

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL TO


**HOLD FUND RAISING**

Magnolia School will hold its annual plate sale on Thursday, December 18, from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Barbecue and chicken plates will be served for \$3 per plate.

Also, the Homecoming Festivities will be held in conjunction with the plate sale. These activities consist of a basketball game and the crowning of kings and queens from the various grade levels. Little Miss Lumbee Kelli Wallace will be in attendance. The monies raised from this fund raising event will be used to purchase additional supplies and equipment for the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Church News**

**WORDS OF HOPE**

By Charles W. Godfrey, Pastor  
Pembroke Seventh Day  
Adventist Church

How many sunsets have people watched in six thousand years? How many sunrises have brought new hope and fresh energy? How many times have human hearts contemplated the origin of all things? How many people have turned their thoughts to the God who invented sunsets?

The very first words of the Bible tell us of our foundation: "In the beginning God..." And the honest heart responds and wants to know this God. Yet, during all these sixty centuries, who has really known Him?

Most people can identify with the ancient patriarch Job. In one way or another we have suffered loss...of loved ones...of possessions...of health. We have wondered; we perhaps have lost courage and even questioned God. We have asked, Why? Why? The book of Job brings us many insights into what we face in life's perplexities.

Some of life's greatest questions are found in Job 11:7-9: "Can you fathom the mystery of God, can you fathom the perfection of the Almighty? It is higher than heaven; you can do nothing. It is deeper than Sheol; you can know nothing. Its measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea." (NEB)

In other words, God is infinite. He cannot be measured by our finite minds. Who can really find out God?

"But the Almighty we cannot find." (Job 37:23, NEB.) "Consider; God is so great that we cannot know him." (Job 38:26, NEB.)

And the plea of Job in his distress is the plea of the hearts of human beings everywhere: "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!" (Job 23:3.)

From the sorrowful moment in Eden when Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan's lies about God, people to a greater or lesser extent believed in a God who wasn't. They accepted the devil's picture of a harsh, stern, arbitrary, tyrannical Deity, who was clothed with the same passions and traits that

characterized the fallen Lucifer and his followers.

The greatest tragedy that could befall mankind was this false view of God, for men became like the god they worshipped—they became harsh, stern, arbitrary, tyrannical toward their fellow creatures, until they were so violent that God had to send a flood to end the terror and bring a new beginning.

After the flood the devil's lies prevailed again. Eventually, all over the world, even in the land of Israel, people worshipped gods who weren't. They even sacrificed their own children in their futile efforts to appease the arbitrary and tyrannical deities.

Four thousand years passed since Creation, and "the earth was dark through misapprehension of God." (*Desire of Ages*, p. 22) Could anyone enlighten the darkness?

Yes! There was One. He came to this sin-darkened world to reveal the light of God's love—to be "God with us." He was Immanuel, the Lord Jesus, the Saviour of all who will receive Him. He came to show us what God is really like. And only He could show us, because only He fully knows the height and depth of God's love.

Jesus said of Himself, "I am the Light of the World." He came to this earth to reveal the character of the Father to men. He could do this, because He is God.

No longer do people need to grope in a misty uncertainty as to the characteristics of God. All we have to do is look at the life and death of Jesus—and we see what God is really like. Once we have looked at Jesus in this way, the whole picture of God as revealed from Genesis to Revelation becomes a beautiful, inspiring one. And we see a God we can reverence, a God we can trust, a God we can love.

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**MT. AIRY NEWS**

by Violet Locklear

Sunday was a wonderful day for us in church. There were a lot of visitors in our midst. I am quite sure everyone really felt welcome and come back again soon.

The ladies chorus really did some wonderful singing, especially "I Can Call Jesus Anytime."

That is one song with a great meaning. For today, even though we are aware of life's storms whirling around us—illness, job problems, loss of loved ones—which we know sooner or later will strike—I also know that God is there to help us through them: for I have really been sick lately.

The pastor's message was really heart touching. It was taken from Galatians 4:1-7. His subject was "The Servant, the Son and the Saviour." Definitely speaking, I think we all are really proud of our pastor.

We welcomed gladly Rev. and Mrs. King Maynor and granddaughter as they joined our church. After being minister to different churches for a number of years,

cher King decided to come back to his home church. Mrs. Eunice had joined our class for over a month and she said she really liked it.

This past Sunday night at 7 p.m. Rev. P.B. (Bossy) Swett was guest speaker at our church. The pastor also began a new study course "Becoming a Christian Leader." The aim is to place leadership within the reach of every Christian.

This Sunday night beginning at 7 p.m. we will be having our quarterly singing. We have a featured group coming and we welcome any church group or others who love to sing for the glory of God to come and be with us. Singing to me is something special.

Our Christmas program will be by the youth Dec. 21 and after the program the youth will go caroling for the shut ins.

We have a few more to attend

was approached by a promise to minister to him in year just ahead.

be a little more open-hearted in your dealings with people: a little more inclined to look for the good rather than the bad; a little more willing to assume the risks of caring; maybe just a little more angelic. And may we all remember the one whom gave his life for all of us.

Please remember Mrs. Betty Locklear who is still in Chapel Hill Hospital. Also the family of Mr. Richmond Locklear who departed this life on Monday at the South-eastern General Hospital. He was a well-known man of the Union Chapel area.

To the family there is one who sympathizes with us in our times of bitterest tears. He knows the depths of our sorrow for He was acquainted with grief. May God's blessings be with each and ever one of you the family ties.

"There is always something rather absurd about the past."  
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