

According to Scripture

Sponsored by Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." We have been looking at faith the last couple of weeks. Now let us turn our attention to the other half of this verse that describes two attributes of those who will be in Heaven with Jesus; neither is it possible to have true faith, "the faith of Jesus", without keeping the commandments of God. For it is the natural fruit of true faith. Many people point out the experience of the thief who was crucified along side of Jesus, and say that all that he did was have faith. Really? didn't he rebuke his fellow thief who was reviling Jesus on the cross, didn't he show remorse and responsibility for his evil deeds, didn't he ask Jesus to be his Lord and thereby show faith? He did not break any of God's law from the time of his profession of faith until his death. What are these commandments? The 10 commandments recorded in Exodus 20:3-17 are the same ones that Jesus spoke of when He said "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." (John 15:10) Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-19 that no part of this law would pass away until all that has been written should be fulfilled. James 2:8-12 lets us know that it is called the Royal Law. Psalms 19:7 tells us that the law is of God and it is perfect. Malachi 3:6 tells us that God does not change. James also lets us know that the commandments are one whole law (James 2:10). If you were suspended by a chain of ten links above a pit of venomous snakes, it would not matter which link broke if you were bitten so that you would die. It is like that with the 10 commandments; it matters not which of the ten one breaks, breaking any of them makes one guilty before God. Most of society recognizes that it is wrong to kill, steal or lie (that's 3), most Christians are taught that it's a sin to take God's name in vain, covet their neighbors possessions, commit adultery, to dishonor their parents,

or to have anything else as a god before God (money, cars, power, spouse) That is 5 more, and this brings our total to eight of the ten commandments. Two most ignored as being sins are the second and fourth commandments. The second is "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." The largest church on Earth today is the Roman Catholic and it has completely removed the second commandment, and in order to keep the correct number of commandments, they split the tenth into two parts in their catechism. Any visitor to a R.C. Church will see images all around, of Mary, of Jesus, or some other disciple/saint. Many of the other religions of the world worship images of metal, wood, or stone. These have no thought or breath and can't help those who worship them in any way. Those who profess Christianity are to reflect the characteristics of Jesus from within them, it is they that are to be a spectacle to the world, it is they who are to be seen and not an image made of stone. The believer in Jesus worships a living God, not a dead one. The fourth commandment is: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." This is the oldest commandment for it was given as the crowning act of creation week, this can be found in Genesis 2:1-2. The word remember has become forgotten.

Dial Family Holds Reunion

On March 29, 1997, the descendants of Jeannie and Weldon Dial held their first annual Dial Family Reunion at the NC Cultural Center. Jeannie and Weldon Dial of Maxton (Deceased) had 11 children: Roscoe Dial (Deceased), Tommi Jane Locklear (Deceased), Elisha Dial (Deceased), Noah Dial (Deceased), Elizabeth Clark (Deceased), Toni Dial (Deceased), Virginia Dial Brooks of Shannon, and Myrtle Mae Dial Locklear of Maxton.

There were over 150 in attendance which included children, grand-children and great grand-children. The day began with honoring the two surviving children; Virginia Dial Brooks of Shannon and Myrtle Mae Dial Locklear of Maxton; and of the oldest grandchildren Lizzie Mae Dial (age 77).

The day was filled with 'delicious' home cooked food, Gospel singing by the Prospect Boys of Prospect United Methodist Church, the family of William Dial, and the grand-children of Noah Dial. Terry Dial of Raeford and his band, Southern Ambition, entertained during the day with "Little Country and a Little Rock n Roll", accompanied by his brother Lee Everett Dial of Virginia picking the guitar. So between enjoying the

good food and listening to the good music, everyone enjoyed reuniting with members of their family from aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. At the end of the day, a special candle lighting ceremony was held in memory of the deceased children of Weldon and Jeannie Dial.

Special Thank You's go to the Dial Family Reunion Committee: Kathan Dial Locklear, Barbara Dial Hunt, Letha Dial Strickland, and Nora Dial-Stanley; to Vagon Locklear for donating the 'pig' for the pig-pickin; Macie Dial Lewis for decorations, Randall Bryant for printing the 97 Dial Family Reunion T-Shirts; and Laura Oxendine for the Easter Egg Hunt. And a special Thank You for all of those in attendance that made the first Dial Family Reunion such a success.

The Dial Family Reunion will be held every year on Easter Weekend and plans have already begun for next years. If you are interested in a copy of the Dial 97 Family Reunion video tape (\$10) or a commemorative Family Reunion T-Shirt (\$6) please contact Letha Strickland at 704-573-3786. Please contact Kathan Locklear (910-521-2048) if you would like more information on next years Dial Family Reunion.



The family of Elisha Dial



The family of Roscoe Dial



The family of Noah Dial



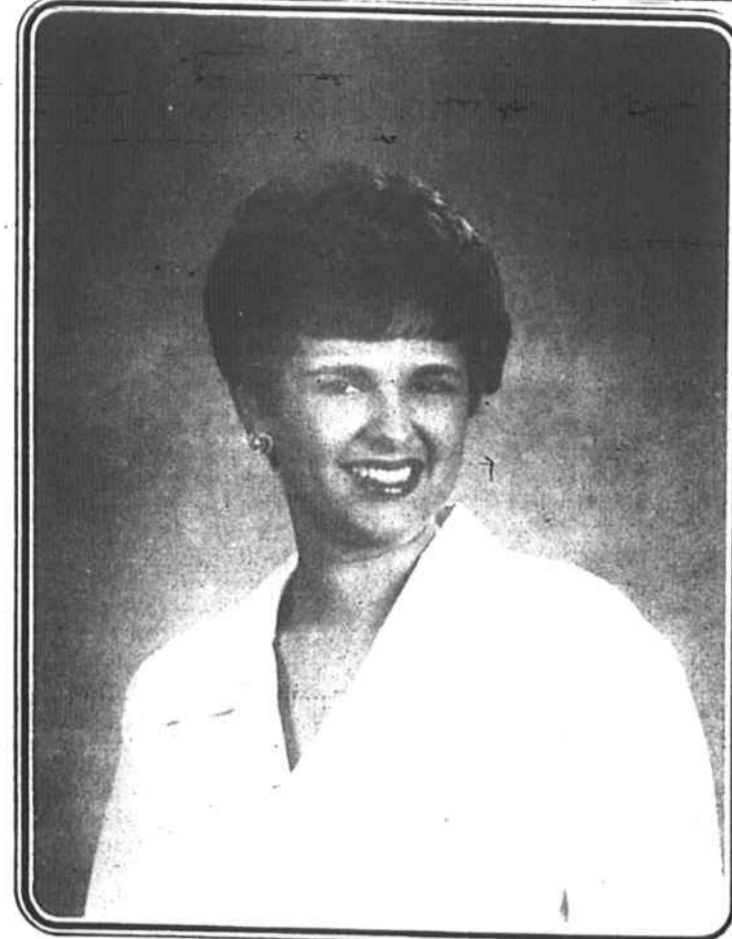
The family of Myrtle Mae Dial Locklear



The Dial Family Reunion Committee, from left to right: Kathan Locklear, Macie Lewis, Nora Dial-Stanley, Barbara Hunt, Letha Strickland.



Shown are Lizzie Mae Dial, Myrtle Mae Locklear and Virginia Brooks.



Chavis and Johnson to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Chavis of Pembroke announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Dawn Chavis to Christopher Johnson.

Miss Chavis graduated from West Robeson High School in 1988 and from Pembroke State University in 1992 and Washington University in 1994. She is employed by Britt Haven of Raleigh as a Social Worker of Raleigh, NC.

Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Geneva Smith of Durham, NC. He graduated from Durham High School in 1987 and from Western Carolina University in 1991. He is employed by Dickenson College as Assistant Director of Admissions of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The wedding is planned for May 24, 1997 at Durham, NC in St. John's Baptist Church (private ceremony). Invitations will be sent.

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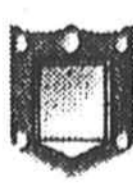
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