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RICHARDSON

Mr. John Mitchener Richardson, of 2716 Greenway Ave., formerly of 625 Amanda Place, died at Forsyth Medical Center on Jan. 8. He was born June 3, 1934, in Selma, to Lester and Mae Della Mitchener. He was a resident of Winston-Salem for more than 40 years and was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Richardson was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Conflict. He was preceded in death by a brother Arthur Mitchener. He was united in marriage to Martha Hairston of Martinsville.

He is survived by his wife Martha Hairston Richardson, of the city; five daughters, Vanessa (Olin Jr.) Watson, Cassandra (Vance) Jones, Martricia (Donald Jr.) Beacoat all of Winston, Jonnetta (Ronald) Grinton and La'Treika Richardson both of Charlotte; two sons, Ramont (Alethea) Richardson of Winston-Salem and Darren (Zandora) Richardson of Danville, Va.; other surviving children include Belinda (Jay) Corbett of Norcross, Ga., Dender Hardison, Algenon Gatewood and Craig Hardison all of Winston-Salem; 31 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy (Henry) Bullock of Jersey City, Eloise Strickland, Brooklyn and Trudy (Charles) Bailey of Selma; one aunt Lela Raynor of Smithfield; one uncle Robert Mitchener Saunders of Detroit; one brother-in-law Curtis (Yvette) McClendon; one devoted sister-in-law Shelia Winningham; two devoted nieces, Sonora Vaughn and Andrea Scales; a devoted nephew Harold Winningham Jr.; a devoted and loving cousin Margie Mitchener; special friends, the Crump family all of Winston-Salem; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church with the Rev. William McClary officiating. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MCCLINTON

Mrs. Aria Mae Alford McClinton, of 1621 E. 19th St., died at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center on Jan. 12.

She was born on May 2, 1919 in Uniontown, Pa. to Lelia and John Alford. She was a resident of Winston-Salem for most of her life. She was a former cook at Summit School and Anderson High of Forsyth County where she retired. She was also a beautician for many years. She joined Kimberly Park Holiness Church where she was a longtime member and later became a member of the Church of Reconciliation-Non Denominational Church.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years Clatis C. McClinton Sr. of the home; two sons, Clatis McClinton Jr. and James McClinton; two daughters, Ella Hallums and Clara Hauser all of Winston-Salem; three grandchildren, Carolyn Hallums, Sonya Hauser and Kenneth Smith; three great-grandchildren, Jamela Smith, Jordan Hauser and Tashela Smith and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at Union Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Sherard officiating. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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SMITH

Mr. Berkley Trenus Smith "BT," of 1900 Willowee Lane, Winston-Salem, died Jan. 14 at his residence.

Known to family and friends as "BT," he was born on Dec. 27, 1922, in Winston-Salem to the late Viola and Edward Smith. He was a graduate of Atkins High School, Class of 1939 and attended Winston-Salem State University, where he played on the first football team. After a brief tenure in the Armed Services, he returned to Winston-Salem and joined the Winston-Salem Pond Giants Baseball Team of

the Old Negro League. He was a faithful member of the Saint Andrews United Methodist Church, was on the board of trustees and was a retired employee of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company following 39 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William "Bill" Carter, Napoleon Smith and Lawrence Smith; and one sister, Willie Mae Brindley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Cora Smith; two daughters, Carolyn (Reginald) Payne and Tanjia (Willie) Robinson; three grandchildren, Michael, Monica and Monique Payne; two great-grandchildren, Adriane and Tyson; one brother, Edward "Bus" Smith; one sister-in-law, Evelyn B. Carter; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Andrews United Methodist Church with the Rev. Moses E. Hodnett Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MOORE

Mr. Marvin Lawrence Moore, of 4625 Baux Mountain Road, Winston-Salem, died Jan. 10 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was a native of Winston-Salem, and was a member of the Progressive Apostolic Holiness Church. He was a graduate of R. J. Reynolds High School, Class of 1978 and was formerly employed at Arbor Acres and Price Davis Florist as long as his health permitted. He was preceded in death by his father, a brother J.C. Moore and several other close relatives.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his loving and caring mother Mrs. Mattie Moore Evans of the home; four sisters, Mary Helen Baker, Ollie (Jerry) Spain, Tammy (Warren) Richardson, Minnie Little; two brothers, Elder Kacie O. (Robin) Moore and Calvin (Bu-Bu) Moore of Raleigh; 10 aunts, two very special aunts, Doris Inzar of New York, and Geneva Gaddy of Charlotte; two uncles, Apostle R. T. Watson of Winston-Salem and Charlie Watson of New York; two very special nieces, Jerma McKayia Moore and Linda (Looting Linda) Baker of Winston-Salem; a very close nephew, Savon Richardson of Winston-Salem; several other nieces and nephews. Marvin will be missed by all of dialysis patients because they loved him, especially Mrs. Brenda Martin of High Point and Mrs. Mary Legrand Sansine of Winston-Salem. Funeral services were held Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop O. D. Legrand officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Ongoing Events

Worship services are being held at the New Liberty Full Gospel Baptist Ministries, Inc. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. The church is located at 7842 North Point Blvd. (across from the New North Point Post Office) The Rev. Linda M. Beal is the pastor.

Learning Adventures

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem winter schedule: "Conversational Spanish," "Race Relations," "American and British Short Stories," "Tai Chi," "Old Testament Bible Study," "Music," "Woodcarving," "Growing Spiritually" and "Bridge." The special core class will be on "World Politics." The winter session of classes is five weeks long and will run from Jan. 28-Feb. 25. Classes will be held on Thursdays at Knollwood Baptist Church at 330 Knollwood St. Classes are \$6 each for Shepherd's Center members, and \$8 each for non members. The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is an interfaith ministry that supports and promotes successful aging through educational, support and service opportunities for older adults. For more

information contact the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem at (336) 748-0217.

January 18

MLK Jr. Celebration

The Community Choir will start rehearsals for the High Point Ministers Conference's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at 7 p.m. at Greater First United Baptist Church, 1409 Deep River Road, High Point. The last rehearsal will be held at Temple Memorial Baptist Church, 1458 Cedrow Drive, High Point Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Patricia Randleman, Marlo McRae and Richard Nixon will be in charge.

Officers Installation

United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church will hold its ninth church officers installation service at 11 a.m. The installation speaker will be Julia Bibbs, retired educator of Wilmington. William Bailey Sr. will be installed as the chairman of the trustee board. The Rev. Dr. J. Ray Butler is the pastor of United Cornerstone.

January 24

Fashion Show and Talent Extravaganza

The Youth Department of

Ambassador Cathedral will sponsor a Fashion Show and Talent Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Ambassador Cathedral is located at 1500 Harriet Dr. Bishop F. D. Patterson is the pastor.

BTU Anniversary

Mount Zion Baptist Church's Baptist Training Union will observe its 87th anniversary at 3:30 p.m. at the church which is located at the corner of File Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Rev. James Linville and the Piney Grove Baptist Church will be the guests. The Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. is pastor. For more information call (336) 722-2325.

Sheepfold Ministry Program

The Youth, Young Adults and Senior Missionaries of Shiloh Baptist Church will conduct an evening of blessings at 5 p.m. with The Prison Ministry Choir of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church; The Cherry Street Ensemble; Tony Chambers, saxophonist of Burlington; The Voices for Christ pianist Andrea Scales; The Spiritual Interpretive Dance Group and poetry by Tony Smallwood. The church is located at 916 East 12th St.

The Rev. Paul A. Lowe Jr. is pastor. Contact person: Savannah Johnson (336) 724-9263.

January 29

Prayer Retreat

The Womens Prayer Group of the Mount Calvary Church, at 930 E. Fourteenth St., will be sponsoring their first annual prayer retreat today and Jan. 30. Tonight's service begins at 7 p.m. and the Saturday night service begins at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Apostle Diane C. Crawford of Washington, D.C. For registration and other information call Tonya Johnson at (336) 661-0284 or Stephanie Payne at (336) 774-0839.

January 30

Inner-faith worship

At 7 p.m. the S.J. Cornelius Ensemble of New Jerusalem Baptist Church will present Phase I of "An Evening in Songs and Praises," featuring the Inner-faith Chorale from Hoffman in concert. Based out of Pinehurst, the chorale has spent much of this past year traveling throughout the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia spreading God's Word through song. Inner-faith is currently work-

ing on its first recording and is looking forward to traveling to Wisconsin in the spring of 1999 to appear in concert with John P. Kee and the New Life Community Choir at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Other guest scheduled to appear are the A.W. McCloud Ensemble under the direction of Minister Sandra McCloud of the Tabernacle of Faith, Sister Gaije T. Couthen of Saint Stephens Baptist Church, the Cherry Street Ensemble from Forsyth Advancement Center and the Community Fellowship Mass Choir from Lexington. The church is located at 1212 N. Dunleith Ave. The Rev. James Cornelius is the host pastor.

February 7


Drama and Readings

A drama group from Saint Paul's United Methodist Church and Leon Hamlin of the Black Repertory Theater will be the featured readers at the observance of the 10th National African American Read-in Chain to be held at 4 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Grace Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) 3901 Garver School Road. For further information call (336) 661-0339 or 767-7530.

February 14

Raffle

The Tribe of Simeon and the Tribe of Benjamin of Genesis Victory Outreach Center would like to share with family, friends and neighbors of Genesis Victory Outreach Center are conducting a raffle. The prize is "A Sweetheart's Getaway" to Myrtle Beach with a dozen red roses, a sweetheart's basket and two days and two nights at the Renaissance Tower Resort. Tickets can be purchased at Simply Redds at 714-A Woughtown St., (336) 784-6080, A&T's Delight Barber and Beauty Salon at 3809 Reynolda Road (336) 922-0371 and Wearing's Upholstery Shop which located in the Jetway Shopping Center.



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Forgiveness: The fourth criteria

By MILDRED PEPPERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Lesson Aims: to understand Jesus' teachings on forgiveness, and to cultivate a forgiving attitude.

Background: Love, humility and a sharing spirit are characteristics of a Christian. Today's lesson adds one more criterion — an attitude of forgiveness. Very easily does this single word roll off lips yet at times, it is difficult to practice. The first four lessons of this year center on the daily life of the believer. These standards set them apart from the world. They serve us because for if implemented, you definitely stand out. Forgiveness in the Old Testament is somewhat different than in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, there were sin offerings. The blood sacrifice "covered" the sin. This ritual had to be repeated over and over again individually as well as collectively. Jesus' teaching continued from

Chapter 18. The first four verses were a part of last week's lesson. He also taught the parable of the lost sheep. His focus turns to forgiveness (vv. 15-17) and agreement in prayer (vv. 18-20).


Lesson: Peter then asks the question; how many times do we forgive, seven times? Jewish tradition teaches forgiveness three times but not a fourth. It appears that Peter desired more instruction on the matter and he felt comfortable extending the number to seven. Jesus' response probably made their mouths drop open. How can you make up with a person 490 times! The point here isn't to keep count, the believers are to forgive as often as necessary. The parable begins to highlight the meaning. A king summons for the outstanding accounts to be paid in full. One of the servants owed a large sum to him and couldn't repay it. The punishment was the servant's entire family was to be sold into slavery and all possessions turned over to the king for payment. The servant

dramatically falls on his knees and asks for more time. The lord's compassion moved him to forgive, the servant's debts completely. That same servant went out and found someone that owed him. Instead of being forgiving, he physically attacked the person for his money. This man also fell down and asked for patience. He was thrown into prison. When others saw this servant's (me first) behavior, they reported it to the lord. The servant was summoned, chastised and thrown into prison. Jesus ends the lesson by saying God will do this to you if you don't forgive others.

Application: According to P. Douglas McIntosh in the "Bible Expositor and Illuminator" forgiveness makes three promises. First, the matter is never mentioned to the person again. Second, neither is it mentioned to others. Third, the matter isn't rolled over and over in our minds. The New Testament alters the meaning of forgiveness. Instead of being covered by the blood of a sacrificed

animal, Jesus' blood completely erases the sin. In lay terms, this means the sin is wiped out never to convict us again. Our salvation is in Him, the ultimate sacrifice! Therefore, whenever sin separates us from God and others, we need to seek forgiveness. God is so merciful that our petition (in sincerity) is granted. How then can we be so unforgiving? "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) says the Word. God forgives — can we as believers do no less with each other. A lot of times, we are just like the pardoned servant; we get ours and are cruel to others that also need forgiveness. If it is good enough for us, is it not good for others? Our lesson this far in 1999 has been the practical, day-to-day criteria for being a Christian. All four have to be accomplished by the Holy Spirit. We can't do it alone! Obedience is better than sacrifice! Be loving, humble, generous and forgiving to all of creation. We can change the world for the 21st century.

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