

CHURCHES --- THEIR ROLE IN CARTERET COUNTY

SPIRITUAL ELECTION

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth," Deuteronomy 7:6.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. And He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen with gladness," Psalms 33:12; 105:43.

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in Love," Ephesians 1:4.

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied," First Peter 1:2.

The caption of this homily should at least stimulate interest enough on the part of members of each branch of religion for its reading. Our Hebrew friends immediately think of a nation chosen of God, while representatives of certain branches of Christianity think of their own boundaries as they are denominated in society. My purpose is to make a contribution which should be conducive to acceptance of the broader view as justified in both Old and New Testament Scriptures. God's election involves much more than a nation, or a religion, although both are comprehended therein. Remember, God is omniscient, hence He exercises perfect (fore) knowledge. Therefore, Spiritual Election is the product of God's foreknowledge—"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,"

Election as relates to the nation, Israel, through Abraham is one of the high marks in Spiritual Election. God promised to make of Abraham a great nation, for him a great name and through him universal blessing, Genesis 12:1-3. But God did not choose Abraham, nor his posterity, because of human superiority, from a moral nor physical standpoint, Romans 4:13. "For the promise, that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." Exercising perfect foresight, God saw Abraham a true believer in His perfect scheme of redemption for Jew and Gentile alike, typified through the nation of which Abraham was the father, in its deliverance from bondage—not by works of man's hands, but by the "BLOOD OF THE LAMB." Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness; Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3. Hence, God's choice of Abraham's line for the bringing in of our Deliverer, even Jesus Christ; "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Neither has God's election discriminated in favor of any particular brand of religion. Again, I say, God operates in the realm of His perfect foreknowledge in choosing the Seed of Abraham in the spiritual sense, as God implies in His act in changing the name of the great faith character from Abram to Abraham, Genesis 17:5. "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham, FOR A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE THEE." Now, let us hear Paul as he connects this great truth in portraying Abraham as the true father of all who will be true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, whom God had in mind when He promised through Abraham's seed to bring His blessing within reach of the entire guilty world, Romans 4:20-25. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification."

So, our spiritual election is determined by personal decision, and our failure of God's election for us to eternal peace, happiness and reward is based on this decision—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"

J. R. Davidson
Davis, Stacy, Bettie
Free Will Baptist Churches

First Christian Church Will Observe Homecoming Sunday



The debt on the newly-constructed First Christian church, Bridges st., Morehead City, was paid in full the last of October. The church was organized last fall by the Rev. C. W. Foster, pastor of the Broad Street Christian church, New Bern.

Homecoming Day and dedication of the First Christian church of Morehead City will be observed this coming Sunday, Dec. 11. The dedication sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. C. Foster, pastor of the Broad Street Christian church of New Bern. It was through the efforts of Mr. Foster that the church in Morehead City was organized and the church building erected.

Morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Outlaw. At 3 o'clock the dedication service will take place. This new church was opened for public worship a year ago this past September. At that time the dedication was postponed until such time as the debt against the edifice was fully paid.

Much credit is given the members of the church and congregation for meeting the churches obligation and that proper dedication can be made of a debt-free building. The public is cordially invited to attend the services Sunday.

Pfc. William Smith Serves With Eighth Army, Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN NARA, JAPAN—Pvt. First Class William Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, 408 N. 10th St., Morehead City, participated in the record firing of the .30 caliber carbine at the firing range of the 35th Infantry's Regiment.

Entering the Army at Morehead City April 2, 1946, he was sent to Fort Meade for basic training. Arriving in the 159th Field Artillery battalion he was assigned to B Battery. The 159th Field Artillery Battalion is located at Camp Ireland, Nara, Japan, and is commanded by Lt. Col. Walter J. Preston.

Ministers to Meet

The Coastal Ministerial association will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning in Webb Memorial Civic center. All Methodist pastors are especially urged to be present for a special meeting, announced the Rev. W. D. Caviness, pastor of Franklin Memorial Methodist church.

The Havelock Methodist choir will give a Christmas cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem" at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Core Creek Methodist church. The public is invited.

church school rooms it is building, will serve barbecue and turkey dinners and suppers today and tomorrow at Copeland's Edgewater restaurant, just west of Morehead City. The price is \$1 a plate and proceeds will go to the building program. The public is invited.



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CHURCH SERVICES

(Announcements of Sunday and weekday church services will be in THE NEWS-TIMES office, either in Beaufort or Morehead City, by NOON WEDNESDAY.—The Editor)

MERRIMON METHODIST CHURCH
Morehead City
Louis Lewis, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:30 p.m. - Evening Worship

FRANKLIN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Morehead City
W. D. Caviness, Minister
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Sermon, "I Believe in the Divinity of Jesus" by the pastor
7:30 p.m. - Union service in high school auditorium

CAMP GLENN METHODIST CHURCH
Beaufort
W. D. Caviness, Minister
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Sermon by Louis Lewis
6:00 p.m. - MYF
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - WSCS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Beaufort
Winfrey Davis, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship, Sermon, "Seeing the Invisible"
6:30 p.m. - Baptist Training Union
7:30 p.m. - Worship, Sermon, "Like as a Father"

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Beaufort
W. L. Martin, Rector
Sunday, Dec. 11
7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Junior church
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and sermon
7:00 p.m. - YPSL Parish House
Wednesday, Dec. 11
6:30 p.m. - Junior choir practice and Men's club supper, parish house
7:30 p.m. - Adult choir practice
Thursday, Dec. 15
5:00 p.m. - The Litany
10:00 a.m. - Last Junior confirmation class

SALTER PATH METHODIST CHURCH
Beaufort
Louis Lewis, Assistant Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship, Sermon by Mr. Lewis

CORE CREEK METHODIST CHURCH
Beaufort
Louis Lewis, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Morehead City
Cecil F. Outlaw, Minister
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Bible School
11:00 a.m. - Sermon, "The Scriptural Church"
12:30 p.m. - Dinner of the Ground
2:30 p.m. - Dedication service
3:00 p.m. - Dedication sermon by the Rev. W. C. Foster, New Bern
Dedication prayer by the Rev. J. W. Lolla, Outlaw

MONDAY, DEC. 12
9:30 - 10 a.m. - Radio message, "Manhood Crowned in Christ" by Mr. Outlaw
7:30 p.m. - Sermon, "The Last Will and Testament of Christ"

TUESDAY, DEC. 13
7:30 p.m. - Radio message, "The Art of Listening to God," by Mr. Outlaw

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Morehead City
L. A. Tilley, Minister
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship, Sermon, "Christ of the Early Centuries"
6:30 p.m. - Methodist Youth Fellowship
7:30 p.m. - Musical program, high school auditorium
8:00 p.m. - Christmas party for all

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14
9:30 - 10 a.m. - Radio message, "The Art of Listening to God," by Mr. Outlaw

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Beaufort
J. R. Davidson, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Free Will Baptist league
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Stacy
J. R. Davidson, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Free Will Baptist league
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

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Sunday, Dec. 11
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Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

NEWPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Located Five Miles on Nine-Mile Road)
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Service
7:30 p.m. - Service

WILLISTON METHODIST CHURCH
Morehead City
H. L. Harrell, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Set-up meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service

STRAITS METHODIST CHURCH
Beaufort
H. L. Harrell, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal
Thursday, Dec. 15
7:00 p.m. - Woman's Society of Christian Service

WEBB MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morehead City
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, Dec. 14

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Beaufort
W. E. Anderson, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Young People's League
Wednesday, Dec. 14
7:30 p.m. - Mid-week prayer service

PELLLETIER COMMUNITY CHURCH
Beaufort
J. R. Webb, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Preaching
7:30 p.m. - Preaching

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
Morehead City
R. L. Lawrence, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Preaching
7:30 p.m. - PYPF
Thursday, Dec. 15
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

SAINT EGBERT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Morehead City
Father Elmer J. Lander, T. O. R.
Father Clement J. White, T. O. R.
Assistant Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 11
8:45 a.m. - Confessions
9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass, Sermon
11:00 a.m. - Confessions
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12:30 p.m. - Radio Program - WMBL

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St. Mary's Chapter Meets With Mrs. N. W. Taylor

St. Mary's Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church held its regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. W. Taylor. Twelve members were present. Mrs. T. T. Potter, president, called the meeting to order and read the devotionals.

New officers for the year 1950 were elected as follows: Mrs. G. A. Eastman, president; Mrs. E. J. Davis, vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Martin, secretary; and Mrs. O. H. Johnson, treasurer.

Other items of business discussed were the sending of boxes for clothing to an Episcopal Mission at Standardsville, Va. to Galilee Mission in East Carolina, and to the Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte. Boxes will be sent within the week. The giving of memorial lights in the church building were discussed, and it was decided to use this as a project of the Auxiliary later on. The meeting was closed with prayer.

A social hour followed during which the hostess served coconut cake, fruit punch and salted nuts.

UNCLE JED SAYS . . .

You know, folks, I just enjoy reading, and I like to share the good things I read with you.

I just read something that sort of has a sting in it. Some writer said that "all the dog in us will come out when we have nothing but bones to scrap over."

It sure is strange how people scrap over the little things in life and leave the big ones alone. Most of the time these little things are foolish. Usually it's the little bones in family life that cause the biggest scraps. Those scraps just show up how much dog there is in us. Sounds bad to talk this way, but we're telling the truth.

Let's let the dogs have the bones, folks, and let's let them do all the scrapping, too.

Yours,
Jed

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