

# Deaths



**MRS. V. RENEE WILLIAMS**

Final rites for Mrs. V. Renee Williams were held Nov. 27 at Burtney Memorial Chapel. Rev. Sterling Freeman officiated. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 10, 1950 in Concord, a daughter of the Mrs. Leona Mills Wilson and the late David Wilson. She died Nov. 22.

She attended public schools in Kannapolis. She graduated from North Carolina Central University in 1972. She received a Master of Instructional Technology in 1977.

She worked for the N.C. Black Lawyers Association and The Conservation Fund.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Williams; two sons, Vincent Williams, Leesburg, Va. and Blake Williams Frederick, Md.; a granddaughter, Genevieve Michelle Williams, Leesburg, Va.; a sister, Ms. Teresa Wilson, Durham; two brothers, Ronnie Wilson and David Wilson, both of Kannapolis.

Arrangements by Burtney Funeral Service.



**MRS. MILIE RICHARDSON LEE**

Final rites for Mrs. Milie Richardson Lee were held Dec. 4 at Antioch Baptist Church. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

She was born May 1, 1920 in Johnston County, a daughter of the late Arch and Mrs. Lucy William Richardson. She died Nov. 28.

She attended Johnston County Public Schools.

Surviving are three daughters, Ms. Virginia Lee, Shirley Elliott and Dorothy Lee; six sons, Cleo A. Lee, Sr., Kenneth Lee, Steven Lee, James Lee, Calvin Lee and Willie Earl Lee; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-eight great grandchildren; and twenty great great grandchildren.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.



**ELDEE LEONUSE BROWN, JR.**

Final rite for Eldee Leonuse Brown, Jr. were held Dec. 2 at St. Joseph A.M.E. Church. Rev. Ronald L. Owens officiated.

He was born July 6, 1943 in Jonesville, Fla., a son of the late Dr. Eldee Brown, Sr. and Mrs. Claronell Trapp Brown. He died Nov. 24.

He was a graduate of Hillside High School in 1960. He received a bachelor of Arts Degree in 1964 from Morehouse College. He was honored as a 50-year Gold Tiger of the Morehouse College Alumni Association.

He worked in his corporate career at Aeronautical Sciences at General Electric. He spent 35 years with IBM in Durham, and retired as a Telecommunications Systems Analyst with the State of North Carolina.

He was a member of St. Joseph A.M.E. Church and St. Titus' Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel Brown; a daughter, Mrs. Carol Richardson; a son, Dr. Kenneth Brown; five grandchildren; as well as four siblings.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

## Church News

### Friendship Fellowship Center

Friendship Fellowship Center, 801 Gilbert St., will host a Sunday Gospel Concert Dec. 11, at 4 p.m..

Scheduled groups performing are: Burnette's Chapel Male Chorus, Graham

- \* Famous Jordanaires
- \* New Vinson, Oxford
- \* Bro. Mario Elam, Durham

For more information call 919-928-1208.

### North Carolina Central University Department of Art Awarded \$10,000 From Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation has awarded North Carolina Central University's (NCCU) Department of Art \$10,000 to enhance technology instruction in key art classes.

The funding from the Duke Energy Foundation is part of the organization's support of workforce development and economic development initiatives.

The funds will be used to purchase Apple computers to support the curricula in the visual communications concentration.

"NCCU's College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Art are extremely pleased to receive the generous gift of \$10,000 from Duke Energy," said Carlton Wilson, Ph.D., dean of the NCCU College of Arts and Sciences. "Students who desire to become creative artists need the appropriate technology that will allow them to fully express themselves. Duke Energy's investment will enhance student success."

NCCU's Department of Art offers three concentrations: visual communications, studio and art studies. Students are trained to become well-rounded artists, designers and teachers.

The Art Department has made major contributions to the campus throughout its history, including commissioning of the 1956 bronze statue of Dr. Shepard that now stands at the main entrance of the campus, which was created by faculty member William Zorach.

"We are proud to support the NCCU's Department of Art. This gift demonstrates our commitment to equipping more student with the skills needed to compete in an emerging sector of our economy," said Indira Everett, Duke Energy's district manager.

In July 2016, the Duke Energy Foundation also awarded NCCU with \$135,000 to support a Three-Plus-Two Bachelor of Science Dual Degree program in physics and electrical engineering in partnership with North Carolina State University (NC State).

North Carolina Central University prepares students to succeed in the global marketplace. Selected as 2016 HBCU of the Year by HBCU Digest, NCCU offers flagship programs in the sciences, technology, nursing, education, law, business and the arts. Founded in 1910 as a liberal arts college for African-Americans, NCCU remains committed to diversity in higher education. Our alumni excel in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Visit [www.nccu.edu](http://www.nccu.edu).

## Practical Bible Principles for Life

### The Word Of Life To A Dying World

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

Read: John 1:9; 1Timothy  
6:16

A well-known General was once quoted saying, "I am convinced that success in battle depends upon the preparation made before D-day and H-hour." Anything that is important requires preparation, or it won't have the meaning, power and result it is meant to have. This is true of every area of life-not only the military-where men and women develop policies and make decisions.

Christmas stands for the coming of Christ to the world that He died to save and rose again to rule. He comes, of course, continually to the hearts of those who are ready to receive Him. Christianity simply focuses on this fact by emphasizing it during Christmas Advent. But there is another side to this Christmas Advent. This same Christ Who comes in love also, sooner or later, calls all of human society to an accounting. This is also a real part of the Christmas celebration. To make an accounting for our lives is a part of Christmas that is almost lost today.

The early church was not too concerned about observing any anniversary of the birth of Christ until the second century (325 A.D.) It was the resurrection of Christ which the church was following. Both the dating of Christmas and the Epiphany-twelve days later seemed to have been designed to compete with the pagan sun-god festivals, or Winter Solstice observance, which were being celebrated annually. The Christmas season was located in the church calendar year as an attempt to take over social leadership not only from pagan symbolism but also from pagan practice. Today this takeover struggle seems to still be going on. Advent as a season of preparation for



the observance of Christmas seems to have been developed as a parallel to Lent as the preparation for Easter. Therefore we have a season of preparation before Christmas, which is the Advent season- the first four weeks in December before the 25th of the month.

One's best preparation tool to use to prepare for Advent is the Bible. We all have Bibles and we all read the Bible in certain ways and gain certain interpretations from it. However, from the standpoint of Christian faith, the Bible is The Word of Life to a Dying World. It is God's word of judgment on man's pretensions and God's gift of a powerful hope to change the situation here, now and forever. The Bible is more than God's judgment on the human situation, but the word and hope in life for all human situations. The bible's real purpose at Advent is to help us see that while we may be caught in mess of human contriving, God does not leave us helpless but comes with the outreach of invincible love to those who are ready to receive him.

At Advent season we use God's Word, as His diagnosis of our personal, spiritual illness alone with the world's problems which has death at the end. Unless we let the Great Physician diagnose our problem, we cannot be ready to accept the remedy that He, God, offers.

We know and some have heard of our spiritual conditions since Adam. Whether you believe or not believe, it is best to play it safe and let the Great Physician examine us along

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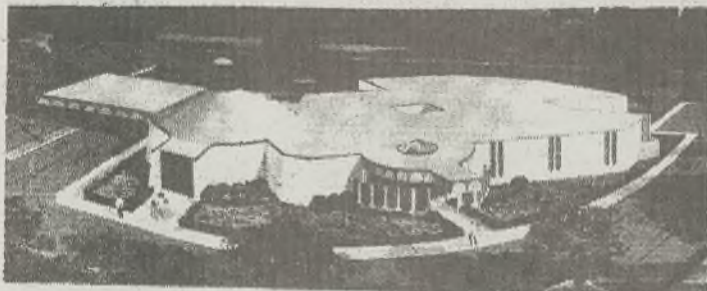
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