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Pembroke Minister Begins Church Just for men

Several things came together for Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr. of Pembroke, NC. A business went bad and a living suite he used there had to be moved into his living room. He has tried to seal the suite but there have been no takers. He knew several men who had left their churches. He was not pastoring. He had plenty of seating space. So...

On Saturday, February 8, he says it came to him to gather those men together and have church. Why a church just for men?

Rev. Locklear began sorting out the advantages. Discussions could be freer. The men could talk openly and freely without having to watch what they say because ladies were present. Wall posters could be put up reminding men about the dangers of prostate cancer. Rev. Locklear decided he could put up posters such as: "Men, we can set the example in Sex, Morality and Religions," and "Husbands, show your wife love and respect or your prayers will be hindered?"

Still another advantage, Rev. Locklear decided, was that each man could participate in the Bible study portion of the service without giving

the feeling of discrimination against anyone.

"I'm excited," says Rev. Locklear. "I've named the church the Church Just for Men. I'm praying and asking God to bless it and let it grow. I love the freedom and challenge of preaching to just men. After all, they carry God's Life Spirit in their loins. Isaac came from the loins of Abraham says Hebrews 7:10. And so does every child come from the loins of a man."

"We need to preach to men to honor that Life Spirit, to not desecrate it in whoremongering and gay sex. We need to preach plainly, such as being brave enough to go ahead and preach Galatians 5:19-21 and Romans 1:32. And you can't do that well if there are ladies present."

He says in some churches Sunday school classes have been separated into classes for women and men.

Rev. Locklear looks forward to the witnessing part of his services. Men can stand up and speak out plainly the things troubling them without having to watch what they say because of ladies present. Men can talk about husband and wife relationships and bring out the de-

tails plainly.

"I think it's going to be great. I'm calling men who feel an urging to do more for the Lord, but who are just warmign a pew at their church. I'm saying come in and work at the Church Just for Men."

Locklear says he has had a sign on his front lawn for several weeks trying to sell the extra living room suite that is crowding his living room. If he can get the church started he says he will give up and remove the sign and use the furniture in the church.

Rev. Locklear is a widower. His wife died of cancer in 1992. His daughter, Elizabeth, has volunteered to clean the living room on Saturdays.

He says there are many of God's people who love to see a church get started. So, if anyone wants to help financially to get the church started, he will welcome the help. As for text, Locklear says the only one to be used is the old King James Version of the Holy Bible.

The Church Just for Men started meeting at Rev. Locklear's home at 506 N. Jones Street, behind Bo's Supermarket, in Pembroke on Sunday, February 16.

Dr. Lowery Addresses Saddletree Community



On Thursday evening, Feb. 6, 1997 the Saddletree Community Center assembled for their monthly community meeting. The featured speaker for the evening was Dr. Jo Ann Chavis Lowery, a supervisor with the Public Schools of Robeson County. Dr. Lowery presented an overview of the grant application process.

The Center provides several scholarships, named the Saddletree Community Scholarship, yearly to deserving young people whose parents are members of the Saddletree Community Center.

The scholarships were established in memory of Mr. Harold Wynn, a former educator and successful community leader.

Dr. Lowery reviewed the different kinds of monies available for non profit organizations to aid in their grassroots efforts to better their communities. Several funding sources are available on a state and national level that aim at supporting worthy causes such as helping to meet the educational needs of students planning to attend a post-secondary institution. The audience asked several questions of Dr. Lowery concerning the length of applications, deadlines, and skills required to write grants. Even historically successful organizations often times receive only about one-fourth of the grants for which they apply. With experience and patients, the process is not overwhelming, but it does require diligence and perseverance. Suggestions were shared by several members about beginning the process of applying for funding for the Community Center.

PSHS, Registration/Open House Meeting

All parents are invited to Purnell Swett High School for a registration session on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at 6:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. You will have an opportunity to ask questions that will assist you in helping your child(ren) register for the 1997-98 school year. A PTSA/Open House meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Union Chapel School PTA to Host Pizza Supper

Union Chapel School PTA will be having a Pizza Supper Plate Sale Thursday, March 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You may eat-in or take-out plates. The cost is \$3.50 per plate. Proceeds will go toward upgrading our Technology Program.

The Curriculum Fair will be open for viewing of many different projects. The Faculty and Staff invite you to attend the Curriculum Fair and to come out and have supper with us.

Lumbee River EMC sets more dates for "Help A Needy Friend" Applications

Electric membership corporations like Lumbee River EMC have always believed in helping their neighbor. An example is the "Help A Needy Friend," now in its fourth year of operation. Lumbee River EMC administers the program which is designed to help fellow co-op members meet their energy needs in time of crisis. The program depends upon voluntary funds collected from fellow members who sign up to have either .50 centers of \$1.00 added to their monthly electric bill. Lumbee River EMC adds to these funds through other fund raising efforts like an annual golf tournament, yard sales, and raffles. It is truly the cooperative spirit at work!

Additional dates have been scheduled to take applications for those co-op members who need assistance in paying their electric bills. Those Robeson County members who qualify can apply at the Red Springs office on March 18. Hours are between 9 and 4:30 p.m. For more

information, call 738-7906.

Members applying for these funds must provide Social Security cards for all family members, proof of earned income, and they must already be on the co-op's cut off list for non payment of bill, or be in arrears. Applicants must also fall under state poverty guidelines. Members are asked to bring documentation with them to support the crisis they are presently facing.

Members who have already applied for assistance during the first round of dates in February should not re-apply. Lumbee River EMC is expected to provide \$17,000 this year for those members who need assistance through the "Help A Needy Friend" program.

Lumbee River EMC is a member-owned, not for profit, electric cooperative, overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership, serving approximately 40,000 families and businesses in Cumberland, Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties.

Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club Receive Tips on Depression

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club held its February meeting February 3, 1997 at the James B. Chavis Center with Carolyn Coronado, Public Schools of Robeson County School psychologist, sharing important facts about depression and steps to control the disease.

Mrs. Coronado shared with members that depression is a mood disorder in which there were different degrees. Various reasons for depression included finances, death, sickness, etc. "Women are treated twice as much as men," said Mrs. Coronado, "because they experience environmental stress which included carrying in the role as mother, cooking and as an employee. Major victims of

depression include divorced women, widows, older women and African American women.

Emotions that contribute to depression are anger, anxiety and depression with symptoms of long periods of sadness, unremitting tension, hostility, suspicion and negativity, there is also a link between diseases and depression. Double diseases ulcers, heart disease and headaches are a list of physical attacks on individual experiencing depression. Mrs. Coronado revealed ways to treat depression such as relaxation, medication, being positive, psychotherapy, have a support group, and do special things for oneself.

AIDS Resource Team to host reception

The mission of the AIDS Resource Team of Robeson County (formerly the HIV Task Force) is to provide HIV/AIDS education and outreach within the community. To adhere to their mission, the AIDS Resource Team (A.R.T.) will be hosting an educational presentation and reception on March 27, 1997. As Program Director of the Dogwood HIV/AIDS Consortium, I am very pleased to be sponsoring this event for A.R.T. It will be held in the O.P. Owens Agricultural Building from 6-8 p.m.

Dr. John Bartlett from the Duke AIDS Clinical Trial Unit will be providing information on treatment and medication plans. Dr. Bartlett is the Assistant Professor of Medicine in Infectious Disease at Duke University and also the Director of Clinical Research for the Duke University

Center for AIDS. Mr. Bryan Coffey, who is an Oncology HIV Representative with Glaxo Wellcome, will also be present.

If you are already active in the community regarding HIV/AIDS issues or are providing services for persons with HIV/AIDS, this is an excellent opportunity to obtain current information. If you haven't become involved yet, please take this opportunity to obtain valuable information, ask questions and then become involved.

AIDS IS A HURT THAT CAN BE TOUCHED... KEEP OUR COMMUNITY STRONG.

Hope to see you there. Sandra Fogleman, Program Director Dogwood HIV/AIDS Consortium



UNCP Service Awards Presented

PEMBROKE -- UNCP employees were recognized recently by Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine for their loyalty and dedication as State employees.

Oxendine honored them at the annual service awards luncheon in the James B. Chavis University Center. "I want to express my thanks and the thanks of the University to you for your faithful service to the University and the State," the Chancellor said.

Recognized for 30 years service were Theresa DeCarlo, Financial Aid; Kate Locklear, Human Resources, and Sue Ann Maynor, Curriculum Lab.

Saddletree Community Center Continuing Education Scholarship Application Now Available

Applications are now available for the Saddletree Community Center Continuing Education Scholarship honoring Harold B. Wynn. The Saddletree Community Center is a non-profit, tax exempt organization which serves as a social communication network for the community and surrounding areas. The mission of the Center is to promote the unity of the community itself. One goal of the Center is to aid Native American students in obtaining a college education. Selections are based on demonstration of financial need, academic achievement, leadership ability, community service and scholastic involvement. The Scholarship honoring Harold B. Wynn is the only one of its kind in the immediate area.

In 1996 the community Center began a campaign through its first Annual Harvest Ball to raise sufficient monies to make the fund self sustaining. Once this is achieved, the Center will be able to increase the number and amounts of scholarship awards. The Annual Harvest Ball will be held each year the weekend prior to election day. It was a huge success in 1996, and plans are underway now for this year's ball. Plans are that the Center Annual Harvest Ball will become to be known as the event

Honored for 20 years service were Clementine Brayboy, Housing; Carol Hunt, College Opportunity Program; Mancil Jacobs, Physical Plant; Delores Lowry, University Computing, and Dennis Sanderson, Police and Public Safety.

Ten-year service awards were presented to Bobby Ayers, University Relations; Barbara Brayboy, Purchasing Services; Lois Bullard, Human Resources; Mary Chitwood, American Indian Studies; Mitch Flowers, University Computing; Janice Goolsby, Admissions; Ann Jacobs, Post Office, and Donna Strickland, Continuing Education.

of the year for the people of Robeson County.

Over to past seven years the Center has awarded 40 scholarships in the amount of \$42,000. The amount of the scholarships have varied from year to year depending on the amount of monies raised. Over the past seven years, scholarship monies came directly from the community and the members of the Community Center. Other contributions were also made which enable the Community Center to assist in the continuing education of so many of its own.

In order to apply for a scholarship an applicant, parent or guardian must be an active member of the Community Center starting with a \$25 membership fee. The membership is open to male or female and anyone living outside the Saddletree community. Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday night a 7 p.m. A meal is provided.

Application forms may be obtained through your school guidance counselor or any Community Center member. For additional information concerning the scholarship program, please contact Ronald Hammonds at 910-739-4973 or Lance or Lance Harding at 910-738-8829.

Fairmont Native Appointed to Board



Sandra Hunt Whittemore (Lumbee) was recently appointed to the North Carolina Department of Human Resources -- Division of Facility Services. She will serve as a member of the Penalty Review Committee which ensures an equitable administrative review process for the Depart-

ment and determines if rules or statutes have been violated and recommend penalties if warranted to the nursing and family care homes in the state of North Carolina.

Sandra is the daughter of Ms. Charity M. Hunt (Pemberton Nursing Facility) and the late Johnnie S. Hunt of Fairmont. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also received her Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Certification from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Sandra is a registered nurse and currently is the Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse Clinician at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Fayetteville, North Carolina. Sandra is president and owner of ET Consultants. She has been a member of the Cumberland County Community Advisory Committee for Domiciliary Homes for three years and is actively involved in other committee agencies as well.

Mrs. Robeson County to be Chosen in June

Applications are being accepted for the title of Mrs. Robeson County International, an official preliminary to the Mrs. North Carolina International Pageant, which is to be held June 6, 7, and 8 at the beautiful Joseph S. Koury Convention Center, Holiday Inn Four Seasons, in Greensboro.

The woman chosen as Mrs. Robeson County will become an ambassador from the area. The woman chosen as Mrs. North Carolina International will receive a fabulous prize package and go on to compete in the Mrs. International Pageant later this summer in Texas.

Competitions will include interview, aerobic wear, and evening gown. No swimsuit or talent competition.

Married women living in Robeson County interested in applying, should call (540) 982-8068.

\$1,000 Poetry Prize Offered in Contest

Poets, listen up! The Bards of (beautiful downtown) Burbank are hosting their fourth annual free poetry competition, and everyone is welcome. There are 28 prizes in all totaling \$2,898.75, and grand prize is a whopping \$1,000.00.

"Even if you have written only one poem," says famed Poetry Director Dr. Keven Scribner, "you are welcome to enter. Indeed, if you have never entered a poetry contest before, this is your big chance. I promise you I will find exciting new talent among Pembroke poets."

The deadline for entering is March 28. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, and must be 21 lines or less. Prizes will be awarded in June.

Send one poem only to Bards of Burbank, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Suite 250 Burbank, California 91506.

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Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

More About Black History Month

In 1951 I travelled from Montana to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Scarritt College for Christian Workers. When I arrived I was shocked to see signs on each city bus designating the front for "white people" and the back for the "colored race."

Of course things are far from perfect now. But lots of progress HAS been made!

For example, I was glad to see some tributes to Dr. Joy Johnson, following his recent death, in nearby newspapers run by white people.

Changes for the better come slowly. But let's be thankful whenever they come!

My first two files (in 1970) were about individual achievement and group progress in the Black and Indian communities of Robeson County. I've saved a lot of articles since then.

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