The Bible must be the plumb-line for every aspect of the church's life. Don't hesitate to ask a pastor if he believes the Bible is the infallible word of God.

• 3. Evangelistic: (Acts 20:20) - Many churches make very little ef-



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Chaplain's Corner

fort to get the lost saved or the blacksliden restored back into fellowship with God. A strong emphasis on "soul winning" is a must, members are to be trained on the techniques of leading the lost person to know Jesus as saviour and Lord.

• 4. A Place to grow in grace: (1 Peter 2:1-3) - The church must be a place where one can grow freely as a Christian, in knowledge, skills, understanding and service. Emphasis should be placed on truly becoming a "disciple" of Christ.

• 5. Mission-minded: (Acts 1:7-8) - The church should have a vision for reaching the whole world for Jesus Christ. There must be that sense of urgency for reaching the lost in every part of the country.

• 6. Harmonious: (1 Cor. 1:10-13) - God cannot and will not bless the local congregation where there is not love among the brethren.

• 7. Separated: (1 John 2:15-17) - God will not bless a "worldly" church. The church is to be in the world; but the world is not to be in the church.

• 8. Sound in doctrine: (1 Tim. 2:15-16) - Do not be misled into thinking you can find a "perfect" church with a perfect pastor; the local church is a fellowship of believers striving to follow Jesus.



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- Sunday • Romans 12:1-21
- Monday • Hebrews 9:1-22
- Tuesday • Revelation 4:1-11
- Wednesday • Revelation 7:9-17
- Thursday • Exodus 20:1-17
- Friday • Joshua 1:10-18
- Saturday • 2 Samuel 22:17-35

A young Marine, recently discharged from Service, told how he had learned to go to God for his assignments.

"As I get out of my bed in the morning," he said, "I assign my feet to go where you want them to go Lord."

"I assign my mind to think the thoughts that are pleasing in your sight."

"I assign my eyes to see the beautiful and good in my fellowman, as well as the wonders of your world."

"I assign my ears to hear the music of love for everyone."

"I assign my voice to record only the best of words to praise your name."

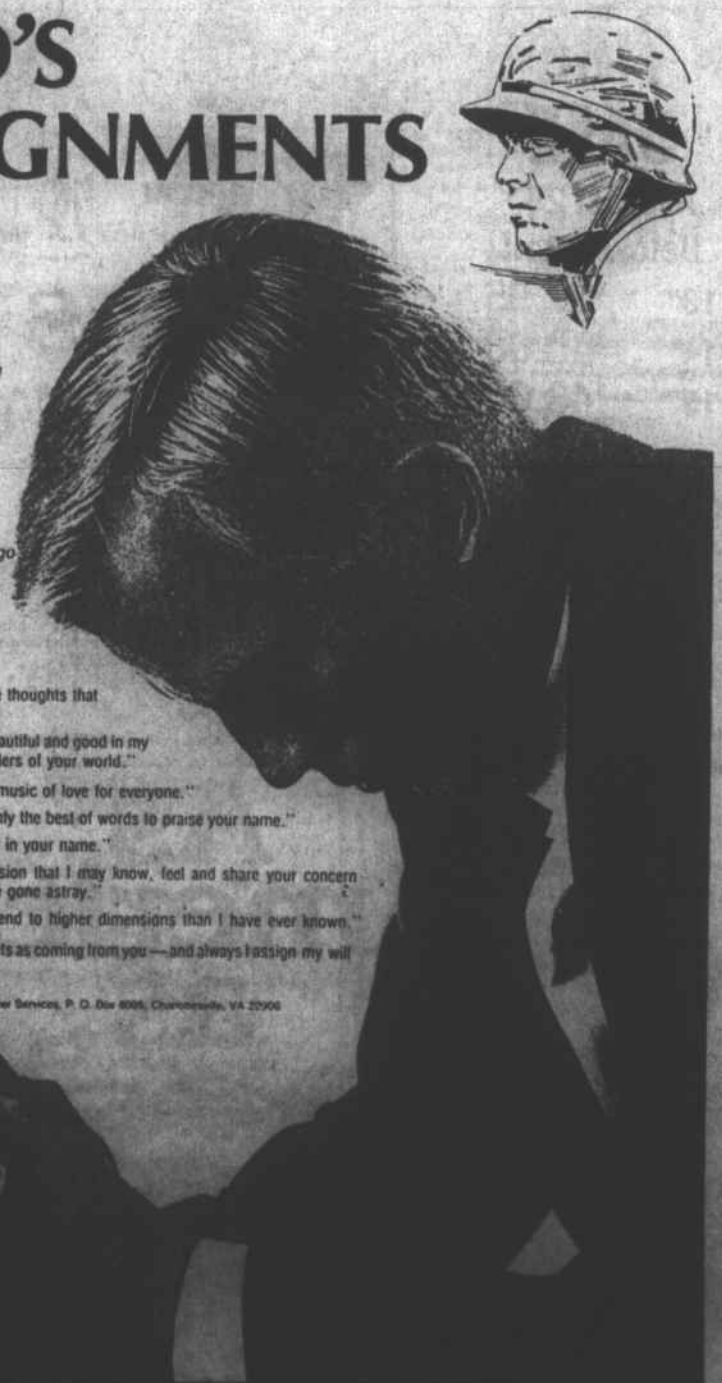
"I assign my hands for service in your name."

"I assign my heart to compassion that I may know, feel and share your concern for your sheep who might have gone astray."

"I assign my life today to ascend to higher dimensions than I have ever known."

"Lord, I accept these assignments as coming from you—and always I assign my will to your will."

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