

Church Notices

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Worship at 11:00 a. m.
Sermon topic: "From the Crib to the Cross."
Rev. Gerald S. Troutman, Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church, Greenville, Tenn., will be the guest speaker to the Luther League at 6:00 p. m. Come and Rejoice

ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Services will be held the 4th Saturday and Sunday of every month at the Zion Primitive Baptist Church on Beech Creek.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Banner Elk
Rev. Glenn Gentry, pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Service at 11:00 a. m.
Training Union at 7:00 p. m.
Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesdays.
MWS 1st Thursday evening, 7:30 p. m.
Visitors welcome.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. W. Todd Ferneyhough, priest-in-charge.
Holy Communion at 8 a. m.
First and third Sundays, Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m.
Second, fourth and fifth Sundays, morning prayer at 10:30 a. m.
Bible Study, 9:15 a. m.
Church School, 10:30 a. m.
Evening prayer and Canterbury meeting at 6 p. m.
Fridays, Holy Communion at 5 p. m.
Saturdays, Holy Communion at 5 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Blowing Rock
The Rev. George D. Hyler, pastor.
Sunday—Worship Service at 9:00 a. m.; Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.; Training Union at 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday—Mid-week Service at 7:30 p. m.; Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p. m.

WATAUGA METHODIST CHURCH
William H. Key, Minister
Piney Grove, First Sun., 9:30 a. m.; Third Sunday, 2:30 p. m.
Valle Crucis, 11:00 a. m. first and third Sundays.
Liberty, 2:30 p. m., First Sunday, 9:45, third Sunday.
Mable, 9:45 a. m., second and fourth Sundays.
Henson's Chapel, 11:00 a. m., second and fourth Sundays.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor.
9:40—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning Worship.
6:00—Evening Worship.
6:55—Training Union.
Prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

ST. ELISABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday Mass at 9:00 a. m.
Newman Club meets at 10 a. m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH—Big Hill Road
Rev. William E. Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a. m. each Sunday
Worship Service: 11:00 a. m. 2nd and 4th Sunday; 7:30 p. m. 1st and 3rd Sunday.
Luther League: 6:30 p. m. each Sunday.
Visitors Welcomed.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—Deep Gap
Rev. William E. Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a. m. each Sunday
Worship Service: 11:00 a. m. 1st and 3rd Sunday.
Visitors Welcomed.

RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Blowing Rock
The Rev. A. Blake Brinkerhoff, pastor.
Sunday:
9:30—Men's Class Coffee Hour.
10:00—Church School.
11:00—Morning Worship.
6:00—Youth Fellowship Program.
Wednesday:
3:15—Choir practice.
7:30—Prayer and study meeting.

GREENWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
John B. Robinson, superintendent.
Worship Services 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:30.
Worship Service 7:30.
Family Night—Wednesday—7:00.

BOONE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr., pastor
Sunday:
9:00—Early Worship
9:45—Church school
11:00—Worship
5:00—Wesley Foundation supper and program
6:30—Junior and senior high youth fellowship

BOONE METHODIST CIRCUIT
The Rev. R. H. Ballard, pastor
First Sunday—11:00 a. m.—Bethelview.
First Sunday—2:30 a. m.—Pleasant Valley.
First Sunday—7:30 p. m.—Hopewell
Second Sunday—11:00 a. m.—Friendship.
Second Sunday night—Bethelview.
Third Sunday—10:00 a. m.—Pleasant Valley.
Third Sunday—11:00 a. m.—Hopewell.
Fourth Sunday—11:00 a. m.—Friendship.
Fourth Sunday—7:30 p. m.—Bethelview.

STONY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor.
Harlan Greene, Sunday school superintendent.
Sunday—Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; preaching first and second Sundays at 11:00 a. m.; Training Union at 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:00 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.; Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.
A nursery is kept for small children during the worship service.
Westminster Fellowship at 5:45 p. m.; Youth Fellowship at 6:00 p. m.; Pioneer Fellowship at 6:00 p. m.
Circles of the women of the church meet the first Monday of each month; general meeting each third Monday.
Presbyterian prayer service dial AM 4-2213.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Boone
Sunday meetings—10:00-12:00 a. m. Bible study, worship, preaching, Lord's supper each Lord's day. 7:30 p. m. evening meeting.
Thursday—7:30 p. m. Bible study.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Floyd N. Boston, pastor.
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:45 a. m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting—7:30 p. m.

STONY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. Raymond Hendrix, pastor.
Harlan Greene, Sunday School superintendent.
Sunday—Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m.; Training Union at 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7 o'clock.

PROFFITT'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Herbert McCoy, pastor.
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Worship each first and third Sunday at 11 o'clock; Conference Saturday night before 3rd Sunday.
Frankie South, superintendent of Sunday School.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder Carl Wilson, Pastor
Preaching service every first Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. and every third Sunday night.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Prayer meeting each Thursday night.
Howard Cable, superintendent; Dwight Cable, choir leader.
Everybody welcome.

PERKINSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
K. Maurice Cooper, pastor.
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.
Training Union—6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Prayer Service—Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m.

Although it has no direct control over other agencies that serve the visually handicapped, the American Foundation for the Blind provides them with professional advice and assistance on request. Last year it made its resources available to over 450 agencies in work for the blind throughout the United States.

Christmas Observance Was Once Illegal

Celebration of Christmas—the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world—was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers at Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish" and the secular celebration as a "wanton Bacchanalian feast."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read "Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way . . . shall be subject to a fine or five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious devotions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas—an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the eighteenth century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics and religious controversies became of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of December 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

However, denominational opposition to the ecclesiastic observance of Christmas continued into the second half of the nineteenth century. An account in the New York Daily Times for December 26, 1853, read: "The churches of the Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists were not open on Dec. 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. They do not accept the day as a Holy One, but the Episcopalians, Catholics and German Churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens."

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religious and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one fourth of the world's population—about 800 million people profess some form of Christian faith.

The splendor and beauty of Christmas observances is very different from the humble stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born; but the message He brought to the world is the same—"Glory be to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am neither surprised nor stunned, by the recent attack against our very efficient UN secretary, Mr. Adlai Stevenson. After all, was not our country founded for freedom of speech? Does that freedom not also apply to Adlai Stevenson?

In my opinion, Adlai Stevenson's dignity, intelligence, humanitarian qualities are the marks of a true fighter of communism, and if not given a chance America and the rest of the free world will be the loser.

I am an ardent subscriber of the good old Watauga Democrat.
J. C. CHURCH
72 Johnson Ave.
Uniontown, Pa.

Gems Of Thought

NEW YEAR
With each returning year, higher joys, holier aims, a purer peace and diviner energy, should freshen the fragrance of being.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The new is but the old come true. Each sunrise sees a new year born.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

The best preparation for the future, is the present well seen to, and the last duty done.—George Macdonald

Thing naught a trifle, though it small appear; Small sands the mountain, moments make the year.—Edward Young

Each year, one vicious habit rooted out in time ought to make the worst man good.—Benjamin Franklin.

FALLS 92 FEET
Vero Beach, Fla.—It was a long way down for Roger Ohman, 23, who fell 92 feet to the ground from the side of the city water tank. He suffered a dislocated knee.

Ohman's fall was broken when he hit some protruding rods on the way down. He was helping remove scaffolding from the side of the tank, which had been cleaned and painted.



Merry Christmas

We're ringing out our very warmest Yuletide greetings to you and yours . . . with a sincere "thank you."

PAUL WESTON STUDIO
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Best Wishes to You

Once again holiday bells ring out, the air fills with the fragrance of holly and poinsettia and everybody dreams about an old-fashioned white Christmas. As you trim the tree and stuff stockings, we extend best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

The Town House Restaurant
Frank and Frost Norris
Blowing Rock Rd. Boone, N. C.

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- 1—IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—Good 3 bedroom ranch, large wooded lot. Good terms.
- 2—ARTIST HIDE AWAY—Overlooking Blue Ridge Parkway. New 5 bedroom for anyone desiring seclusion. Privacy. A view and restful country living.
- 3—FOUR BEDROOMS, bath, good old country home with 6 acres, just one-half mile off Parkway.
- 4—GOOD, 3 BEDROOM, bath. Lot 125x200. Just out of City Limits. \$9250.00.
- 18—GOOD 2 BEDROOM HOUSE, carport, completely furnished. Nice wooded lot located in heart of Blowing Rock. Price \$9500.00.
- 21—15 ACRES LAND—2-10 tobacco base, good barn. Located on new Highway 421 about 8 miles west of Boone.
- 25—LARGE RANCH TYPE BRICK—3 bedrooms, family room, fire-place, double garage, full basement. \$25,000.00.
- 26—FORTY ACRE FARM—You could look for ten years and never find an opportunity like this. 7 bedroom brick, 2 baths, full basement, good outbuilding including a \$11,000 barn. All this for only \$27,500. Immediate possession. Located 14 miles out on hard surface road.
- 5—STOP—LOOK—Ideal location for apartments or small motel. Located on Highway 321, adjoining the Catholic Church property. Present building can be remodeled for either. Plenty of parking space. Immediate possession.
- 6—NEW—2 bedroom, ceramic bath, wall to wall carpet, carport, full basement. Down payment \$2700. Monthly payments \$65.00.
- 7—3 BEDROOM, bath, new furnace, full basement, located just one block from college. \$1500 down. Monthly payments \$71.00.
- 8—LARGE 3 BEDROOM, 1½ baths, fireplace, large living room, basement. Lot 100 x 300, located two blocks from campus. GOOD FINANCING.
- 9—OVERLOOKING BOONE GOLF COURSE, 3 bedroom, garage, full basement with apartment. Priced for quick sale.
- 10—2 BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT completely furnished, one six room brick house adjoining college campus. Own your home and let it pay for itself.
- 11—FIVE ACRES LEVEL LAND, new 3 bedroom brick—full basement. Located 6 miles out on hard surface road. Price \$16,500.
- 12—COMMERCIAL BUILDING with 200-foot highway frontage. Located on U. S. 321 By-Pass, Blowing Rock. Ideal for store or restaurant. Can be financed.
- 13—15-ROOM HOUSE, 3 baths, 1 acre land, located about one mile out of town on highway. Price: \$7,500.
- 14—NEW BUSINESS BUILDING AND LOT located in heart of Boone. Ideal for store, shop.
- 15—190 ACRE FARM, good 6 room house; good tenant house, 2 good barns. 50 acres of land can be farmed with tractor. Pasture 100 head of cattle.
- 16—HAVE CLIENT that would like to trade, 4 bedroom, brick house, 2 baths, basement. Just one block from campus.
- 17—WE HAVE 8 ACRES LEFT of beautiful rolling land adjoining the U. S. Parkway on hard surface road. Will sell any size lot you want. Ideal for year around home.
- 19—STORAGE BUILDING 30 x 50, Block building. Price \$5,000.00.
- 20—300-FT. ROAD FRONTAGE located at entrance of college. Ideal for motel. Priced for quick sale.
- 22—GOOD GOING BUSINESS—WELL ESTABLISHED. Confidential listing—will quote only to responsible prospects.
- 23—WOODED LOTS ALONG MOUNTAIN STREAM. Price \$250.00 and up. Ideal for summer cottages.
- 24—OWNER MOVING out of town, new 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large living room with wall to wall carpet, den with fire place; built in breakfast "nook," full basement, double garage. Excellent residential area, just out of city limits.
- 27—SUMMER COTTAGES—New 1-2-3 bedroom cottages on wooded lots or overlooking mountain stream with trout stocked lakes. Good financing. Just two miles from Golf Course. Price \$2,500.00 and up.
- 28—75 ACRES IN GOOD PASTURE with 1,000 foot road frontage, located in Cove Creek section. Price: \$12,000. Good terms.
- 29—6,000 SQ. FOOT WAREHOUSE, 300-ft. highway frontage, on 421. Good terms.
- 30—LARGE 5-BEDROOM HOUSE—2 baths, storm windows, large corner lot. Next to college campus.
- 51—GOOD COMMERCIAL BUILDING for sale. Located in Heart of Business Section. Ideal for any type business.

NICE WOOD LOTS, with water located 2. miles out.
OLD LOG CABIN—Rebuilt, 2 acres land. Located just one mile from Golf Course. Price \$5,000.00.
ONE BLOCK FROM CAMPUS—3 bed room, hot air heat. Price \$9,500.00.

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