

# Deaths



**ERVIN LEE HESTER, SR.**

Ervin Lee Hester, Sr., 81, died Thur., Oct. 25. Eldest son of the late Robert L. Hester, Sr. and Mrs. Earlene Ragland Hester Mann, He was born on September 16, 1937 in Durham.

He was reared in Granville County, but moved back to Durham, and graduated with the Class of 1954 from Hillside High School. He completed his post-secondary education at Durham Technical College, as well as continuing education at NCCU, where he later became a guest lecturer.

Hester began an extensive career in broadcast journalism as an Announcer and Salesman at WSRC radio. He later joined WTVD-News 11 as the 1st African-American television News Anchor in the Southeastern United States.

Predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Shirley B. Hester, he is survived by children: Ervin L. Hester, Jr., Jeffrey E. Hester, Sr. (Tina), Gwennerviere M. Hester, David V. Hester (Beverly), and, Rita H. Pompey (Johnny). He is also survived by his fiancée Ann Hyman, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-children, and a host of other relatives and friends. Hester's service will be held at 12 pm on Fri., Nov. 2, at St. Joseph's AME Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, (11:00-12:00) at the church.

## Church News

### Living Legacy Banquet To Honor Mrs. Florine Roberson

Come celebrate with Mrs. Florine Roberson as she receives The Western District Community Development Corporation Living Legacy Award on Fri., Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University (601 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27110). Tickets for this event are \$50 and are available through the church office. Checks should be payable to Saint Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707. Or call 919-683-1379

### Mt. Calvary UCC

#### MOUNT CALVARY UCC CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

Mount Calvary United Church of Christ is still "On the Move for God" as we celebrate our 125th Birthday on Sun., Nov. 4! A year of "fun days," fund raising events and fellowship will culminate with a day of high praise to God for His favor to us!

The dynamic Reverend Michael Kithcart, Youth Pastor of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church in Durham, will be the preacher for the 11 am worship service and the Mount Calvary Mass Choir will render music.

For the afternoon praise service at 4pm, the effervescent Reverend Rodney Foxx, pastor of Children's Chapel UCC in Graham, will preach and his church choir will praise the Lord in song!

First Lady Mrs. Priscilla Cheek is Chairperson of this year's celebration, with Mrs. Kenya Carter, Ms. Phyllis Hawes, Ms. Lisa Hicks, Ms. Courtney McNair and Mr. Randy Marsh assisting.

We invite the community to join us for this great occasion because many of you are also a part of Mount Calvary's rich history of serving God and His people! We are located at 1715 Athens Avenue in Durham.

### Antioch Baptist

Antioch Baptist Church and Abundant Hope Christian Church will host its Annual Fall Revival on November 5-7, at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest evangelist will be Rev. Marcus Cosby, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Guest choirs nightly will provide the ministry of music. The services will be held at Antioch Baptist Church, 1415 Holloway St. Michael D. Page and Mark A. Middleton are host pastors. The public is invited to attend.

### New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral

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## Former patient donates \$10 million to further blood cancer research at UNC Lineberger

*The donor's gift advances research of deadly leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma cancers*

Chapel Hill - A former patient of the North Carolina Cancer Hospital and a two-time alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is showing his gratitude to the center that helped him heal. A \$10 million gift from Etteinne "ET" and W. G. Champion "Champ" Mitchell of New Bern, North Carolina, will create a new fund supporting ground-breaking research in blood cancer at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, including lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma research.

"The Mitchells' amazing generosity accelerates UNC Lineberger's research to help thousands afflicted by blood cancer," said Chancellor Carol L. Folt. "Lineberger is working on a range of laboratory and clinical trials - which are already showing great promise - to break the code into a complex cancer that is challenging to cure. Inspired by Champ's life-saving personal experience with our medical team, their support advances investigations into the underlying cellular mechanisms of blood cancer that can benefit thousands of people."

Nearly every three minutes, one person in the United States is diagnosed with blood cancer. In 2015, Champ Mitchell was one of those individuals. Mitchell was treated for stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at North Carolina Cancer Hospital, the clinical home of UNC Lineberger. Dr. Thomas C. Shea, the John William Pope Distinguished Professor in Cancer Research, led a team of clinicians that developed a treatment approach that put Mitchell's lymphoma into remission. The care he received at the North Carolina Cancer Hospital inspired the Mitchells to create the Champ and ET Mitchell Fund for Blood Cancer Research. This fund will accelerate research, ultimately improving the lives of future patients.

"Every day, 151 fellow North Carolinians learn they're facing a daunting battle against a deadly disease. And I know from personal experience, it's not a fight you can or should do alone," said Champ Mitchell. "Between the support of my family and an innovative, caring team of physicians and researchers led by Dr. Shea at the North Carolina Cancer Hospital and UNC Lineberger, we fought my battle together. Today, my battle is won, but so many others need partners to fight with them. ET and I believe our gift can help the UNC Lineberger team bring all of us closer to a cure than ever before."

The American Cancer Society estimates that blood cancers will cause more than 58,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2018 alone. The Mitchells' gift will further current and future research conducted by Dr. Shea and other UNC Lineberger faculty and teams that translate fundamental knowledge into new avenues of therapy for one of the deadliest forms of cancer. For example, as co-director of UNC Lineberger's Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy Program, Dr. Shea leads a research team that is studying how to reduce the risk of cancer relapse in patients following a bone or stem cell transplant.

UNC Lineberger is one of only a select few academic medical centers in the U.S. with the facilities, technology and personnel to develop, produce and deliver cellular immunotherapy. Cellular immunotherapy is a highly promising field of cancer research and care that involves genetically engineering a patient's immune cells to recognize and fight the patient's cancer.

Others on the UNC Lineberger team have already developed a robust portfolio of clinical trials focused on advancing cellular and other forms of immunotherapy for Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, acute lymphoblastic leukemias and multiple myeloma.

"This is an exceptionally generous and visionary gift from Champ and ET," said Bill Roper, dean of the UNC School of Medicine and CEO of UNC Health Care. "Every day researchers across UNC are working together to make strides in developing new treatment options for patients fighting cancer. Thanks to the Mitchells' leadership we will continue to accelerate our efforts to end cancers of the blood and ensure that North Carolinians have access to the most promising therapies available."

"Champ and ET Mitchell have made an investment that will greatly advance our ability to conduct laboratory and clinical investigations into the underlying mechanisms that make blood cancers so challenging to cure," said Dr. H. Shelton Earp, director of UNC Lineberger. "Our cellular immunotherapy studies have had notable success in treating some blood cancers, but these are a complex group of cancers that likely will require a number of treatment options - many of which have not yet been discovered. This gift will jump-start innovation and discovery."

Champ Mitchell earned undergraduate and law degrees at UNC-Chapel Hill and is now a retired lawyer and business executive whose career included serving as CEO of Network Solutions. ET Mitchell, also retired, graduated from the University of the South and served two decades as a military intelligence officer.

The Mitchells' gift supports For All Kind: the Campaign for Carolina. The University's historic \$4.25 billion fundraising campaign is inspired by the Blueprint for Next, Carolina's overall strategic framework built on two core strategies: "of the public, for the public," and "innovation made fundamental."

## Practical Bible Principles for Life

### The Days of Disappointment Read: Psalm 121:1-2; Genesis 27

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



In the words of Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, "We long to know what to do in our hour of trials, when dreams have faded and hope is gone. When children have disappointed or a love has grown cold. What Then? When health is slipping away and taking with it the joy of living. What then? In disappointment's valley, along heartbreak highway, what cry shall we raise?" Where is God at a time of such sorrow? Even Job pondered this question in the mist of his sorrows. Job was sorely disappointed, "I would argue my case before His (God) presence."

For all of us, life does knock us for a-loop from time to time. No man, nor woman gets through this life without walking through the valley of disappointments. Life is filled with these clouds of sorrows and darkness.

We all must know by now, since we were so anxious to leave mama and daddy's house, life is filled with setbacks and failures. Life is a series of partings. We part from childhood. We part from family roots. We part from our first friends or they part from us as the results of life's demands, the call of jobs, marriage. This is life! We plan, and our plans do not work as we had hoped they would. I have yet to see the human being for whom all plans work on schedule and according to one's wishes. Even in the lowest disappointment in our lives, our cry should never be, "Well, I won't try any longer." How soon we forget those bright shining days God gave us when all was going well as planned and when we experienced life's favor on us. Now in times of sorrow, it seems as though the light of the sun has been suddenly shut and replaced by a night without stars or moon.

Somewhere in God's patience and plans of compassion, He allows us to throw a fit of disappointment, anger and spitting out of hot words of resentment toward life and heaven, as well. God knows our frame and He understands that we are but dust. We can bring any mood before God, so long as we hold to our integrity of respect and holiness to God. When all is said and done, the ultimate issue is our faith which makes us cling to the fact that God is in control and our statement of submission to God should always be, "though You slay me, yet will I serve You" (Job 13:15). How often does the child of God fail to include disappointment and sorrow along within their faith in their Christian walk.

When Esau discovered that his father had blessed his brother, Jacob, with the blessing he should have received, Esau held onto his hope that he would eventually receive his rightful blessing from his father, Isaac. "Has thou but one blessing, my

father? Bless me, even me also, O my father."

There are times in life when the day seems hardly worth living, when sorrow blots out the sun so long we soon have no recent memory of the sun ever having shined.

We must never forget that the Lord can still bless us in our sorrow and disappointment. He can make our bitter waters sweet, and He can make cloudy days into the brightest of days. He can turn valleys of sorrow into sunlit paths of joy. This God with whom we deal will never leave and never forsake. He is always nearby. Our Calvary experience may be lonely and painful, our course rough and cruel, but God can and will heal our hurts and soothe our sorrows and turn our grief into glad tidings. The God, Who judges the earth, will do right by His children in our times of their sorrows.

Our victory over our sorrows is near when we are able to say through our tears, "Bless me still, my Father in my sorrows and in my troubles, and doubts. Help me to hold on to my faith

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