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Area Churches To Observe Christmas

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Christmas is upon us. Hopefully thoughts of peace, joy and spiritual enlightenment are accompanying these bright Holy days.

Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will present their annual Candlelight Christmas Service.

This event will be held December 25, 5 a.m. at the church, 747 West Trade St. and is being sponsored by

the Missionary Circle of the church.

Rev. Thomas W. Samuels, pastor of the church will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to share this service.

Breakfast will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service. The public is also invited for breakfast.

On December 31, Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will observe Watch-night services.

Also during the holiday season the C. C. Gospel Singers will be in concert Sunday, December 27, at 4 p.m.

This delightful musical program to praise the Lord is being sponsored by the Gospel Star Lights.

The Combination Gospel Choir will also be in concert in January. At 4 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month; they will perform at Steele Creek AME Zion Church, located at 6414 York Road.

Rev. Fred McCullough is the pastor. The Gospel Star Lights are also sponsoring this program.

Installation service for the officers and leaders of Faith Memorial Baptist Church will be held January 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest will be Rev. Robert Walton and the St. Paul United Presbyterian Church. The public is cordially invited to come and share.

Rev. W. H. Caldwell Sr. is pastor. Faith is located at 211 Lakewood Avenue.

Last Sunday the People's Choir of Woodland United Presbyterian Church planned their annual program of Christmas music.

Candle lighting and an intermission filled with a medley of Christmas songs was on the program.

Members of the People's Choir include: Melvin M. Anderson, Emma Beatty, Anne S. Dumas, Wilma H. Hairston, Martha Morrison, Robert Morrison, Amelia Sadler, Calvin T. Sadler, Cassandra Sadler, Doris Nell Sadler, Irma L. Sadler, Jerry T. Sadler, Marvin Sadler, Shirley P. Twitty, and Mildred C. Washington.

Wilma E. Powell is the organist-directress. Rev. Emanuel E. Washington is the pastor of Woodland United Presbyterian Church, located on Rhine Rd. in the Paw Creek Community.

The Christmas Program for Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church was held Wednesday night December 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. D. O. Hennigan is pastor of the church, located at 6917 Old Providence Road.



ENGAGING ALFREDIA JOHNSON
...Freelance model

Alfredia Johnson Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

The pazazz and class of Alfredia Johnson explodes from her very gesture. A secretary at Carpenter Technology, Inc., Ms. Johnson is a native of Charlotte and a graduate of Independence High School and Kings College.

Her degree in the business field prepared her for the working world but her inner instincts are swaying her towards perfection.

"I would like to reach the highest professional plateau within the company," Mrs. Johnson explained. But she also expressed her interest in another field. One in which she could make a remarkable impression upon.

"Fashion and glamour have always thrilled me and I would love to become a professional model," she continued. Mrs. Johnson has also attended the Bar-bizon School of Modeling in Charlotte and graduated with a degree in professional modeling. Presently she models part-time.

Runway, commercial and freelance modeling are among a few of Mrs. Johnson's credits. Dancing, swimming, playing tennis, and "...trying to sing," as she phrases it, are other interests she holds.

And still there is another fulfillment in Mrs. Johnson's life that shines bright-

er than any profession. Married to Darryl Johnson, the couples dream is to have children, "...and to have a long and happy marriage," Mrs. Johnson added.

Her favorite people are her mother, Lois Sayles, and her husband. "My husband is a very comical man and my mother, well, I love her deeply and I also admire her," Mrs. Johnson stated.

Memorial Service

The Black Women's Caucus will sponsor a special memorial service for Mrs. Ethel Wyche Martin on Sunday December 27, at 4 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church located at the corners of 7th and College Streets.

This special program will be entitled "A Legacy of Love," and will be presented through the use of music and verse. Performers on the program will include the Delta Ensemble; flautist, Ms. Delcia Harper; vocal soloists, Dr. Mary Harper, Mrs. Gilda Stitt and Mr. Samuel Stevenson.

The public is invited.

Some Believe Only Men Have The Key To Unlock "The Understandings Of The Bible?"

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Christmas is here and anyone can tell you "Merry Christmas." Even with all the implications behind these two words there are no restrictions in the United States as to who can utter this familiar phrase.

No so with the words of the Bible, however. The most widely read book in the world has been chained by some who believe that only men have the key to unlock the truths and understandings of the Bible. That women are not suited to take a preaching position has halted many ladies from stepping into the pulpit.



Evangelist Leatha Pratt
...Pastors church

But Rev. Gloria McRae and Evangelist Leatha Pratt are ministers who have placed pessimistic

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM ALL OF US

TO EACH OF YOU



Bill Johnson



Bernard Reeves



Bob Johnson



Dannette Gaither



Francetta Farrer



Betty Potts



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The Meaning Of Work

By James O'Toole

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of 15 articles exploring "Working: Changes and Choices." In this article, James O'Toole, series co-ordinator and Professor of Management at the University of Southern California, discusses why we work and analyzes some of the changes that are occurring in the workplace. This series was written for "Courses By Newspaper," a program at University Extension, University of California, San Diego, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

When their alarms ring each weekday, 100 million American workers routinely answer the unwelcome call, drag themselves from bed, and prepare for eight hours of purposeful activity - activity that seems so natural that few workers bother to analyze it.

Working seems simply to be a necessary part of life, much like birthing and dying, eating and sleeping. It all seems so natural: You spend the first five years of your life in play, the next 15 or so in formal schooling, all in preparation for 45 years of working, for which you are rewarded (if you are fortunate) with 10 to 15 healthy years of retirement.

Even the kind of work you do might appear part of the natural order of things. Historically, middle-class sons went to college and pursued professional or managerial careers, while their sisters stayed home and reared children, or worked as secretaries or teachers. Working-class sons and daughters followed their parents into factories or onto farms and construction sites. And the children of the poor? They, too, were always with us, poor (and, often, unemployed) like their parents.

REVOLUTION IN WORK ATTITUDES

Such patterns seemed so natural - until recently. Now, many Americans of both sexes and of every age, class, color, and occupation appear unwilling to accept: 1) the historical divisions of labor in society; 2) the traditional divisions of the times of our lives; and 3) the basic assumptions we have held about what is natural in the institution of work. This "revolutionary" questioning is creating profound consequences for the economy and for the individuals who work in America.

What is most remarkable about this revolution in work attitudes is that it is non-ideological. It is a revolution that could occur only in a pluralistic, democratic, affluent, capitalist society. It is a revolution whose only common denominator is the demand for greater choice.

American workers may not know what they want from work or life, but they are clear about what they do not want. They don't want to feel constrained by tradition, by the absence of alternatives, or by limitations on their exercise of options.

Consider some of the many ways Americans are attempting to exercise choice at work. Greater numbers are working part-time, flextime, or at home in their spare time. Instead of staying in one job, many Americans are changing jobs in mid-career, and many more are punctuating work with

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TURTLE-TALK



We are so busy running around to buy gifts that we forget the gift has already been given - Jesus Christ.

Second in a series

understanding, sharing their insights with others. Here are their commentaries concerning their role as ministers:

Rev. Gloria McRae, presently working on her master's degree at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury: "My call was a personal, spiritual one. It's hard to explain...it was something divine...a spiritual impulse."

"It took me at least two years to accept the calling. I was counting the cost, the hard work. Ministry calls for a lot of dedication.

"He kept calling me during those two years. Then one day I decided and since that day forward I have had no second thoughts. I preached my trial sermon December 10, 1978."

As for people doubting that a female should minister Rev. McRae stated: "Are there any of us who are qualified to say who is supposed to be what? That is a man made rule. I don't see anywhere in the Bible that states that a woman should not preach."

"Women were the first ones to preach the Good News...the first one to preach resurrection. God can use anyone...any age...

any color. We seem to be hung up on tradition. Women have been brainwashed to believe that their place is in the kitchen or the bedroom. We have to come out of this way of thinking."

At the Hood Theological Seminary five of the 35 students are females. According to Rev. McRae the seminary is advancing to her ideas and the student union has a female vice president.

At Greater Bethel AME, where Rev. McRae is a member and assistant to Rev. Levi Brown, many of the females have accepted her position. "The ladies of See SOME On Page 6