

According to Scripture

by Robert O'Quinn of the Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Dead part 3. Q: How did God feel about people who claimed to be able to contact the dead? LEV. 20:06 "And the soul that turneth after such as familiar spirit, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them. I will even set face against that soul, and will cut them off from among his people. ISA 08:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto God? For the living to the dead? 1 CHR. 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD. Which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it." By going to seances etc... one should be exposing oneself to the lying wonders of Satan, showing disbelief in God, who had declared that there is no contact with anyone at death. 1 SAM 02:06 "The LORD killeth, and makedth alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. JOB 07:09 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. JOB 07:10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him anymore." Does any part of the conscious being of mango to heaven before the second coming? JOB 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? I wait till my change come. JOB 14:15 Thou shalt call wouldst hide me in the grave, that thou wouldst keep me in secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me! JOB 14:15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. JOHN 05:25 Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. ISA 26:19 Thy dead man shall live, together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as

dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. JOB 17:143 If I wait, the grave is mine house; I have made my bed in darkness. JOB 17:14 I have said to corruption. Thou art father: to be the worm. Thou art my mother and my sister. PSA 049:14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave, death shall feed on them and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. ISA 14:11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols; the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee." Q: What does the Bible call death, and how does it refer to those who are dead? DAN 12:02 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. THES 05:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 1 COR 11:30 For this cause we are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. ACTS 13:16 For, David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption. ACTS 07:06 And he that kneeled down, and cried in a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he said this, he fell asleep. PSA 013:03 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death. JOB 07:21 And why dost thou pardon not my transgression, and take away my iniquity? For now I shall sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I but I shall not be. 2 SAM 07:21 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers...DEUT 31:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy father...Clearly the Bible refers to death as being asleep, and I don't think it is possible to find a more suitable metaphor to describe the state of the body and mind in death. When one dies one knows nothing until awoken from death by Jesus.

The Night Before Jesus Came

Was the Night before Christmas and it seemed such a shame. Not a soul even mentioned our dear Savior by name. They talked about Santa, the reindeer and the elves as their dust covered Bibles just lay on the shelves. The children were watching their late night TV. Full of cursing and garbage, they never should see. While ma in her night gown and I in my pj's we thought the story was funny, what could it hurt anyway? But out on the lawn the dog started howling and on I figured it must be a burglar prowling. I grabbed up my gun, my ammo and more and away in a flash I was opening the door. Off in a distance the moon shone so bright. But off in the East the clouds were a fright. And what to my questioning ears should appear. But the sound of a trumpet, so loud and so clear. The clouds started thrashing, and they started to roll. And it looked just like smoke or an unrolling scroll. Then came a voice so majestic and strong and I started to tremble cause I knew I'd been wrong. Come Joseph, come Matthew, come Luke, come John! Rise! Rise! Rise! Mary, now Martha, Peter and Tom. The earth started shaking with a great roaring sound! Then I saw many souls rising up from the ground. Then, my heart started pounding I couldn't believe. The sight I was seeing oh! It just couldn't be. So I shook my head twice and I looked back again. But I still saw them flying through the air to meet Him. Then in a twinkling, the dead ceased to rise. So, I thought it was over but to my surprise. A neighbor came screaming from his house to the street. His wife had just vanished as she lay there asleep. Now the street was in havoc and our neighborhood too. Everyone had lost someone, didn't know what to do. The sirens were screaming as mothers all cried. And I looked up and saw a plane fall from the sky. Then I looked at my wife, she looked back at me. As we both remembered our new born baby. As we ran through the house, we both had to scream. Lord don't let this happen! Oh let it be a dream! When we came to the nursery, we burst open the door. We looked in the crib, we searched over the floor and we searched high and low, our babe wasn't in sight. Now we knew the rapture had happened that night. As we walked through the house we knew what we'd seen. No longer our children setting watching TV. A reporter was telling his tale to a girl. Strange things that had happened all over the world. And in such a great confusion I sat there and pondered. How could God make mistakes was all I could wonder? I went to church Sundays and I gave him my tithes. I never stole things and I never told lies. I knew it was then that happened and made me realize. It wasn't from goodness, it wasn't from tithes. It wasn't from works or things that we felt. That could curse a poor soul and condemn it to Hell. Yes, salvation is one thing that's really not complicated. Just like the 16th verse of John 3 stated that the Father so loved us, that He gave us His Son. That whosoever believeth in Him, victory is won. So if you're here today as a prisoner of Sin. Remember Jesus is knocking, so please please, please let Him in. Yes, the rapture is coming and it may not be long. What a shame to be left here when your loved ones are gone.

Submitted by Rev. Dufrene Cummings

PEDIATRIC POINTERS

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

One of the things we get concerned about as parents is how often our children have cold symptoms. Sometimes it seems like our young kids have colds continuously, especially through the winter time. The question often asked to me as a pediatrician is "is my child having too many colds?" What we have to remember is that during infancy and in the preschool years, children average about 7 or 8 colds per year. When you consider that the average cold might last up to 7 days, this means as much as 60 days in a year could be spent with cold symptoms and that is normal.

The main reason kids get so many colds is that they are constantly being exposed to new viruses as young infants. There are at least 200 cold viruses in the environment. The younger the child, the fewer viruses he is being exposed to and the less protection his immune system has against it. Children who attend daycare, nurseries, or preschool are directly exposed to more infections than children who don't. Infants kept in home based daycare rather than large daycare centers tend to have less complications during the first year of life with common colds. Children with older siblings in school also have more indirect exposure to cold viruses. The

older siblings catch colds and then bring them home. Colds are thus more common in large families.

The rate of colds triples in the winter when people spend more time crowded together indoors breathing recirculated air. Smoking in the home increases a child's susceptibility to cold and coughs as well as ear infections, sinus infections, croup, wheezing, and asthma.

Some parents worry that a child who has frequent colds has some serious underlying disease. Children with immune system diseases do not get any more colds than the average child. Instead, they tend to get the more serious infections often, like pneumonia, meningitis, sinus infections, and skin infections.

Some parents worry that they have in some way neglected their child or done something wrong to cause frequent colds. On the contrary, having a lot of colds is an unavoidable part of growing up. Colds are the one infection we cannot prevent. From a medical standpoint colds are an educational experience for your child's immune system.

That is all on colds today. Next week we will talk about dealing with frequent colds. Take care. We will talk again next week.



Ida Willis of Pemberton Place Nursing Center in Pembroke will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 27. She was born in Robeson County in 1896. Ida has one daughter living. Her daughter stated, "Mother attended her Baptist church until 4 or 5 years ago. She was very active in church, family, and her community. Ida attends church and other events at the facility. She is the center's oldest resident. Ida we wish you many more."

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The Top Ten Reasons I Give Blood Are:

1. My Mother
2. My Father
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5. My Sister
6. My Brother
7. My Niece
8. My Nephew
9. My Neighbor
10. Myself

Can you think of ten reasons not to give blood. For more information please call The Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross at (910) 738-5057.

Their will be a Blood Drive at: The Quality Inn, 3608 Kahn Drive on January 2, 1998 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.; The Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Hwy 72 West, Lumberton, NC on January 3, 1998 from 8:30-2:30 p.m.; The First Presbyterian Church, 1002 N. Chestnut, Lumberton, NC, on January 13, 1998 from 1:30-7:00 p.m.; The U.S. Army Reserves, 1400 Carthage Road, Lumberton, NC, on January 24, 1998 from 8:00-12:30 p.m.



Pioneering Math Professor Retires From UNCP

Pembroke -- "It was a blast," said Dr. Clifford Tremblay of his years in the Mathematics Department at UNCP. "In rewinding the tape, it does not seem like 14 years."

In retiring this December from his post as an associate professor, Dr. Tremblay wraps up a 42-year career as a mathematics educator. He had a remarkably full career that included teaching in high school, developing pre-college curriculum and, finally, teaching undergraduate and graduate level math courses at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"I have enjoyed all of my work as a teacher here," he said. "The classroom work at the university level has been an unbelievably fine experience."

For Dr. Tremblay, it was the students who inspired him as a teacher.

"I'm a people person, so I enjoyed the classroom more than other aspects of the job," he said. "The fact that my students can come in here and talk to me at length without having to catch a school bus is one of the most satisfying aspects of teaching at this level."

Dr. Tremblay began his teaching career in New Jersey at the high school level. Before joining the UNCP faculty, he was chair of the Scotland High School math department.

He participated in one of the most controversial moments in the history of teaching mathematics. As a laboratory school instructor and curriculum

developer at the University of Illinois, he worked with Max Beberman, one of the principal originators of the controversial "new math" movement.

"It was an interesting time, and I'm glad I was part of it," he said. "New math didn't look familiar to people who had learned in traditional ways. It was a new way to try to make sense of math, and that's what I'm still doing today."

Student shortcomings in mathematics learning are well known to the veteran teacher.

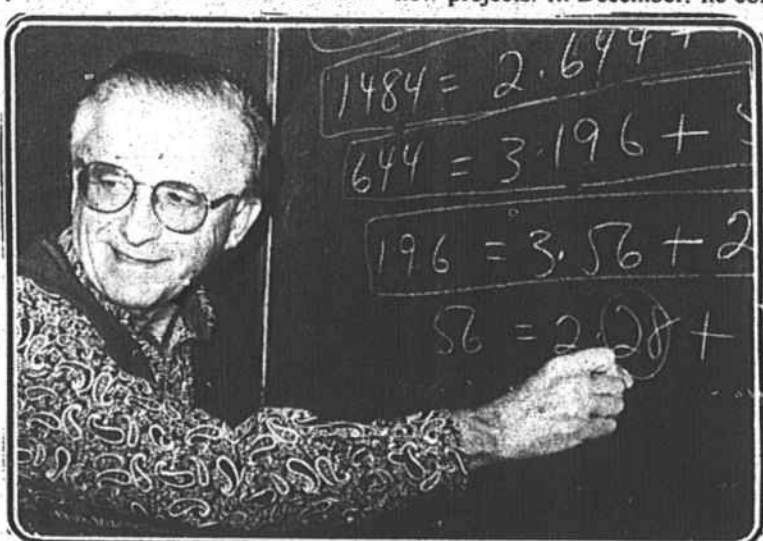
"Mathematics is not like reading a history book because it is a knowledge that builds upon itself," Dr. Tremblay said. "Teachers who teach kids their early mathematics lessons usually forget to tell kids that they have to remember everything they ever learn in math. It has a snowball effect."

If there is one rule he would emphasize to teachers and students in math, it is this: "Thou shalt remember everything you ever learned."

Dr. Tremblay said he enjoyed his career at UNCP.

"It's a fine place to work," he said. "The math department has been a great place to be. I can't say enough about the professional relationships here."

Although he says, "the future is up in the air," the Pembroke resident will remain busy with some old and some new projects. In December, he com-



Dr. Clifford Tremblay

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1997-98 Angel Tree Project

The 1997-98 Robeson Community College Student Government Association began their Angel Tree Project on December 1st and finished on December 12. This year's project was a huge success. Pictured left to right are Crystal Miller, Secretary; Julian Tatum, Parliamentarian; Eleanor Felton, Treasurer; Evelyn Cheek, President; and Gloria Bouie, Vice-President.

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From her earliest childhood dreams of helping the poor to her tireless work as the leader of the Mission of Charity, Mother Teresa's life was dedicated solely to helping those in need. With a steely resolve, and the backing of religious, international and political leaders, she eventually

created the Missionary Sisters of Charity, an order of over 4,500 sari-clad sisters, who extend themselves to everyone from huddled, starving masses around the world to the victims of AIDS. And from her charitable work came inescapable fame, along with the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, the Congressional Gold Medal and the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, among others. Her inspirational story took her from the convent years in Calcutta to her meetings with presidents, prime ministers and royalty. To make a donation or offer services to the Missionaries of Charity call (718) 292-0019.