

# CHURCH



**BRIDGES GRADUATES—** Fourteen area residents recently completed an eight week Bridges Program cycle to prepare for their General Educational Development

(GED) tests. From left are Tracy Spence, Nina Soria, Lee Boyd, Michael Morse, Kitty Parker, Susan Taylor, James Trotman, Bobbie Jones, Shelia Hunter, Gloria

Shannon, Merzell Ferebee, Deborah Plymel, Charlene Miller, and Linda Spence. Jones, Hunter, Shannon, and Miller reside in Perquimans County.

## Church news

**Perquimans United Methodist Charge**  
Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Grove; 10:00 a.m. at Oak Grove, and 11:00 a.m. at Epworth. The pastor is Rev. David Goehring.

**Piney Woods Friends Meeting**  
Piney Woods Friends Meeting in Belvidere will host the quarterly meeting activities of Eastern Quarter on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. worship hour will be Billy Britt, superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

On Sunday, May 20, Up River Friends and Piney Woods Friends will join for Sunday School and worship at Piney Woods. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Wallace Phillips leading the opening devotion. Howard Sutton will be teaching the Sunday School lesson. Everyone is invited to come worship and fellowship.

**Women's Aglow**  
The Elizabeth City Chapter of

Women's Aglow meets Saturday, May 19th at Tuck's Restaurant. Rev. Johnnie Mae Craddock of Plymouth is the guest speaker. She has been here before and was well received. Come bring a friend.

**St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church**  
Perquimans County Fellowship Union will meet Sunday night 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church, corner of Dobb St. and Edenton Road St. The Rev. W. J. Taylor, Host Pastor, Rev. Willie B. Moore and Bagley Chapel Baptist Church in Charge. Rev. J. H. London, President.

**Hertford United Methodist Church**  
The Agape Singers, directed and accompanied by Mrs. Harrell Thach, will present the youth musical, "Tell It Like It Is", at Hertford United Methodist Church this Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

**The Lighthouse**  
Step out this Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. to the Lighthouse, 505 E.

Church St., Elizabeth City, NC, and see what the Lord is doing. You won't believe the good things that are happening unless you see for yourself.

"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Isaiah 59:1-2.

**St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church**  
St. Paul, A. M. E. Zion Church will observe Woman's Day on Sunday, May 20, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Marilene Elliott Dobie of Elizabeth City, NC will be the speaker. Special music will be rendered by the "83" Mass Workshop Choir of Hertford. The public is invited to attend.

## Sunday School lesson

### Be Responsible to God

James 4:1-10, 13-17

This is our fourth lesson in the book of James. Next week's lesson will end our studies in the book, and beginning in May we will have a quarter's studies in the Old Testament: First and second Samuel, first and second Kings.

**The Source of Strife**  
James 4:1-3

In last week's lesson, James singled out the tongue as being the cause of strife among Christians. As he moves forward in his thinking, probing even deeper for the cause of strife among people, he concludes that lust is the underlying cause of "war and fightings" as noted in verse 1.

The principle that James is calling our attention to is the conflict that rages within humans—he calls it a war. The war which he speaks about is between the desires of the flesh and spiritual morality.

James is saying in the verses that lust is the driving force that causes people to do things that they should not do, in order to satisfy their desires and gain whatever it is that they believe will make them happy. He further says that we do not have what we want because we do not ask God, or if we do ask God, He will not honor our prayer because we ask for the wrong reason.

### Alienation From God

James 4:4-6

In verses 1-3, James has established that their strife came

## Senior calendar

The following is a list of activities being planned for the Senior Center located on Grubb Street in Hertford:

- May
- 17—Exercise Class, 10-11; Bible study class, 1:30-3:30.
  - 18—Blood pressures check for free 9:00-12:00 and 2:00-5:00.
  - 21—Exercise Class, 10-11; Memory Lane Club meeting, 2:00.
  - 22—Basket-Weaving Class, 10-2.
  - 23—Bingo, 2-4.
  - 24—Exercise class, 10-11; Bible Study class, 1:30-3:30.
- Last week's bingo winners were: Georgette Miles and Rosa B. Gibbs.

because of their selfish desires.

### Submission to God

James 4:7-10

Man has the choice of resisting God or of submitting to God's will. Walking the narrow road of a Christian life is not forced upon anyone, yet, I have not known anyone who walked this narrow road who did not at times have some struggle.

James tells us that we can successfully live Christian lives by God's grace, through a submission of our lives to God. In fact, James sets forth something of a formula for it. He says to submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Then he says to

draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Thirdly, he says to be humble. This translates to faith, obedience, prayer, righteous living. These are the fundamentals for Christian people who would be responsible to God. James makes no provision for short-cuts.

### Man Proposes, God Disposes

James 4:13-17

In these verses James wisely sums up the attitude of one whose whole life is caught up in the concerns of this world. James implies that he orders his life and makes his plans as though he were in complete control and God had no part in it. Read these verses for the full story.

## To The Voters of Perquimans County

I want to thank all of you who supported me during my bid for reelection in the May 8th Democratic Primary. Your dedication was greatly appreciated.

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My sincere thanks to voters of the First Congressional District for your expression of confidence on May 8. I will continue to devote my efforts to economic improvement and the well being of the FIRST DISTRICT. I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve YOU.

Very sincerely,  
*Walter B. Jones*  
Walter B. Jones  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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The Administrative Board Of  
The Hertford United Methodist Church  
requests the honor of your presence  
at  
a reception honoring  
Miss Caroline Wright, organist and  
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Commemorating  
Twenty-Five Years Service  
on  
Sunday, the twentieth day of May  
nineteen hundred and eighty-four  
from three to five o'clock in the afternoon  
in the  
Church Fellowship Hall  
Hertford, North Carolina

For Your Information

Dear friends,

It is wise for the family to become acquainted with the funeral director of their choice before the need for his services arises. Then when the inevitable need occurs, they can approach him with a greater feeling of confidence to arrange the funeral service. Feel free to phone and arrange to visit us at your convenience, so that you may become better acquainted with us and our facilities.

Respectfully,  
*Marian Swindell*

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