



Purdence Precourt (right) accepts Winn-Dixie's 1992 Good Citizenship Award for PSU from John W. Critchlow, Winn-Dixie Raleigh, Inc., vice president and division manager (left).

## A Song for Temple Visitors

LESSON SCRIPTURE: Psalm 84.  
PRINTED TEXT: Psalm 84.

Psalm 84

- 1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
- 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.



- 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

GOLDEN TEXT: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.—Psalm 84:2.

## Let's Talk It Over

1. What are some things we can do to cultivate a sense of God's presence in our church building?  
"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Habakkuk 2:20). Our church building may differ in many ways from the temple in Jerusalem, but silence before God in our meeting place is as appropriate as it was in the temple. We enjoy visiting with fellow worshippers, but at certain times (such as in the moments before the service begins, Communion, and occasions of silent prayer) quietness is necessary if we are to focus our thoughts on the Almighty. Also, our selection of hymns needs to be examined. Gospel songs, with their emphasis on personal experience, occupy a very important place in many churches. Without belittling these, we can still say that the use of hymns that focus on God's greatness, power, wisdom, and love will help us to be more aware of Him when we worship together.
2. Why do many Christians suffer from an apparent lack of "holy homesickness" for the worship services of their church?  
Various attendance patterns may be discerned among the members of an average church. Besides those who are present every Sunday, there are those who show up every other Sunday, once a month, once or twice a year, or one of several other variations. If Christians are healthy and growing spiritually, and if the church is truly offering worshipful services, perfect or near-perfect attendance should be expected. It is clear, however, that many Christians are not growing spiritually as they should. We must look for ways to stir them up to a broadening faith, a deeper commitment, and a greater sense of urgency to worship God. Perhaps the church's services of worship are not always conducive to genuine worship. If so, we must constantly evaluate them and improve them.
3. To what extent should the church design its worship services to make the worshippers "feel good," or is this a legitimate aim in any way?  
People feel good when they are entertained, but entertainment is obviously not our goal in worship. People are made to feel good when their

- egos are bolstered, but that is clearly not what we should be doing when we worship God. It may not produce pleasurable feelings when we call worshippers to repentance or to a holier life or to more zealous service, but these are aspects of Biblical worship. Worship can legitimately encourage a sense of relief in reminding us that our sins are forgiven; it can also stimulate in us a feeling of anticipation for the promised glories of Heaven. If we want to help the worshippers to feel good in these ways, we can quite appropriately stress such Biblical themes.
4. What kinds of prayers should be offered for preachers and others who lead in worship?  
Paul asked for prayer "that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). We should pray for the preachers of today that they may proclaim the gospel with boldness to capture people's attention. It is appropriate to pray for wisdom for modern church leaders, who must consider differences in opinion, personality conflicts, and the like when conducting worship services that will meet divine requirements and minister to human needs. Leaders can be particularly vulnerable to the peril of pride. Therefore, prayers regarding their cultivation of humility and a true Christ-centeredness are needed.
5. How may worship services be conducted so as to provide worshippers with a stronger incentive to witness and to serve?  
Second Corinthians 5:14, 15 records Paul's incentive for service: "For Christ's love compels us... he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (New International Version). Our weekly worship gives us opportunities to explore and experience that self-sacrificing love of Christ. The Communion service especially should cause the worshiper to have a fresh realization of what Christ in love has given for them. Surely our singing should not be a formal exercise, but a thoughtful and emotional celebration of Christ's love. Sermons should be designed to influence the head, the heart, and the will. Worshippers should be sent forth with hearts aflame for their Lord.

## Winn Dixie Honors PSU

December 30, 1992—Pembroke State University was recently honored at the 1992 Good Citizenship Awards Luncheon, sponsored by Winn-Dixie Raleigh, Inc. Fred D. Crisp, Jr., vice president and general manager, Raleigh News & Observer, was guest speaker at the luncheon held at the Marriott-Crabtree Valley in Raleigh, NC. A total of 37 organizations located throughout North Carolina and Virginia were recognized with donations of approximately \$100,000.

The Davis family, Winn-Dixie's founders, established the Good Citizenship Awards to recognize the contribution many worthy organizations make to young people and to the community at large. Donations totaling \$3 million were presented to local organizations at area award luncheons throughout the South on behalf of the Davis family and Winn-Dixie Stores through their respective charitable foundations.

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## The Coach's Corner

by Ken Johnson

Unranked Utah, thus an underdog, plays Washington State No. 18 Tuesday night, 7:45 P.M. in Tucson, Arizona in the Copper Bowl. Washington State is favored. Southern Cal. also plays an unranked team in Fresno State on Tuesday Night in the Freedom Bowl in Anaheim, Cal. Southern Cal. should win.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant. Program Chairman Buddy Bell presented Mr. Ed Chavis of the Robeson Community College Literacy Mobile Lab. The main purpose of the Lab on wheels is to teach educational skills for job preparedness. The unique approach mobilizes 12 computer systems specially for on site instruction. Students begin at his own educational level with definite educational goals with guidance from the instructor.

The Lumber River Council of Governments and Robeson Community College jointly provide the program. The job Project TABS (Teaching Adults Basic Skills) is funded by JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act.) The leased Mobile Lab, 18 wheeler, as a financial goal of contributions from business and industries. The Mobile Lab can service industries by special arrangements. Contact can be made with Mr. Tony Brewington,

# THANKS MOM

Mom thanks for being my mom. For standing by me until I got tired of being the best friend a daughter could've had for the strength and love to start on my own there's so much to thank you for. I don't know where to start. There's so much of you engraved in my heart. The road you've traveled was rough but I never heard you complain when trouble came and I know you'd always pray and sing.

I can still hear you humming or singing an old song. Soon be it's your troubles and trials or I can't hardly get along you ask for so little yet you give so much you were a tower of strength. With a gentle soft voice you're gone now but some how I think you know that the seed you planted in me will always sprout and grow so I'll go the way you've shown me.

And try hard not to falter your ways will still be taught. When I try to teach my daughter mom I wanted to say I Love you and you mean the world to me. If you hadn't been before me I wouldn't be

by Thelma Barbour In Loving Memory of Lillian Davis Locklear

## New School Line at Deep Branch

Parents of students attending Deep Branch Elementary School now have a new service available. "Homework Hotline" is a project that provides parents an opportunity to call school for help with work assignments after school. The hotline serves as a new approach to parental involvement. The close of each school day, teachers report their assignments to the office.

The teacher operating the hotline is prepared to give assignments to teachers. "Many parents felt that the child's response was that there was no assignment," says Locklear, principal. The hotline helps this problem in most cases.

The teacher is on call from P.M. til 5:15 P.M., Monday through Friday. Teachers compensated with task money provided by differentiated phone number for the hotline, 2514, the school office number.

## Say you read it in The Carolina Indian Voice

Robeson Community College at (919) 738-7101, ext. 128. Any adult 18 years of age is eligible. Each class meets twice weekly for one hour. Class dates and times will be scheduled as classes develop. It is very enjoyable work said Mr. Chavis as students learn to operate the computers. Presiding, Clay Maynor, invocation; Garth Locklear, Song Leader, Clay Maynor, Reporter, Ken Johnson.

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