

Deaths



MRS. MAYBELLE COTTON MANGUM

Final rites for Mrs. Maybelle Cotton Mangum were held March 17, at Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace, Bishop Marion I. Wright, Sr. officiated. Interment was in Glenview Memorial Park. She was born April 4, 1940 in Durham, a daughter of the late George C. Cotton and Mrs. Arvella Green Cotton. She died March 11. She attended Durham Public Schools. She worked at Duke University Medical Center as a Nutritionist Supervisor. She was a member of Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace. She worked with the pastor's Aide and Women's Ministry. Surviving are a daughter, Vanessa M. Reddish; three son, W. Gerald Mangum, Key in Mangum and Darrell Mangum; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Memorial Chapels and Gardens.



MRS. VIRGINIA CAESAR-REED

Final rites for Mrs. Virginia Caesar-Reed were held March 19 at Mt. Calvary Word of Faith, Raleigh. Apostle Aaron McNamee officiated. She was born August 3, 1924, a daughter of the late James and Mrs. Hallie Martin Caesar. She died March 9, at Uni-Health Medical Center. She attended Durham Public Schools. She lived in New York City for more than sixty years. Surviving are two brothers, Julius and Solomon Caesar, and a sister, Pastor Shirley Caesar. Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Memorial Chapels and Gardens.

Lenten Program at St. Titus' Episcopal Church

The public is invited to Wednesdays in Lent. Each Wednesday and Lunch Table Presentations on health issues. The presentations are impacting African Americans. Students from the Center for 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, 12:00-noon, during lunch and dialogue through 1:30 pm. Michael J. Battle is Vicar. The church is located at 400 Moline Street, Durham, NC 27701. Phone 919-682-5504. st.titus.afrontier.co

- + 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) by Michael J. Battle-Spirituality and Health
- + April 17 - Maundy Thursday 7-pm (Strep. of the Altar) 7-pm
- + April 18 - Good Friday 12-Noon (Good Friday Prayer)
- + April 20 - Easter Day 7-am Said service outside if not too cold. Tomowear. 10-11:30 am Festival Eucharist and reception. Onye Akwari 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 27701. Phone 919-682-5504. st.titus.afrontier.co

Church News

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. E. 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.

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, located at 906 S. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC, will host an event entitled, "An Inter-generational Discussion: From our Seniors to US," on Saturday, March 22, from 12 to 2 P.M. This discussion is for seniors to impart words of wisdom, pictures, relics of the past, and menus for successful living to the younger generation. Categories for discussion will include: Faith, family, friendships, fitness, food, and fun. Pastor Anthony L. Cozart Sr. will present senior participants including Gethsemane's centurion disciple, Mrs. Ethel Smith. Mrs. Smith celebrated her 100th birthday on January 8. Seniors and youth from Durham and the surrounding area are invited.



North East Baptist

James W. Smith, Ph.D., will deliver a sermon at North East Baptist Church on Sunday, April 6, at 11 a.m. Dr. Smith is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at North Carolina Central University. North East is located at 201 N. Hwy 55 in Durham. Rev. Dr. Wesley Ham is Pastor. The public is invited to share in this occasion. For more information please call 919-544-2142.

Community invitation to "Declaration for the Right to Libraries" signing ceremony

The North Carolina State Library will host a community signing ceremony for the "Declaration for the Right to Libraries" on Sunday, April 13, 12-2 pm, at the State Library of North Carolina Central University, 200 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC. The signing ceremony is for the public to express their support for the need for libraries in their communities. The ceremony will be a dialogue about the need for libraries in their communities. The ceremony will be a dialogue about the need for libraries in their communities. The ceremony will be a dialogue about the need for libraries in their communities.

Practical Bible Principles for Life

The God in Us

Read Psalm 23: 121: 1-2: Revelation 3:20

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



When life eaves in on us at times, we long to know what to do in our hour of trial. When our dreams have faded and hope is limp. What then? When children have disappointed or a love has grown cold. What then? When health is gone, taking with it the joy of living. What then? We make our plans and they never work as we hope they would. This does not mean God is not in us.

We listen to Jesus when he speaks to us about the way his birthright was stolen from him by his brother Jacob and his mother. We hear Moses when he speaks to us about his falling short in reaching the Promise land. We hear Peter when he speaks to us about his shame when he lied about knowing Christ at his trial. We hear the voice of Paul when he talks about his healing of many, many people, but not allowed healing for his own "thorn in the flesh" - eye problem. Every man, every woman, either now or in some distant tomorrow must face the cloud of great disappointment. There are days we, like Job, must cry out to God, "God I hurt, I'm angry, I wish I knew where to find You, I would like to argue my case before You. But our cry should never be, "Well, I won't try anymore." This means we don't want God in us and we are bitter. Thus we quench out the Spirit of God in us (James 3:10-11).

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(1Thess 5: 18-19). This is strong faith language implying all people have some of God in them. And yet this is true and what the Bible says. It says we are not just humans, which just happened to come upon the stage of life. God purposed us in His heart, so that you and I are not impromptu, something gotten up on the spur of the moment. There was something in God which ached for our creation. God reasoned within Himself and said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him (man). This should make you stand up a little straighter and stronger. We are more honest than dishonest. We are more loving toward others than unloving. We laugh with people more than about them. We help people more than we not help them. This is the God in us.

The Christian should never allow their own personal problems to rob and blind them from seeing and knowing the God within them.

Our enemy is set upon robbing us of every bit of life's joy that he can. This is why our lives seem so dark and dreary at times. The devil is attempting to blow out the light of God within us.

Jesus mentioned in His parable of the Prodigal son, the moment the wayward son began to feel lost being so far away from his father's house. The boy now dirty, disfigured and with the scent of the pig trough in his wet and muddy clothing began to realize that he had some of his father's love still in him. He got up put himself together, so to speak, and went back home to a loving reception. The point is that no matter how dirty and stinky we may feel or how down we get about ourselves, there is still some God in us. There is enough God in us to put our lives back on a joyous track.

Unworthy at time, I might be. Disheartened and darkness is all I see.

Looking within to worship my pain.

There is no hope for me to gain.

Yet I have forgotten what I'm to be.

I must remember the God in me.

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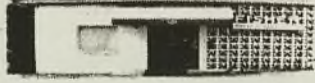
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