

# SOCIAL SECURITY

## Question and Answers

George Dietrich, field representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday in the Court Room in the Chowan County Court House.

### Current Benefit Deductions If Working

Q—I am a widower and I've been retired by my company this year. I get \$120 a month from social security. Recently, my former employer called me about part-time work at \$200 per month for all of next year. Can I get any benefits next year while I'm earning \$2400?  
A—Yes, you would be entitled to receive \$490 in social security benefits. If you didn't work, you would get \$1440. While working you lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you earn above \$1200 and under \$1700. For every \$1 you earn over \$1700 you lose \$1 of benefits. In your case, you lose \$950 in benefits for your \$2400 earnings, leaving you \$490 in benefits.

Q—I was 72 years old in May of last year and I earned \$2000 in wages. I reported these wages to the Social Security Administration early this year. I will also earn about \$2000 this year in wages. Do I have to report these earnings to social security at the end of this year?  
A—You need not report your earnings for this year since you were over 72 in all months of the year. You can receive all your benefits, regardless of your earnings, beginning with the month in which you reach 72.

Q—I retired last year and began getting my monthly social security checks. This year I accepted a job as City Parks Superintendent at a yearly salary of \$4000. Since I am working, do I have to notify the social security office to stop my checks?  
A—You must report your work at once to social security. You can do this by filling out and mailing a post card form, OA-C669. You probably were given this form when you applied for benefits. If you can't find it, visit your social security office to complete the form.

Q—I will be 65 in September, and my employer wants me to keep working on a part-time basis at \$150 a month. If I accept this job, will I be able to get social security benefits at the same time?  
A—You might not be entitled to any social security benefits this year, but you may be entitled to benefits for some months next year. You should visit your social security office as soon as possible, and they will help you determine what benefits you would be able to receive.

Q—I have been receiving some monthly social security benefits for the past five years. Last year I earned \$1800 and reported this to the social security office. I also told them that I would earn about \$1800 this year; however, I was laid off in June and I don't expect to work any more this year. I earned about \$800 this year before I was laid off. Should I report this to the social security office?  
A—Yes, you should notify your nearest social security office. Explain that you want to revise your estimate of earnings for this year.

Q—I will soon be 65 years old, and our company retires its employees on the last day of the month in which they become 65. I plan to find some work on a part-time basis. I have heard so many stories as to how much I can earn and still get monthly benefits that I do not have any idea of what I can get. How can I find out?  
A—You can write the social security office and ask for pamphlet OASI-23 which tells about receiving monthly benefits while you work. If possible, you should visit the office and ask them to give you details.

Q—I am 66 years old and a construction worker. I earn over \$7,000 a year. Someone told me that I could still get some social security benefits if I did not work in some of the winter months? Is this true?  
A—Yes, regardless of how much you earn you can receive your monthly benefit for months in which you earn no more than \$100 in wages and do not actively engage in self employment.

Q—I will be 72 years old in October and I've been receiving some monthly benefits each year. In the past, I have always had to make an estimate of my earnings at the end of the year if I made over \$1200. This year I will earn about \$1400, but since I will be 72 this year, do I still have to report my earnings?  
A—Yes, you are required to report your earnings after the close of the year, even though you are 72 years old, in order that the Social Security Administration can determine if you are eligible for any benefits for the months before you were 72.

Q—When I applied for monthly benefits earlier this year, I estimated my total earnings for 1962 to be \$2150. I just got a rise in salary and I wonder if I should change my estimate?  
A—Any time you feel that your estimated earnings for this year will change, you should report it to the Social Security Administration and give them your new estimate.

Q—If my estimated earnings for this year are \$2500, and I am laid off work before I earn that amount, what should I do?  
A—Report to the Social Security Administration that you are no longer working and give them your new estimate of earnings.

Q—I estimated my earnings this year to be \$1800. If I get a \$200 bonus at the end of this year, what effect will it have on my payments?  
A—The bonus you receive will cause an overpayment of benefits unless you report it promptly. It's important that you report getting this bonus and revise your estimate as soon as possible to avoid any large overpayment.

Q—I did not expect to earn over \$1200 this year. But a good job has been offered to me which would make my earnings over \$1200. Do I have to turn the job down since I reported that I would not earn over \$1200?  
A—Whether you take the job or not is entirely up to you. You can always report a new estimate to the Social Security Administration if you expect your earnings to change.

Q—I estimated my earnings for 1962 at \$600. I expect to do some part time work now and

earn about \$400 more. Should I let social security know of my plans?  
A—You should notify social security only if you expect your earnings to be over \$1200 for this year.

### Mrs. Ella Ward Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Ella Mae Ward, 86, of Ryland died Thursday morning of last week at 1:15 o'clock at the Lane Nursing Home at Woodville after an illness of seven years. She was a native of Chowan County and the widow of D. B. Ward. She was a member of the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Sam Nixon of Edenton and a brother, W. E. Copeland of Ryland.

A funeral service was held at Ballard's Bridge Church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Thurman Allred, pastor of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold C. Leake, pastor of Happy Home Church, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Trapped!**  
Some kids were having a party and they decided to play post-office. The first little boy and girl went into the closet and didn't come out for a while. The other kids called to them and told them to come out. "We can't," replied the boy. "We have our braces hooked!"

### ACCIDENTS THAT "COULDN'T HAPPEN TO ANYBODY"

A man was bitten by his own false teeth. A woman sprained her jaw while yawning. A man broke his finger putting on his underwear. An insurance company opens its files and reveals ridiculous accidents that have actually happened. Read all about it in the December 9th issue of

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# Make Church - Going a Habit

## Sunday School Lesson

WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?  
International Sunday School Lesson for December 9

Memory Selection: "This is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."—John 17:3.

Lesson Text: John 17:1-3; Romans 6:4-23; I Corinthians 15:3-28; I Peter 1:3-9; I John 5:11-13.

The purpose of our study today is to explore the deeper meanings of eternal life as revealed in the New Testament, to discover how these truths can help us face the threats to our existence today, and to help us find serenity in the midst of crisis.

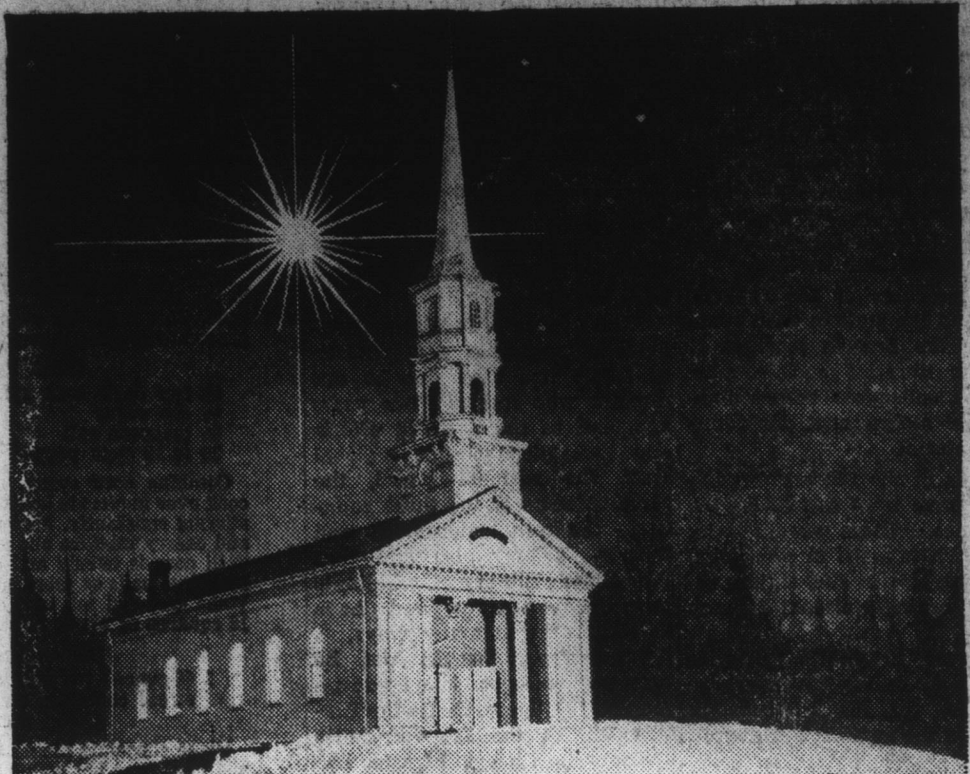
On Jesus' journey through the region of Judea a rich young man came running to him, knelt before him, and posed this question: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

This question has received the attention of mankind through the centuries and is currently the query of our wistful and troubled generation. What do we mean by eternal life? Where does it begin? What difference does it make? Does our belief in eternal life have any relationship to our daily living? These questions are being asked by thinking people today. The answer lies in two areas of life as we are now living it—our daily living, for one, and, secondly, in relation to those persons who are dear to us. How do we feel when we are separated from a loved one by death? Death has a finality that severs our most intimate ties forever unless eternal life is true. And what ground do we have for our belief? What assurance do we have of eternal life?

For our assurance of eternal life we must turn to the New Testament. Our central question is, What is the New Testament? Continued on Page 5, Section 2

## Chowan County Churches

- YEOPIM CHURCH**  
REV. TERRY JONES, Pastor  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Preaching services every second Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock and fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
- EDENTON BAPTIST**  
REV. R. N. CARROLL, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.  
Morning worship service, 11 A. M.  
Training Union at 7:30 P. M.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
- GREAT HOPE BAPTIST**  
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship second and fourth Sundays at 11 o'clock.  
Evening worship first and fourth Sundays at 8 o'clock.  
Prayer service Wednesday at 8 P. M.
- CENTER HILL METHODIST**  
REV. C. T. WILSON, Pastor  
Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
- EDENTON PRESBYTERIAN**  
REV. HUGH S. EVANS, Pastor  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Girls' Meeting—all teen-age girls—Sunday, 6:30 P. M.  
Christian Service Brigade—all teen age boys—Tuesday, 7 P. M.  
Mid-week Prayer Service—Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
REV. E. C. ALEXANDER, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Young People's meeting 6:30 P. M.  
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.  
Wednesday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC**  
REV. MICHAEL MULKERN, Pastor  
Sunday Masses at 8 A. M.  
Holy Day Masses at 8 P. M.  
Confessions before every Mass.  
Sunday School 11:45 Sunday A. M.  
Convert instructions or private consultation by appointment. Phone 2617.
- CENTER HILL BAPTIST**  
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock first and third Sundays.  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
B. T. U. at 7 P. M.  
Evening worship at 8 o'clock second and fourth Sundays.  
Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M.
- EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION**  
Corner Cabarrus St. and Park Ave.  
REV. EBER BOATWRIGHT, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Morning service 11 o'clock.
- EDENTON METHODIST**  
REV. VAN T. CRAWFORD, Pastor  
Church School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.  
Preaching service Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.
- MACEDONIA BAPTIST**  
REV. GORDON SHAW, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
- WARWICK BAPTIST**  
REV. WARREN L. ROLLINS  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service at 11 A. M.  
B. T. U. at 7 P. M.  
Prayer service Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock.
- SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL**  
REV. GEORGE B. HOLMES, Rector  
8:00 A. M. Holy Communion.  
9:30 A. M. Church School.  
10:00 A. M. Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.  
7:30 P. M. Churchmen.  
Wednesday, 10:30 A. M. Holy Communion.
- BALLARD'S BRIDGE BAPTIST**  
REV. A. CARL HART, Pastor  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.
- CHURCH OF GOD**  
REV. RICHARD SWISHER, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.  
Y.P.E. Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., followed by prayer meeting.
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
P. P. LONG, Congregation Servant  
Bible study at 9:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Kingdom Hall.  
Bible study Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.  
Service meetings and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
REV. C. L. WILES, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Worship Service, 11:00 A. M.  
Christ Ambassador Service, 6:30 P. M.; Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.; Wednesday night prayer service, 7:30 P. M.
- EVANS METHODIST**  
REV. C. T. WILSON, Pastor  
Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 9:30 A. M.
- HAPPY HOME PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH**  
HAROLD C. LEAKE, Minister  
Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 11:00; Lifeline, 6:45; Evening Worship, 7:45; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:45.
- WHITE OAK CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
REV. R. M. CHAPMAN, Pastor  
**ROCKY HOCK BAPTIST**  
THURMAN W. ALLRED, Pastor  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Evening worship at 7 o'clock.
- COLORED CHURCHES PROVIDENCE BAPTIST**  
REV. F. H. LAGUARDE  
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.  
Morning service at 11 o'clock.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.  
Young people's and senior choir practice Friday nights at 8 o'clock.  
Men's Bible Class meets Monday night at 8 o'clock.
- ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL**  
REV. CLYDE BRATTY, Minister  
First Sunday at 11 A. M., Holy Communion and sermon.  
Second Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion.  
Third Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion.  
Fourth Sunday at 11 A. M., Morning prayer and sermon.  
Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
- CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
ELDER J. A. SAWYER, Pastor  
Every second and fourth Sunday.  
Prayer service every Sunday.  
Every first and third Sunday, Church Day.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.  
Prayer and Bible Band Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.  
Wednesday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.  
Thursday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.  
Friday night Pastor's Aid Society at 8 o'clock.  
Saturday night young people's Bible quiz and recreation.
- WARREN GROVE BAPTIST**  
REV. W. E. TILLET, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service at 11:30 A. M. every second and fourth Sunday.  
Women's Educational and Mission Union meets every fourth Sunday after the morning service.
- WELCH'S CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
REV. W. H. DAVIS, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service first Sunday at 11:30 A. M.
- ST. JOHN BAPTIST**  
REV. C. M. HEIDELBURG, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Services every first and third Sundays at 12 o'clock noon. Vesper service at 6 o'clock.
- GALE STREET BAPTIST**  
REV. C. M. HEIDELBURG, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Services every second and fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
- PINEY GROVE A. M. E. Z.**  
REV. M. H. EBRON, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10:15.  
Morning worship at 11:30 o'clock.  
Young People's meeting at 8 P. M.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Tuesday night first senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.  
Wednesday night second senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.
- HAWKINS CHAPEL A. M. E. Z.**  
REV. M. H. EBRON, Pastor  
**LOCUST GROVE A. M. E. Z.**  
REV. LAMIE, Pastor



## The Evening Star

The brilliant evening star is a symbol of many things to many folk. Mariners hail it as a good omen, for it usually forecasts a clear, calm night and smooth sailing. The shepherd tending his flock on a desolate hillside gratefully notes its appearance in the heavens, for its friendly light offers an intangible sort of companionship during his lonely vigil. To many, the star is representative of God's infinite power and wisdom.

Just as this star touches hearts in countless chapel ways, so may the Church bring to those in all walks of life, peace and comfort which lead to a happier, more fruitful pattern of life.

Let us make the Church our guiding light. We can brighten our lives if we accept the teaching of the Scriptures as guideposts along the pathway to future endeavors.

Sunday Ephesians 6:6-14	Monday II Peter 1:16-21	Tuesday Revelation 7:9-17	Wednesday Proverbs 6:20-23	Thursday John 3:16-21	Friday I John 1:1-10	Saturday Luke 11:23-28
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