RELIGION/OBITUARY

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Mrs. Lottie Wheeler Duckett, 1404 East 23rd Street, Winston-Salem, died

She was a native of Darlington, S.C., born on June 6, 1917, the daughter of the late George Washington Wheeler and Bertha Hill. She was a devoted memr of Bethlehem Baptist Church and was a retired homemaker.

She is survived by her loving husband, Raymond Sanders Duckett of Winton-Salem; two sisters, Bertha Wheeler of Philadelphia and Virginia Curlee of Winston-Salem; her stepmother, Mattie Wheeler of the city; brothers-in-law, Herbert Duckett of Winston-Salem and Luther Duckett of Washington, D.C.; sters-in-law, Louise Duckett, Clara Mae Duckett, both of Winston-Salem, Nancy Suber, Helen Duckett and Viola Simpson, all of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one mece, Elaine Davis of Philadelphia; nephew, Bernard Wheeler of Philadelphia; three special friends, Doris Gray, Lottie Mae Willett and Judy Walker, all of Winston-Salem; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The Rev. E. L. Clark Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

FLEMING

Evangelist Maggie Theo Gillespie Fleming, 721 Hanes Ave., Winston-Salem, died Sept. 17 at Kate Bitting Reynolds Hospice Home.

She was a native of Woodleaf, N.C., born on Jan. 17, 1906, to the late Garfield and Charlotte Gillespie. She attended the Rowan County Schools and was a retired employee of the Rowan County School System. She was a member of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Woodleaf, N.C., and was the wife of the late Rev. Redmond Fleming

She is survived by one son, Hubert Fleming of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. Ethel G. Martin; one brother, James E. Gillespie, both of Winston-Salem; two nleces, five nephews, three great-nieces and three great-nephews, all of Winston-Salem; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Woodleaf. Burial followed at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Woodleaf. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

KIRBY

Mrs. Beatrice Norment Kirby, affectionately called "BEA BEA," 5535 Old Rural Hall Road, Winston-Salem, died Sept. 16 at Brian Center.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1913, the daughter of Mrs. Lucille Norment and the Rev. Claude Norment. She was a retired employee of AT&T. At one time, she was very active in her community, having served on the following boards: the local Democratic Committee, the PTA Council and the "old" Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Kirby was presently a member of John Wesley AME Zion Church. She had earlier been affiliated with Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, where her accomplishments were endless. She organized the very first Young Adult Choir, the Young Adult Resource Club and the church's first bowling league. Beatrice served faithfully as director of Christian education for many years, a Sunday school teacher and a class leader. Mrs. Kirby established the Arthur Jarrett/Nannie Kemp Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Kirby was married to the late Richard L. Kirby.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Allen of Arlington, Texas, Mrs. Doris Williams (Bowman) and Mrs. Sandra Tobias of Winston-Salem; a son, Richard L. Kirby Jr. of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren, Valencia Sutton, Bowman Williams Jr., Ricky Williams (Melinda), Beverly Dobson (Manuel), Stephanie Carson, Keeci Tobias and John Tobias Jr.; six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. at John Wesley AME Zion Church. The Rev. James Gaskins officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Sarah Margaret Stanton Rhodes, 454 Westcott Drive, Winston-Salem, died Sept. 13 at her residence.

She was a native of Bennettsville, S.C., born on Nov. 6, 1935, the daughter of the late Talmadge and Katie Townson Stanton, Sr. She formerly attended New Unity Missionary Baptist Church and was a retired bus operator for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

She is survived by her husband, Wallace Rhodes of the home; two children, Shirley (Tyrone) Ward of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ellison Rhodes of Louisville, Ky.; three grandchildren; one sister, Minnie Hairston of Winston-Salem; two brothers, James (Loretta) Stanton of the city and the Rev. Talmadge (Mary) Stanton Jr., of Johns Island, S.C.; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. The Rev. Johnny E. Scott officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrange-

The Rev. Willie Columbus Rogers, 2211 Reynolds Park Road, Winston-

Salem, died Sept. 12 at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center.

He was born on April 30, 1916, in Wilson, N.C., to the late Ed and Mabel Bennett. His early education was in the public schools of Wilson. He graduated from Winston-Salem Bible College. He spent many years in New York, N.Y., where he met and married Ann Grier of Winston-Salem. He was an ordained Baptist minister, having served as associate pastor of West End Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, pastor of Pine Hall Baptist Church in Pine Hall, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and associate minister of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a faithful and devoted member until the end.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Ann G. Rogers of the home; two sons, Ronald and Donald Rogers; four grandchildren, Tasha Harris of the home, Cedrick Ceasar, Chelsea Bryant and Ronald Rogers Jr.; a godchild, Valerie Coplin; a special daughter, Thelma Lawrence; very close, dear friends, Queen and Evon Reid, all of Winston-Salem; other relatives and a host of lov-

The funeral was held Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. J. Donald Ballard officiated. Entombment followed in Pied-



mont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the

Mr. Luther W. Leggett Jr., formerly of 2108 E. 25th St., Winston-Salem, died Sept. 16 at Forsyth Village Assisted Living Center.

He was a native of Laurinburg and a resident of Winston-Salem for most of his life where he was formerly employed with N.C. Baptist Hospital and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He was a member of Bethlehem Holiness Apostolic Church. His sister, Evelyn L. Covington, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his devoted cousin and care giver, Paula McCoy; several other cousins, including Estella (Deario) McFadden, all of Winston-Salem, and Jerrie (Eddie) Dean of Atlanta, Ga.; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sept. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Holiness Apostolic Church. The Rev. Carl T. Motley officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church service times: Tuesday and Thursday night Bible studies at 7 p.m. and Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are unable to join us in person, tune in to our Hour of Deliverance broadcast every Sun-

day from 7-8 p.m. on Joy 1340 AM. Moments of mediation and Sunday school review is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:45 to 1 p.m. on 1340 AM. Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church is at the corner of Kernersville and Sedge Garden roads, Kernersville.

Sept. 23 Ishi Pentecostal Temple will host Sun-

day school convention The Sunday school department of Ishi Pentecostal Temple, 1319 Excelsior St., will host its annual Sunday school convention Sept. 23-24. The speaker will be Bishop Cardell Wright of Murrells Inlet, S.C., where he is the pastor of Faith Assembly of es. He is married to Evangelist Evelyn C. Wright. We invite you to worship with us each night at 7:30. Evangelist Carolyn Robinson is superintendent of Sunday school, and District Elder Percy L. Woods Sr. is host pastor.

> Sept. 24 United Metropolitan Missionary Bap

tist to hold Women's Day Weekend

United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church Women's Day Weekend Celebration will be held Sept. 24-26 at our relocation site at The Sarah Austin Center, 2050 East End Blvd. in Winston-Salem. Everyone is welcome at a service Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.; the Rev. Stephanie McAlister-Jennings will be the guest evangelist. Ladies are invited to a fellowship breakfast Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to the morning worship service Sept. 26 at 11 a.m.

Sept. 25

Day of evangelism and outreach Join Dr. A Thomas Griffey and the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church family in a day of evangelism and outreach Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. Clothing, toiletries and the word of God will be given out to homeless men and women in the area. If your church or organization would like to contribute time, money or items for the giveaway, call the church office at (336) 650-0033. We can pick up items if necessary. Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church is at 4349 Kernersville Road in Kernersville.

Sept. 26 Galilean Choral Ensemble to celébrate anniversary

The Galilean Choral Ensemble of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will cel-

ebrate its 20th choir anniversary Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. If God has been good to you, you ought to come and testify to his goodness. Robert L. McGowens is the pastor. The church is at 575 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Winston-Salem.

> Union Bethel AME Church will celebrate anniversary

Union Bethel AME Church, 1716 N. Trade St., will celebrate its 104th church anniversary Sept. 26. Pastor William Propst will deliver the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Eddie C. Hughes, pastor of St. James AME Church, and congregation will be the 3 p.m. guests. The 104th church anniversary theme is "A Worthy Past - A Glorious Present - A Promising Future." The public is invited.

Usher Board, nurses of St. Paul UMC to celebrate annual day

The Usher Board and nurses of St. Paul United Methodist Church will celebrate their annual day Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. The Rev. Sandy Witherspoon Jr. and Spencer Memorial Christian Church will be guests for the service. St. Paul is at the corner of New Walkertown Road and Dellabrook Road in Winston-Salem. Bro. James Farrow is usher president.

New Hope Missionary Baptist will observe Choir Day

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will observe Choir Day Sept. 26 at

4 p.m. Choir Day consists of three New Hope choirs: J.C. Parks Ensemble, the Young Adult Choir and the Inspirational Choir. Special guests will be Antioch Christian Youth Choir of Antioch Christian Church and New Faith Ensemble of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. New Hope is at the corner of 1201 New Hope Lane and Cleveland Avenue. The public is invited. The Rev. John C. Parks is host pastor.

Ambassador-Cathedral to host East Coast Pentecostal Women's Convention

You are invited to be a part of the 16th Annual East Coast Pentecostal Women's Convention Sept. 26-Oct., 3 at Ambassador Cathedral in Winston-Salem. The convention theme is "The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed." Guest speakers will include: Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., Pastor Essie McCullough of New Direction Movement Cathedral; Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m., service at Ambassador Temple, 801 Martin Luther King Drive in Thomasville, with Evangelist Charlesetta Lawrence of South Bend, Ind., as speaker; Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m., Evangelist Tammie L. Gibson of Riverside Calif.; Oct. 2, convention luncheon in the church fellowship hall. Evangelist Charlesetta Lawrence will speak at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services on Oct. 3. Ambassador Cathedral is at 1500 Harriet Tubman Dr. in Winston-Salem. First Lady Dorothy Patterson is the presiding official, and Bishop Frederick D. Patterson is the host pastor. For more information, call the church office, (336) 725-0901.

Oct. 1

Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign to begin

Samaritan Ministries will kick off its 1999 Penny Campaign Oct. 1. Penny collectors are encouraged to come to the shelter and soup kitchen between 4:30 and 6 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and to pick up campaign materials. The campaign aims to raise more than \$100,000 to provide shelter for homeless people and food for the hungry. Alltel Communications, NewsChannel 12 WXII-TV and Calloway Johnson Moore & West are corporate sponsors for the program. The penny campaign dropoff day will be held Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Thruway Shopping Center on Stratford Road in Winston-Salem. For event. more information, call Sonjia Kurosky, executive director, at the ministry, 748-

Oct. 3

Greater Faith Chapel to celebrate 24th pastoral anniversary Greater Faith Chapel Church of God

in Christ, 520 Glenbrook Dr., Winston-

Salem, will hold a 24th pastoral anniversary celebration Oct. 3-8 at 7:30 nightly. Activities planned include: Oct. 3 -Supt. Larry Thornton and Maranatha, all auxiliary heads (Sis. McClurkin's Night); Oct. 5 Supt. Otis Lockett and Evangel Fellowship, women and youth; Oct. 6 - Bishop Harold I. Williams and Mt. Calvary, Sunday school and Ministry of Helps; Oct. 7 -Bishop Claude Thomas and Genesis Victory Outreach, single parents and singles and choir; Oct. 8 - Supt. Patrick L. Wooden and Upper Room, Men and Pastor's

> Oct. 9 Yard sale at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church of God

A fall yard sale - fill a bag, \$10 - will be held Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church of God, 1615 E. 22nd St, Winston-Salem, 748-0043. The Ladies of the Church are sponsoring the

Oct. 10

Gospel Extravaganza at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church of God

You're invited to a Gospel Extravaganza at 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church of God, 1615 E. 22nd St., Winston-Salem, 748-0043. The Men of the Church are sponsoring the event.

God's Tabernacle and our obedience



Mildred Peppers

Sunday chool Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 25:1-8, 40:1-9; Leviticus 26:2-6, 11-13

Lesson Aims: Better understand the structure and beauty of the Tabernacle, appreciate its importance then and now and commit to obedience to

Background: Following the Ten Commandments in chapter 20, the Israelites saw the lightning and heard the thunder. They were very afraid. Keeping their distance from Moses. they told him to speak to them instead of God. Moses responded, "Do not be afraid," and he approached the cloud. They were to make an altar for sacrifice to Him.

Chapters 21-23 are often referred to as the "covenant code." They are a collection of incidents that show the application of the law. These incidents picture life in a community governed by God. This government covers the economic, social, political and religious life of the people. This code is different from other codes of law in that the person is more important than property. "Robert's Complete Bible Handbook" breaks these chapters down very simply.

Chapter 24 recorded the Israelites' acceptance of the code. Aaron, Nadah and Abihu (sons of Aaron) along with 70 elders were called to worship the Lord from a distance. Only Moses was to approach the Lord. He returned, told the people everything that God had said. Overwhelmingly they accept-

Moses recorded everything. Early the next morning Moses built an altar at the foot of the mountain. The 12 stone pillars represented the 12 tribes of Israel (Jacob). Sacrifices were made and afterward Moses read from The Book of the Covenant (verse 4) aloud. Blood was sprinkled on them as a sign of covenant. They worshipped God.

Moses was once again called to the mountain. Moses set out with Joshua, his aide. Moses left Aaron and Hur in charge. The cloud (God's presence) descended and on the seventh day the Lord summoned Moses to enter the cloud. He remained there for 40 days and nights.

Lesson: Moses is instructed to ask for a free will offering from the people. The materials brought will be used in the construction of the Tabernacle. Verses 3-7 tell exactly what the offering is to be. It's amazing that recently freed slaves (three months) would have this! Go back and read Exodus 3:21-22, 11:3, 12:35-36 to see where the wealth came from. The slaves' hands were empty yet God provided and they are

Specific instructions are given for the pattern of the sanctuary. They are to be followed exactly. The construction here is from the inside (ark of the covenant) to the outside (court).

Chapters 28-30 are directives for the priestly garments, the consecration of the priests, the altar of incense and who may worship. God names the spirit-filled craftsmen to do the work (chapter 31). After these instructions are complete, God gives Moses two tablets of stone inscribed by His finger. (This is quite different from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Ten Command-

ments") Moses returns to the people and finds that they are worshipping the

golden calf. Moses intercedes for them with God. He breaks the tablets and destroys the calf. The Levites kill the idolaters. The next day a plague strikes the others who sinned! Moses is instructed to resume the journey, and God promises Moses his continued presence.

The Tabernacle is constructed and the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting. The Tabernacle is concentrated. Nothing profane is to be used in worshipping God. Moses anoints everything on the first day of the first month. Verse 3 refers to the veil. This is the veil that separates the "most holy place" (where the ark is) from the "holy place" (where the altar, table and candlestick are). There is an outer veil between the holy place and the court-

yard. This is the place to meet God! All of this occurs one year afterdeliverance from Egypt. The emphasis here is on purpose. God dwells with His people as they journey to Canaan. They journeyed on when the cloud was above the Tabernacle. Exodus

The lesson then moves to Leviticus 26. Here we find the rewards for obedience. This book focuses on worship and also expounds on punishment. The list of rewards can be explained based on prosperity, fertility of the fields and crop abundance. Second, the rewards are seen as peaceful times for the nation and protection against military aggression. Simply put, if the Israelites are obedient, God blesses them. If disobedience is the order of the day, punishment is imminent. God will walk among them and be their God, and they will be His people. He reminds them of His mighty acts.

Application: The Tabernacle, or Tent of Meeting, is the portable worship place for the Israelites. If we examine the materials and construction of it was awesome! God didn't leave it to man's imagination; He gave specific details. This is a bit of heaven on earth.

Why worship? It builds community; it gives reverence to God both personal and corporate. This worship should not be confused with ritual. Ritual is going through the motions with little or no thought given to the action. Ritual is empty. Have you ever gone to church and got nothing? Examine why that happened. Yes, our worship of God can be private, but God also requires us to fellowship together.

Like the Israelites, He chose us. Once delivered, who are we to praise? Worship is important! He set the standard. Each time the Lord provided for them they were faithful. Each time they faced uncertainty they turned on Moses Sound familiar?

Our approach to worship is serious and humbling. If that is the case, why do believers break up community? How can we come away from worship



Mrs. Beatrice A.P. Watkins eptember 22, 1914 - January 7, 1981 Happy Birthday Mom We thank you for the Memories

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and everything that was to go inside, it and not be changed? Our arrogance, selfishness and meanness are a slap in the face of God. If He looked beyond our faults and saw our needs, why can't

Our society is in bad shape. It isn't the young people's fault, it is ours by the disobedient examples we've set. Let us repent now and call on His holy and righteous name!

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