

Deaths



RONALD B. LANEY, SR.

Final rites for Ronald B. Laney, Sr. were held July 29 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Rev. Jerome J. Washington officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 26, 1940 in Lancaster, S.C., a son of the late R.B. Laney and Mrs. Maggie Laney. He died July 23.

He graduated from Torrence Lytle High School and later enrolled in Johnson C. Smith University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are two children, Mses. Brandace Barnette and Ronald Buren Laney, Jr.; three grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters.

Arrangements by Burthey Funeral Service.



EVANGELIST MARIE JOHNSON CUNNINGHAM

Final rites for Evangelist Marie Johnson Cunningham were held July 31 at Rock Spring Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Hayward Dock, Jr. officiated.

She was born Nov. 10, 1933, a daughter of the late Willie and Mrs. Eliza Johnson. She died July 15.

She attended Little Rivers Elementary School and graduated from Merrick-Moore High School in 1956.

She worked at the Holiday Inn, The shirt Factory, The Chicken Hut and Durham drapery among others.

She was ordained in the late 1960s and relocated to Providence, Rhode Island for 30 years.

Surviving are six sisters, Mses. Margie Parker, Bessie Day, Ella J. Peaks, Bettie Day and Barbara Morgan; two brothers, Jesse Johnson and Thomas Johnson.

Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

Church News

Community Baby Dedication

The City Ministries located at 800 Clayton Road, will be conducting a Community Baby Dedication on Sun., Aug. 28, at 9:30 a.m. Community families and members wishing to have their child(ren), ages infant to age 2 years old dedicated, contact our office at (919) 973-3912. Deadline for registration will be on Aug. 15.

United Christian Campus Ministry

United Christian Campus Ministry serving North Carolina Central University will host "Gents of Distinction" Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, August 6, 2016 beginning at 11:00 A.M. At the Durham Convention Center located at 301 Morgan Street. Tickets are available for this exclusive event featuring Men of the Triangle modeling the latest trends. Tickets are 40.00 per person which includes lunch and fashion show. For ticket information please contact Louise Weeks at 880-2788, Dorothy Fillmore at 608-6228 or Thedora Speight Manley at 919-544-3735.

Morning Star Missionary Baptist

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church will have their fall revival the week of Aug. 1-4, at 7 pm. Morning Star is located at 4610 Fayetteville Rd. For more information call 919-544-8596.

The public is invited to attend.

August 1st - 4th, Revival 7PM

Mon - Rev. Claude Dunston

Tue - Rev. Latonya Agard

Wed - Rev. Charles Barnes

Thu - Rev. Anthony Farrar

Fri - Rev. Dr. James Fisher

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 4610 Fayetteville Rd., will have their FREE annual community cookout (Fish, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, etc), on Aug. 6, from 11 am to 1 pm.

For more information call 919-544-8596.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist

The Apex Continuing Education School of Theology offers a course on the Old Testament for 8 weeks, beginning on Mon., Aug. 8, from 6 to 8p.m. at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Ave. Tuition for the course is \$125 which covers books, hand-outs, and other education material. Call 919-596-2131 for more information and to register for this informative and inspiring course.

Rev. Dr. Cornelius Battle is the pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church and the Dean of the South Central Durham Continuing Education Center of the Apex School of Theology.

White Rock Baptist

White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St., will present a Community Gospel Concert featuring Durham's own pastor Shirley Caesar as part of the church's 150th anniversary celebration next month. The concert will be on Sunday, September 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the auditorium at Hillside High School. Tickets are available online now at whiterockbc.eventbrite.com, and will be available in the church office beginning on Sunday, August 7. Pastor Caesar is widely known as the "First Lady of Gospel Music", and was recently honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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Ebenezer Missionary Baptist

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2200 S. Alston Ave., is also hosting a community-wide Youth IT Computer Technology Academy at the church on Sat., Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The academy is for children aged 7 years old and older. Lunch will be served.

For more information about both events, contact the church at 919-596-2131.

Rev. Cornelius E. Battle is the pastor of the church.

Terrell's Creek Missionary Baptist

Terrell's Creek Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating its Annual Homecoming Services Aug. 7, a 3 PM. During these times, we invite people back to church to draw the body of believers closer to God. Everyone is welcome and invited to come. Dinner will be served from 1:15 PM thru 2:45 PM, following the 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service.

The Homecoming guest speaker will be Reverend Sherman Tribble, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Tribble will be accompanied by his church choir.

August 10-12, Terrell's Creek Revival Services will begin at 7 PM. The guest speakers are: **Wednesday:** Rev. Larry Neal, pastor - Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Chapel Hill; **Thursday:** Reverend Brian Tolbert, Jr., pastor - First Church of God Christian Fellowship, Carrboro, **Friday:** Reverend Thomas Horne, Pastor - Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Lilesville.

Unique use for plastic grocery bags at White Rock

Members of White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St. will be using plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless on Saturday, August 6 from 10 am until 1 pm. Crocheting is the last step involved in making the mats. We are asking anyone who can crochet to help us with this unique project. Large hooks, size 13, M or N are required to make the mats. If you are interested in helping, please call Helen @ 919-598-1551 for more information

Practical Bible Principles for Life

Four Corners of Faith

Read: Mark 2:2-5;

Proverbs 3:5-6;

Jude 22-23

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



There is a scripture which says God has given the church gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry and for edifying the church (Ephesians 4:12). One other version of the this scripture uses the phrase, "for the perfecting of the saints." Equipping and perfecting are on-going processes.

One of the major spiritual items the church is to be perfected in is prayer and praying. Prayer is sacred and holy and is not to be toyed with. There are those in the church services who still are not in tuned to prayer. Some in worship service find prayer and praying boring and often find something to preoccupy their minds until this portion of the worship service is over.

A church is not God's sanctuary unless we make serious prayers to cover our sins, sicknesses, hopes, healing, and life's dreams, godly praises, and the unity of spirit in our hearts. Those who do not value prayer in any way and think it is a waste of time are not believers in God. It is true, there is enough distasteful things going on in the world for many to believe there is no God, and if there is, then He doesn't care for innocent and poor people. Of course this is not true. So much of the ugly stuff happens to us and in this world simply because we don't pray daily as our Lord had commanded us to pray.

Prayer is the only way we can communicate to God our needs and forgiveness. Jesus prayed often to the Father. Job prayed often for his children. The story of the Prodigal son indicates that the son's father prayed for the son's return daily. Parents and friends should never give up praying for their children, whether they are good or bad.

When the scriptures tell us to "be still" this implies that the only way you are going to hear God speaking to you is to be still and quiet. Many Christians have lost many opportunities to be blessed and or to hear God speak to them when He wants to guide them through the midst of a crisis. They miss hearing God simply because they have not learned how to be still before the Lord in their personal prayers and in worship service (Psalm 4:3-4).

For the believer there is faith in the midst of his/her prayers. The prayer of the believer must be used to protect the church and those therein-And the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church. And if the enemy damages or destroys the church it will be simply because there was no serious prayers or praying going on in the church or in the hearts of the people.

Some people in the church fail to understand that whenever prayer is being said, we are standing before the throne of the

Almighty and Everlasting God. What should our behavior be then? What then will be able to distract us from the presence of the Lord?

Mark and Luke tell us of an event which took place in Peter's house in Capernaum. This incident symbolizes the conditions of all of us at one time or another. This is the story of a paralytic man. When we are in our sins, we are helpless just like this paralytic. This paralytic could not do anything for himself unless somebody gave him aid. The same is true of us. Those who believe that they have been able to out run their sins and do for themselves, needing no one's help is determined by God to be spiritually sick (Mark 2:17). Physically sick people know when they are sick, but spiritually sick people, especially some religious ones often fail to see their illness. Jesus said I come to heal those who are sick. Our Lord is telling us that we need someone to pray and look after us.

Four men, four friends brought their paralytic friend to Jesus to be healed. Because of the crowd around the house where our Lord was preaching, the men could not bring the paralytic man in close proximity to gain the Lord's attention. The following actions of these four men show their love and commitment for their friend as well as their faith in Jesus Christ. The love for their friend did not allow them to give up while they had Jesus in sight (Mark 2:4).

These men begin to uncover the roofing over Jesus head. This mean they will replace and repair the roof afterwards. They uncovered the roof without saying a word to each other. They did not allow themselves to be distracted by anything as they were lowering their friend on a pallet bed down in the presence of the Lord to be healed right in the midst of Jesus' sermon. They each held their corner of the pallet as they steadily lowered their friend right in front of Jesus. Their action was their prayer, their action was their faith and their faith was their prayer in action. Faith without action is dead. This is why having godly friends is always important (Romans 5:6; Ephesians 2:12).

Jesus saw their faith and love for their friend and declared the man free from sin, "Son your sins are forgiven." Shortly afterwards, Jesus told the former paralytic to take up his bed and go to his house.

We can bring our children and friends to Jesus, even though we cannot save them nor heal them. We can do this through much prayer, personal and compassionate conversation and a warm, encouraging invitation for them to get to know Jesus for themselves.

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