

Leland Church Will Dedicate Chapel

Dedication service for the new chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Leland will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m., said Bishop Dylon Skipper.

The chapel is located on Old Fayetteville Road, about one-half mile off Lanvale Road.

The congregation has been meeting in the building since August, but church regulations prohibit dedication until all debts have been satisfied and the building is owned free and clear, he said.

Construction of the \$600,000 facility took approximately 15 months. It was built by the Luther T. Hodges Construction Co.

Contained in it are a chapel (sanctuary), cultural hall, classrooms, kitchen, media center, baptismal font and office. The building was constructed so that an addition can be

built as the congregation expands. Also, it has special facilities to facilitate worship by the handicapped, including wheelchair ramps, wide aisles and halls, appropriate carpet, specially equipped bathrooms and facilities for the hearing impaired.

Special guest speakers at the dedication service will be Robert L. Leake of Salt Lake City, Utah; Lynn Cooper of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Earl Brock of Fayetteville. They served as missionaries in Leland in the early 1950s and were responsible for some of the first convert baptisms in the church in the Leland area, added the bishop.

The concluding address and dedicatory prayer will be offered by Rodney S. Earle, president of the Wilmington stake.

Members of the community are invited to attend.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Baptists Convene Oct. 24-25

Singing and inspirational preaching will highlight the 87th session of the Brunswick Baptist Association, which convenes Oct. 24 and 25.

Rev. A.R. Waisner, director of associational missions, said that on Thursday, Oct. 24, the association meets at Mount Olive Baptist Church at Bolivia at 3 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with the evening service at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 25, the association convenes at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Sunset Harbor, with lunch at 12 noon, followed by an afternoon service at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Homecoming Set

New Life Baptist Church at Exum will observe Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 27, said church spokesman Muriel Bennett.

Rev. Leo Cannon will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service, which will be followed by dinner on the grounds and an afternoon choir festival.

Groundbreaking Set

A groundbreaking ceremony for an expansion of the educational wing is planned at Town Creek Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 27, at the close of the morning worship service, according to Rev. Vic Potter, pastor.

The \$84,000 two-story addition will double the amount of classroom space available for Sunday School, he said. Last year the church recorded an average Sunday School attendance of 140 persons, with 41 church members added.

So far members have set aside \$50,000 toward the project, and hope to finance no more than \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a period of two years or less.

Celebrates Homecoming

A former pastor, Rev. J.D. Hewett, will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 27, as Ocean View Baptist Church celebrates Homecoming Day.

The church will host a covered dish lunch, to be followed by singing in the afternoon featuring the McNeill Family Singers.

Rev. Macon Wood, pastor, and members of the church invite others to join them for a day of Christian fellowship.

Revival Begins

Rev. Johnny Jenrette will be the guest evangelist for revival services that begin at Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 27, and continue through Nov. 2, announced Elizabeth Evans.

The Sunday service begins at 7 p.m., with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Special music is planned each evening.

Rev. Russell Hewitt, pastor, and the congregation invite the public to attend.

The church is located on the Holden Beach Road.

Free Carnival Set

Youngsters at Town Creek Baptist Church near Winnabow will celebrate All Hallows' Eve with a different twist.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, the church is sponsoring a free Harvest Carnival for children ages two through 12. The event will be held in the fellowship hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. under the coordination of the GA, RA and children's choir leaders. Costumes are optional for participants and children are encouraged to bring a friend.

Games, all free, will include a lollipop tree, apple bobbing, bean bag toss, fish pond, sweet walk for cakes, pies and the like, and refreshments. For preschoolers only, a haystack "seek and find" game is planned.

Table exhibits will offer information about church programs available to family members of all ages.

"We're doing this to help keep small children off the streets and to provide them treats without having to go trick-or-treating at strange homes," said Carol Hardee, GA director.

Go Apple-Bobbing

Village Point United Methodist Church will hold a Halloween party Saturday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Apple-bobbing, a haunted house, doughnut bobbing, a costume contest, cake walk and other games.

There is no charge for admission and no age limit, said Patty Jones. "It's for everybody."

Sharpe To Preach

Rev. O'Neil Sharpe, pastor of Light House Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C., will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at Old Shallotte Baptist Church Oct. 27-Nov. 1.

Services begin at 7:30 each evening.

Rev. Giles W. Butler, pastor, and the church invite the public to attend.

Sale To Aid Mission

Friends of the South Brunswick Baptist Mission at Sunset Beach will hold a yard sale Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on N.C. 179 midway between Calabash and Sunset Beach, across from McLamb's Grocery, said spokesman Ann Christy.

If the sale is rained out this weekend, it will be held Nov. 1 and 2.

Ladies Plan Sale

The ladies' auxiliary of Shallotte Church of God will hold a yard sale Saturday, Oct. 26, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the church, said Sharon Thomas.

The church is located on N.C. 179 toward Ocean Isle Beach, about 1.5 miles off U.S. 17. For more information about the sale, call 754-6113.



N.C. SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS Aaron Johnson, left, accepted a plaque Thursday from Rev. Alfonza Fullwood of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in recognition of his contributions to the state.

Corrections Secretary Urges Listeners To 'Save America'

BY SUSAN USHER

Whether trying to reach one's "own promised land" or to "save America," says Rev. Aaron Johnson, the state's Secretary of Corrections, one needs courage, faith and opportunity.

Beyond that, he added, "As we plan we must remember that God also has a plan. Our plan must somehow blend in with his."

Speaking to a crowd of about 200 church members and local politicians last Thursday night at a three-hour banquet sponsored by St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Bolivia, Johnson urged people of all walks to rise above the things that divide them and work for a common goal.

"We need to save America, to save our land, to save each other," he exhorted, "because there are forces out

there working against us. We need to save America as well as to possess it."

Nearly 17,800 prisoners are incarcerated in the state's correction system—the greatest numbers ever, he noted. And another 60,000 persons are on probation and parole.

"Seventy-five percent of the people in our prisons are there because of crimes related to drugs and alcohol," he continued, speaking in a rhythmic sing-song that picked up both speed and volume as he made each point.

"We are getting high on the wrong things," he admonished. "As long as we are we will continue to do things to destroy each other."

Johnson urged the audience to stand up against drugs and the people involved in drug trafficking and use.

"We need to lock them up and throw the keys away—regardless of who they are," he suggested to murmurs and nods of agreement from the audience.

Johnson, a Republican and pastor of Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Fayetteville, is the only black member of Gov. James Martin's cabinet. At the banquet he received a plaque for outstanding service to the state presented by Rev. Alfonza Fullwood on behalf of the congregation of St. John.

"My politics are no different from my religion," he told his predominantly black audience as he preached. "Whatever I do I am a Christian."

In terms of courage, he urged his listeners to stand up for what is just and good, for what they believe in, "regardless of what it costs us."

He urged them to have faith not only by believing "in something," but also by having faith in people of all races, to rise above differences.

"We are the same man. We cannot save this land if we cannot trust each other, if we don't have faith in each other."

As a child reaches and grabs a lightning bug in his fist, he said, so those of faith and courage must "seize the opportunity" to work toward their goals.

"All we need is opportunity," he said in closing.

Right To Life Group To Meet

The Brunswick County Right to Life group will meet Monday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southport Christian Fellowship center on North Howe Street.

A film, "The Silent Scream," will be featured. It is an account of an actual abortion.

The meeting is open to the public. For additional information, call 278-3123.

Deaths And Funerals

TOMMIE O. RABON

Tommy (Tom) Oree Rabon, 83, of Shallotte, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport following an extended illness.

The funeral was held Thursday in the Brunswick Chapel of Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service at Supply, with Rev. Ivren Hughes officiating. Burial was in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Shallotte.

Rabon was born in Brunswick County on Sept. 5, 1902, son of the late Daniel Oree and Annie Elisa Cheers Rabon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Elma Stanley Rabon, on April 21, 1981.

Survivors include two sons, Henry White Rabon of Shallotte and James Aaron Rabon of Whiteville; two daughters, Mrs. Deedy Robinson and Mrs. Mackie Barefoot, both of Supply; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Ballard of Bolivia and Mrs. Annie Borders of Wilmington; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

GREGORY KEITH INMAN

Gregory Keith Inman, 29, of Shallotte, died Tuesday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

The funeral was held Thursday at Shallotte Pentecostal Church, with Rev. Lee Ingram officiating. Burial was in the Inman Cemetery at Kingtown.

Inman is survived by his parents, Keith and Pauline Hawes Inman of Shallotte Point; his wife, Cereta Garner Inman of the home; two daughters, Roxanne Michelle Inman of the home and Tracie Darlene Inman of Woodbridge, Va.; two brothers, Steven L. Inman and Dean A. Inman, both of Shallotte Point; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lula B. Hawes of Shallotte.

JAMES HARVEY WARD

A memorial service was held Oct. 16 at the Cotten Funeral Home in New Bern for James Harvey Ward, 46, of New Bern, who died Sunday, Oct. 13.

Survivors include his wife, Gail B. Ward; his parents, James D. and Gertha J. Ward of Southport; two daughters, Miss Judy Lee Ward and Miss Tonya Lynn Ward, both of New Bern; two brothers, Roger Ward of Southport and Charles Ward of Marshville; and two sisters, Mrs. Onega W. Harrison of Brunswick, Ga., and Mrs. Joyce W. Caffee of Leland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, P.O. Box 10626, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

AVERY J. HINSON

Avery Jasper Hinson, 45, of Long Beach, died Friday night as the result of a shooting incident.

A graveside service was held Tuesday in Northwood Cemetery, with Rev. Ernest Poston and Rev. Vernon Kelly officiating.

Survivors include his wife, June, and three sons, Avery, Charles and Chris, all of the home; his father, James E. Hinson of Boiling Spring Lakes; three sisters, Reberta Weaver of Boiling Spring Lakes, Muriel Combs of Wilson and Martha Ray Pope of Whiteville; and two brothers, Jim Hinson of Southport and Arnold Hinson of Fayetteville.

THELMA B. McEACHERN

Thelma Brooks McEachern died Saturday morning in Bowden Nursing Home.

A graveside service was held Sunday in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington by Rev. Ben Rouse.

Born in Brunswick County on July 13, 1897, she was the daughter of the late J.W. and Rosa Jennett Brooks.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and prior to her retirement was secretary of Brooks Cash Grocery.

Survivors include three granddaughters, Mrs. Brooks Montgomery of Raleigh, Miss Leila McEachern of Wilmington and Mrs. Mamie Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

J.C. MABREY JR.

James Clifford Mabrey Jr., 61, of Route 7, Lexington, and Shallotte Point, died Friday in North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem following a one-month illness.

The funeral was held Sunday at Vogler-Piedmont Funeral Home in Lexington, with Rev. Keith Heitman officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 4, 1924, in Alamance County, he was the son of Carrie Richardson Mabrey of Raleigh and the late James Clifford Mabrey Sr.

Reared in Davidson County, he taught at Spencer School of Watchmaking for 27 years, until 1967, and then operated J's Watch Repair & Jewelry in Spencer. A certified master watchmaker, he was the first recipient of the C.E. Kneeburg Memorial Award in 1976 for outstanding contribution toward the advancement of watchmaking in North Carolina.

In addition to professional organizations, he was a member of Spencer Masonic Lodge No. 543, Salisbury York Rite, and Spencer Moose Lodge No. 2019.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his wife, Ethel Smith Mabrey of the home; a son, James Clifford Mabrey III of Lexington; a daughter, Mrs. Linda Gail Fulbright of Lexington; a brother, Richard Mabrey of Raleigh; and a sister, Mrs. Peggy M. McMahon of Madison, Tenn.

The family asked that memorials be made to the Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, N.C. 27565.

JOHN S. OLIVER

John S. Oliver, 79, of Southport, died Sunday in Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport.

The funeral was to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Southport Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Rev. William Connor was to officiate, with burial in Northwood Cemetery.

Oliver was a retired Corps of Engineers district superintendent, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 452 of Savannah, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Aldridge Oliver of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Betty O. Beadle of Charleston, S.C.; a brother, Marion Oliver of Conway, S.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Eloise Smith of Conway, S.C., and Mrs. Annie Hill of Timmonsville, S.C.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA A. PERKINS
Patricia Ann Perkins, 46, of Summerville, S.C., died suddenly Satur-

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day at her residence.

Born in Bolivia on May 9, 1939, she was the daughter of Howard and Eleanor Stroupe Sr. of Wilmington.

Survivors in addition to her parents include her husband, Burnel Perkins of the home; two sons, Melvin C. Herring and Stephen M. Herring Jr., both of Wilmington; four daughters, Deborah Sikes, Alesia Gaskin and Monica Thompson, all of Wilmington, and Sharon Perkins of Summerville, S.C.; three brothers, Lance Hand, Gene Stroupe and Ricky Stroupe, all of Wilmington; two sisters, Nancy Speck and Peggy Powell, both of Wilmington; and eight grandchildren.

HAROLD (BUDDY) CHILD

Harold Delyn (Buddy) Child of Route 4, Leland, died Monday in Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport.

The funeral was to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Andrews Mortuary in Wilmington, with Bishop Dylon Skipper officiating with the assistance of elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial was to be in Nelson Cemetery, Leland.

Born in Leland on Sept. 10, 1921, he was the son of the late Joseph H. and Martha Araminta Child. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Edith McGowan of Wilmington, Mrs. Sylvia Rogers of Leland and Mrs. Barbara Ward of Whiteville; and a brother, John Child of Leland.

VIOLA SANDERS

Viola Sanders of the Northwest Community died Friday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

The funeral was to be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Northwest, with burial in the Pelham Cemetery at Maco.

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