

RELIGION/OBITUARY

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DAVIS

Minnie Jean Chaplin Davis, 2938 Ramsgate Court, Winston-Salem, died April 27 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.
 She was a native of Lexington, born on Dec. 12, 1939, to the late Robert and Katherine Chaplin. She was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools and was a graduate of Winston-Salem State University. She retired from the Patrick County School System after teaching at Hardin Reynolds Elementary School in Critz, Va., for 31 years. Minnie was a faithful member of the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, where she was very active in the Christian Fellowship Choir, the Senior Choir, the Gospel Choir, the Hospitality Club and the General Fellowship Club. In addition to working in many other capacities in her church, she was secretary of the Forsyth County Missionary and Education Union and was one of the devotion leaders in the Forsyth County Sunday School Union. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Alphonzo Chaplin, Robert Chaplin and Willie Chaplin.

She is survived by one brother, Melvin (Dorothy) Chaplin of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Margaret Chaplin and Margie Rice, both of Winston-Salem; three aunts, Minnie Steele of Pfafftown, Mary and Serera Mason, both of Davie County; a devoted nephew, B.J. Rice of Rural Hall; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held May 1 at 1 p.m. at the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. J. Donald Ballard officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

HALL

Willie Joe Hall, 1301 North Highland Ave., Winston-Salem, died April 24 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.
 He was a native of Butler, Ga., born on Dec. 7, 1932, the son of the late Carrie Mae and Joner Davis Hall. He was a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, was a self-employed barber and was a member of Scottish Rites. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by six daughters, Barbara Howell White, Lenoir Carter, Willette Spears, Elaine Hall, Pamela Hall and Lashonda Hall; two sons, Kenneth (Melanie) Springs and Gary Springs, both of Winston-Salem; a host of grandchildren; a special grandson, Ronald "Boo Man" Hall; beloved great-grandson Stephen Baldwin Jr.; six sisters, Jessie Kate Hall, Darlene (Jack) Hawkins, Wilma (Rufus) James, Margaret Hall, Eldora (Larry) Parker of Maryland and Ora Lee (George) Holmes of Alexandria, Va.; three brothers, Milton (Jessie) Hall and Wilbert L. (Patricia) Hall Sr. of Winston-Salem, and Waymond Hall of Washington, D.C.; his loving and devoted friend, Kathy Buchanan; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held April 29 at 11 a.m. at the chapel of Russell Funeral Home with Rev. Mack McConnel officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

JESSUP

James Roscoe Jessup, 1958 Kerner Road, Kernersville, died April 30 at Forsyth Medical Center.
 He was a native of Surry County, born on June 6, 1913, to the late Dora Ann and Virlean R. Jessup. He was a member of Providence Baptist Church in Kernersville, where he served on the Senior Choir, Board of Trustees and the building and ground maintenance. Jessup was a former employee of Hometown Pontiac and Buick in Kernersville, a retired employee of Burlington Industries in Kernersville and was a part-time farmer. He was a member of Good Neighbor Club of Kernersville and the first organized Advisory Board for Carver Consolidated School (now Carver High School). He received several certificates and awards in the community and Forsyth County.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Velnie S. Love Jessup of the home; five daughters, Vecolia J. Caldwell and Yvonne J. (Lester) Thompson of Winston-Salem, JoAnne J. (Monroe) Falls and Delane J. (Pastor Derieux) Johnson of Kernersville, and Bennie Jessup of Washington, D.C.; one son, J. Ellsworth (Rae) Jessup of Winston-Salem; five grandchildren he reared as his own, Lydia A. Jessup of Washington, D.C., and James E. (Jacqueline) Jessup Jr., P. Marquis (Brenda) Jessup and Renee J. Rogers, all of Kernersville, and Lynda Y. Jessup of Chicago; 11 other grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Erastus (Hessie) Jessup, Rolen (Nonnie) Jessup, Alphonso (Helen) Jessup, Ansley (Leon) Jessup, Eugene (Gladys) Jessup, Pauline J. Ruffin, all of Greensboro, John D. (Mae) Jessup of Oak Ridge, Betty J. (Linzie) Taylor, Genova J. (David) Enoch, both of Detroit, and Edward (Carrie) Jessup of Harrisburg, Pa.; 49 nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, Kernersville, with Pastor Derieux Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Eastlawn Gardens of Memory. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MICKLE

Catherine McCorkle Mickle, 665 Chandler St., Winston-Salem, died April 24 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, born on Sept. 21, 1920, to the late John and Mattie McCorkle. She was married to the late Deacon James Mickle and would have celebrated 57 years of marriage on April 25. She was a Gold Star member of First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Deaconess Board, Usher Board and the Sunday school.

She is survived by five sons, John McCorkle of Philadelphia, James (Priscilla) McCorkle, Raymonne (Betty) Mickle, Mountrine (Cynthia) Mickle and Hal R. (Judy) Mickle, all of Winston-Salem; four daughters, Irene Mickle (David) Williams of Bethune, S.C., Lillie Mickle Blyther, Doris Mickle (Hazel) Hickman, both of the city, and Minnie Mickle of the home; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Aurelia McCorkle; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held April 28 at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell A. Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

NANCE

Debra Elaine Nance, 513 Sylvia St., Statesville, died April 23 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.

She was a native of Philadelphia; born on Dec. 18, 1956, to the late Joseph Henry Nance Jr. and Mary Jones Nance. She attended school in Philadelphia, and had lived in Statesville for the past eight years. She was of the Holiness faith and was a devoted homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Antonio Eugene Nance of the home; two daughters, Medina Sallai Nance and Jamika Nicole Nance Garcia, both of the home; one grandchild, Antonia Nance; two sisters, Beverly (Raymond) Mitchell of Winston-Salem and Phyllis Lorraine Nance of Statesville; one brother, Joseph Henry Nance III of Statesville; a devoted friend, Dolores Garcia of Statesville; aunts, Rev. Catherine (Bishop David, D.D.) Graham of Philadelphia, Edith (Perry) Murdock of Brooklyn, N.Y., Ruby Satterfield, Virginia Stovall, Elizabeth Hall, all of Statesville; great-aunts, Lucille Summers, Jewel Whiteside and Ida B. Summers, all of Statesville; uncles, Rev. George (Stella) Nance of Whiteville, Clarence Nance of New York, N.Y., Eugene Jones of Morganton and Joe Lewis Jones of Virginia; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 1 at 1 p.m. at Mount Calvary Holy Church with Rev. James Williams and Minister Deborah Dickerson, eulogist, officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

PANKEY

Archie Davis Pankey Sr., 2714 Reynolds Forest Court, Winston-Salem, died April 24 at his residence. He was born on March 11, 1912, to Ada Davis Pankey and Thomas Pankey in Laurinburg. He was the husband of the late Catherine McArthur Pankey, who passed on Dec. 25, 1998. Pankey was a member of the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, where he was a member of the Class No. 2 and an honorary trustee. He was a retired employee from R.J. Reynolds Industries and the Chrysler-Plymouth Corp.

He is survived by four daughters, Dorothy Bell and Seymore Raimer of Winston-Salem, Linda Raimer (Warren) Fenwick and Brenda Raimer of Waldorf, Md.; two sons, Archie Davis Pankey Jr. of the city and David Fitzgerald Pankey of the home; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Pankey Jarvis, Oxen Hill, Md.; three brothers, William Bee, Henry (Viola) Pankey and Jesse (Mamie Willa) Pankey, all of Laurinburg; two brothers-in-law, one devoted, Haywood (Dorothy) McCarthy of Winston-Salem and Evander McArthur of Fayetteville; two sisters-in-law, Mary White of Fayetteville and Oglessa Davis of Plainfield, N.J.; a devoted niece, Ada Mae (Alexander) Patterson; a special friend, Lee Feggins of the city; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held April 28 at 2 p.m. at Union Bethel A.M.E. Church with Rev. William Propst officiating. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

QUICK

Vandelia Elizabeth Johnson Quick, 2865 White Meadow Lane, Winston-Salem, died unexpectedly on April 28 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on June 7, 1949, in Winston-Salem to the late Woodrow and Catherine Johnson Sr. She was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools and was a 1967 graduate of Paisley High School. She was a lifetime member of Macedonia TVPH Church of God Inc., where she was a member of the Sunday school, a former teacher in the beginners class and a former member of the C.G. Johnson Inspirational Choir. She was employed for a number of years at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and more recently as a residential manager at Brandywine Group Home.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Doris Renee Johnson of Winston-Salem; three grandchildren, Artemus Brown, Brian K. Johnson Jr. and Nicholas S. Johnson; six sisters, Cathy (Reginald) Hunt, Vickie (Charles) Hicks, Frances Quick, Deboria (John) May, Denise Green and Neba Green, all of the city; three brothers, Woodrow (Alice) Johnson Jr., Elston Johnson and Nathaniel Small, all of Winston-Salem; five uncles; eight aunts; a very devoted friend, Willie Wright; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 3 at 3 p.m. at Macedonia TVPH Church of God with Apostle S.D. Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

THOMAS

Betty Ann Barber Thomas, 1436 Derry St., Winston-Salem, died April 25 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was born on July 6, 1921, in Winston-Salem to the late Maggie Barber and Earl Bohannon. She was of the Holiness faith. She attended the public schools of Winston-Salem, was a retired employee of Forsyth County Schools and R.J. Reynolds Industries World Headquarters.

She is survived by two sons, Tyris Thomas of Newark, N.J., and a devoted son, Arthur Thomas of the city; five daughters, Betty Jean Barber, Kay Frances Barber, Jovita Thomas, Tawanda Thomas, all of Winston-Salem, and Latitia Gray of Malvern, Pa.; one daughter-in-law, Johnnie Mae Thomas; a devoted son-in-law, Ernest Gray of Malvern, Pa.; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many other dear relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 1 at 11 a.m. at the chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Elder Sharon Pollard officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

RELIGION CALENDAR

May 9

Mother's Day program
 Second New Bethel Baptist Church, at 1900 New Walkertown Road in Winston-Salem, invites everyone to hear Sister Betty Watson-Meadows as speaker for the Mother's Day program on May 9. She is inspirational and wants to inspire you.

Mother's Day speaker
 Evangelist Travistine Thomas

will be the speaker at Ambassador Cathedral on Mother's Day May 9 at 11 a.m. Evangelist Alice Faye Mitchell will be the speaker at 7 p.m. Ambassador Cathedral is at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. in Winston-Salem.

May 11

Commemoration '99
 Ambassador Cathedral's Commemoration '99 will honor Bishop Frederick D. Patterson Sr. in his

May 16

"Pastor's Appreciation"
 The Pastor's Aid Society, and members of Hanes Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal

Church will observe their "Pastor's Appreciation" on May 16, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Bishop Freddie Marshall of Christ Cathedral Church of Deliverance will be guest preacher for the services. He will be accompanied by his choirs and congregation. Dr. Watkins came to Hanes Memorial in July 1992. In 1996, he was elected as an official C.M.E. Church delegate to the 17th World Methodist Conference in Rio de Janeiro. He is also a contributor to

the recently published African American Men's Devotional Bible by Zondervan Publishers. The church is at 819 N. Highland Ave.

May 23

Pentecost celebration
 A Pentecost celebration will be held at New Covenant Church, 3100 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, on Sunday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Robyn Gool of Victory Christian Center in Charlotte will

be the guest speaker.

June 6

55th anniversary
 The Usher Board of Zion Memorial Baptist Church will celebrate its 55th anniversary on June 6 at 4 p.m. Rev. Charles Fulton of the Newbirth Worship Center in East Bend will be the speaker for the service. The United Male Gospel Chorus of Yadkinville will be special guests.

Dellabrook offers Afrocentric Christian courses

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE
 Beginning May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, 115 Dellabrook Road, Afrocentric-Christian courses will be provided the membership and general public for free. These courses will be taught by Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley, who has led them in various venues of the U.S. Air Force, Northwestern University and four Baptist churches, including First Baptist East Winston, and Dellabrook, over the last 20 years.
 The first course is titled "Biblical Faith and the Black American" and is based on a book with the same name by Dr. Latta Thomas of South Carolina. "This is a very serious and sophisticated course of biblical interpretation and

application to the African American experience," said Eversley. "Oftentimes interpretation is confused and application to us is ignored. After four lessons, students will have a superior working technical knowledge of scripture than 90 percent of American Christians."
 Beginning June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the church, "Disciples of the Spirit" by Howard Thurman will be taught by Eversley. Thurman was considered one of the greatest American preachers, mystics and spiritual writers of the 20th century. First at Oberlin, Ohio, then Howard University, then San Francisco and Boston University. Thurman thought spiritual disciplines could be "caught but not taught." Later he learned to teach them in a marvelously profound way.

Eversley said, "Students taking these five lessons will learn how to grow their relationship to God in Jesus the Christ on a daily, if not hourly, basis. They won't need to wait until 11 a.m. Sunday morning to fill up their spiritual gas tank."
 Ida Michael of Galilee Baptist said, "I was a little anxious taking these courses, not knowing if I would fit in or be able to do the work. But the Dellabrook members made me feel right at home, and I was able to more than hold my own with the work."
 Doris Moultry of Mt. Zion Baptist added, "This has been a great experience for me. Anytime Rev. Eversley is teaching I want to be there. Rev. Eversley is a fantastic teacher!"

Marriage seminar to be held May 21-22

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 Dr. John and Mrs. Diana Cherry of the Full Gospel A.M.E. Zion Church in Temple Hills, Md., will come to the M.C. Benton Convention Center on May 21-22 "to conduct a marriage seminar, to share with-us and perhaps teach ways in which we can become better husbands, better wives and have better families," wrote Bishop Johnny L. York, pastor of Praise Assembly Christian Center, in a news release.
 Rev. John Cherry is the pastor and founder of the Full Gospel A.M.E. Zion Church, where God is the primary focus of his ministry. Cherry also tries to strengthen the family through the development of strong male leadership. His congregation has grown to more than 22,000 members, and men make up about 40 percent of the total

membership.
 "Perhaps there is yet something we can still learn," York wrote. "A strong family, with godly examples of mom, dad, husband and wife, is desperately needed in this society of today."
 York wrote, "Human nature has evolved quite well in that practically everything in life is taught. Reading, mathematics, athletics, cooking, you name it, and there is someone willing to teach us how. This is an accepted practice and usually goes unquestioned."
 "While each and every one of the above mentioned practices are needed and are beneficial to all of us, there is one most important factor that we tend not to avail ourselves for teaching. Both within the Body of Christ and outside of the Body of Christ is some initial resistance to being taught how to become a godly father, a godly mother and how to

have a godly family.
 "Regardless of denomination, ethnic background, gender or socioeconomic factors, the family and parenting are paramount concerns for any society. The Bible clearly gives examples of the effectiveness and blessedness of the family unit when each member contributes to the family and functions with abiding grace in the position wherein (he or she is) called."
 "Neither role in the marriage nor roles in the family were intended to be interchangeable. When roles are interchanged not as God has ordained and set into motion... the result is an imbalance in function."
 For seminar information, please call Praise Assembly Christian Center at (336) 723-1020 or 1-888-692-3061 and ask about the "Way of Love" marriage seminar.

A true servant's task is to imitate Jesus

Lesson Scripture: John 13:1-17 (14:7-14). The other lessons were love motivating obedience (15-24), finished. Because He is the leader of this band, the disciples are to serve Him. Instead Jesus reverses the rules. Wrapping a towel around Himself, He begins to wash their feet. How much do I love you? Here, let me show you. Jesus humbles himself to serve the disciples. The Paschal Lamb centers on service in lieu of being served! Peter becomes indignant.

Why should the Messiah wash feet? That's a servant's job. You won't wash mine, Peter says. Jesus calmly explains that without this washing (service) you will have no part of Him. Peter thinking worldly (earthly Kingdom) now wants to be washed all over. Jesus says that a full bath isn't necessary; the feet will do. The lesson is clear - humility and obedience by example. All of them were not clean because the betrayer is still among them. After completing the foot washing, Jesus wants to make sure that they understand what has taken place. He points out the titles of honor that they call Him and rightly so. He further says that He has served them, therefore they are to serve one another. Foot washing (only other mention is in I Timothy 5:10)

the coming of the Holy Spirit (25-31) and its work (16:5-16), and His return to the Father (25-33). The Passover elements were given new meanings found in Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:19-20. John placed more emphasis on what happened after the meal. Instead of just speaking about a behavior, Jesus lived it. Thus the lesson begins.
Lesson: The Passover meal is



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

being the Master teacher knew that modeling the correct behaviors is most important. When we think of God's patience with us, His blessings coming even when we don't understand and the ultimate gift of His Son, how can we not serve Him? We don't deserve any of this, yet He loves us so! Jesus has set the standard. There is no new and improved model. Follow it today!

is considered a servant's job. People with status wouldn't be caught doing such a thing. It's disgraceful! Yet Jesus tells them that service out of love is paramount and the blessings will come.
Application: There is an old spiritual titled "I Want to Be Like Jesus"; Helen Falls sang it often. The beat and the words are quite spunky. Often we make that claim without really examining ourselves. To be like the Savior, we must humble self and serve others. That is not glamorous! Too many times we want the title but not the work that accompanies it. To be like Him, we are to be cleansed (by His blood) first, then be humbled (not holding your head down) and finally we are to serve.

For African Americans accepting the role of servant can at times pose a problem. Stop using society's vision and think Jesus' standard. Being a servant doesn't imply being a foot stool or a whipping post either. Jesus modeled the attitude, spoke the words and did the actions. If we are disobedient, that says that we are better than Christ. Heavens no! Can we die for humanity? Jesus

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