

Deaths

GLEN JOHN AUGUSTE

Final rites for Glen John Auguste were held Feb. 15 at Community Baptist Church, Min Rodney Byrd officiated. Interment was in Glenview Memorial Park.
 He was born June 12, 1977 in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of Mrs. Robin Auguste and the late Gelnford John Auguste.
 He attended Durham Public Schools.
 He worked at RTI an ITX Exchange.
 Survivors include a son, Glen John Auguste, Jr.; his mother, Mrs. Robin Auguste; and a sister, Mrs. Nichole Jones.
 Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.



MRS. HAZEL LAURINE THOMAS JOHNSON

Final rites for Mrs. Hazel Laurine Thomas Johnson were held Feb. 14 at First Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor Fredrick A. Davis officiated.
 She was born Jan. 11, 1941 in Duplin County, a daughter of the late Sidney and Mrs. Hazel Lawrence Thomas. She died Feb. 8.
 She graduated from Charity High School in Duplin County. She later graduated from Durham Business College.
 She was the owner of Johnson's Florist and Limousine Service.
 Survivors include a son, Isaac L. Johnson, III; a daughter, Kimberlee Johnson; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Anne Doris Hollingsworth.

MRS. ODESSA GARNER BROWN

Final rites for Ms. Odessa Garner Browne were held Feb. 11 at Emmanuel AME Church, Rev. Anita Thompson officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park.
 She was born March 26, 1934 in Wake County, a daughter of the late John Henry and Ms. Zettie Garner. She died Feb. 4.
 She graduated from Hillside High School.
 She was a member of Emmanuel A.M.E. Church.
 Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Beatrice Jones, Durham; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one great great grandchild.
 Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

Church News

Community Baptist

Community Baptist Church, 4821 Barbee Rd., will have a Black History Program on Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at the church. In commemoration of Black History Month, the youth of the church will share poems, speeches, songs, skits and instrumental music.
 The church is inviting the public to come and enjoy a variety of Black History activities at this event.
 For more information call the church at 919-544-1319.
 Rev. Percy R. Chase is the pastor.

Antioch Baptist

Antioch Baptist Church, 1415 Holloway Street will host its Annual African American History Program on Sunday, February 23, at 4 P.M. Featured guest will be recording artist, North Carolina Community Choir singing "Whatever You Need Its In Gods Hand" along with the Hope Mime Ministry of North Carolina Central University. PieceSetters in African American History from Durham and Vicinity will be honored. The public is invited to attend.

White Rock Baptist

The Celebration of Love Luncheon for our seniors (male and female) age 62 and up will be held on Saturday, February 22, 12:00-2:00. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of entertainment, games, fun and food. If you plan to attend, you must register with the church office at 919-688-8136 by Wednesday, February 19 so we can prepare for your participation.

Put away your usual Sunday attire and join Pastor Stephens and all our White Rock family in wearing your favorite HBCU paraphernalia. If you did not attend an HBCU, wear your college sweatshirt (attire). If you did not attend a college or if you are pre-college age, wear the attire for the college university of your choice. We look forward to another Sunday for showing our pride for our HBCU's, other colleges and universities and schools of higher learning!
 The church is located at 3400 Fayetteville St.

St. Titus' Episcopal to Host Bishop

Bishop to Make Annual Visit to St. Titus' Church Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina will make the annual visit to St. Titus' Church on March 2, at 10 a.m. Activities during the visit will include: Confirmation; A Sermon on his book "Crazy Christians, A Call to Follow Jesus"; A meeting with the vestry; and book signing for "Crazy Christians". The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Battle is Vicar of St. Titus' Church. A reception will be held following the service.

Based on his book, "Crazy Christians, A Call to Follow Jesus," Bishop Curry's sermon will help parishioners to learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the 21st century; why it's important, the joys and obstacles of being a disciple, the habits of discipleship and tips for remaining faithful.

During the week of January 27 - February 2, more than 2000 participants from 21 countries took the on-line Big Course on Crazy Christians. Bishop Curry and others were on-line to interact with participants on weekday evenings. Participants typed questions to which the moderators responded online.

"It's exciting to see all the new ways technology is being leveraged to help folks go into a deeper awareness of and relationship with the living God," said Bishop Curry.

"We need some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God - like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, and those who would live as and be the people of the Way? It might come as a shock, but they are called to craziness!" - from Bishop Curry's "Crazy Christians" address to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis.

Reservations for autographed copies of Curry's book are available from St. Titus' Church at \$12 per copy (add \$2 postage handling) by February 20. Otherwise, books will be available after the service on March 2. Checks should be made to St. Titus' Church indicating Crazy Christians on the check memo line. Mail checks to St. Titus' Episcopal Church, 400 Moline Street, Durham NC 27707.

For more information, call St. Titus' Church at 919-682-5504 or email st.titus@frontier.com. St. Titus' Church is located at 400 Moline Street, Durham NC 27707.



BISHOP CURRY COMING TO
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10:00AM

EVENTS

- Confirmation
- Sermon on "Crazy Christians"
- Book signing "Crazy Christians"



WELCOME RECEPTION

Mt Vernon to Host Black Cultural Festival and Voting Rights Forum

Mount Vernon Baptist Church invites the public to "Living Museum and Black Cultural Festival" on Sat. Feb. 22, 10 AM-4 PM. The festival will begin with a Tribute to Mandel, followed by fund activities for kindergarten to adults. The festival depicts the talents of Mount Vernon members with exhibits, sales, and silent auctions ranging from paintings, drawings, culinary/desserts, quilts, and art. Lunch can be purchased from the J & C Catering Food Truck. The program ends with performances of members singing, dancing, comedy, poems and readings.

Mount Vernon will end the festival with a 5 PM rescheduled screening of "42: The Jackie Robinson Story in the Sanctuary. The movie is a biographical sports film about the life of a baseball player, Jackie Robinson, who wore jersey #42. His life depicts the entrance of an African American into the major league, beginning with Robinson's debut. Post Screening Discussion Leaders are alumni of the Negro Baseball League: Willie "Pete" Hayes -Willie "Pete" Hayes was an infielder for the Durham Rams and the Baltimore Orioles organization. He was inducted into the NCCU Hall of Fame. He is currently retired from the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department and North Carolina Central University, where he served as the golf coach for five years.

Willie Bradshaw-Willie Bradshaw was a pitcher for the Durham Rams, Durham Eagles and the Colts. He was inducted into the NCCU Hall of Fame and the North Carolina High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bradshaw was also manager for the Durham Rams Baseball Team from 1952-1985. Roy Alston - Roy Alston was an infielder for the Durham Rams. He is currently the owner of Triangle

Mount Vernon will end Black History Month with a Voting Rights Forum featuring speakers from Democracy NC on Wednesday, at 6 p.m. The Forum is sponsored by Social Concerns Committee. There will be a brief Q&A. For information, visit <http://mybedurham.org> or call 919.688.1823.

Practical Bible Principles for Life

You're Now On Your Own

By J. L. Caldwell, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral

Read - Joshua 5, Luke 15: 11-24

It has been the goal of many young people to look forward to the day when they decide to leave their parent's home prepared or not prepared for life. The same is true for some of God's people - they are in church, but looking forward to somehow finding relief from that "cloud-over-head" feeling - which seems to dampen the hidden passion of energy that the church worship and teachings have not been able to help them achieve. In short, there is no joy in "Churchville" for those who feel bottled up, so to speak, in church worship. Like it is for some youths to desire to be free from parents, but not home, there are some church folks who wish to be free from church so that they "can do their thing." Some wish to be free from parents and home and some wish to be free from church. They wish to be on their own and not be bothered by anybody, not even God. We shouldn't be so unwise.

There is a part in all of us which desires independence (Romans 7:18-21). Like some young people in the home, people, young and old, feel bored, constrained, and unhappy in the church. There is a spirit in some which waits for the opportunity to escape from the word of God simply because it is too constraining and does not bring any instant joy or satisfaction.

Many individuals will grow up and never learn what it means to practice delayed gratification. This is a behavior which is akin to temperance. However, if practiced often, it will spare many the heartaches and pains which come with the troubles we heap upon ourselves, when we make decisions without first realizing the consequences. When contemporary churches began to bring youth bands into the worship service, throw away the neck ties and high heels, to be replaced with dungarees, khakis and open - collar shirt, this appears to be a new found freedom for some of the bored souls attending church. The aspect of entertainment being introduced into worship service is attractive to many former bored worshippers.

There is literally nothing wrong, nor is it a sin with wearing informal dress to worship, if this is what makes one feel better, saves on laundry, and especially if informal wear is all one has. But think for a second, is it the formal clothing which made one feel constrained and bored in worship service? Was it the slow grinding hymns without rhythm, which bored some, the seemingly long drab sermons? The biblical truth is God required the priest to be formally dressed when he came to minister before Him in the Tabernacle and Temple (Exodus, 28:1-3, 43). It stands to reason that if the priest is commanded to be in formal attire before the Lord, what about the people? Does not God deserve the best from us when we come before Him in worship? We expect the best from God.

The truth of the matter is, it's really not the clothing or style of worship service which tires the people out, it is the wasting-



my-time, rebellious spirit lies in the hearts of some people and they have yet to recognize in themselves. Such rebellious spirit is demon driven, as it is to detract or disrupt the work of God. Many people at church out of family tradition and have yet to surrender their lives to Christ. The in church when they really want to be.

The young man, Jesus referred to in His parable, referencing God's love-sinner, insisted in going on his own from his father's house. The young man carried rebellious spirit, while ignoring his father's plea to stay. The young man ignored the promise of delayed gratification, which his father attempted to give him. The young man came out from his father's home self-assured that a good life ahead of him away from his father house. His father loved him enough to let him go for his boy's freewill had taken, and it was nothing that he could do but let him go. As the story goes, the boy left home a "sling shot" (Luke 15:12). But he returned home smelling like a pig (Luke 15:16). Similar events happen many young people and to "ex-church" people who do to go out from church on their own.

It was forty years before the Hebrew children in the Promised Land, God had promised them in long after they had arrived from Egyptian slavery, forty years of ups and downs, promises, and broken promises from His people, God and protected His people delivered them by Moses Joshua to the Promised Land.

The major reason why it took the Hebrews years, by foot, to travel 400 hundred miles from Egypt to The Promised land was they went out on their more than once, when had vowed to God that wouldn't. They got involved with strange gods, strange women, strange teachings, religious and sexual practices. You name it, they did it, being away from God. Upon arriving at the Promised Land God had long decided the Hebrews will now have His everlasting blessings, can no longer take His granted. He kept His promise to Abraham and Moses and people by delivering the the Promise land away 400 years of Egyptian slavery. However, the people did keep their promises to God had decided no longer. He allow His Holy character be challenged or disrespected His people.

God knew it was to allow His people to exercise their freewill in obeying worshipping Him. For as the Hebrews stepped foot the soil of the Promised Land, the "manna" which God provided to feed them the time they were in the desert stopped falling from heaven each morning. God was telling them in a sense, "You now on your own!" Until Messiah comes, workout your own salvation - with fear trembling! Until Christ returns this message is still valid today.

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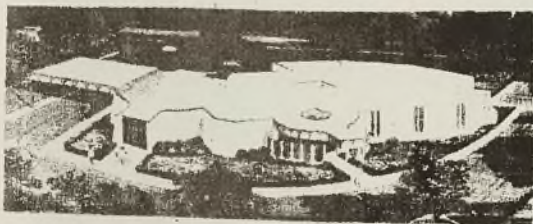
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