

Easter Cantata is scheduled

The combined choirs of Hertford United Methodist Church, assisted by choir members of Hertford Baptist Church, will present a cantata, "The Way of the Cross" on Sunday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Methodist church sanctuary.

The theme of the music centers around the events of Holy Week and climaxes

in the Resurrection of Jesus. Members of the Senior U.M.Y.F. will depict several scenes of Jesus' last week on earth including the Last Supper, the Betrayal, and the Garden of Gethsemane.

The choirs will also be joined by guest soloists and instrumentalists. The public is invited to attend the service of worship and praise.

— Obituary —

WILLIAM C. BEST SR.

William Colman Best Sr., 72, of Snug Harbor was dead on arrival at the Albemarle Hospital Saturday morning.

A former resident of Halifax, he was the widower of the late Mattie Taylor Best and the son of the late Walter and Nora Best.

Before his retirement he was a maintenance supervisor for the Halifax County School System for 46 years. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and had served for many years as a volunteer fireman with the Halifax Fire Department.

He was a Baptist.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Bazemore of Snug Harbor; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jones of Ayden; two brothers, Vernon Best of Greenville and Frank Best of Ayden; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Roanoke Rapids.

Sunday school lesson

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, and not a mere influence. Thinking of Him as a divine Person, which He is, our thought will be, "How can the Holy Spirit get hold of me and use me?"

The Coming of the Holy Spirit — Acts 2:1-4

On the fiftieth day after the Feast of the Passover, the 120 disciples were together in one place — the upper room in Jerusalem, and with one spiritual purpose. When God's appointed time for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit arrived, in fulfillment of His promise, the Holy Spirit descended upon those assembled believers, took possession or control of them to such an extent that they throbbed with His sympathies, spoke His thoughts, and conformed to His will.

Among the various evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence was an audible one — "suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." This sound from heaven resembled a violent wind being borne along, somewhat like a tornado. There was also a visible sign — there appeared upon the disciples divided tongues which resembled fire, and one sat upon the head of each present. This was the visible evidence that each of them had received the Holy Spirit, and that He possessed and controlled them.

Another supernatural manifestation on that day was the speaking in foreign languages, other than the ones which they had learned and used previously. Immediately after the Spirit filled the believers and they "began to speak with other tongues," those present understood what they said. This miraculous gift indicated the fact that our Lord wanted His gospel to be preached in every language in the world. The preaching of the gospel is always much more effective when people hear it in their own language.

The Response of the People — Acts 2:36-42

The Holy Spirit used Peter's memorable, scriptural, logical, pointed, personal, and persuasive sermon to pierce, as with an arrow, the evil hearts of his hearers and made them deeply conscious of their terrible guilt. Convinced of the truth of his message, convicted of their guilt, and filled with fear of the wrath of God, the Jews cried out: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter commanded them to repent and to be baptized in the name of Christ. To these Jews repentance meant to change their minds about Christ, to admit their guilt in rejecting Him, and to receive Him as their Saviour. Having been cleansed from their sins because of their repentance toward God and faith in Christ they were to express that cleansing symbolically by being baptized. After Christ had saved them, they gladly submitted to baptism as an evidence of their faith in Him and as an act of loving obedience to Him.

In the act of scriptural baptism the believer announces to all witnesses thereof that he has truly repented of his sins, that he has died to sin, that his previous life of sin has been buried, and that henceforth, in the ample strength which is to be imparted to him by the Holy Spirit, he fully intends and expects to live a life of Christian fruitfulness to the glory of God.

Approximately 3,000 repented of their sins and believed on Christ as their Saviour. As soon as Christ had saved them, they gladly submitted to baptism as an evidence of their faith in Christ and of their loving obedience to Him. As new church members, they remained steadfast in the things of the Lord, gladly accepted instructions from the

apostles, and promptly put them into practice. A faithful teaching ministry, such as they had in that first church in Jerusalem, is one of the crying needs in our churches today.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Mary E. Williams of Rt. 1, Belvidere celebrated her 98th birthday on March 6.

Many friends and relatives visited and sent greetings to mark this special occasion.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kirby announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Crystal Leigh, born Feb. 27 at Chowan Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.P. White of Belvidere. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Kirby of Rt. 2, Edenton.

Local people in the news

Mrs. Joe Rogerson, Jr., Miss Susan Rogerson, Miss Ann Rogerson, Richard Rogerson, of Hertford, Miss Spheela Meads of Elizabeth City, and Miss Marsha Mansfield of Greenville have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Mansfield in Mobile, Ala.

Miss Beth Swindell, student at Guilford College, was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Swindell.

Miss Tillman Orr of Robbinville is a guest of Mrs. Edgar Lane.

Mrs. V.N. Darden is a patient in the Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Kelly White has returned home from Norfolk General Hospital where she underwent surgery last week.

Mrs. Paul Bumbarger returned to her home in Hickory on Friday after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward.

Julian White returned home Tuesday after undergoing treatment at the Albemarle Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Irons and son of Chapel Hill spent the weekend with Mrs. Irons' mother, Mrs. Charles Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunch of Raleigh were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers spent last week at Gloucester with their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Schaaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Thach were weekend guests of Mrs. Thach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McNeill, in St. Pauls.

Price Monds, Medical Student at UNC-Chapel Hill, spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Monds.

Chris Harrell, student at UNC-Chapel Hill, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Charles Harrell.

Mrs. Reba Owens spent the weekend in Elizabeth City with her mother, Mrs. Kenyon Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Gould and family of Virginia Beach, Va. visited Mrs. Gould's father, C.L. Dail, at Morgan's Rest Home on Sunday.

Hank Hillard, student at ACC-Wilson, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow and Clark Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long visited relatives in Emporia, Va. last week.

Young Berry is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hurdle, Jr. and sons, Brad and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Peede and daughter, Michelle, of Belvidere were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Byrum in Seaford, Va. on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chalk of Wilson will spend this weekend with Miss Louise Chalk and Miss Hulda Wood.

Lindsay Reed of Raleigh spent the weekend with his father, D.F. Reed, Sr., and visited Mrs. Reed, who is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital, on Sunday.

Edgar Dail of Newport News, Va. spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Matthew Dail, and visited his father, who is a patient in the Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Thach were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Thach, Jr. in New Bern on Monday.

John Symons, student at N.C.S.U., Raleigh, is spending the Spring Break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symons.

Mrs. John O. White, Jr. is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Jimmy White and sons, Bobby and Johnny, of Chesapeake, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass on Sunday.

Robert White is a patient in Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cobb of Windsor spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams.

Mrs. John Coston visited relatives in Hookerton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nixon of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mrs. Addie Keegan on Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbors and relatives for all the cards, flowers, gifts, visits, phone calls and especially your prayers while I was a patient at Albemarle Hospital and since my return home. Thank you for your kindness. I also want to extend thanks to Dr. Spruill & the nurses (5th floor) for their kindness and concern during my stay there.

Thanks to everyone and God bless.

Mrs. Evelyn J. Modlin

For Your Information

Dear friends,

Sometimes the bereaved do not talk at all. Their grief produces a kind of numbness and silence. It is difficult to comfort or help this kind of person. They do not respond to your presence or the things you say. There is no easy way to penetrate this silence and you do not need to intrude in their grief. The friend who expresses sympathy and love can do no more.

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Witnesses to attend assembly

delivered by D. Wallace, representative from New York. A baptismal discourse will be delivered on Sunday and arrangements have been made for the immersion of newly dedicated Witnesses.

All sessions during the convention will be free and open to the public.

The Hertford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has rearranged its meetings this week in order to attend an assembly in Fayetteville, N.C.

The Witnesses will participate in a program of Bible instruction pertaining to Christian living and service of God and neighbor. This same basic program is being delivered throughout the United States as prepared by the Watchtower Society.

A crowd in excess of 1,000 is expected to hear the special lecture titled "Have Faith in the Good News."

Guest minister

Rev. Earl Robert Knight of Hobbsville, N.C. will preach at Winslow Grove A.M.E. Zion Church on March 12.

The public is invited to attend and hear the guest minister.

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