

Carolyn Williams to be honored

The Senior Choir of the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Hertford, will honor Ms. Carolyn R. Williams in an appreciation service on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Ms. Williams is the organist for the Senior Choir. She is also the organist for the Junior Choirs at the Riddick's Grove Baptist and the

Winslow Grove A.M.E. Zion Churches in Belvidere. She teaches third grade at Central School in Elizabeth City, N.C. She has also taught at the Hertford Grammar School in Hertford and the McGuire Air Force Base School Number 3, in New Jersey.

Some of Ms. Williams' present activities include: membership with the Evelyn A. Johnson Community Singers; Treasurer for the District Fifteen Unit of the Association of Classroom Teachers; and numerous positions on committees in the community, several churches, and in

the school system where she is employed. Ms. Williams has also been the organist for various church denominations in North Carolina and New Jersey. She was elected Teacher of the Year 1975 for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank School system. Her parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Wright Demery of Belvidere. Choirs in the community are cordially invited to attend. Gwayland McClenney will preside over this service. The Rev. Alexander Green is the pastor.



FEBRUARY WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Cobb Jr. of Hertford announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Teresa Frances Cobb, to Kenneth Ray Boyce, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott S. Hunter of Hertford. The wedding will take place Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Hertford. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

People in the news

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery of Roanoke, Va. were weekend guests of Mrs. Phillip Jackson. Mrs. George Britt of Tarboro spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Julian White. Mrs. Jesse Camp of Charlotte spent several days last week with Mrs. Pearl Banks. Charles Layden has returned to his home in Belvidere after being a patient in the Albemarle Hospital for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nixon of Virginia Beach, Va. were guest of Mrs. T.W. Nixon on Monday. Miss Caroline Wright spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Charlie Wright, at Jarvisburg. Joe Campbell returned home on Wednesday after being a patient in the Chowan Hospital and Nursing Home for several months. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings spent the weekend in Greenville with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings. Mrs. Bertha Lane returned home last week after undergoing treatment at the Albemarle Hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Lucille Jackson has returned home after spending several months with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cone in Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Mrs. Jack Montgomery in Roanoke, Va. Mrs. T.W. Nixon spent the weekend at Virginia Beach, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nixon. Mrs. E.E. Britt of Suffolk, Va. was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Patton of Ft. Pierce, Fla. were weekend guests of Mrs. Charlie Umphlett. While here they visited Mrs. Patton's brother, Bill Small, who is a patient in the Chowan Hospital. Miss Sara Winslow, student at UNC-Wilmington, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow. Frank McCloskey and son, Todd, of Norfolk, Va. were guest of Mrs. R.B. Thach on Sunday. Mrs. Dick Brewer visited her mother, Mrs. Annie Corey, in Williamston on Saturday. Mrs. Flora Hurdle of Belvidere is spending some time in Elizabeth City with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Weeks.

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I would like to thank everyone for the kindnesses extended to me during my recent stay in Albemarle Hospital. For the cards, visits, flowers & prayers. May God bless each of you.

Bertha Lane

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say thank you to everyone for the flowers, cards, gifts and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Daisy Lane

For Your Information

Dear friends,
The funeral is a rite of separation. It confirms the reality of death. This, psychiatrists say, is a necessary beginning toward healthy adjustment to loss. There are some who want to deny that a person has died and their life on earth has ended. Viewing the body serves to reverse the denial and promotes acceptance of the death of the loved one.

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Sunday school lesson

GOD'S ACTION IN HISTORY

According to Psalm 105, the mere remembrance of the past, during which God had lavished His love upon His people, demonstrated His goodness and graciousness to them and His mercy upon them, constituted a challenge and a summons to thanksgiving and praise.

Psalm 105:1-11

The Psalmist called upon his people to rejoice in, praise, worship, and glorify God Who had so marvelously directed and blessed their nation. He urged the recipients of the divine mercy and blessings to "give thanks unto the Lord" for His numerous, gracious, and mighty deeds, to "call upon His name" in earnest prayer, and to proclaim "his deeds among the people." They were called to make known God's message through singing and speaking. Instead of claiming credit or boasting of their achievements, they were admonished to glory in the Lord and to praise Him for what He had done in and through them. In his effort to get the people to trust God more completely as they faced the unknown future, the Psalmist reminded his readers of their obligation to recall with gratitude and praise the divine wonders which had been performed in their behalf.

Speaking of God in a national and possessive sense, the Psalmist remarked, "He is the Lord our God." Jehovah stood in a peculiar relationship to the Israelites because they were the people of His own choosing. He chose them to be the channel through which His blessings might flow to all mankind. God blessed them in a remarkable way in order that through them He might bless the various other peoples. The fact that God chose the Israelites as a channel of blessing was not due to any merits of their own, but entirely to His own marvelous grace. Neither is our salvation due to any merits of our own, but it is the result of His matchless grace.

The Psalmist counted it a glorious privilege to bear testimony to the faithfulness of God in keeping His covenant with Abraham, his descendants, and the Israelites. In His covenant with Abraham, God assured him that He would be his God, that He would bless him, and that through the Messiah, Who would descend from him, all the nations of the earth would be blessed. To Isaac and to Jacob this covenant was renewed and confirmed. It is so encouraging and strengthening to know that God has never broken a covenant, and that He never will do so. In the covenant which God made with Abraham, Israel held the deed to Canaan.

Psalm 105:43-45

Instead of mentioning the weaknesses of the people, which were so numerous and so obvious, the Psalmist portrayed the faithfulness of God. It was far better to magnify the goodness of God than it would have been to have stressed the faithfulness of the people. God's faithfulness to the Israelites should have served as an incentive to their obedience to Him.

The God, Who delivered the Israelites in such a remarkable manner, is vitally concerned about our daily needs, and continues to supply them. In grace and love God gives us glorious privileges and tremendous responsibilities, and then imparts to us the strength which we need for making the most of them.

God cared for His people and brought them safely into the place where He wanted them in order that through them He might show to those of other nations what He could and would do with those who were yielded and obe-

dient to Him. God wants all whom He delivers, protects, sustains, and directs to let Him exhibit what He can accomplish for others through them. In view of God's care for us, as demonstrated by the multiplicity of His daily blessings upon us, it is incumbent upon us that we praise Him for His redemption of us, and His deliverance of us from the bondage of sin into His marvelous light, life, liberty, and love. Let us heed the timely admonition of the Psalmist: "Praise ye the Lord."

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Obituary

JOHN W. GATLING
John White Gatling, 89, died Thursday morning in the Chowan Hospital following an extended illness.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late James and Maggie White Gatling and the husband of the late Mrs. Maude Clifton Gatling. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and was retired from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Mary Louise Laney of Norfolk, Va.; one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Stanley Nixon, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. "How Great Thou Art" was sung by the Bethel Baptist Church Choir during the service accompanied by Mrs. Irving Long, organist.

Pallbearers were Ben Hobbs, Wallace Hobbs, Lawrence Corpew, R.S. Chappell Jr., Emmett Long, and Roy Chappell Sr.

Burial followed in the family cemetery.

NEWS FROM FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Mrs. Rosa B. Gibbs in charge. The morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. Rev. John H. London, pastor, will preach from the subject, "To See God's Kingdom One Must Be Changed" (John 3:3). The Junior Choir will sing, Sunday is Youth Day.

invited. Many junior and senior choirs will be present as special guests.

Miss Ann Thach and Tom White of New Bern were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Thach.

Mrs. Addie Keegan spent the weekend in Plymouth with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doward Jones.

McElroy Chappell has returned to his home in Belvidere after undergoing treatment at the Albemarle Hospital.

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