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## ANTIOCH BAPTIST BEGINS HISTORICAL SERIES



Antioch Baptist Church

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the beginning of a series of articles on the history of local Baptist churches.

by Rev. Tony Brewington

Antioch Baptist Church was founded by the late Mr. Haywood Smith and others in 1890. One acre of land was given by the family of Mr. William Ruzier as a site for the building. Mrs. Gathia Thomas and Mrs. Jessie Maynor, wife of Rev. Dawley Maynor, grew up under the influence of Antioch Baptist Church and their father, Mr. Haywood Smith, who served his Lord and his church with deep dedication.

The church is a member of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association and has a present membership of 91 and Sunday School enrollment of 134. Located South of St. Pauls on Rural Road #1936, Antioch has recently completed a 32' x 60' Fellowship Hall and is now making plans to expand the present educational facility of the church. We take our hats off to the great ministry being provided by this fine church in its community and to the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association which will celebrate its 100th anniversary during this associational year, 1976-77.

### in Action Sat. Night

Fayetteville- Campbell College's ambitious Camels, with an eye on future NCAA Division One foes, began their season with an 86-76 conquest of Coastal Carolina Monday and are again favored in the sixth annual Campbell Tip Off Tournament Friday and Saturday at Fayetteville's Cumberland Arena.

Tourney pairings match PSU against Fayetteville State at 7 p.m. Friday with host Campbell meeting Methodist in the second game at 9 p.m. A tourney consolation game will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday with the championship game set at 9.

### Christmas Concert

Pembroke- A gala PSU Christmas Concert featuring the multiple talents of the PSU concert choir, the university concert band and the university Singers and Swingers will be presented Tuesday Dec. 7 in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

The program begins at 8 p.m. Admission is free for this Christmas treat to the community. This is the second year that the PSU Music Dept. has presented such a combined performance.

The program of the band will include: Overture in B Flat, Chorale and Alleluia, Symphonic Suite, Christmas Music for Winds, Christmas Hymns for Bass Choir and the Washington Post March.

The concert choir will sing: Sound the Trumpet, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Deck the Halls, Holy Daily Holly Carol, Good King Venesias, I Saw Three Ships, Wassail Song, and Hodie Christus Natus Est.

The PSU Singers and Swingers will present: Blues for Stefan, Love Will Keep Us Together, Send in the Clowns, Dues Blues, and That's The Way I Like It. The latter will be from an arrangement by William Fritz, director of PSU Swingers.

Directing the concert choir will be Dr. Harold Slagle, chairman of the PSU Music Department. Accompanist will be Randy Guthrie, senior of Lumberton.

The concert band will be directed by Dr. Robert Romine, and the university Singers will also be directed by Dr. Slagle.

Different student conductors for the choir will be Michael Denison, junior of Laurinburg, E. C. Shaw, junior of Bladenboro, Miss Mary Jacobs, junior of Lumberton, David Freeman, junior of Pinehurst, and Joel Propst, junior of Rockingham.



Rev. Steve Brewer, Pastor



Shown are the Deacons of Antioch Baptist Church. They are, left to right, seated: Mr. Clinton Thomas, Mr. Bracey Smith, and Mr. Mitchell Carter. Standing left to right are: Mr. Johnny E. Locklear, Mr. L. H. McNeill, and Mr. Jasper Locklear.



The concert band of PSU practices for the special Christmas concert to be presented Tuesday night, Dec. 7, in the PSU Performing Arts Center.



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### Lillian Faye Locklear To Be Seated

The legal problems encountered by a Catawba County schoolteacher, elected to a four year term on the Caldwell County Board of Education, seemingly, do not apply to Lillian Faye Locklear who was elected to the Robeson County Board of Education November 2 to a two year term.

Mrs. Locklear is employed as a teacher by the neighboring Cumberland County Board of Education.

The Catawba County schoolteacher, Joseph H. Barringer, 29, has challenged in Burke County Superior Court a state statute that the attorney general's office says bars a public school teacher from serving on any city or county school board.

Barringer, who lives in Caldwell County and contends that the law should not stop him from serving in a county where he is not employed, asked Judge Sam J. Erving III to rule on the law's constitutionality.

William W. Peek, an assistant to the state superintendent of public instruction, said any decision made by the Caldwell school board in the next four years could be invalid if Barringer is allowed to take his seat.

Barringer's attorney, Ted G. West of Lenoir, contends that the law is in conflict with the state constitution which says, "Every qualified voter in North Carolina who is 21 years of age, except as in this constitution disqualified, shall be eligible for election by the people to office."

He said the disqualification named in the constitution do not pertain to teachers.

The school board has adopted a neutral position and decided earlier this month to ask Ervin to determine whether Barringer is eligible to serve.

For some reason that we have not been able to fathom, Robeson County and Cumberland County were allowed to get around the law that has hampered Barringer's attempt to be seated by a special law that was passed in the general assembly in 1963.

The law, H.B. 113, Chapter 311, allows Robeson County and Cumberland County to get around the law by AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 115-25, RELATING TO COUNTY AND CITY BOARDS OF EDUCATION SO AS TO ALLOW A BOARD MEMBER TO TEACH IN ANOTHER COUNTY.

The law applies only to Robeson and Cumberland Counties. If we interpret the law correctly, Lillian Faye Locklear will be sworn in as a member of the Robeson County Board of Education on December 13 along with the other members and can serve without any conflict because of the special law affecting Robeson and Cumberland Counties only.

The amended law simply prohibits a teacher from serving as a member of the board of education by which they are employed and does not prohibit a teacher or employee in one county school system from serving on the board of another county...if the counties affected are Cumberland or Robeson.

**Update on 'Missing Funds'**  
According to town officials, the investigation into the alleged "missing funds" is still under investigation in Pembroke.

Mayor Reggle Strickland and the town council have asked the SBI to look into the irregularities in the recent audit completed by Preston Douglas Associates in Lumberton.

The audit found "maybe as much as \$20,000", according to a town official who asked not to be identified, missing or unaccounted for.

The town has impounded the records of the town and have notified the district attorney and the State Bureau of Investigation. Town officials are now waiting for the SBI to respond to their request for a full fledged investigation.

No further information was available at press time.

### people and places and things

#### MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING TONIGHT AT PSU

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke State University Gym will be the site for a super night of very popular Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling Tonight, December 2nd, at 8:15 p.m. The big card is being sponsored by the Alpha Omega Upsilon Fraternity and Pembroke State University.

The main event will be a rugged singles match as Wahoo McDaniel, the popular Indian star, tangles with villainous Greg Valentine, the Mid-Atlantic TV Champion. The fans are certain to witness plenty of wild action early in this match as Valentine's TV Championship will be at stake for the first fifteen minutes of this match and that means that Wahoo will be going all out for a victory right from the opening bell.

Valentine has proven that he will do anything he can to win his matches and that the rules mean nothing to him. However, Wahoo has shown that he can get just as rough and rugged as his opponent wants to get in the ring. Anything could happen when these two rivals square off in the ring.

This action packed singles main event will be a one fall battle with an hour time limit.

In tag team action Mike "The Judge" Dubois and Sgt. Jacques Goulet, two rugged veterans, go against Red Bastien and Johnny Eagle. There will be plenty of free-swinging fireworks right from the opening bell of this match.

In singles action tough Bill White faces Jerry Stubbs.

In another singles match Doug Sommers meets Randy Hall.

To open the action Steve Bolus takes on Terry Sawyer.

#### PROSPECT SCHEDULES 20 GAMES

PROSPECT-The Wildcats of Prospect, rested from their trip into the I-A state football playoff, began their basketball season Wednesday.

First game for Prospect was against Magnolia, and the game was played on the Wildcat's court. Prospect's regular season is filled with conference tilts, starting with Magnolia and ending with Rowland Feb. 2.

Season tickets for the Cats' home games went on sale at the school Monday.

The schedule:

- Dec. 1 Magnolia; Dec. 3 at Fairmont; Dec. 7 Red Springs; Dec. 10 at Magnolia; Dec. 11 at Pembroke; Dec. 14 Williams; Dec. 16 Fairmont; Jan. 4 at Red Springs; Jan. 7 at Williams; Jan. 8 Pembroke; Jan. 11 at Orum; Jan. 14 Maxton; Jan. 18 Parkton; Jan. 21 at Fairgrove; Jan. 25 at Rowland; Jan. 28 Orum; Feb. 1 at Maxton; Feb. 4 at Parkton; Feb. 8 Fairgrove; Feb. 11 Rowland.

#### CHANCELLOR'S BALL TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8

The annual Chancellor's Christmas Ball will be held Friday night from 8 p.m. until midnight at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton and hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. English E. Jones of Pembroke State University.

Always one of the highlights of the holiday season, the ball will be semi-formal.

Music will be provided by Bob Bass and the Cardinals of Fayetteville.

#### PSU CHANCELLOR'S CLUB TO GATHER

PEMBROKE-Members of the Pembroke State University Chancellor's Club along with the boards of directors of the PSU Foundation and Endowment organization will have a dinner meeting Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Chancellor's Dining Room on the PSU campus.

The fund-raising programs of the university will be discussed along with projections for the future.

The Chancellor's Club is an exclusive club made up of those giving \$1,000 a year for 10 years.

#### PSU STUDENT FROM FAYETTEVILLE WRITES, DIRECTS AND PRODUCES OWN PLAY

PEMBROKE-Connie Cummings, a senior from Fayetteville who is majoring in Communicative Arts at Pembroke State University, is directing and producing a play she has written entitled, "I Don't Want A Walky-Talky Doll!"

The original play will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 9-10, at 8 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center. It is a one-act play lasting approximately 45 minutes. Admission is free.

Mrs. Cummings, who is a contracting major in writing with a concentration in drama, began writing the play during the summer and completed it in October.

The play has four major roles, all female and all played by PSU students except for that of Dolly, which is portrayed by Mrs. Cummings' seven-year-old niece, Renee Holland. Others in the play are Cathy Locklear, senior of Pembroke; Katy Brown, sophomore of Fayetteville; and Vivian Glover, sophomore of Dunn. Miss Cummings herself is taking a bit role.

"It is a dramatization of the socializing process children go through and more," she said. "It's not for kids, but it is about them, what we do to them-and what was done to us."

Mrs. Cummings is the wife of Jimmie Cummings, and they have a seven-year-old daughter. The Communicative Arts major started her college work as an Art major several years ago in Tennessee, then changed to Urban Affairs. But when she enrolled at PSU in June of 1975, she had decided to concentrate on writing.

"I then took a class in acting last fall and discovered I really liked drama as a medium of expression," she said. She thus tied in her love for writing and dramas as her independent study in Communicative Arts.

Mrs. Cummings also had a part in the PSU student production, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," which was staged last spring. She decided then that directing a play would be an even more exciting challenge than acting in one.

In the play, Mrs. Cummings is using music from the "Switched On Bach" album. Volunteering to help with the sound is Rob Van Hoy, junior of Red Springs. Don Dalton, a member of the Communicative Arts faculty, is also helping as lighting designer.

#### PEMBROKE READING CENTER

In cooperation with the Robeson County Church and Community Center, the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association is providing the Baptist Building Library for use on a scheduled basis as a community Reading Center.

Through the Literacy Program headquartered at the Robeson County Church and Community Center, many adults in this area have already improved their reading and writing skills. One goal has been to prepare non-readers to take advantage of the Adult Basic Education classes sponsored by Robeson Technical Institution.

VISTA and CETA workers involved in the tutoring program are now in the process of setting up local Reading Centers in several communities. Each center will provide a place to keep tutoring materials, to give information to tutors and students and-in some cases-to tutor individuals or small groups.

The Pembroke Reading Center will be available to persons of all ages, races, and denominations. For further information, call Ms. Patsy Pipkin, 521-4291; Ms. Alta Oxendine, 521-4619; or the Baptist Building at 521-9850.