

# Deaths



**F.V. "PETE" ALLISON, JR**

Final rites for F.V. "Pete" Allison were held March 8 at White Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Reginald Van Stephens officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 15, 1923 in Greensville County, Virginia, a son of the late Ferdinand and Mrs. Elizabeth R. Allison. He died March 3.

He graduated from Hampton University in 1948, majoring in accounting and minoring in economics. He graduated from New York University in 1952 with a Masters of Business Administration in accounting and economics.

He worked as a business officer at Hampton Institute. In 1953 he joined Mutual Home Building and Loan Association.

He rose through the ranks and was named chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1989.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

He was chair emeritus of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; chairman of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, director of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce.

He was a life member of the NAACP; member of Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; the A.S. Hunter lodge No. 825 of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, Prince Hall Affiliation; and Sire Archon of Alpha Tau Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Dr. E. Lavonia Allison; a daughter, K. Michele Allison-Davis, Esq.; a son, F. Vincent Allison, III, DDS; four grandchildren, Christopher V. Allison, Bryan M. Allison, Curtis L. Davis, Jr. and Melissa A. Davis; two sisters, Rosebud Caves and Christine Roberts.

Arrangements by Burtney Funeral Service.

**MRS. LOIS ANNIE MILDRED GREEN HENDERSON**

Final rites for Mrs. Lois Annie Mildred Green Henderson were held March 8 at Mt. Vernon Baptist church. Rev. Joyce Daye Clayton was eulogist. Interment was in Markham Memorial Gardens.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921 in Granville County, a daughter of the late Lucious and Mrs. Janette Satterfield Green. She died March 5.

She graduated from Mary Potter High School in Oxford.

She was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. She was a member of the Kingdom Seekers Bible Class, the Floral Club Ministry and the Usher Board Ministry.

She was a member of the Prospect Chapter #379 Order of Eastern Star, Heron of Jericho and the National Council of Negro Women.

Surviving is her daughter, Ms. Selena Henderson.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Memorial Chapels and Gardens.



**MS. DREMA DELORES MOTLEY**

Final rites for Ms. Drema Delores Motley were held March 8 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Norman J. Davis, pastor. She was born Feb. 28, 1948, a daughter of the late Willie Motley and Ms. Georgia Mae Wilkes. She died March 4 at Duke Hospice.

Surviving is a son, Clemon Boddie, II; a daughter, Latisha Boddie; three grandchildren, Jamie Boddie, Reko and Mario Daye; two sisters, Valeria Shepard and Charlene Motley.

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# Church News

## Community Baptist

Community Baptist Church, 4821 Barbee Rd., will celebrate its 72nd church anniversary on March 16 at 8 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. William Everette president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information call 919-544-1319.

Rev. Percy R. Chase is the pastor.

## Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist - Bahama

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 8021 Stagville road in Bahama, will be celebrating our Pastor, Rev. James W. Smith, 23rd Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday March 30, at 11 a.m. The Rev. J. T. Roberson, Jr., pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Warrenton, will be the speaker. Rev. Roberson is the former Dean of Shaw University Divinity School.

The public is invited to attend.

## Lenten Program at St. Titus' Episcopal Church

The public is invited to Wednesdays in Lent: Noon Day Service and Lunch Table Talk Presentations on health disparities and issues impacting African Americans. Students from the Department of Public Health Education at North Carolina Central University will make presentations on health issues as part of St. Titus' Lenten Program. Presentations will be held on Wednesdays at the church at 12:00-noon, during lunch and dialogue beginning March 12, 2014 and ending April 16, 2014. The Rev. Michael J. Battle is Vicar.

The church is located at 400 Moline Street. Invited presenters include:

**+ March 12 Student-Lindsay Averill**

*Breastfeeding Practices among Young African American Moms*

**+ March 19 The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke- Which Spirit- The Distilled One or The Holy One?**

A discussion on the disease of alcoholism, with particular focus on the African-American community

**+ March 26 Student-Destiny Everett**

*Perceived Need for Suicide Prevention Program at North Carolina Central University*

**+ April 02 Student Whitney Warren**

*Addressing HIV Prevention among Heterosexual African American Men in Durham*

**+ April 09 Student-Shawdae Pinkney**

*Addressing Childhood Obesity in East Durham (Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club)*

**+ April 13 Palm Sunday Services at 8-am and 10-am**

**+ April 16 Wednesday in Holy Week- (12-noon) Fr. Battle- Spirituality and Health**

**+ April 17 Maundy Thursday 7-pm (Stripping of the Altar) 7-pm**

**+ April 18 Good Friday 12-Noon (Good Friday Liturgy)**

**+ April 20 Easter Day**

7-am Sand service outside if not too cold, followed by breakfast

10-am Festival Eucharist and reception

Onye Akwariv will lead Noon Office on Wednesdays in Lent

**The Very Rev. Michael J. Battle is Vicar.**

St. Titus' is located at 400 Moline Street, Durham NC 27707

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## Emanuel Tabernacle Holiness

Emanuel Tabernacle Holiness Church will be hosting The 12 Tribes of Israel on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 5PM. The church is located at 2525 Atlantic Street, Durham, NC 27707. Then on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 3PM, the church will be going to True Covenant Missionary Baptist Church located beside the shoe store on Miami Blvd., Durham, NC, for a special program and following the service we will go to Emanuel Tabernacle Holiness Church to have dinner. Come one, come all and help lift up the name of JESUS. contact: Missionary Africa (Isaac Nicholson) a\_nich1425@gmail.com. if you have any additional questions Wednesday night is Bible Study starting at 7PM Sunday School is every Sunday at 10AM and Morning Worship is at 11AM

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## Men's Conference Celebration at

### Russell Memorial

Russell Memorial CMI Church will celebrate its annual Men's Conference Celebration March 14-16. The theme is "Building God's Temple in Today's Society: Christian Men Stepping Up in the 21st Century Church". Events include an evening of gospel and jazz music at 7pm at the Lyon Park Community Center on Friday,

March 14, an 8:30am breakfast workshop and a free 3:00pm concert featuring The Voices of Freedom Gospel Choir from the Univ. of Connecticut at the church on Saturday, March 15. Our guest speaker for Sunday worship service will be Dr. Leo Pinkett, General Secretary of the Department of Ministry to Men of the CMI Church. The church is located at 703 S. Alston Ave. and Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Williams is pastor. For more information call 919-682-2523

## Practical Bible Principles for Life

### Encountering Christ

Read - Matthew 13: 52, John 4:1-9, John 3:1-17

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



If we ever expect to receive any spiritual guidance from God, we first must have an encounter with Him. This means having an intentional "face to face" with Him at some personal moment. "No man comes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6). One can never become a true believer or be saved until he she intentionally encounters Jesus in a voluntary, or involuntary way. Jesus had an intentional encounter and intervened with the woman at the well. The Jewish leader, Nicodemus, sought out an intentional, personal encounter with Jesus for Himself at night. The women caught in the very act of adultery, was involuntary introduced to Jesus, however, the man out of prejudice, was allowed to escape. It doesn't matter how we encounter Christ, it is required of the Father that we do. Such an encounter with Christ will be on-going in that it will and should carry over into our worship services each Sunday (John 4:23).

Church worship, in a sense, is encountering God each and every Sunday we come before Him. Believers should take the advantage of this. For it is out of worship that God hears us and works His blessings and miracles upon us. There would be many, who come to church, but fail, due to distractions, to make the "spiritual connection" necessary to worship God in the way He prefers to be worshipped (John 4:23). Once we have truly encountered Christ face to face, we will always be able to make the proper spiritual connection and be able to worship Christ

anytime, whenever we wish to, at home, in church, in your car, in public, in private, on the beach, wherever the Holy Spirit dictates. The Holy Spirit will dictate how we will worship, and the form it will take during the circumstances (1 Corinthians 2:13)

When we encounter Christ, He humbles Himself toward us. He reveals Himself to people, who desperately need Him - who are broken, legalistic, prideful, shamed and filled with guilt. Take note as to how our Lord engaged and treated the women He met at the well. He never gave her the "fifth degree", so to speak, only love and compassion. Jesus knew that it was not the woman's five failed marriages and adultery, which were her problems. Again note how our Lord dealt tenderly with the woman caught in the very act of adultery. Both of these women had rendered themselves inferior. Jesus was only interested in lifting them up giving these dear-souls the "living water," whereby, they will never thirst for sin again (John 4:14). Only He can uncover the hidden things in our hearts and free us from their grip.

Jesus is actively engaging people today. The question is: How often do you wish to

encounter Christ? When you are hurting, in trouble only? How would you feel if your friends only engaged and spoke to you when they needed something from you? How many of you have had the experience of meeting Jesus face to face in private and allowed Him to engage you about the emptiness and sin in your life? And like Jacob, who wrestled with the Angel, did you have a "knock-down-drag out" encounter with the Lord about your sins and emptiness? Were there tears, repentance, followed by a powerful sense of forgiveness, release, joy and worship? Do you remember this spiritual encounter? How often? This is what we are to remember every time we come into worship service, our encounter with Christ. Then praise and thank Him for the encounter. This is worship.

There are those who would get married, have a family, gather to themselves many friends, seek the opportunity to engage themselves with much social activity with family and friends, all designed to keep their lives from being empty. The Samaritan woman tried five times to fill this void in her life to no avail. Her encounter with Jesus filled and fulfilled her life "with living water"-love and forgiveness.

If you have gone to church and returned home feeling spiritually empty, then chances are you had failed to engage or encounter Christ during the worship service. Christ encounters us in unique ways and not always in the way we may expect Him to do. In worship always look for and expect something new. When we read Matthews 13:52 we hear Jesus tell us that the Kingdom of heaven is like a man who brings out of his household treasures which are old and new. In other words, Jesus may not heal us like He did the man at the poolside of Bethesda, but He will heal us in other ways, through medicine and surgery maybe. He will give us our healing, if we but ask. After the "encounter" new visions will come.

Nicodemus, the Jewish religious leader sought an encounter with Christ after dark, so no one would see him encountering the Lord. During the conversation with the Lord, we have no record that Nicodemus sought repentance for his personal sin. Nicodemus felt he had no sin being a religious leader, and needed no repentance. Jesus cut right to the chase and told the Jewish leader, "In a sense, you should know what your spiritual needs are, but you don't. Instead you

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