



### Hunt - Brayboy Engagement Announced

Evelyn and Junior Hunt of Lumberton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Demetris to Lenny Brayboy son of John and Connee Brayboy of Pembroke. Demetris is a graduate of Robeson Community College and is employed with Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a Respiratory Therapist. Brayboy is a graduate of Purnell Swett Senior High School and is employed in drywall. The Wedding will be held on Saturday January 17, 1998 at 5 PM at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut on the Jaycee Hut Road in Pembroke. A Reception will follow the ceremony. Invitations will be sent however, friends and family are invited to attend.

## PEDIATRIC POINTERS

by Dr. Joseph T. Bell  
Pediatrician with Robeson Health Care

After dealing with the timely subject of allergies the past two weeks, I thought it would be appropriate to briefly discuss a skin rash related to allergies called eczema. My daughter has this condition so I deal with it at home as well as in my Pediatric clinic. Dry skin eczema is a scaly, bumpy, sometimes red, sometimes flesh-colored rash that tends to come and go. It may occur anywhere on the body, but seems to occur most often around the elbows and knees. Since it occasionally appears in red round circles, it is often mistaken for ringworm. While it is itchy like ringworm, remember that ringworm is caused by a fungus, while eczema is not.

question! Use preventive measures to help keep the rash from flaring up. Use mild soaps such as Dove or Aveeno, and avoid wool fabrics on the skin. Use a humidifier in the house in the winter-time to add moisture inside. Hypoallergenic moisturizers like Eucerin or Kerolition help replace lost moisture in the skin. When there is a flare up, you can use oral or topical antihistamines such as Benadryl to take away some of the itching inflammation. Topical hydrocortisone (Cortaid) does a good job also, but avoid using it for long periods of time on the face. Ultraviolet rays, like sunlight, help improve eczema. Only occasionally does eczema require special treatment. In bad cases, your doctor may prescribe strong antihistamines or steroids to combat the problem.

Let's end on a good note. When kids develop eczema early in childhood, like my daughter, there is a good chance they will outgrow the disorder as they get older. So do the simple things to keep the skin moisturized and use the easy remedies to treat the flare ups. Thanks for tuning in. Send your questions in and we'll talk again next week!

## The Sunday School Lesson

John Brayboy, Salem  
Missionary Baptist Church

Growing In Purity  
I John 3:1-5, 9-18  
I. Born to Become (I John 3:1-3)  
II. Born to be Different (I John 3:4-5, 9-10)  
III. Born to Love (I John 3:11-18)

I. Born to Become (I John 3:1-3)  
John, in his letter to the brethren, reminds them and us to take note. In other words stop, look and see how much God loves us. When we were born into the family of God we become sons of God. The worlds not know this love and cannot understand because they do not know God.

We are reminded that we are the sons of God and that makes us like Jesus. We don't know yet what we will become, but it is the goal of every truly born again believer to be like Christ. Everyday that we live, we are striving to be more like Jesus. People when they are born again do not become perfect and pure in their Christian walk. They grow and learn to be more like Jesus. God's people do not know what they will be like but we have an assurance that when we see Jesus we will be like Him. The hope we have of being like Jesus when He appears in stills in the true child of God, a desire in this life to be like him. God's people are not perfect yet, but when we see Jesus we will be perfect as He is; because this mortality shall put on immortality.

II. Born to Be Different (I John 3:4-5, 9-10)  
When we are born into the family of God we become different. When a sinner becomes a believer in Christ his nature is changed. He becomes a new creature in Christ. The born again believer strives and desires not to sin because sin is breaking the law of God. If we sin we are reminded by the Holy Spirit that we have sinned against God. The inner man has no desire to sin because Christ took away our sins on the cross of Calvary. God's son Jesus was the sinless Christ who took the sins of the whole world upon Himself that we might escape the penalty of sin.

God's seed is in his children and they cannot sin. That is not to say that any Christian is without sin. When we are saved, the Spirit of God takes up abode in our heart and gives us a desire to please God. The inner man where God abides does not sin because of God's righteousness but the flesh that we live in is not saved so it has a desire to sin. The nature of the flesh is enmity to God and wants those things that please it. The Holy Spirit that dwells in us brings for a walk that is upright and pleasing to the Father. There is evidence in a Christian's walk that tell the world that there is a changed life. Anyone who practices sin and does not walk upright before the Father is not of God. Another thing that separates the child of God from the unbeliever is that the lost man does not love his brother. When God saves us he fills us with Godly love, so that we will love everybody.

III. Born to Love (I John 3:11-18)  
Jesus did not bring any new commandment when he came, but he told us that we were to love one another. This was from the beginning even in

the Garden of Eden. Cain kills his brother Abel because he was jealous because God accepted Abel's sacrifice. He hated his brother because God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice. Every since the days of Cain and Abel people have had hate in their hearts. John reminds us that there is no need to get alarmed if the world hates us. In verse 14 John gives us an example of how that we can know if we are saved. If we have love in our hearts for our brethren then we are of God. We can only love others, when we have God's love in our hearts. He goes

to say that anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. To hate someone if you are a child of God is sin. Murderers will not be a part of the eternal city of God. We can see and understand somewhat the love of God. He gave us life for is that we might be redeemed for our sins. As God has done for us we ought to do likewise for our brother in Christ. When we see our brother in need and fail to help him we cannot have the love of God abiding within. It is our responsibility as children of God to let our actions and not our words only be an example of the love of God that abides within us.

Dear loved unsaved if you are reading this I urge you to give your heart to God and experience the love of God in your life. He will put love where there is now hate. God will change you into a new person. Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and accept him as your personal Savior. God bless you until next week. Pray for us.

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## Princess Di Charities have Life After Death

The causes Princess Diana were most strongly identified with — AIDS, hospices, land mines — demanded more than a reflexive commitment. There is no question that her luminous presence made a difference in all the worlds she touched, which is why reaction to her sudden death was suffused with an almost numbed shock. Diana Princess of Wales, often advocated personal action to touch those around us. Doing so is no longer in her power: but to those who would mourn her, that power remains.

British pop legend Elton John has set the tone by releasing his "Candle in the Wind" single dedicated to the princess. All the proceeds will benefit the Princess Diana Memorial Fund. Several other Princess Diana commemorative pieces are being offered with all or part of their proceeds going to her memorial fund as well. The Danbury Mint is offering a four plate limited edition collection baring her image and will make a \$100,000 donation to Diana's favorite charities. The Heartland Collection introduces the Diana Limited Edition collectors coin and will make a donation to her fund with every purchase. By purchasing any of these remembrances we have the opportunity to commemorate her life for ourselves while carrying on her spirit by helping those in need.

## Reflections

By: Alta Nye Oxendine

Randy Dial—Reminiscing  
It was a difficult kind of Thanksgiving for friends and family of our former neighbor Randy Dial. On that day we celebrated his life. Which ended with a cardiac arrest at only 41. A shock to all of us.

When I got home from the funeral the night before, I thought about something interesting.

I hand placed my hands on Randy's blue shirt, just as I did in 1980 on Donny's blue shirt. Both caskets were next to the same wall, in the same very room at the same funeral home.

Perhaps, without realizing it, I was re-living that earlier experience

After my own two boys were gone, Randy was one of the young men I came to care about almost like a son. Byron Locklear (whose name uses the same letters as our little By-ron, only in a different order) was another.

And now Donny, Gordon, Bryon, and Randy are all gone! Leaving the rest of us behind long before any of us had anticipated.

With the hole they have left in the lives of loved ones, I'm thankful that our family still has our just-turned-two-year-old Byron.

### This Time

I did some crying while my hands were resting on Randy's shirt that night,

but not the torrent of tears that fell in 1980. This time the torrent of tears came from those even closer to Randy than I was.

How thankful I am that each one of us has available to us a powerful, loving God, who can bring us through the storms of life and (sooner or later) give us that "peace that passeth understanding."

Every time I go to a "sitting up" in that room at the funeral home I can see our family's three caskets on that July night 17 years ago.

This time as I left the funeral home, I realized one reason that the memory of going from Gordon to Leon, to Donny does not leave me feeling sad.

That night I got more heart felt hugs than I had ever dreamed of getting in my entire life. That night that room was filled with love!

### Families Who Are Grieving

Let's keep this family—and all the many others who have lost a loved one this year—in our prayers. Along with God's Love and nearly two years of counseling, it is the constant support from this community (and from family and friends out west) that has kept me going since our loss.

Thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart!

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Anita L. Jackson, M.D.

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