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Island Grove Baptist Church was Organized in 1955 and will Observe Founder's Day Sunday, August 2

Founder's Day will be observed at Island Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, August 1, 1998. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship service with lunch afterwards in the fellowship hall. Rev. Larry Locklear and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend. Honored that day will be the founding pastor, Rev. Isaiah Locklear, who will soon celebrate his 99th birthday.

The program for the event will be dedicated to Mrs. Sally Clark, one of the charter members of Island Grove. Island Grove was organized in 1955. Charter members included Jimmie Bryant; Willie Bryant; Zedan Bullard; Zack Chavis; James Jones; Boze Locklear; Baker Locklear; Brisco Locklear; Elmore Locklear; Garner Locklear; Rev. Isaiah Locklear; Lacy E. Locklear; Roy Locklear; W.H. Locklear; Rudolph Oxendine; Sam Oxendine; Braxton Strickland; Willard Strickland; Russell Woods; Lulu Strickland; Florence E. Bryant; Lillie Bullard; Jessie M. Chavis; Geneva Clark; Sallie Clark; Eudell Lloyd; Annie B. Locklear; Annie P. Locklear; Bethena Locklear; Cora Mae Locklear; Daisy Lee Locklear; Dove Locklear; Ellen Ree Locklear; Emmer C. Locklear; Ossa Locklear; Perlie Locklear; Susan Oxendine; Willie J. Oxendine; Lady Strickland; Marcella Strickland; and Margaret A. Woods.

The organization of Island Grove is recorded by the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association: May 8, 1955-2:30 p.m. "An Organization Committee composed of Rev. L.W. Jacobs, Rev. C.W. Maynor and Rev. Sanford Locklear met with Island Grove Church for the purpose of organizing Island Grove as a Missionary Baptist Church. The Council met and organized as follows: Rev. L.W. Jacobs, Moderator; Rev. C.W. Maynor, Clerk; and Rev. Sanford Locklear, Member. After song and praise service Rev. L.W. Jacobs presented to Island Grove the requirements for becoming a Baptist Church relative to doctrine and the articles of Faith. By unanimous vote Island Grove accepted the requirements and voted themselves as a Baptist Church.

"The doors of the church were opened and forty (40) Brethren and Sisters presented themselves for church membership. Rev. Isaiah Locklear was selected by the church to serve as pastor.

"The church was advised in further organization. The Council agreed to return to Island Grove on the following fourth Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of Ordination service."

Island Grove Baptist Church records the History of Island Grove Church like this:

"Becoming dissatisfied with their Methodist affiliation and having a burning desire to do that which the Lord would have them do, a small group of believers withdrew from their

Methodist fellowship at New Prospect Church to establish an independent congregation.

"The group, which consisted of forty-one members, both men and women, gathered in the Old Hickory Ben School-an old abandoned black school- to organize a church.

"At a later date an adjacent acre of land was given to the believers by Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe Locklear on which to build their church building. Another acre of land was later purchased from Mr. Billy Britt.

"The church received the name of Island Grove from one of its charter members, Mrs. Lillie Bullard.

"The church met as an independent church for some eight months, at which time a council from the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association met with the congregation to discuss Baptist beliefs, teachings, and requirements of membership in the Baptist Association. The Council was composed of Rev. L.W. Jacobs, Rev. C.W. Maynor and Rev. Sanford Locklear. After prayer, discussion and inquiry, the congregation voted in May 1955 to apply for membership in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, and was admitted.

"Rev. Isaiah Locklear, who helped to establish the church, continued on as part-time pastor until 1961. At that time the Rev. James E. Hammonds was chosen to be Island Grove's full-time pastor until he retired in 1967 due to illness. Rev. Hammonds was

succeeded by Rev. Coolidge M. Cummings in that same year. ...

"When the believers first met at Island Grove, they held services in the old school, then in a tent, and finally in November 1954 in a freshly built church. In 1955 classrooms were added. Later the women of the church led the building of a fellowship hall.

"In 1971 the church voted to begin an expansion program to accommodate its growing membership and enrollment. The wood frame building was given a brick veneer siding. A two-story structure was erected on the rear of the existing building with additional classrooms, restrooms, storage space, and a larger fellowship hall with a fully equipped kitchen. Much of the repair and building was done by the church members.

"Later Island Grove acquired an additional four acre tract of land from the McManus family of Red Springs and has developed it into the Island Grove Memorial Cemetery.

"In the spring of 1982 an additional acre of property was bought by the church from Mr. Tom Goins for the purpose of a new parking lot."

Following the 17 years of service by Rev. Coolidge Cummings as pastor, 1967-1985, Rev. Harold Hunt served as interim pastor from March 1985 until March 1986. He was assisted by Rev. Grady Chavis and Rev. James L. Locklear. In 1986 Rev. Larry Locklear was called as pastor and continues in that position.



Rev. Isaiah Locklear, Founding Pastor, will celebrate his 99th birthday August 6. If he is physically able, Rev. Locklear will deliver the message on Sunday at Island Grove in observance of Founders Day.



Mrs. Sally Clark will be honored on Founders Day Sunday, August 2 at Island Grove Baptist Church. She was one of the Charter members of that fellowship.



A look at the Building, Island Grove Baptist Church.



Charter Members of Island Grove

Open House To Be Held

Pembroke Elementary will hold Open House on Thursday, August 6th from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Parents and students are welcome to come. We would like any parent that needs to enroll a student to come by school any day from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. School begins August 10th at 7:40 a.m. for all students.

In The Armed Forces

Walter L. Locklear

Army Pfc. Walter L. Locklear has graduated from the M1 Abrams tank turret mechanic course at Fort Knox, Ky.

In addition to basic combat training, the course instructs the soldier to perform maintenance on the Abrams tank turret. Included in the training were the skills for maintenance on the hydraulic and electrical systems, range finders, and main gun firing components.

Locklear is the son of Walter L. and Julie Locklear of Pembroke, NC.

Bobby D. Freeman

Army Pvt. Bobby D. Freeman has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid. He will develop basic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

Freeman is the son of Laura C. and George H. Freeman of 713 McGirt Gin Road, Maxton, NC.

Lawmaker Votes For Budget

Raleigh -- Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke joined a majority of the state House on Wednesday in voting for a 1998-99 state budget.

In the double vote required to pass the budget on Thursday, Sutton voted against the budget on the second vote and for it on the third vote. The against vote was his way of letting the House know he was disappointed in the removal of the Southeastern Farmers Market and Agricultural Center and the UNC-Pembroke Economic Development Center funds that were in the Senate budget bill.

House approval of the \$12.3 billion spending plan came after legislators voted to include \$25 million to expand Smart Start, Gov. Jim Hunt's program for pre-school children. The budget-writing committee had stripped out all of the new money for the program.

"The vote to restore some money for Smart Start made the decision to vote for the budget a little easier," Rep. Sutton said. "But I'm still disappointed that we could not do more in the areas of higher education and crime."

A highlight of the budget was an average 6.5 percent pay raise for teachers as the second phase of a four-year plan to bring them to the national average salary. State employees received a 3 percent raise and a 1 percent bonus.

Disappointments included less money than a Senate-passes budget for computers and libraries on university campuses, and for equipment needed on community college campuses.

The House budget also included only \$6 million to begin implementing a major overhaul of the state's juvenile justice system. The budget

approved by the Senate had \$19.8 million. The Governor had requested more than \$40 million.

The \$25 million for Smart Start was less than half the \$56.6 million Hunt requested to bring the program to all 100 counties, and to expand services in some counties that already have Smart Start. Hunt's request first was cut to \$31.6 million in the Appropriations Committee, then to zero as the committee voted to shift the money into a program for the developmentally disabled.

The full House voted overwhelmingly to restore \$25 million of the cut.

The budget bill cleared the House on votes of 98-7 and 105-7 after a marathon, 10-hour session that included debate on 36 amendments.

Hunt has threatened his first-ever veto if the General Assembly does not provide the full amount he requested for Smart Start.

LRDA and Tribal Council Meet In Joint Session On Housing Issue

By Cynthia L. Hunt

On Thursday, July 23, 1998 the first step was taken toward saving housing monies. LRDA and the Tribal Council met at the Pembroke Courthouse to discuss whether or not they would attempt a joint effort to secure the funds. Representative Ronnie Sutton facilitated the meeting allowing only those elected representatives from each body the opportunity to speak. Discussion was also limited to the issue of securing housing funds.

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to establish a committee comprised of four representatives in addition to the chairman from both groups. Committees were not chosen at that time due to the fact the Tribal Council could not conduct business in the absence of a quorum. Once the committees are established, they will meet in an attempt to devise one plan to be approved by the full boards of both organizations. Upon approval by both bodies, the plan will then be submitted to HUD as the Indian Housing Plan for the Lumbee tribe. This action must be completed by August 30, 1998. This deadline has been confirmed by HUD officials.

The issue of who would administer the funds was also raised. However, Delton Oxendine, Speaker of the Tribal Council, stated they would not discuss that particular issue at that time. This issue has been much of the debate regarding housing monies. According to the NAHASDA legislation, a tribe must select a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE).

The TDHE will be responsible for administering the funds. Plans submitted by both both groups have identified different TDHEs. The Tribal Council has designated the Laurinburg Housing Authority, and LRDA has designated the NC Indian Housing Authority. This issue must be resolved before a plan can be submitted to HUD. Comments have been made by those associated with the Council in defense of their designation of a non-Indian entity to administer Indian housing monies. Some feel the governing body of the NC Indian Housing Authority is "stacked" with LRDA supporters and representatives. Therefore, they have stated the Indian Housing Authority could not administer monies in a non-bias manner. This issue could be resolved. Equal representation from both groups could be appointed to the Indian Housing Authority Board. Further, Lumbee representatives not serving on either the LRDA or the Tribal Council could serve on the Indian Housing Authority Board. Representative Ronnie Sutton, is researching the matter in an attempt to develop proposals to address this issue.

Lastly, please contact your representation on both the LRDA Board of Directors and the Tribal Council, and encourage them to resolve this issue. If you are not sure who your representative is contact LRDA at (910)521-8602 or the Tribal Council at (910)521-9999. This is an urgent matter and time is running out. Make that call today!

"I am sure that the conference committee will fully fund Smart Start and approve more money for our universities and community colleges and to fight juvenile crime," Rep. Sutton said.

The conference committee, made up of selected members of the House and Senate, will negotiate the differences in the budgets passed by the two chambers. Rank-and-file lawmakers will be given a chance to approve the compromise budget. At the point no changes can be made; it will be an up or down vote by both Chambers. "Now the Judiciary II Committee on which I serve can get back to working out the problem with the Juvenile Reform bill and the most recent DWI bill involving forfeiture of vehicles," said Rep. Sutton. "Both are hot items facing the General Assembly this term."